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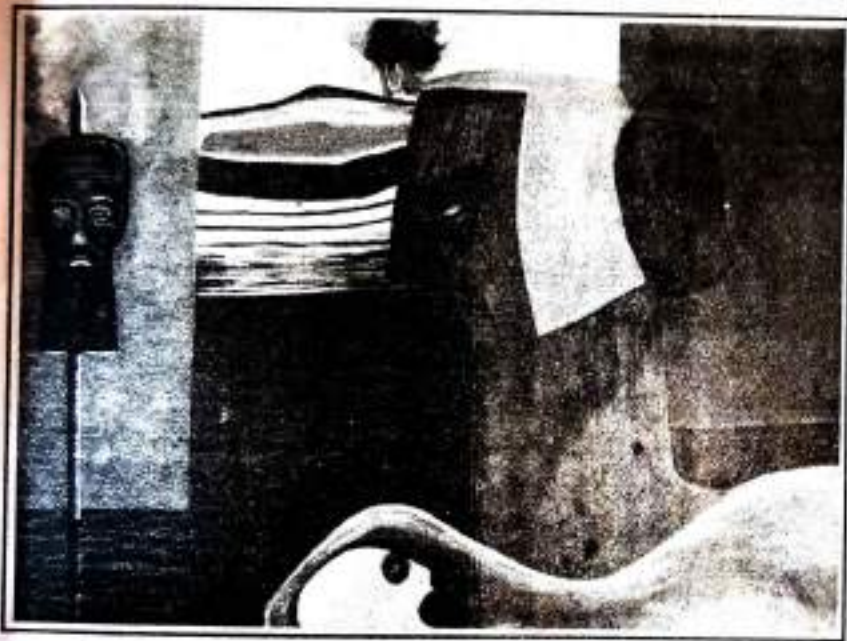
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**Death of the father I**  
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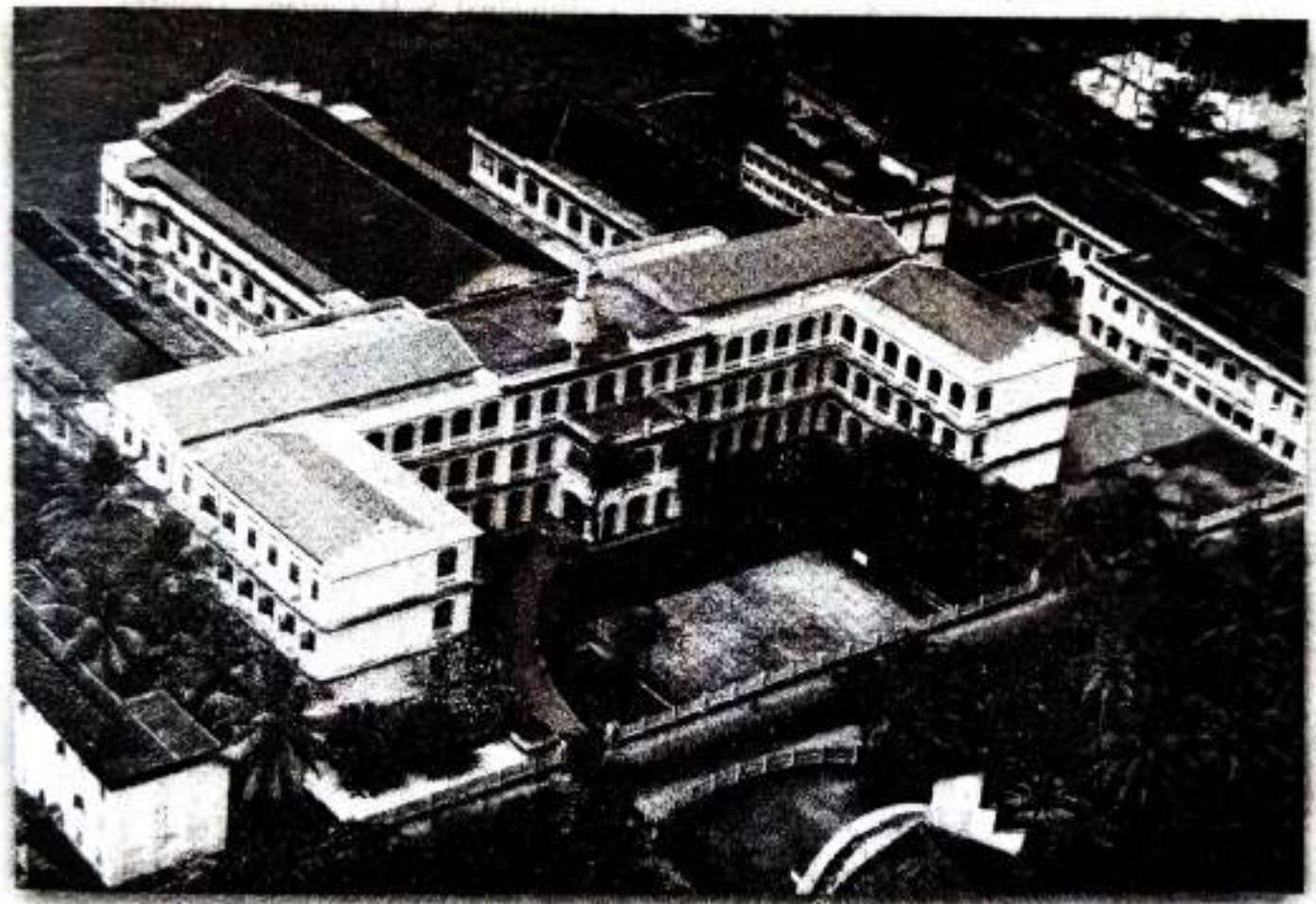
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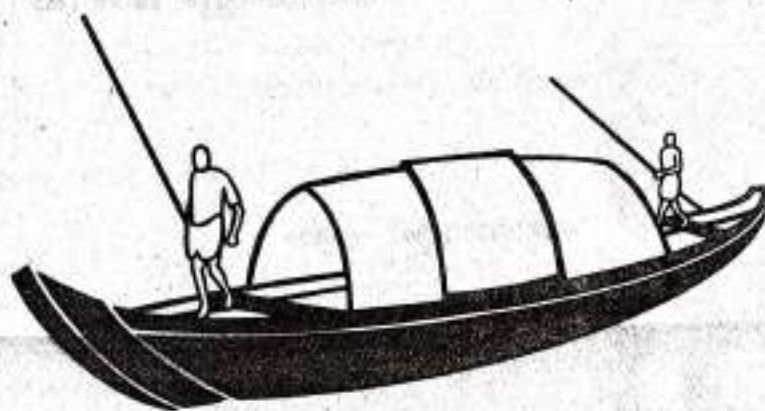
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# ഇളംനാമ്പുകൾ

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മലർവാടിയിലേക്കിറങ്ങിയ ഞാൻ  
ചലനമറ്റ പുറന്തോടുകളെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ  
വിത്തിന്റെ വീരേതിഹാസത്തിലേക്കു തിരിഞ്ഞ.....

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ആവരണം പൊട്ടി കീറുന്ന വേദന.....  
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സ്വയാർപ്പണത്തിന്റെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ ചിത്രം !  
സ്വജീവൻ വെടിയുന്ന സ്നേഹം !  
പുതുജീവൻ ജീവൻ നൽകുന്ന മരണം !



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ശക്തിയായ സമ്മർദ്ദമനവേപ്പെടുന്നു .....  
വിളളലുകൾ പ്രത്യക്ഷപ്പെടുന്നു .....  
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അതല്ലേ എന്നുള്ളില്ലേ ജീവാങ്കുരം  
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എങ്കിൽ എന്റെ വേദന തുടരട്ടെ.....  
ആവരണങ്ങൾ പൊട്ടിപ്പിളരട്ടെ.....  
ഒരുപിടി ചാരമോ .....  
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ജീവാർപ്പണത്തിന്റെ സ്മരണയിൽ നിന്ന്  
നിത്യജീവന്റെ ഇളം നാമ്പുകൾ പൊടികളട്ടി!.....  
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മനമാരുതനിൽ പാറിപ്പറക്കട്ടെ!!.....

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രൊടുസ്സിൻ കർമ്മപര്യക് തിരശ്ശീല വിഴുന്നു.

ഇനി പത്തുമണിക്കാൽ ഒരുങ്ങേണ്ട

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ജീവിതം ഒരു ധൂപമാൽ മാറുന്നു

ഉള്ളൂരുകുന്നു കണ്ണീർ നിറയുന്നു

പെട്ടിലിലെ കാശൻ മോളുടെ

താലിലിൽ കോർക്കാൻ കരുതി വച്ചിടണം.

ദുഃഖമാണെന്നുള്ളിൽ ഒരു തീ നാളം കത്തിയെരിയുന്നു

പണ്ടങ്ങോ വാങ്ങിയ മോട്ടറിൻ സൈക്കിളിൻ-

മേൽ എൻമകൻ പണ്ടേ കാലൻറ പിറകെ പോൽ

താങ്ങാൽ മകനിലൂ തലോടാൻ വയുവിലൂ

മരണമേ കൂട്ടിനാൽ വേഗം വരുമോ നി.....

Krishna kumar



# മറുമൊഴി

ഇടറരുത് നിൻമനം, പതറരുത് നിൻസ്വരം  
വിട ചൊല്ലുമി യാത്ര വേളയിലെൻ സഖി.  
ഈറനണിഞ്ഞ നിൻ കണ്ണും, വിതുമ്പും അധരവും  
ആവില്ലെന്നിക്കൊരുവട്ടം കൂടി കാണുവാൻ .

മങ്ങിയ ഓർമ്മകൾക്കിനി തിരിതെളിപ്പേണ്ട  
ഒരു മാത്ര നീയെൻറെ ചാരത്തണയേണ്ട  
ഒരുവട്ടം കൂടി നീ എന്നേടു മൊഴിയേണ്ട  
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അമ്പലപ്രാവീണൻ കുറുകലും പുത്തുമ്പിയും, തുമ്പിയും  
കുന്നിൻ ചെരുവും, പുത്തൻ കതിരിൻറെ ഗന്ധവും  
കാവുകളും കൈതപ്പുകാരും പിന്നെയീതീരവും  
അന്യം നമ്മുകവെ: ഇനി ഓർമ്മയിൽ സൂക്ഷിക്കാം

സമയമിന്നില്ല ഇരുവർക്കുമീപുഴ തൻറെ  
ഓരത്തിരക്കുവാൻ പരിഭവം പങ്കിടാൻ  
മോഹങ്ങൾ കൃത്തികുറിക്കും തണലും അതു-  
മായ്ക്കലുമൊലഹരിയും കൃത്യതയും ഇനി മറക്കാം

പതിവുപോലൊരു സ്നേഹഗാനം ഞാൻ മുളിടാം  
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കളിവിട്ടുടയാതെ കൈ ചേർത്തു വച്ചിടാം  
തിരികെ നീ അണയുന്ന നിമിഷം വരെ .....

എൻറെ നിദ്രയിൽ വന്നുപുൽകുന്നതും നിന്നെ  
കണികണ്ടുണർന്ന പുലരികൾ  
നിന്നെയോർത്തു മയങ്ങുന്ന രാത്രികൾ  
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എങ്കിലും ധന്യനാണ് ഞാൻ ജീവനെ  
മധുരമാം നിന്നോർമ്മകളിൽ.....  
കാത്തിരിക്കാം ഈതീരത്തു നിന്നെ ഞാൻ  
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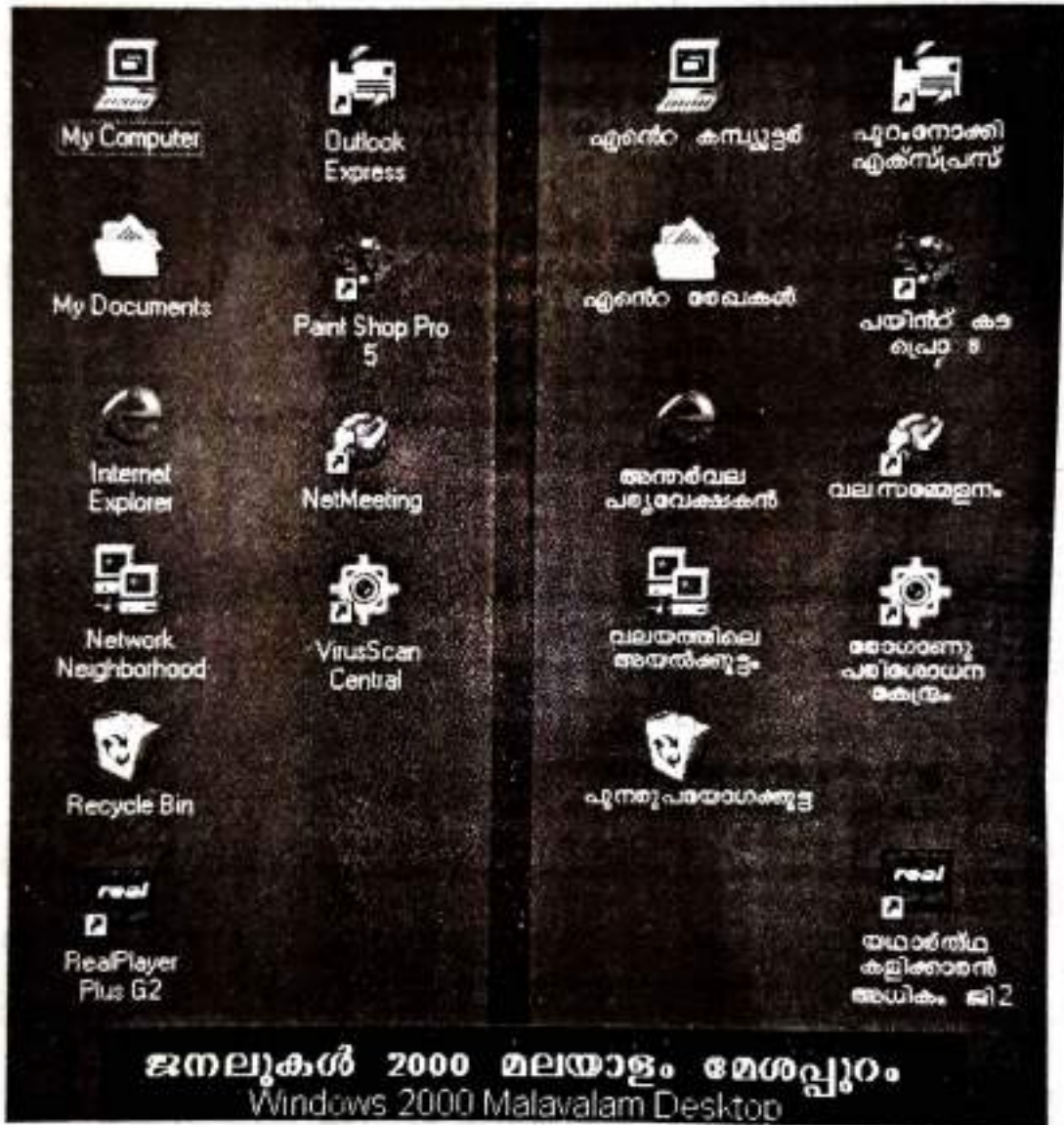
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“ഒരുദിനം വീണ്ടുമി ഏകാന്ത വീഥിയിൽ കാണാതിരിക്കില്ല  
എൻറെ പാമേയമെന്നും നിനക്കായ് പങ്കുവക്കാതിരിക്കില്ല”

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കുന്ദാരമത്രയും നീ വിതറുമ്പോൾ;

നിൻറെ കാലടിയിൽ ഒരു മുളളു പേലും  
കൊളരുതേയെന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടെ,  
കാത്തിരിക്കാം; “ഈ തീരത്തു നിന്നെ ഞാൻ”,  
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ഒരു തുള്ളി കണ്ണീർപോലും പൊഴിക്കാതെ  
എന്നുമയുടെ ചിതയ്ക്കരികിൽ നിൽക്കുമ്പോൾ  
അനന്തമാംശൂന്യഭാവിലാണെൻമുമ്പിൽ എന്തിനുമേ  
ഇത്രവേഗം ഞങ്ങളെത്തനിച്ചാക്കി . . .



അന്നു ഞാൻ നുള്ളിയ താമര-  
യിതൾപോലുള്ള എന്നുമതൻ കൈകൾ  
കൊണ്ടെന്ന മെല്ലെ അടിച്ചപ്പോൾ കണ്ണീർ  
പൊഴിക്കാത്ത എൻകൺകൾ തിരുമി ഞാൻ  
കണ്ണീർപൊഴിച്ചതും  
ആ കണ്ണീർ കണ്ടെന്നമ്മ എന്നെ വാരി പുണർന്നതും  
ഇന്നലെ കഴിഞ്ഞതുപോൽ  
എൻ കൺകളിൽ തെളിയുന്നു . .

കരമാരത്തിൽ അച്ഛനെ നഷ്ടപ്പെടുപ്പോൾ  
കഴുകൻവാർ റാഞ്ചാതെ തൻ ചിറകിനടിയിൽ  
മാറോട് ചേർത്തുപിടി പിടിക്കുന്ന മാതൃത്വത്തെപോലെ  
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ഞങ്ങളെ മാറോട് ചേർത്ത് നിർത്തിയപ്പോൾ  
എൻ മനസ്സിൽ വന്ന ഒരു ദുഃഖചിന്ത ഇപ്പോൾ നൃത്തമാടിയതും  
എന്നെ വല്ലാതെ തളർത്തുന്നു  
എന്റെ അമ്മ . . .

# പ്രഭാതമില്ലെന്നോ..



ഇളം ചുവപ്പിനിൽ വിടർത്തി  
പറന്നവർ വന്നു  
ചിലപ്പു വിണികരഞ്ഞുനെയിൽ  
തളർന്നുറങ്ങുന്നു !

കടുത്ത ദുഃഖം തിളച്ചുപൊന്തും  
അതിൻറെകൊക്കിന്മേൽ  
ചുവന്ന രക്തം തറച്ചാരമ്പിൻ  
മുറിവു ഹാ കഷ്ടം!

മഹർഷി പാടിയ മനോജ്ഞഗീതം  
മരിച്ചുപോയെന്നോ?  
മനുഷ്യനിന്നും ബുദ്ധുക്കളോടെ  
വിലുക്കുലയ്ക്കുന്നു.

പ്രബുദ്ധ സംസാരത്തിൻ ഖനികളിൽ  
വിഷം നുരയ്ക്കുന്നു  
മതാന്ധരിനും മതിഭ്രമത്തി-  
ന്നടിമകളാകുന്നു.

ഉടപ്പിറപ്പിനൂടെൽ മുറിക്കും  
കിരാതബുദ്ധത്തിൽ  
കരുണയാകും 'ശകുനി'കൾ നമ്മുടെ  
സഹോദരൻമാരോ?

വിതുമ്പുമ്മയ്ക്കുള്ളിൽ ദുഃഖം  
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അരുമകൾ വെട്ടിമരിക്കും. ഭ്രാന്തിന്  
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കൊടികളുൾത്തും കോടികളവരുടെ  
കരളിൽ ചങ്ങലയോ?  
പറ്റമകളിനിമുരഞ്ഞുതകർക്കാൻ  
കെണികളൊരുക്കുന്നു !

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മുറിവുകൾമായട്ടെ,  
നമ്മുക്കു നാളെ പാടിനടക്കാം  
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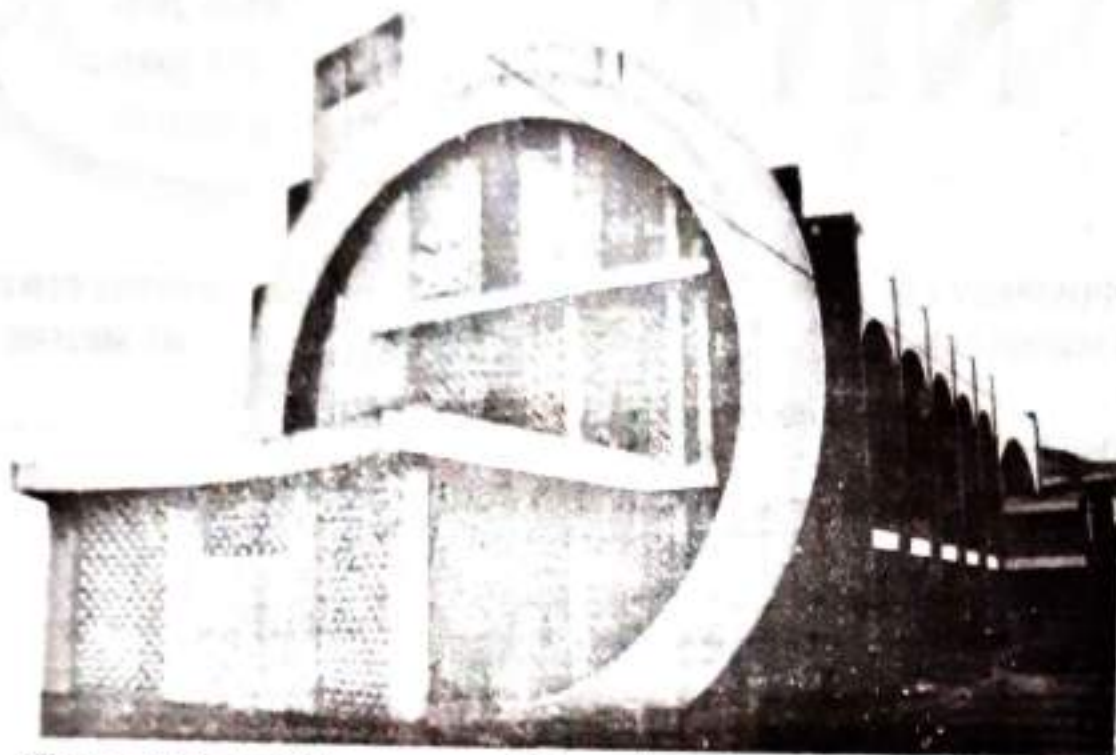
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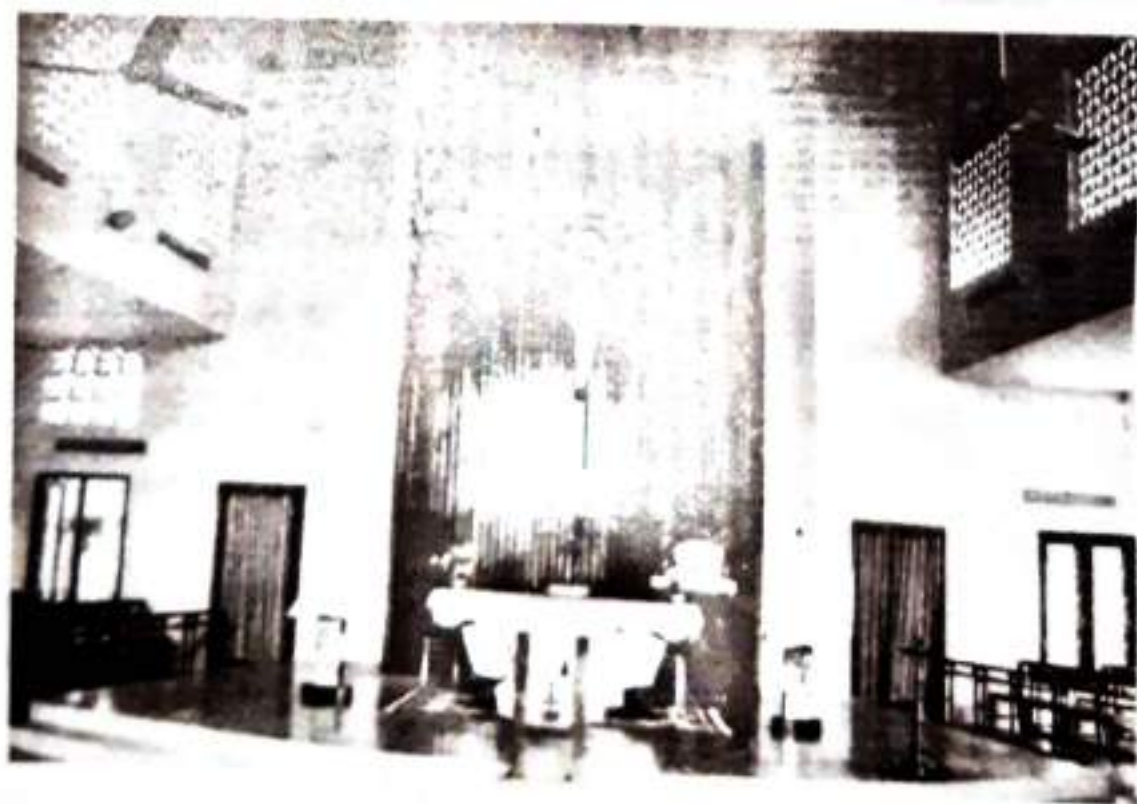


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എനിക്കു കൂട്ടായി ഞാൻ മാത്രം  
ആത്മാവിൻ നെരിപ്പോടില്ലാത്ത അവധിയില്ലാ  
ദുഃഖങ്ങൾ വെന്തു  
അമൃതാകും മുലപ്പാലിന് പകരം ഞാൻ  
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എന്നെ പിച്ച് വെച്ചു നടത്തിയത്  
ഏകാന്തതയുടെ കരാളഹസ്തങ്ങൾ  
സ്നേഹത്തിൻ മഞ്ഞുതുള്ളികൾ എന്റെ  
ശിഖിരങ്ങളിൽ തങ്ങിയില്ല  
എന്നുമൊരു വേഴാമ്പലായി കേഴുന്നു ഞാൻ  
സ്നേഹ വർഷങ്ങൾക്കു വേണ്ടി.  
ആത്മാവില്ലാത്ത ശരീരമായ് ജീവിക്കുന്നു ഞാൻ  
സ്നേഹമയിയായ് ഒരമ്മക്കു വേണ്ടി.

## സൈനികന്റെ ഭാര്യ

നെറുകലിൽ ചാർത്തിയ  
കുങ്കുമത്തിൻ വലസ്സാറുമാസം  
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പുതുജീവൻ വലസ്സാറുമാസം  
കാണുവാൻ കൊതിയുണ്ടുള്ളിൽ  
രേതിർത്തിലിൽ തോക്കുമാൾ  
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എത്തി മരണം നിരത്തിയ കണകുകൾ  
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ഒരു ശവമഞ്ചം  
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എന്റെ സിന്ദൂരം  
ധൂമത്തിലമർന്നുപോൾ  
ഇന്ന് രാജ്യനെച്ചൊതിക്കുന്നുണ്ണിലെ  
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# **ENGLISH SECTION**

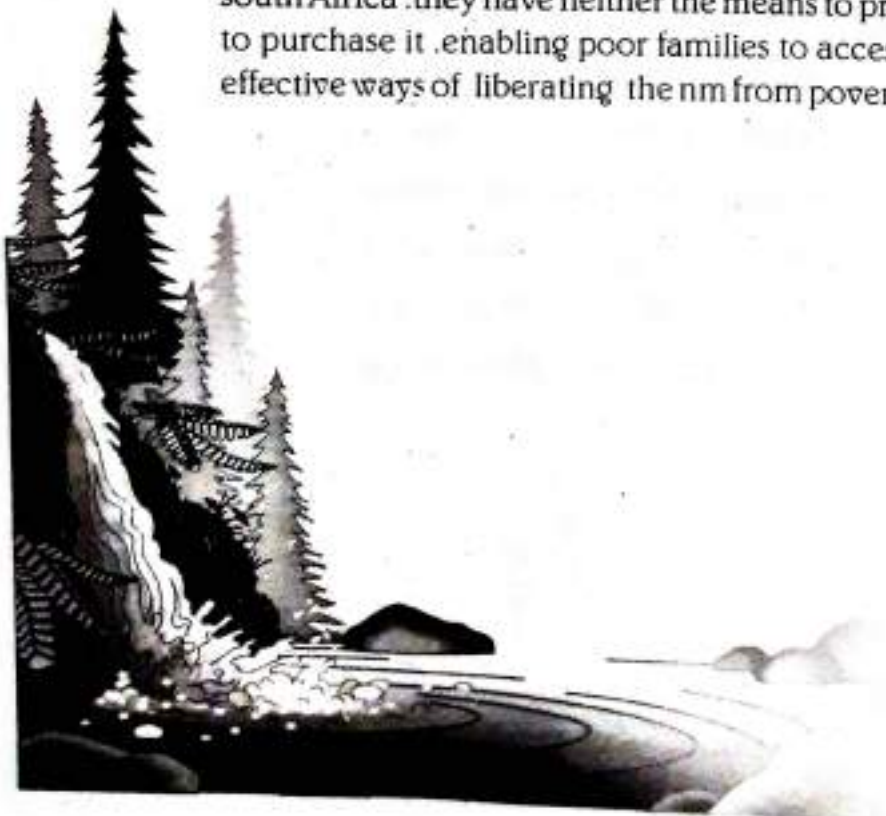
# *Water is my Right ...*

Water as a fundamental human right is guaranteed in the universal declaration on human rights .if water is rather regarded as a human need, it can be serviced by the private sector .you cannot sell human right

In her book, *Water wars*, the Indian ecologist Vandana Shiva analysis the historical erosion of communal water rights. examining the international water trade, damming mining and aqua-farming .Shiva points out the disenfranchisement of the worlds poor as they are stripped of their rights to precious local resources . Shiva reveals how many of the most important conflicts of our time, most often camouflaged as ethnic wars or religious wars, such as the on going Israeli-Palestine conflicts, are in fact conflicts over scare but vital natural resources .She suggests that water privatization threatens cultures and lively hoods world wide and calls for a movement to preserved water water access for all.

According to Shiva ,a bio-technology company which has positioned it self to control , is new attempting also to control water. In one of its strategy papers it says that the crisis of pollution and depletion of water resources is a business opportunity .Monsanto ,a US based company ,plans to earn revenues of 420 million US dollars and a net income of 63 million us dollars by 2008 from its water business in India and maxio. in Shiva's view, water must continued to be regarded a communal resource. securing accesses to water resources can greatly improve a communities prospects of tackling poverty . the vast majority of the world's poorest and hungriest people live in rural areas of south Asia and south Africa .they have neither the means to produce adequate food for sufficient income to purchase it .enabling poor families to access ,irrigation water can be one of the most effective ways of liberating the nm from poverty.

*Shalu Das*





## **Tutorial**

The girl giving the Calvino paper  
has moved away into her mist  
of words. Restless, we wait,  
scratching maps of things on empty pads,  
aware that Language is a threat  
which curves beyond the circled  
wagons of our texts.

She returns, pale and a touch astray.  
Led by our questions she speaks of open tracts  
where men are transparent and words opaque  
reared by the shifting winds of meaning,  
and grows impatient with our trust  
in crafted closure, a future  
and the guarded self.

Outside, a pigeon is insisting  
that reality is linear. In here  
we have new doubts.

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# STYLISH PHRASES

## HAIL TO THE MOTHER

Mother, I bow to thee !  
Rich with thy hurrying streams,  
Bright with thy orchard gleams,  
Cool with thy winds of delight,  
Dark fields waving, Mother of might,  
Mother Free.  
Glory of moonlight dreams,  
Over thy branches and lordly streams,  
Clad in thy blossoming trees,  
Mother, giver of ease,  
Laughing low and sweet !  
Mother, I kiss thy feet,  
Speaker sweet and low !  
Mother, to thee I bow.  
Who hath said thou art weak in thy land,  
When the swords flash out in twice seventy-  
million hands,  
And seventy million voice roar,  
Thy dreadful name from shore to shore  
With manly strengths who are mighty-  
and stored.  
To thee I call, Mother and Lord !  
Thou who savest, arise and save !  
To her I cry who ever her foremen drive !  
Back from plain and sea  
And shock herself free.  
Thou art wisdom, thou art low,  
Thou our heart, our soul, our breath,  
Thou the law divine, the awe  
In our hearts that conquers death.  
Thine the strength that nerves the arm.  
Thine the beauty, thine the charm.  
Every image made divine.  
In our temples is but thine.  
Thou at durga, Lady and Queen  
With her hands that strike and her swords-  
of sheen  
Thou art Lakshmi, Lotus-throned  
And the Muse a hundred-toned.  
Pure and perfect, without peer,  
Mother, lend thine ear.  
Rich with thy hurrying streams,  
Dark of hue, O candid-fair  
In thy soul, with jewelled hair  
And thy glorious smile divine  
loveliest of all earthly lands,  
Sowering wealth from well-stored hands!  
Mother, mother mine!  
Mother sweet, I bow to thee  
Mother great and free.

Bakin Chandra Chatterjee

## MEANS AND END

They say "Means are after all means".

I would say, "Means are after all everything." As the means so the end. There is no wall of separation between means and end. Indeed the Creator has given us control (and that too very limited) over means, none over end. Realization of the goal is in exact proportion to that of the means. This is a proposition that admits of no exception.

Means and ends are convertible terms in my philosophy of life.

Mahatma Gandhi

## THERE IS BUT ONE GOD

There is but one God, whose name is true, the Creator devoid of fear and enmity, immortal, unborn, self-existent; by the favour of the Guru.

\* \* \* \* \*

Make contentment and modesty thine ear-rings, self respect thy wallet, meditate in the ashes to smear on thy body:

Make thy body, which is only a morsel for death, thy beggar's coat, and faith thy rule of life and staff.

Make association with men thine Aikya, and conquest of thy heart the conquest of the world

## THE TEN STAGES OF LIFE

In man's first stage he loves the milk his mother's breast ;

In his second he recognises his father and mother ;

In his third his brother, his brother's wife, and his own sister;

In the fourth a love of play arises in him ;

In the fifth he runs after food and drink;

In the sixth he inquires not a woman's caste but his lust;

In the seventh he collects things for house to live in;

In the eighth his body is wasted by wrath;

In the ninth he grows gray and his breathing is difficult ;

In the tenth he is burnt and becomes ashes.

Guru Nanak



# Drugs

Mizoram, the tiny north-eastern state with a population of barely eight lakh, justifiably prides itself on being the most literate state in the country-having overtaken Kerala in the literacy sweepstakes a couple of years ago. But today, the state faces a situation that's sent alarm bells ringing among its social and political leaders. The problem: rampant drug abuse among the youth in the age group of 16-33 years. The statistics are scary. Consider this:

Since '95, 436 people have died of drug abuse in Mizoram. In the first eight months of 2000, 98 such deaths have been reported. The figure is increasing. Of these 436 deaths, only 14 have died due to heroin overdose: the majority have fallen prey to a new killer. It's called Proxyvon, a painkiller capsule that's prised open, dissolved in water and then injected for a high. Experts say the contents of two capsules are enough for intoxication, anything beyond that is fatal.

Says Lalzuava, the state excise commissioner, "Due to our bordering Myanmar, you'd have perhaps expected more heroin abuse in Mizoram, but it's the other way round. Heroin is least preferred." This trend, he says, can be attributed to two reasons. One, heroin coming in from the infamous 'Golden Triangle' (Cambodia-Thailand-Laos-Myanmar) merely passes through Mizoram without being offloaded. And secondly, Proxyvon is dirt-cheap as compared to heroin. The painkiller is even available in the black market at Rs 8 or so. In contrast, one gram of heroin costs anything between Rs 800-1,000. The abuse usually begins early:

\* Jonathan, 23, first took drugs at the age of 11. Today, he's unable to kick the habit. Both his legs are swollen, with pus and blood seeping through the open wounds; amputation is a possibility.

\* Johnny, 21, son of an ips officer, began to experiment with drugs as all his friends were doing so. In the past seven years, attempts by his family and even his own determined effort to kick the habit have failed.

\* David, whose parents never married, took to drugs as a means of solace from the daily recriminations at home. He began when he was 12; today, at 25 years of age, he wants to reform himself since he has a wife to look after now.

These are but three examples. Social leaders and even politicians are worried that an entire generation of young Mizos is falling prey to the deadly addiction. Says Zothanpuui, a volunteer in an ngo called Samaritan, "Most young men and women begin to experiment out of curiosity and peer pressure. Once hooked, it's difficult to give up the habit. Thousands of youngsters have fallen prey to this habit." Zothanpuui, an M.Sc in



human development from the J.D. Birla Institute, Calcutta, decided to come to Mizoram after having trained at a Calcutta-based ngo specialising in treating drug-related problems among youngsters. "After all, these are my people. It's my duty to help them as far as possible," she says. She now works as a full-time counsellor at the Aizawl branch of Samaritan, which has its headquarters in Calcutta.

The daycare centre run by Samaritan has at least 15-20 youngsters dropping in everyday. "Most primarily come for abscess management since the wounds inflicted by constant injecting of Proxyvon through infected needles are unmanageable," says Farooq, former addict, who is now the programme officer at Samaritan's Mizoram project. "Some, who want to kick the habit, but don't know how to, come for counselling," he adds. The daycare centre in fact acts like a commune for the addicts sans the drugs. "We encourage them to come here, talk, exchange ideas and air their inner feelings," says Zothanpuui.

Experts have identified three main causes for the increasing drug addiction: easy availability of drugs; lack of awareness among parents about addiction and increasingly disturbed family life in urban settings. Others like Farooq see another problem. In Mizoram, there's nothing that a youngster can do after sundown. There's no entertainment, no social life and therefore no outlet for youthful energy. "Invariably, the youth take to drugs to kill time." Another unspoken but potent reason is prohibition in the state. Following intense pressure from the church and other social organisations, Mizoram has been a dry state since '97. Since alcohol is not officially available, the easiest alternative is to go for Proxyvon, say social activists.

Shalom (Society for hiv/aids and Lifeline Operations in Mizoram), another ngo, also provides a similar place, appropriately called 'Drop-in Centre.' Says Chonpuui, a trained counsellor with shalom, "Most of these boys and girls do not know whom to turn to once they get hooked. Our job is to provide them with different alternatives and also show that there is someone to care for them. At the Drop-in Centre, we partly attempt to fulfil that need."

Indeed, many of the addicts come in with a lot of scepticism during their first visit—primarily to get treated for their wounds. "Gradually, they talk to each other, play music and at least for those three-four hours forget to take the drug," says Chonpuui. At shalom, deputy director and medical officer, Dr Vanlal Ruata has begun a separate section to treat the abscess wounds of Proxyvon addicts. "We had to appoint two full-time nurses to cope with the increasing number of affected boys and girls," he says. The Drop-in and the daycare centres are of course not enough, given the magnitude of the problem. They simply can't handle the pressure. The Presbyterian Church-run hospital at Durtlang, on the outskirts of the town, attempts to fill the gap by treating the more serious cases. The

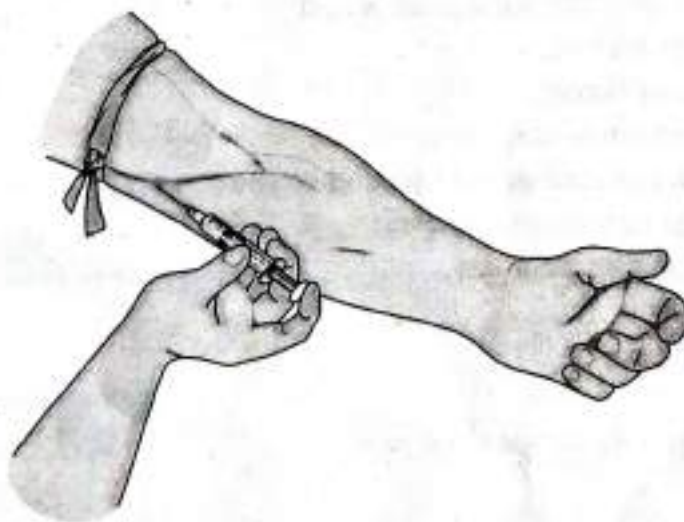


K-ward (K for Khawngaihna, which means 'grace') at the hospital is full of addicts who need surgery. Says Dr R. Sanghluna and Dr C. Lalhmingliana, who look after the ward, "The most serious cases are brought here. In some cases, the wounds, due to indiscriminate use of a syringe on all parts of the body, are so severe that some of them lose their limbs."

If these hospitals and daycare facilities act as cure centres, authorities are now looking at preventive measures too. Says Lalzuava, "The Mizoram Notified Drugs (Control) Bill, 2000, which is likely to be enacted soon, will enable us to book offenders who sell and purchase Proxyvon." But many feel that just legal measures won't be sufficient to overcome the problem. The state government, realising the seriousness of the problem, has also taken some steps like constituting a Social Defence and Rehabilitation Board. Says its chairman C. Sangzuala, mla, "Our main aim is to create public awareness against drug abuse and provide information on cure and rehabilitation." The board, set up in July '99 has embarked upon a two-pronged strategy: one, to launch an awareness campaign through meetings and posters and two, establish de-addiction centres in various district headquarters of the state.

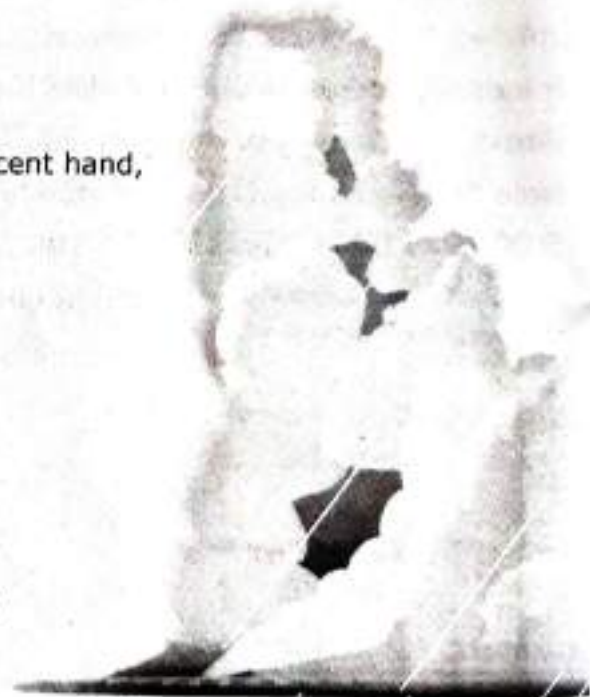
Sangzuala is determined to make the awareness campaign comprehensive by involving the church, social organisations like the Young Mizo Association and schools. "Unless we make the students and their parents aware of the dangers of drug addiction, there cannot be any permanent solution. Unless these drastic measures are taken, I'm afraid the nucleus of Mizo society will be destroyed," he says. With an estimated 15,000 - 20,000 addicts in the state, the challenge to prevent a further deterioration in the situation is indeed a daunting one.

Nithin A.



## **Rainy Days...**

I look in the mirror,  
and no longer see me;  
Sometimes on rainy days,  
I remember the way things used to be;  
When waking up was fun,  
and there wasn't a stunt that had already been done;  
Playing all night,  
and sleeping all day;  
But not even this could make me forget that day;  
The day my beautiful Audrey Nicole went away;  
I held you tight and waited for another answer to appear,  
Oh God, why didn't you hear?  
Minutes felt like seconds,  
time was moving much to fast;  
Before I knew it,  
present became the past.  
I remember that last touch of your sweet innocent hand,  
and with that touch you took my smile.  
Over the next few days my body grew cold,  
and my heart grew hard.  
What had I done?  
I stared at the wall with such stun.  
Time moves on and this harshness would  
have to come to an end.  
I love you Audrey Nicole.  
Now everytime I smile is for you;  
Everytime I cry is because I'm thinking of you;  
I'm sorry things happened this way;  
It will all work out another day.  
I look in the mirror,  
and no longer see me;  
Sometimes on rainy days,  
I remember the way things used to be.





# MY MOTHER & HER TEACHINGS

Amma's teachings began with Her birth itself. She entered this world in silence, a divine gesture worthy of our contemplation. This has always been Amma's way. Throughout, Amma's life has been Her teaching.



If we watch Amma, we will see the embodiment of all the divine qualities She is constantly encouraging us to cultivate. If you want to understand devotion, watch the tears as they roll down Her cheeks during bhajans. If you want to learn about serving the world selflessly, sit by Her side one evening as She embraces 12,000 people. If you have questions about sadhana, envision Her years on the seashore when She sat motionless, completely estranged from the world. And whatever Amma does, it is meditation, whether sitting in silence, speaking to thousands or sweeping the ashram courtyard.

Amma teaches renunciation, but only in the midst of a lifetime of refusing to consider Her own comfort. Amma teaches Advaita, but not without Her every breath bearing testament to Her inability to see any man, woman or child as different from Her own Self.

Indeed, actions speak louder than words. Yet the Truth as heard from Amma's lips has deafening impact. Whether delivered to crowds of thousands or in the intimate setting of the ashram, Amma's satsang is always unforgettable. Amma is eternally established in Truth, which is beyond words, beyond thoughts. Perhaps this is what She was trying to impart to us through Her birth. Yet when She wants to convey that silence, it assumes the form of a thought. A collection of these thoughts is presented here, so that one day we too may realize that silence.



# The Future

The future is ours, well wait see  
Who knows What it will bring for you and me,  
The memories will linger,  
the tears'll still be there,  
the good times we'll bear  
but our friend ship will forever last  
no one can take it away,

RIJO JACOB C.S



# Before its too late

If you have a tender message  
of a loving word to say,  
Do not wait till tomorrow,  
but whisper it today,  
the tender word unspoken  
the message never sent  
the long forgotten messages  
the wealth of love unspent,  
For these some hearts are breaking  
For these some loved ones wait  
so show them that you care for them  
Be fore it is too late

SHARIKA .N.K

# Dreams

Dream the things that clouds are made of,  
The thing we are allowed to see, but  
never seem to reach  
they are the future if we want them to be,  
Or more fantasies if dont try hard enough  
Dreams are ,the once in a life time ,ride  
on a rainbow,  
Through all of the clours of the spectrum .  
Dreams are the fully thingsd that guide vour destiny  
the champagne in our veins that teach us to laugh  
Dreams are the forces which prss us on ward,  
The vision of the invisible, the path way  
to the unattainable.

RENU SEBASTIAN





# Performing Arts



**Kathakali** Kerala owes its transnational fame to this nearly 300 years old classical dance form which combines facets of ballet, opera, masque and the pantomime. It is said to have evolved from other performin....

**Chavittunatakam** A Christian art form of Kerala. Evolved at the turn of the 16th Century AD during the Portuguese colonization and bears definite traces of the European Christian Miracle Play. In this musical drama,....

**Oppana** A dance form essential to the wedding entertainment and festivities of the Malabar Muslims. Maidens and young female relatives sing and dance around the bride, clapping their hands. The songs of Map....

**Krishnanattom** A spectacle for both the scholar and the simple rustic. The visual effect is enhanced by varied and colourful facial make-up with larger-than-life-masks, made of light wood and cloth padding, for ce....

**Mohiniyattom** The sinuous dance of the enchantress, this is a distinctive classical dance form of Kerala. Slow, graceful, swaying movements of the body and limbs and highly emotive eye and hand gestures are uniqu....

**Kakkarissi natakam** Kakkarissi natakam is a satirical dance-drama based on the puranic legends of Lord Siva and his consort Parvati when they assumed human forms as Kakkalan and Kakkathi - a nomadic tribe of fortune t....

**Thiruvathirakali** Thiruvathirakali is a dance performed by women, in order to attain everlasting marital bliss, on Thiruvathira day in the Malayalam month of Dhanu (December- January). The dance is a celebration of m....

**Kolkkali** A folk art mainly of the agrarian classes, Kolkkali is a highly rhythmic dhey never miss a beat. In Malabar, Kolkkali is more popular among Muslim men.....

**Thullal** Thullal is a solo performance combining the dance and recitation of stories in verse. Staged during temple festivals, the performer explicates the verses through expressive gestures. The themes are ....

**Kootiyattom** Kootiyattam literally means "acting together". This is the earliest classical dramatic art form of Kerala. Based on Sage Bharatha's 'Natyasasthra' who lived in the second century, Kootiyattam evolve....

**Duffmuttu** Duffmuttu is also known as Aravanamuttu. It is a group performance popular among the Muslims of Malabar. Duffmuttu is staged as a social event during festivals and nuptial ceremonies. The artistes ....



## SAVE YOUR LAND SAVE YOUR LAND

In one small country - Haiti - 50 million trees are cut down every year. But only 3 million new trees are planted! The same thing is happening in most other countries. People take wood for cooking and building but they don't plant more trees. Trees can save land from being washed away by rain - this is 'erosion'. They stop the water from running away too quickly, and their roots bind the soil together. Without trees, good farm land is often damaged by rain and floods. Some trees also improve the soil, by removing acid or adding nitrogen taken from the air.

### FLOODING

Trees are also very important to help to give the right amount of rainfall. Without trees, there is drought. We have seen terrible flooding recently in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, India, Bangladesh and central/south America. Floods are always worse when trees are cut down. Often people do not realize that loss of trees and forests are causing serious weather problems in many countries.

If you live in a farmland area, work with others to protect trees. Your government or other organizations may offer help and advice. You may need to protect the young trees from damage by animals. This is often done using a plastic tube around the tree. Sometimes you can make a tube out of an old drinking bottle.

### ANIMAL LIKE IT

Some trees have other uses as well. For example, the mirounga tree gives seed pods which can be eaten, give oil, or used to purify water. The leaves can be used for animal feed. This tree can be planted in a line as a fence to stop animals escaping. The neem tree is also very useful. There are also other trees which help to stop erosion. Vetiver grass is very strong, and makes good animal feed. If planted in lines along the side of hills, it stops soil damage and helps rain water to soak into the soil. So why not start a tree-planting club in your area? Talk to the leaders and farmers in your community. Find out more about which trees and other plants will grow best in your area. Together, we can all help to save our land - God's land - from damage and floods. A tree takes life and strength from its roots. Without strong roots to find water, it will die. We also need to have roots for our own lives. Where are the roots of your life planted?



# THE NATURE OF GLOBAL TERRORISM

As a result of globalization, "the distinction between drug trafficking, terrorism and other forms of criminal activity is becoming increasingly blurred"<sup>1</sup>, affirmed Raphael Perl, a Testifying on December 13, 2000, before a [panel of the US House Judiciary committee, Perl described the new "overlapping Symbolic relationship between drugs, terrorism and organized crime, and outlined a series of possible policy options for governments, including the promotion of international legal harmonization and the adoption of additional restrictions on money laundering and tax havens. He predicted that organized crime, drug traffic-king and terrorism are likely to receive increased attention"<sup>2</sup> in the coming decade, and that finding appropriate responses to this new challenges will be complex. Addressing the problem "will require bringing together the diverse elements" of law enforcement.

Following are excerpts of his testimony:

"Globalization presents the opportunity for " domestic" crime to transform itself in to a national and international security issue. Organized crime, drug trafficking, and terrorism are nothing new. What most observes see as new is the expanding scale of current operations; the ability of such operations to threaten important national and international interests; and the increasing complexity of responding to transnational criminal activity. The globalizational of the international economy, the internationalization of markets and the integration of organized criminal activity in to this changing market structure have transformed largely domestic criminal issues to issues with broader implications"<sup>3</sup>.

Today there are some 50 U S Agencies with some degree of countering responsibilities and at least 12 Federal Agencies with important counter terrorism responsibilities. Drug trafficking, terrorism and other organizational criminal activity are generally clandestine activities that share operational similarities. Terrorists like drug trafficking and other criminal groups, need weapons and engage in violence to achieve goals. Terrorists like other criminal groups, are often involved in hiding and laundering sources of funds. Terrorist, drug traffickers and other criminal groups operate transnationally and often seek logistical and operational support from local communities. Terrorists increasingly rely on drug money for funding. Terrorist and criminals alike need a steady cash flow to operate. In the case of terrorists, where state sources of funding may be diminishing, drug trafficking is an attractive funding option. Increasingly terrorist organizations looking to criminal activity and specifically the drug trade as a source of funding. The FARC in Colombia is but one of many cases in point. It is estimated that drug trafficking activity generates between



\$400 and \$600 million of tax-free dollars a year for FARC guerrilla coffers. In the case of North Korea, some analysts have suggested that North Korean government supported criminal activity, carefully targeted to meet specific needs, generated at least \$85 million in 1995, \$17 million from drugs and \$15 million from counterfeiting. Estimates vary but most observers believe that the total figure is at least \$100 million. However there are indications that the figures may be considered higher: \$500 million to \$1 billion annually generated by criminal activities.

Governments often compartmentalized their organizational structures and response to criminal activity when drug trafficking and terrorism involved. To some degree governments have established a compartmentalized way of looking at drugs, terrorism and crime as phenomena distinct and separate in and of themselves. In today's environment, these approaches may need to be reexamined. What some have characterized as a new and growing opportunistic relationship between drugs, terrorism and organized crime could well result in an increased role of law enforcement and counter drug personnel in counter terrorism, and an expanded role for counter drug and terrorism personnel in anti-crime policy planning and implementation. Changes of this kind could prompt a reassessment of concepts, responsibilities, capabilities and methodologies. For example the in cooperation of the state Department's Bureau of International Narcotics Matters (INM) into the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) could reflect this kind of operational shift. Loss of tax revenue from organized criminal activity is a global problem. Perhaps even more important to many economies is the issue of tax evasion by groups engaged in large-scale criminal activity. Throughout the world, governments are experiencing fiscal deficits. The demand for their services rises; meanwhile, their tax base is often dramatically eroding.

"Chemically weapons for mass casualty attacks can be acquired by virtually any state and by non state actors with moderate technical skills", writes analyst Gideon Rose in Foreign Affairs. He is Deputy Director of National Security studies and Olin Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he chairs the Round table on terrorism. Certain very deadly chemical warfare agents can quite literally be manufactured in a kitchen or basement in quantities sufficient for mass casualty attacks...Many states, and moderately sophisticated non state actors could construct improvised but effective biological weapons...Culturing the required microorganisms or growing and purifying toxins, is inexpensive and could be accomplished by individuals with college level training in biology and a basic knowledge of laboratory technique. Acquiring the seed stocks for pathogenic microorganisms is also not particularly difficult...Nuclear weapons are within the reach of tens of states, with the most significant constraint being the ability to produce plutonium or highly enriched uranium. If this obstacle were avoided through the theft or purchase of fissile material, almost any state with a reasonable technical and industrial infrastructure could fabricate a crude nuclear weapon...[as could] some exceptionally nonstate actors.



Experts offer a range of intelligent, if unsurprising, suggestions for handling traditional terrorist threats, from avoiding concessions cooperating with allies and prosecuting suspects, to relying on crack hostage rescue teams or military retaliation where appropriate. They make persuasive case for avoiding overreaction arguing both that it would be tragic for democracies to abandon their cherished freedoms and principles in a quest for absolute security and that there is little reason to believe that a heavy handed approach to counter terrorism would work. They seem to favour some increase in domestic intelligence gathering, concluding that "the limited threat to uninhibited discussion posed by even reasonable efforts to monitor organizations preaching violence is a price worth paying to prevent political violence" as one puts it.

On August 20, 1998 the United States of America bombed Khost and Jalalabad in Afghanistan and what they believed was a chemical weapons factory on the outskirts of Khartourn. This was in response to the bombings of the American Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. The targets of the attacks in Afghanistan were the terrorist training camps of Osama Bin Laden who the Americans believe masterminded the bombings of the U S embassies. The Americans also claimed they had evidence that Bin Laden's group was trying to obtain weapons of mass destruction from Sudan. The choice of Khost and Jalalabd as targets is significant. Many of the militants and mercenaries arrested in Jammu and Kashmir identified these two locations as the where they received training. Jane's intelligence Review and the "Independent" of the U K based on investigative field reports identified Khost and Kalabad as two of the centers where the Harkat-UI- Ansar codres, who are active in Jammu and Kashmir, training.

Recently Osama Bin Laden was reported to have created a new umbrella organization the World Islamic Front, of extremist groups called for renewed attacks against American interests. The Islamic Army for Liberation of Muslim Holy sites claimed responsibly for the attacks against the U S Embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. Prior to the bombings, had given a warning of attacks following the arrest of his men by the FBI in Albania, leaving the Americans convinced that Bin Laden had engineered the attacks. Immediately following the bombings four people were arrested in Pakistan. One of them Mohamed Sadiq Howaida confessed to Pakistani authorities both to having links with Osama Bin Laden and with the bombings in Tanzania and Kenya. He also said that some of others involved in the incident had already traveled through Pakistan to Afghanistan.

The role of Pakistan in creating the Taliban: The presence of Pakistan ISI and military advisors and regular army men with the Taliban has been reported by the Pak media by the International media by security analysis including of Janes Defensive Review. It has been also officially been stated by the Russian Government. The fact that Osama Bin Laden is being protected by Taliban who function with Pakistan's support and refusing to surrender him. The fact those who were involved in the bombings in Tanzania and Kenya chose to return to Pakistan en route to Taliban territory in Afghanistan, once again highlights the emergence of Pakistan as not only a center for terrorists who have perpetrated violence in different countries.



## Narco Terrorism:

The use of revenues from illicit narcotics trafficking can be traced back to the Afghan Mujahedin's war against the Soviet forces in Afghanistan. At that point of time the supporters of the Afghan Mujahedin turned a blind eye to their narcotics trafficking operations. After the withdrawal of the Soviet forces from Afghanistan, the narcotics pipeline continues to be utilized to finance terrorist operations. Here again a detailed report, prepared by US Intelligence Agencies in 1992, called "Heroin in Pakistan" which was published in the Factory Times of Pakistan gave details of the use of profits from the heroin trade to finance operations of Sikh and other extremist militant in India. Yossef Badanski, in his report "The New Islamist International" and subsequent reports has given details of how narcotic connections developed during the Afghan war, continued to finance Pakistan sponsored terrorist activities in India. The former Prime Minister of Pakistan Nawab Sherif made the most significant revelation when he was out of power in an interview to the Washington Post. He told the Post that when he was Prime Minister, "his army brass had approached him with a plan to use funds from Narcotics trafficking for anti-India operations". He claimed to have refused to approve the plan.

It is however a well documented fact that despite their avowed piety and belief in strict Islamic values, the Taliban continues to use narcotic profits to finance their war operations. Given their close links with Pakistan's ISI and the mercenary groups operating in Jammu and Kashmir, it is obvious that funds from this source to be used to finance terrorist operations in India.

The link between terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir in India and the terrorism against Egyptian and other interests is evident from the fact that the cadres that constitute the Taliban and the Harkat-UI-Ansar etc had their origins in the same Pakistani mentors particularly the Jamait ul Ulema e Islam of Maulana Fazlur Rehman. The financing for these operations comes from radical elements in different countries including Saudi Arabia and Osama Bin Laden has been known to be a major financier of Fazlur Rehman, Taliban and the Harkat-UI-Ansar.





# MIDDLE EAST AND

# TERRORISM

More than any other part of the 'Ummah', in the Middle East has, since World War II, become infamous as a cockpit for terrorism, although many of the perpetrators have not purported to act in the name of Islam. Arguably, the first modern act of political terrorism in the region was the bombing of the King David Hotel in 1947, which was carried out by Jewish terrorists led by Menachem Begin, then leader of the Irgun. Following the creation of the political opposition, and in 1977 he became leader of the political opposition, and in 1977 he became Prime Minister of Israel. In the 1960s and 1970s, Palestinian Fida'iyin (guerrillas) launched dozens of horrendous acts of violence against innocent bystanders, all in the name of gaining recognition for Palestinian nationalism. These acts included the slaughter of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in 1972, along series of skyjacking, including Pan Am 103 in 1970 that helped precipitate the civil war in Jordan, and several bloody attacks on air travelers both inside Israel and in Europe significantly, the Palestinian perpetrators were inspired by a secular irredentist ideology, not by religion. The same can be said for Kurdish guerillas who, in the 1980s and 1990s, committed a number of vicious acts of violence in Turkey as part of their quest to win an independent Kurdistan.

Muslims, claiming an Islamic for their violence are also noteworthy. In Egypt, in 1954, the Ikhwan-al-Muslimun (Muslim Brotherhood) attempted to assassinate Gamal Abdel Nasser, who then accelerated his suppression of the organization. More recently President Anwar-el-Sadat was assassinated by extremist Muslim conspirators in 1981. Muslim revolutionaries intent on toppling the regime of Hosni Mubarak have, since the late 1980s, engaged in escalating acts of violence including terrorism to destabilize further the Egyptian government. Many of these acts have been egregiously indiscriminate, targeting innocent foreign tourists, in addition to state officials, soldiers, and police officers. These acts illustrate the scope of activities that constitute contemporary political violence; whether they all constitute acts of terrorism is another question.

The records shows, however sadly that states have been often able to commit murderous acts that dwarf the acts of horror committed by nonstate terrorist with impunity. Within the 'Ummah', there are many examples, including the following Indonesia's bloody Suppression of East Timor in the early 1960s; Syria's annihilation of more than a thousand people in Hama in 1982; Sudan's savage Campaign in the south to squash resistance to islamization in the 1990s.

In general militant opposition movements of Muslims have focused their violence domestically on the authoritarian State, which is typically characterized as thwarting the imposition of 'Sharia' as the sole legitimate source of law. The writings of Sayyid Qutb (executed in 1966 by the Egyptian government) and his rejuvenation of 'Jahiliyah' (literally a state of ignorance



of the truths of Islam) as a description of contemporary Muslim societies has provided for some contemporary groups, a rationale for acts of violence rationalized as part of 'Jihad' to reestablish Islamic society.

Although most militant movements of Muslims have concentrated on domestic goals, the revolution in Iran spawned an ideology that has been used to justify the use of violence on the international stage in the late 1980s. Not only has the Iranian government been implicated in widespread assassination and plots against political and intellectual opponents, but it has also lent material support to militant Islamist groups. This can be observed in the case of the Lebanese Shi'ite group Hizbullah (Party of God).

Hizbullah is an Iranian-funded party that came to light following the Israeli invasion in 1982. Hizbullah has proven to be a competent, dedicated, and well-led challenger to the more moderate Amal movement of the early 1970s. Although Hizbullah spokespeople were keen to dissociate the party from acts such as the kidnappings of Westerners in the 1980s, it became known that the Islamic Jihad organization that claimed credit for some of the kidnappings was using a flag of convenience masking Hizbullah involvement. Hizbullah played a major role inflicting a chain of humiliations on the United States: precipitating the 1984 departure of the American marines from Lebanon with the truck bombing of the marine barracks, while also helping to scuttle the US-backed 17 May agreement between Lebanon and Israel and holding the world in thrall over the fate of foreign hostages (including Terry Waite, the personal envoy of the archbishop of Canterbury). Equally impressive was the success of the Islamic Resistance (al-Muqawamah al-Islamiyah) in forcing an Israeli withdrawal from most Lebanese territory in January 1985.

In effect, the Islamic Revolution in Iran provided the substance for new ideological framework that served to explain the courses of deprivation and suffering among the Muslim masses. The ideological framework legitimized and commended the use of violence against the enemies of Islam, particularly the West. This comes through quite clearly in the remarkable "Open Letter" of Hizbullah (reproduced in Norton, 1987). This revealing document was released by Hizbullah in February 1985 to mark the anniversary of the assassination of Shaykh Raghīb Harb, the bright young cleric of Jib's hit in Southern Lebanon, who was assassinated twelve months later.

One of the burdens of the letter is to explain and justify the use of violence by Hizbullah which, it is argued, has been trivialized in the West as a handful of fanatics and terrorists who are only concerned with blowing up drinking, gambling and entertainment spots. "Each of us is a combat soldier when the call of jihad demands it and each of us undertakes his task in the battle in accordance with his lawful assignment within the framework of action under the guardianship of the leader jurist".



The letter emphasizes that the 1978-79 revolution in Iran was an inspiration to action, a proof of all that can be accomplished when the faithful gather under the banner of Islam. "We address all the Arab and Islamic peoples to declare to them that the Muslim's experience in Islamic Iran left no one any excuse since it proved beyond all doubt that bare chests motivated by faith are capable, with God's help, of breaking the iron and oppression of tyrannical regimes"<sup>2</sup>. The letter described a world in which "the countries of the arrogant world" and especially the United States and the Soviet Union struggle for influence at the expense of the Third World. As a commentator in Al-ahd, the Hizabullah newspaper, noted: "The Soviet's are not one iota different from the Americans in terms of political danger, indeed are more dangerous than them in terms of ideological considerations as well, and this requires that light be shed on this fact and that the Soviets be assigned their proper place in the ...forces striving the strike at the interests of the Muslim people and arrogate their political present and future"<sup>3</sup>. None the less pride of place belonged to the United States, which directly or indirectly through its "spearhead", Israel has inflicted suffering on the Muslims of Lebanon. "Imran Khomeini, the leader, has repeatedly stressed that America is the reason for all our Catastrophes and the source of all malice. By fighting it, we are only excersing our legitimate right to defend our Islam and dignity of our nation"<sup>4</sup>. The French were also been singled out for attack largely because of their longstanding sympathy for Christians in Lebanon, and for their arms to Iraq.

Hizbullah positioned itself as a force resisting the designs and games of Israel and the superpowers, whose jockeying for power, in the view has led to subjugation and oppression throughout the Third World. "Thus we have seen that aggression can be repelled only with the sacrifice of blood, and that freedom is not given but regained with the sacrifice of both heart and soul"<sup>5</sup>. The objective is to free Lebanon from the manipulation and chicanery of the malevolent outside powers in order to achieve "the final departure of America, France and their allies from Lebanon and the termination of the influence of any imperialist power in the country". The Christian Phalange, who have, according to Hizabulah, unjustly enjoyed privilege at the expense of the Muslims must be pummeled into submission. Virtually unnoticed outside of Lebanon, Hizbullah has been especially intolerant of competitors for Shii recruits. In this regard the communist party an especially appealing target given its alien an atheistic ideology, has been singled out for attacks. Dozens, if not hundreds, of party members were killed in a brutal, bloody campaign of suppression and assassination in 1984 and 1985.





## A piece of wisdom

*Our ideal is a balance of theory and action, of knowledge and action. a successful devotee's life is a harmony of action and knowledge. until we achieve harmony our life is lacking something. If i try to do anything with out knowing how, my action will stay incomplete. If i have the theory but don't put into action, i won't get any benefit either.*

*For example, if i want to make tea but don't know how; instead of sugar, i will put in salt or something else. I wont finish the job properly. On the other hand, if i know hoe to make tea but don't do it, then also i wont enjoy the tea, and my craving will be unsatisfied. In school we first learn mathematical principles and then do exercise, so the balance of theory and action helps us. Similarly, spiritually speaking, our life's remain incomplete until we achieve this harmony.*



# white house to brown house

When Lyndon Johnson was the President of the United States, telephone calls meant for the White House often went to one Mrs. Rose Brown. Mrs. Brown lived in a New York suburb and had the same number as the White House! The long distance dialing codes were also almost identical.

Mrs. Brown received all these calls with utmost patience and politeness, and when the President came to know of this, he wrote a letter of thanks to her. He also promised that the White House would be equally polite while receiving calls meant for the Brown House!



## Fresh Dawn

Once upon a time  
I sat on shining shores,  
Hands caked  
With shimmering sand.

I dug a moat  
And raised a flag  
Of brilliant scarlet.  
I built myself  
A sandcastle.

*Sunny smiles  
Danced.*

But that night  
Crashing waves  
Smashed the seashore  
Crushing my joy.  
Aquamarine spirits  
Stole my moat  
And crushed  
My sandcastle.

*Shocked faces  
Tried to understand*

I sat down again,  
Fingering crumbled sand,  
To remember  
And dream  
Slowly, I started  
To sculpt anew.  
Grain by grain,  
I build turrets  
And drawbridges,  
With every handful  
My shining castle grows.  
I'll finish it someday.

*I believe  
In my dreams.*



# Enigma Of Times

When words has simple meanings  
Life was easy & clear  
You'd look into my eyes  
And I would understand every word  
....With no doubt or fear.

We had an understanding  
of friendship & thoughts so pure  
If I said -- "You mean to me"  
It meant that & nothing more.

You didn't have to worry  
about meanings between the lines  
For I meant what I said  
And not throw at you  
....a doubtful sign.

But now, the world has changed  
And life has its twists & turns  
Words are no longer words  
And meanings no longer meaningful.

Each sentence has  
....atleast a dozen meanings  
fascinating , for some  
To me, a development rather confusing.

There are thoughts behind thoughts  
One word behind the other  
True souls are no more  
But merely some faces  
faces behind faces  
& people behind people

Life has become a Zig-Zag journey  
'Craftism' , the thought of the day  
You look at me with  
those same eyes  
Yet I understand you no more  
I tell u -- "You mean to me"  
you ask -- if I were sure  
we have lost ourselves in a crowd  
Where the world of true meanings  
no longer exists

When I say -- "You mean to me"  
figure it out as you wish  
.... the way it should be  
For nothing s changed  
You are still you  
And I am still me.

## *" I Understand "*

*I understand your pain  
For at times I feel the same.  
People look at me like they are given the right,  
To judge or give insight.  
They don't like the way I act,  
Some don't like the way I look,  
And as I've gotten older,  
They've stabbed me like a hook.  
With all they're comments going straight through my wall,  
And as hard as it has been I am still standing tall.  
Then one day I heard your story,  
And it opened up a whole new path for me.  
I realized what am I doing complaining  
When there is a little girl in much worse pain?  
Because of your condition,  
People try to understand,  
But they really can't,  
'cuz they haven't been in the same situation.  
Yet I have.  
When I was your age, I was in intensive care.  
It turned out I had pneumonia,  
And the doctors could not promise I would  
make it.  
It just wasn't fair.  
But, because of people like you,  
I was given the courage to fight and make it through.  
So as I stand before you today,  
I want to say thank you for giving me the bravery to make it through,  
Another day.  
Whether it was then or even at times now,  
You have given me the courage.  
So I wish you would allow,  
Me to extend my gratitude,  
To a person who is going to make it through another day too,.....you*

JOSE PHILIP



# SACRED HEART COLLEGE, THEVARA

## Principal's Annual Report 2002 2003

Distinguished chief guest and president of the meeting Sri. V.J.Kurian IAS, Managing Director Cochin International Airport Ltd., Rev. Fr. John Pynadath, Manager, Fr. Saviance, Vice Principal, Adv. P.K. Joseph. P.T.A. Vice president, Prof. K.G. Narayanan, Secretary of staff Council, Prof. V.M. George, staff secretary, Mr. Vijay P. Jacob, Chairman of the College Union, members of the PTA, members of the faculty, members of the establishment staff, guests and my dear students.

I am here to present the report of the Academic year 2002-2003. Before presenting the Annual report may I shed some light on the special features of S.H. College, Thevara.. Sacred Heart College, Thevara is the first CMI centre of higher education. It was accredited with 5 star status by the NAAC team (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) in the year 2000. Established in 1944, the college was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the benign fountain of Divine Wisdom. The college which was initially affiliated to the Madras University came under the jurisdiction of the Kerala University in 1958. Today the college is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, which was established in 1983. The college is managed by the S.H. Monastery, Thevara. The college which from the beginning admitted only men began to admit both men & women from 1975 onwards, taking into consideration the growing need for women's education in Kerala. The college has been selected twice (1997 & 1999) for the R.Sankar Award for the best Special Grade Colleges in Kerala. The UGC selected our college as one of the centres for its COSIP programmes (College Science improvement programme) We had also been given a special grant honouring the 50 years of its service to the nation. Of late this college has been declared eligible for Special Grade Principal from 1-1-1986. The College was placed one among the top ten colleges in a survey conducted by the popular women's magazine Vanita. The criteria for assessment were academic excellence and the meritorious performance in cultural activities and sports.

At present the college has 6 Ph.D centres, 9 P.G. Courses besides 8 conventional degree courses, one vocational degree course, two self financing degree courses & one self financing P.G. Diploma course

For many reasons the past year has been full of events. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002 the then Manager Rev. Fr. Domitian Manikathan & Rev. Fr. George Koyikara the then principal were given send off greetings. And on the same day the new Manager Rev. Fr. John Pynadath, the new Principal Rev. Fr. Joseph Poonely & the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Saviance took charge. Rev. Fr. Mathew Vattathara, the Provincial was kind enough to grace the occasion. Since then the college had the rare honour of hosting many state level and national level programmes, To mention a few-

- 1 State level inauguration of Tourism clubs
- 2 Janaseva Sishu Bhavan cultural events
- 3 Silver jubilee celebrations of Kerala Sasthra Sahitya Parishad.
- 4 A seminar on Foundation for capacity building.
- 5 A seminar on Leptospirosis
- 6 A seminar on water preservation
- 7 The 20<sup>th</sup> Inter Collegiate Athletic meet.
- 8 M. G. University Inter Collegiate NSS Fest, 2003,
- 9 The fifth All Kerala College games.
- 10 Prof. K. V. Thomas endowment National seminar
- 11 Film evaluation workshop
- 12 Rev. Fr. Dan Thottakara Memorial National Seminar.



## 1. College community

Before mentioning the various activities in the college, let me give you a brief profile of the college community

### 1. 1. Students

The college has on its roll nearly 1500 students doing various under graduate & post graduate courses. In addition to these a good number of research scholars are pursuing their studies in the Research Departments of Economics, Commerce, Physics, Chemistry, Botany & Zoology. The College is a recognized centre for the BCA programme of the School of Distance Education of the M.G. University. Over 2000 students are availing the infrastructure of the college under the Distance education programmes of various universities like Indira Gandhi National Open University, University of Pondichery, University of Madras & The Bharatiar University. The college is also providing venue for a number of tests and examinations.

The Computer Centre in the college is conducting various short term and long term courses. The courses include PGDCA, Office automation, M.S. Office, Oracle, Visual Basic, Java etc.

### 1. 2. The Faculty

The college has on its faculty 90 hands of the first string and 13 dedicated guest lecturers. At present there are 22 teachers with Ph.D & 37 with M.Phil. in the various departments. Almost all the teachers have kept their scholarship updated by participating in conferences, seminars, workshops, both national and international & by attending refresher programmes. Currently there are also teachers working on different research projects.

4 members of the teaching staff are retiring this year. They are

1. Dr. Tom Varghese of Hindi Dept. after 28 years of service.
2. Prof. C.D. Johny of Zoology Dept. after 28 years of service
3. Dr. Babu Jose P. of Chemistry Dept. after 27 years of service
4. Prof. K.S. Antony of Commerce Dept. after 26 years of service

While prof. Tom Varghese and Prof. C.D. Johny are to retire on March 31<sup>st</sup>, Prof. Babu Jose.P. and Prof. K.S. Antony will retire on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> respectively.

On behalf of the college community I take this opportunity to thank them for their selfless service.

### 1.3. Establishment Staff

We have a co-operativre and hardworking team of non teaching staff whose present strength is 61. Two of them will be retiring in this calender year. -Mr. O.O. Varghese (lab assistant) on May 31<sup>st</sup> and Mr.P.J. John, (office staff), on August 31<sup>st</sup> after 22 and 33 years of service respectively. On behalf of the college community I place on record our gratitude to them.

### 1.4 PTA

The Parent Teacher Association has always been a strong supporter and friend in all our needs. Their helping hands are there behind many facilities and programmes we have in the college. This year under the leadership of Adv.P.K. Joseph and A.G. Varghese, Vice president and Secretary respectively the PTA proved to be a pillar of strength for the college. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents and benefactors of the college.



## 1. Academic Activities & Results

The academic year began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2002 with classes for the II and III year under graduates. Classes for the other students started in phases as and when their university examinations were completed. The first year undergraduate and first year post graduate classes commenced with prayer meetings, Principal's address and orientation programmes.

### 2. 1. Examination Results

I am happy to note that we were able not only to maintain our proud tradition of academic excellence but also to improve on our past records. At the degree level we have an average pass percentage of about 94 with 3 first ranks in 10 different courses. Subhi Tresa Sebastian won the first rank in B.A. English copy Editor, Arun K.R. won the first rank in B.Sc.Mathematics and Bibin John won the first rank in B.Sc.Industrial Chemistry. Girish V.M. won the second rank in B.Sc.Botany and Binoy Mathew won the second rank in B.Sc.Industrial Chemistry. It is to be noted that this pass percentage is about 2% higher than that of the previous year. At the post graduate level we have an average pass percentage of nearly 88. Deepa Puthenparambil won the second rank in M.Sc.Chemistry and Manju N. won the third rank in M.Sc. Physics. Neelima Raveendran and Fr. Saji Peter bagged the first and second ranks respectively in MA English. Asha M. won the second rank in M.Com. examination.

### 3. Programmes in the College, Departments, Clubs, and Associations.

This year the college was brimming with intellectual and cultural activities. I would like to give you a brief account of the major programmes and activities of the various departments, associations and clubs, functioning in the college

#### 3. 1. The College Union

The college union elections were held in a peaceful atmosphere on September 20, 2002

The following were elected to the college students union

Chairman	: Vijay P.Jacob
Vice Chairman	: Dhanya G
General Secretary	: Hibi Eden
Arts Club Secretary	: Jomon P.K
Magazine Editor	: Dinu Varghese
University-Union Councillors	: 1 Bobby K.A
	: 2 Sherrin John
Lady Representatives	: 1. Smitha C
	: 2. Krishnapriya N.R
IDC Representative	: Prince Joseph
II DC Representative	: Joe Amith James
III DC Representative	: Mathew Joseph
IPG Representative	: Renjini R
II PG Representative	: Rojas Thomas

The Union inauguration was conducted on 10.Oct 2002 by Hon. Dist.Collector Gyanesh Kumar IAS. Chief guest Dominic Presentation MLA presented a memento to Ajinth L.Dennison, world powerlifting Champion on behalf of the College Union. Arts club was inaugurated by film star Sri. Dileep. Talent day, Film festival were some of the other activities conducted by the college union. The union also played a major role in organising the students for the University Youth Festival, in which our college won the Second runner-up with 51 points. The college won the overall trophy for music with 29 points.



### 3. 2. Heartifest 2002

Heartifest 2002, the annual cultural festival of the college was staged on 9-11-2002 in the college auditorium at 4.00 p.m.. Rev.Fr.Manager lighted the lamp and various cultural programmes of staff and students were presented. Rev. Fr.Principal presented awards to meritorious students. Prof T.T.Joseph was the convener of the programme committee, Prof P.J. Philip was the co-ordinator of music programme, and Rev. Sr. Rosily was the co-ordinator of dance programmes. Prof. V.M. George was the General Convener.

### 3. 3.Sargapadham 2002

The 6<sup>th</sup> sargapadham 2002 (All Kerala Literary Pentathalon) was conducted on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The programme started with a symposium on "Decline of Idealism Among the Youth". The symposium was inaugurated by Rev. Fr.John Pynadath, the Manager. Dr. Sebastian Paul, Mr.Cherian Philip. Mr.Civic Chandran and Mr.P.T.Thomas MLA were the speakers on the occasion. The first prize winners in the 5 items were the following

- 1 Essay writing S.H. College, Thevara
- 2 Extempore speech Govt. Law College, EKM
- 3 Quiz Competition Maharajas College EKM
- 4 Mock Press St. Theresa's college EKM
- 5 Group discussion - St. Theresa's college EKM

The best all rounder was Govt. Law College, Ernakulam. The best all round team was Maharajas College Ernakulam. Special thanks to the team of teachers and students who worked under the able leadership of Dr. Tom Varghese and Prof.K.C.Abraham to make the programmes a grand success.

### 3. 4. Campus Ministry

For the promotion of values in the personal and social life of each member of the community, the college offers a series of programmes under the aegis of campus ministry. The new comers day programmes for students and parents included Holy Mass for Catholic students and parents, inter-religious prayer sessions for non catholics, orientation talks for students and orientation talks for parents. While Rev.Fr. Francis Kurissery made the new comers day, a delightful and inspiring one for the students, Dr.P.M. Chacko shared his valuable experiences as a parent and teacher with the parent community.

Value-awareness programmes for the students were conducted in different batches . For the first year degree students, the resource person was Dr. Alexander Jacob IPS. For the second year degree students, the resource person was Prof. Alicekutty a "Charismatic retreat preacher". For the final year degree students, the resource person was Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath, former principal of the College. For the PG students, the resource person was Rev. Dr. Francis Kurissery.

Renewal programmes for ministerial staff was conducted on Feb 15. The ministerial staff of the colleges under Xavier Board, Kerala North Zone, also participated. The resource persons were Rev.Fr. Jacob Manjaly and Mr.Koshi John.



#### 4. **Invited Lecture**

Mr. Soney Varghese, a former student of the department and presently a research scholar of the Technical University, Eindhoven, Netherlands, Spoke on the "Modern applications of Polymers in Communication" on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2002.

5. Prof. K.V.Thomas Endowment National Seminar on Feb, 14 and 15, 2003 The National seminar on "Recent Advances in Chemistry and Biosciences" was organized by the department of chemistry from 14-15<sup>th</sup> February 2003. The resource persons were Dr. S. Ayyappan, the Deputy Director General of Fisheries, ICAR, Dr. K.P. Gopinathan, IISc, Bangalore and Dr. Paul K. from M.G. University

#### 6. Individual achievement

1. Prof. Thommachan Xavier presented a paper in the international seminar on "Advances in polymer Technology" held at Cochin from 12-14, December 2002. It was jointly organised by the Technical University, Eindhoven, Netherlands and Cochin University of Sciences and Technology.
2. Prof. P.M. Joseph and Prof. Joseph John completed one year training programme in "Chemical Analysis and Quality Management" conducted by the Central University of Hyderabad and obtained post graduate diploma
3. Dr. M. George served as the resource person in the Refresher Course for teachers on "Mass Spectrometry" organized by Cochin University and in the national Seminar on "Molecular Modeling" organized jointly by M.G. University and Baselius College, Kottayam
4. Prof. Joseph John, Prof. Thommachan Xavier and Dr. Mini Elizabeth Eapen attended seminars on "Polarography", "Quantum mechanics" and "Group Theory" organized by U.C. College and SNMC College Maliankara.
5. Sr.(Dr.) Elizabeth William attended a National Seminar on "Advances in Chemistry" at Trivandrum from 29-31 January 2003. sponsored by Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore, FCBS, Tvm and RBL, Tvm.
6. Sr.(Dr.) Elizabeth William served as the Resource Person for the teachers of BKM College, Amalagiri and St. Xavier's College, Alwaye on the topic "Human Resource Development".
7. Sr.(Dr.) Elizabeth William participated in a seminar for youth leaders organised by ECC (Ecumenical Christian Centre), Bangalore 10-16<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

#### 4. **8. Department of Botany**

Through the consultancy and extension wing of the department of Botany, 24 students successfully completed a short term tissue culture training programme in this year. This is the first attempt of this kind in our college.

The former students association of the department organised a seminar on 'Bioinformatics' for the final year students of the department on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2002. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran, head, Biotechnology department, CUSAT gave a lecture on the topic.

With the sincere efforts of the botany students, especially final B.Sc. students, the department could revive the herbal garden with more than 100 medicinal plants.

The dept. also conducted an invited talk on modern genetics by Mrs. Seetha K. Rajeev Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Trivandrum on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2003

Mrs. R. Rajalakshmi, who was doing research work in the department, under the guidance of Dr. Joseph Jose was awarded Ph.D by the M.G. University in November 2002

Two research scholars working under the guidance of Dr. Joy P. Joseph and one under Dr. C.M. Joy submitted their Ph.D thesis and are awaiting results.

#### 4. **9. Department of Mathematics**

The performance of the students of Mathematics in the university exams was excellent. Arun K.R. of Final B.Sc. Mathematics obtained First Rank in the university exams. The overall pass percentage was 99.6.

The department conducted a series of lectures on current topics in mathematics as part of the Fr. John Therezhath endowment lecture series in Mathematics in January 2003.



#### 4. 10. Department of Zoology

A year long golden jubilee celebrations of the department culminated with a closing ceremony held on November 15, 2002. The golden jubilee year was marked by various academic programmes including an IT Fest. Rev. Fr. Austin Endowment Lecture was held on Nov. 11, 2002. Dr. Georgy.K, Ninan MD, Consultant Nephrologist, PVS Memorial Hospital delivered a lecture on "Diagnosis and Management of Leptospirosis" on the occasion and was attended by a large section of the staff & students of the college. The activities of the Zoology association was inaugurated on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002. by Dr.K.Devadasan, Director, CIFT, Cochin. Under the auspices of the association various programmes were organised.

#### 4. 11. Physical Education

This academic year also the Dept. of Physical Education as usual played its role in grooming the students of this college as healthy, disciplined and mature citizens of this country. We have to remember that only in a healthy body there can be a healthy mind. For all round physical fitness of the students the department provided training facilities in various games martial arts and yoga in the college. The well equipped multi gymnasium in the college is one of the best available in the country.

The college team won M.G. University Judo (Men) and Table Tennis (Men) Championships and were awarded Runner up in Basket ball, Tennis, Chess and wrestling. In weight lifting, Cycling (Men & Women), Yoga, Best physique (Men), and Wrestling (Women) our team won third position in the university.

Our Wrestling Team won this year's All Kerala Free Style Wrestling Championship and third place in the college games. Our basket ball team won the Runner up in the Fr. Bartholomew Tournaments. Baselius Tournament and Third place in the College Games. The College Judo team was the overall Champion in the Ernakulam district Judo Championship.

Mr. Ajinth L. Dennison of this college brought laurels to our country by winning Gold medal in the World Powerlifting Championships held at Russia. He was also the winner in the Asian Powerlifting Championships held at Korea.

Sandeepta Luiz of this college represented Indian Junior badminton team and participated in the French open badminton Championship.

Twenty three students from this college represented the University and state during this academic year.

#### Programmes and Events organized during this year.

The prestigious Fr. Bartholomew Tournament was conducted for the 57<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The department conducted this year's M.G. University Championships for Powerlifting, wrestling, judo and Athletics in the college. The Athletics and basket ball competitions of the Vth college games were conducted in the college. The department also hosted the Ernakulam District Judo Championship for sub juniors, juniors and seniors.

Apart from this the department organized a Workshop and Clinic for the basket ball officials at the all Kerala level. M.G. University Physical Education Teacher's Fixture setting meeting was also held in our college.

This year's Prof. M.K. Abraham Endowment award for the best all round sportsman was annexed by Benny John 3<sup>rd</sup> BA Sociology, Prof. Peter Thomman award for the best all around sportswomen was bagged by Miss Blessy Stephen 2<sup>nd</sup> M.Com. The college sports meet was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

#### 4. 12. Aquaculture Studies

During the year under report 8 batches of students completed their studies. Based on campus interview 50% of the students got employed and the ninth batch commenced from November 2002.

The multispecies Ornamental fish hatchery fish sale commenced from 21<sup>st</sup> November- World fisheries day was a great success and fishes worth Rs. 6000/- were sold.

The centre participated in All India Aquarium show at Kochi and was awarded second prize among the educational institutions.



#### 4. Programmes in the Departments

##### 4. 1. Department of English

The centre for Fine Arts, functioning under the dept. of English, conducted a one day Film Appreciation Workshop for students of M.G. University, in collaboration with Cochin Film Society. Nearly 70 participants from various colleges took part in the workshop. Classes were taken by Prof. Shanmuga Das, Govt. College Thrissur. Two feature films and several clippings from world Cinema were screened.

The fourth Daniel Thottakara Memorial National Seminar was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January. Mr. Sasikumar, Chairman, Media Development Foundation, Chennai was the chief Resource Person. The topic was "Writing and Difference : Literature and the Public Domain in the Post colonial Context". Several Papers were presented in the seminar, and there were 40 teacher delegates from various colleges in the state.

The fifth Rev. Dr. Daniel Thottakara Memorial Lecture for post graduate students was conducted on 27-1-2003. Dr. Rajeev Krishnan of Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad was the chief Resource Person. He spoke on Modernism in English and European literature and art.

The dept. also conducted remedial English classes for teachers of Sacred Heart Secondary School as a part of extension service.

##### 4. 2. Department of Economics

The activities of the Economics Association were inaugurated by Rtd. Prof. P.J. Cycriac. On the occasion Dr. K. V. Raju gave a talk on "Ageing and Disability Policy" in the international perspective!

Members of faculty actively participated in national and international seminars and conferences.

Mr. Siby Zacharias attended the Annual Conference of South Indian American Students and presented a paper on Global Impact of Sept. 11 attack on USA.

Mr. Alphonse Ligouri participated in an international seminar and in a refresher course in History conducted by M.G. University.

Mr. V.T. Jose was awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Kerala and he presented a paper in Economics at the Annual Conference of Indian Economics Association held at Trivandrum.

Rev. Fr. Gilson John and Mr. Madhusudanan Nair attended an international seminar on research projects.

Dr. Raju K. V. rejoined the department after 3 years of service and learning in USA

##### 4. 3. Department of Commerce

The Dept. of commerce conducted a seminar, on Career Development sponsored by the Magnus Institute, Kochi for the benefit of B.Com. and M.Com students. The commerce students of this college participated in the inter collegiate competition held at St. Pauls college, Kalamassery, December 2002. They won the over all Trophy in addition to a number of individual prizes.



#### 4. 4. Department of Sociology

The highlights of this year's activities are the following

1. A special meeting to welcome the new comers was held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2002
2. The Sociology Association was inaugurated on 24-11-2002. The chief guest was Rev. Dr. Cherian Kuniathodath
1. A one day seminar was conducted on the topic 'Sociological Analysis of the Roles of the Youth' on 25-11-2002. The subject expert was prof. Paulose, dept, of Social work. Rajagiri college of Social Science, Kalamassery.
2. A Tribal visit cum social exposure programme was organised for final year students from 28<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2002 at Kozhimala and Memari. Fr. Abraham Kallarackal and Mr. R. K. Varghese from the faculty accompanied the students
3. On 15-12-2002 BA students visited the old age home at Pothy, Thalayolapparambu
4. Arun memorial quiz competition was held for the students of Sociology on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2003
5. The manuscript magazine "Socio Waves" was released on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2003.
6. Send off to the final year students was arranged by the first and second years on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2003.

#### 4. 5. Department of Hindi

1. About 200 students of I BA/B.Sc/B.Com and II BA/B.Sc. students appeared for the pretest examination conducted by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachara Sabha. Our students bagged 6 ranks in the examination and our college was given the trophy for the best performance in the examination
2. Dr. K. K. Paulose department of Hindi attended a Two day international seminar held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2002 at the Morning Star Home Science College, Angamaly.

#### 4. 6. Department of Physics

Activities of Physics association for the year 2002-2003 was inaugurated on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2002. Intending to bring new developments and changes in the sphere of science before the students, the association has launched a news letter "The spectrum" published in every two months. Under the auspices of the association students had undertaken some social activities. In the month of November the department successfully conducted the departmental festival "Fussion". The Association is intending to conduct an eye donation programme with the help of Little Flower Hospital, Angamally.

#### 4. 7. Department of Chemistry.

*Activities of the Chemistry department of this academic year are the following*

1. Foundation for the capacity building in science (FCBS) Lecture series on November 6, 2002  
The FCBS lecture series in Chemistry was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2002. It was jointly organized by the department of chemistry and FCBS. The objective of the seminar was to highlight the need and support to promote excellence in capacity building in science education and research. Prof. S. Chandrashekar IISc Bangalore, Prof. M.V. George RRL Tvm. and Dr. G. Vijay Nair, former Director, RRL were the resource persons. In the afternoon an endowment lecture was organized in honour of the retired professors P.E. Aravidaksha Kartha, V.A. Joseph, K.J. Thomas Jacob and Varghese Paul. The resource persons were Dr. Ajayghosh and Dr. K. George Thomas from RRL Tvm. They spoke on the topics "Chemistry of Chemosensors and Atomic imaging by SPM-Candid camera for Nanworld, respectively. Prof. Babu Jose and Prof. M.T. Mathew were the moderators.
  1. The inauguration of the Chemistry Association was held on November 12, 2002
  2. The "6<sup>th</sup> Prof. P.J. Joseph Memorial quiz" was held on November 21, 2002



#### 4. 13. Library

The college library, having a collection of 67466 books, including 3250 reference books subscribes to 65 periodicals. During the academic year 626 books were added to the library. Thanks to the able guidance of Fr.Saviance, the bar code system has been implemented and most of the activities of the library are automated. The Students and the staff effectively utilize the resources of the library.

#### 5. Associations & Clubs

Development of talents and Skills is essential for the integral formation of a student. The Clubs functioning for the promotion of extra curricular activities in the college are divided mainly into three groups.

- 1 Statutory Association: These are clubs formulated according to directions from University such on NCC and NSS.
- 2 Talent Clubs: These are clubs Constituted on the board parameters of the cultural events of the university youth festival.
- 3 Awareness Forums: The main objectives of these clubs are to promote interest in specific areas e.g. Nature club, Women cell, AICUF etc.

#### 5. 1. NCC - NAVAL WING

NCC Naval Wing began its activities on the second week of August 2002 enrolling 50 boys and 50 girls under the guidance of Lt.Siby Mathew, lecturer in the Physics Department. The NCC Naval Wing gives importance to the development of Personality, leadership and inculcating a sense of discipline in cadets. It also gives them an opportunity to get special training in Naval subjects like Boat work, ship modeling, boat pulling and sailing.

Some of the major events and prizes won by the cadets this year are

1. Cadet. Cpt. Sanu Wilfred was selected for the Youth Exchange Programme to visit Bahrain and Kuwait
2. 20 cadets attended ATC camp at Kavarathi, Capital of Lakshadweep.
3. 20 cadets attended National Integration Camp at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
4. L/C cadet Sumesh K.S. attended Republic Day Celebrations at New Delhi and won Governor's medal for best cultural programmes
5. L/C Ratheesh P.R., L/C Sumi.P.L, L/C Preethi Parameswaran P.O., Sangeetha K.S attended Nausainik camp at Vishakhapatnam.
6. L/C.Sumi won all Kerala Best Cadet gold medal during inter group competitions.
7. L/C Anitha Yadev, Reshmi R.Krishnan, and Vidhu Bala attended All India Camp at Goa. Reshmi won Silver medal in cemaphore.
8. PO cadet Sarath Kumar, PO cadet Sangeetha K.S and L/C Geetha Lakshmy secured the prestigious Sahara India Scholarship worth Rs. 15000/- instituted by Sahara group of companies on all India basis to NCC cadets.
9. Cadets Rose Merin and Sreena Velayudhan won sailing gold medal during inter group competitions.

#### 5. 2. N.C.C. Army Wing

N.C.C. activities of the year 2002-03 was inaugurated by Lt. Col. Mathew Thomas, the Commanding Officer of 21 Kerala Battalion N.C.C, Ernakulam. The Battalion increased the enrolled strength from 80 to 100 cadets. On Gandhi Jayanthi day the cadets actively participated in the "Cleaning Kochi City Programme", organized by the Janakeeya Powra Samithi. Special firing practice was given to the cadets in our firing range. Sgt: Anoop V. Aracklan of II B.Sc. Computer Science was selected to the Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate in the Thal Sainik Camp held at New Delhi. He won the special prize for the best performance in the camp from the Directorate. Under Officer Vivek Varghese of III B.Sc. Mathematics was selected for the Youth Exchange Programme In Kuwait. Lcpl Saju J. of I BA Economics and Lcpl Arun S of I B.Sc. Computer Science have participated in the All India Trekking Camp held at Agasthykudam.



Six cadets represented our Ernakulam Group at the various National Integration Camps held at Maharashtra and Mavoor. Thal Sainik selection Camp was held in the college. 40 cadets have undergone special training in various Annual Training Camps held at Union Christian College, Aluva; Government Polytechnic, Kalamassery. The College was selected for conducting Part "B" and Part "C" certificate Examination, 21 cadets for Part "B" and 9 cadets for Part "C" certificate examinations.

#### 5. 1. Report of NSS activities during 2002-2003

The college has 4 NSS units with 423 students and 4 programme officers.

The formal inauguration of the unit level activities were conducted by Mr. K.B. Mohammed Kutty, the president of Ernakulam Jilla Panchayath.

NSS Fest '03, the cultural fest for NSS volunteers of M.G. University was conducted by the college on a grand scale. Participants from 36 colleges attended the Fest, and Abdul Shafeek of this unit secured the second prize in poster designing.

More than 150 students have participated in the district level rally conducted by 'Janesava'. 4 volunteer secretaries have undergone the leadership training course conducted by M.G. University, 2 programme officers have attended the orientation programme and one programme officer has attended the refresher course conducted at TOC, Rajagiri College of Social Science.

12 of our volunteers have participated in various inter collegiate Camps conducted by M.G. University and Calicut University. 36 volunteers have donated blood to deserving patients in different hospitals.

Two mini camps, one nature study camp and six one day programmes were conducted during the year. 120 members have actively associated with the massive cleaning work during the labour week, collaborating with the corporation of Cochin.

Supply of note books to deserving school students, supply of free ration to one cancer patient, financial assistance to a deserving patient in the hospital etc. were the programmes taken up by the unit, during the year, in the adopted villages.

The 10 day special camping programme for the year was conducted at Govt. Higher Secondary School Maradu, in association with Maradu Grama Panchayath.

#### 5. 4. Speakers Forum

The Speakers forum had unprecedented membership of 53 members during the academic year 2002-2003. The formal inauguration was done by Sri.H.V. Benny, the chief editor of Samakalika Malayalam. The forum was in the forefront in organising many literary and cultural programmes in the campus. It had the leadership in conducting the Sargapadham. The forum has weekly sessions of group discussions, speech practices and open forums. A unique programme of informal cultural literary get-together of students and staff was started at the behest of the speakers forum and under the leadership of a group of teachers. The members of the forum brought many awards to the college by winning speech /Debate competition. Mr. Anish P. Rajan won the prestigious Bobby Paul prize and intellectual grant award, besides many debate and elocution competitions like The Economic Association Trophy, Bharathmatha Former Students Association Trophy along with Mr. Tomson of II B.Com, Rohini and Bharat Jins of II B.Sc. It is a matter of great pride that the members of the forum, under the aegis of the Rotract raised money through a day's hotel service and it was spent for the Onam celebrations of the inmates of Thevara Home for the Aged

#### 5. 5. Music Club

The club had a good run this academic year with its members competing and winning prizes in many inter collegiate and state-level competitions. The highlights of the year so far include the following. Five members of the club, Vijay, Nitin, Saritha, Renjini and Jane were part of the eight member University team that won the 1 place in Group Music (Eastern) in the All-India inter-university youth festival held at Hyderabad. This is a rare honour in the history of S.H. College. The members of the club actively involved in making all the cultural events of the college exciting with their melodious musical rendition. In the University Youth Festival, our members came home with 29 points and the overall trophy for music.



## 5. 6. Primrose Nature Club

Primrose Nature Club aims at inculcating and spreading nature awareness among the students and the public to make them more environment conscious and nature friendly. With this vision the club conducted and supervised various activities in and around the college.

1. The club members met every fortnight to discuss and evaluate the current environmental issues
2. Seminar on 'Mangrove Conservation' on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2002.
3. Formal Inauguration and observation of World Environment Day 5<sup>th</sup> June 2002
4. Flower Carpet Competition on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2002
5. Wildlife week celebrations on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2002.
6. Trekking in Thattekkadu Bird Sanctuary on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2002
7. Seminar on 'Water Resources Management' on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2002
8. Nature Study Camp at Eravikulam National Park on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2002
9. Classroom beautification contest 2002-2003.
10. Valedictory function and certificate distribution on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2003

## 5. 7. Thanathu Agricultural Club.

This year also the Thanathu Agricultural club of our college was active. The highlights of the activities of the club was the study tour conducted by the club on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Selected members of the club visited agriculture, aquaculture, vermiculture and sericulture farms in and around Angamali and Kaladi. The students were accompanied by Dr.M.S.Francis (Dept. of Botany). Dr. K.K.Paulose (Dept. of Hindi) and Prof. P.J.Kuruvachan (Dept. of Chemistry). The members of the club met periodically and shared their ideas.

## 5. 8. AICUF

The AICUF did something different compared to former years

The activities of the AICUF for the year was inaugurated by Mr. Jose Maveli, patron of Janaseva Sisubhavan on September 20. The Street play by members of Janaseva Sisubhavan added colour to the function. The Principal Rev. Fr. Poonely encouraged them by giving a present on behalf of the college. The programme concluded with an exciting dance.

The AICUF put up a stall on the day of heartifest. The profit of Rs.1050/- went to the poor.

A freshers camp organised from 10-1-2003 to 12-1-2003 was also a great success where students from several other colleges participated along with the AICUF members of this college. An exposure programme to a nearby oldage home was also conducted during the camp.

## 5. 9. The Women's Cell

The following are the main activities of women's cell this year

- 1 Inter-collegiate leadership training camp held from September 14-16<sup>th</sup> 2002. 40 participants from 7 colleges attended
- 2 Inter-collegiate Seminar on 'Mass Media and its impacts on youth' held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2002 at 'Thammaya' Media centre Kumaranalloor. 80 participants attended.
- 3 Free Eye camp at St.Mary's U.P.School, west Cheranalloor held on 9/2/2003 in collaboration with Kolencherry Medical College. 350 patients attended the camp.

## 5. 10. Jesus Youth

Jesus Youth conducts prayer meetings every Wednesday. Apart from that, the group celebrated christmas with carol singing. It spreads love and peace in the campus.

## 5. 11. Linguists Clubs

Linguists club held five meetings this year and there are 10 members in the club. The club makes etymological study of English, Hindi and Malayalam words.

5. **Other Major Activities**

6. **1. Career Guidance Centre**

The Career Guidance Centre, under the leadership of Fr. Gilson, caters to the various needs of students regarding competitive examinations, "how to face interview, how to take part in a group discussion etc." It maintains an excellent reference library with 20 current periodicals.

6. **2. Counselling Centre**

The Counselling and Guidance centre was blessed and inaugurated on 24 October 2002 by the Principal. It is intended to help the students in developing their personality. Proper guidance will go a long way in helping our young boys and girls lead a full life. A trained Counsellor will be available for the students. Rev. Fr. Abraham Kallarackal Head of the Department of Sociology is the Director of the Centre.

6. **3. Distance Education**

Our college has been a study centre for the three year BCA course of Distance Education, M.G. University since 1997. Four batches of students have completed the course at this centre till date. At present there are two batches having a combined strength of sixty eight students. We have signed an MOU with the university for starting two P.G. programmes, MCA and MBA under the off-campus stream from the academic year 2003-04 onwards.

6. **4. S.H. College Co-operative Society Reg. No.E 651**

The college has a well functioning Co-operative society. This year the society is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. As part of its expansion, the society introduced many new projects with the help of PTA of this college, which are beneficial to the College community. In the coming year the society is planning to launch a scheme "Vidyarthi Kshema Nidhi" in view of helping the financially poor students.

I would like to conclude this report with a personal note of gratitude and satisfaction. This academic year happened to coincide with the Silver Jubilee of my Priestly Ordination. Beyond my expectations the teaching and the non-teaching staff and the entire student community celebrated it with much love and respect. I am short of words to express my gratitude.

Finally let me take this opportunity to thank the college community, the manager, the vice-principal, members of the faculty, the non-teaching staff, the PTA and my students for their whole hearted support and co-operation.

I raise my heart in humble gratitude to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus for the countless blessings he has showered on us. Once again my sincere thanks to all.

Now extending a warm welcome to our Chief Guest Mr. V.J. Kurian IAS I place this report before you.





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## Kerala, Cochin (Kochi), Alleppey (Alappuzha), Quilon (Kollam)

### *Cochin ( Kochi ) an important old Port in Kerala, India*

I will be adding a brief on Cochin, but until then you can go through the photographs of various places, from the old buildings, the Bishop's Palace, the Dutch Houses, and a boat ride around the shore through the harbour. Then You can visit **Chavara South** or **Tangasseri** ( Tangy ).

Cochin or Kochi as it is now called, is a very interesting part of Kerala. Infact, it is perhaps one of the oldest trading sections. A trading port is said to exist since the Roman times, and it was on the main trade route between Europe and China. The Town of Cochin is basically in three parts. Fort Cochin, which is on the seaward side, and perhaps was why the Fort was built to safeguard the city. Willingdon Island, which was a man-made creation of the 1920's by dredging the bay to increase the depth of the entrance to the harbour. The Navy has an established base over here, and also is where the Cochin Railway Terminus and Airport are located. Across the causeway from Willingdon Island is Ernakulam. When you are approaching by road from Quilon, you will be able to see the roads branch off to Ernakulam and Fort Cochin. Immediately opposite the jetty at Ernakulam is Bolghatty Island and further away is Vypeen Island. Bolghatty Palace built in 1744 by the Dutch, has now been turned into a hotel, and you will be able to see the walls of the same when you take a boat ride. A picture of this so called 'island' is seen below as part of the Cochin boat ride and Island.



It was from 1795 until India's Independence, the outer part of the island and beach was under the British Colonial rule or political control, while the inner part was under the Kochi State and Raja of Travancore. Because of this division of political ruling, the harbour was not developed till around 1920 - 1923, when the approach channel was dredged to allow any ship that could pass through the Suez Canal to dock safely, thus opening the harbour to then so called 'modern shipping lines'.

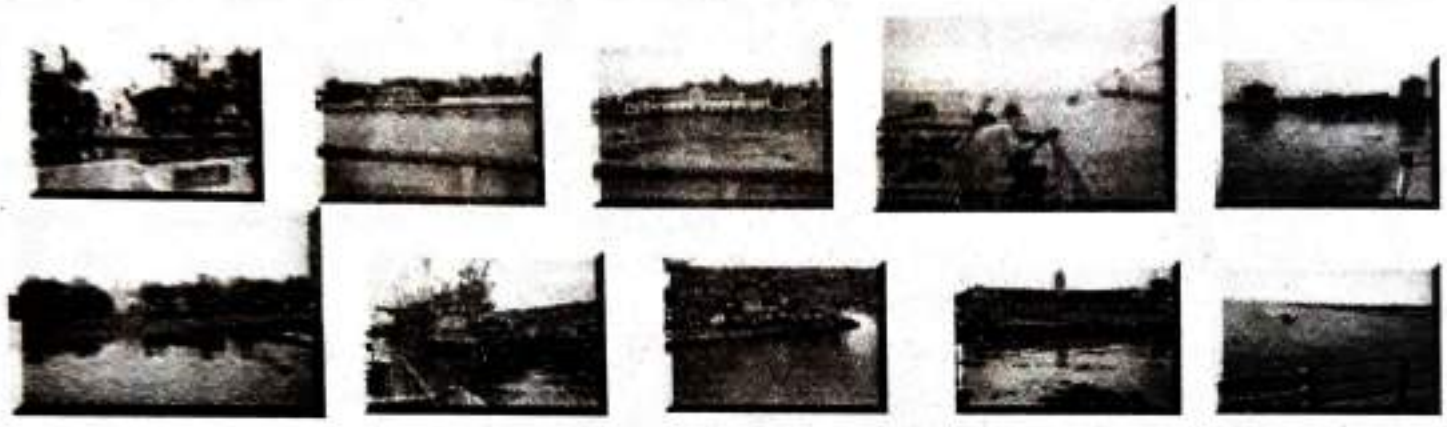
Most of the historical buildings are in Fort Cochin, and the Portuguese fort founded in 1503 is now a ruin. ( I did not get to see it). One place that really was interesting was the Mattancheri Palace. They do not allow photography there, hence I do not have any photographs, but I am trying to get some 'official' ones. History goes back that the Portuguese built the palace around 1557 as a gift for the raja of Kochi in exchange for trading rights. In 1663, it was substantially re-built by the Dutch who had taken over from the Portuguese. The Palace is on 2 floors and built in a quadrangle. It now houses the Museum which has exhibits of the Rajas of Kochi, such as gowns, palanquins, weapons (mostly spears and swords) and furniture. The interior is panelled with wood as well as the flooring, but there are some walls that are covered with detailed mural paintings from the Ramayana. Other paintings in the rooms adjoining are large murals which are of the Rajas, and are very



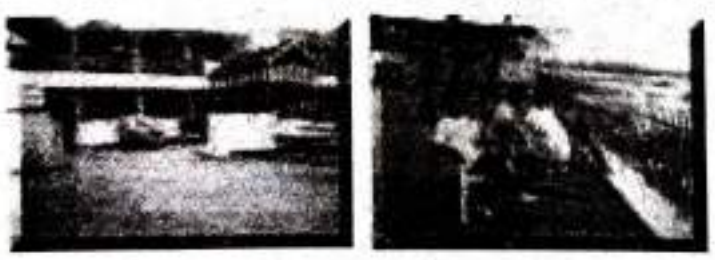


realistic and look like photographs. The ladies chambers are below, but that was closed off to visitors. Adjacent to the Palace is a Temple that has as a backdrop the **Jewish Synagogue**. The Temple is not open to non-Hindus . The entrance to the compound of the Mattancheri Palace is through two arches . There is a lot of similarity between these arches and those found at the entrance to Tangassery, which shows the Portuguese influence. Even the side of the palace seems to have a little bit of the flat features found in the building of Churches.

### **A boat ride around Cochin Harbour and the Island**



**A visit to the Boat Club, spending a pleasant evening with a song along the water front.**

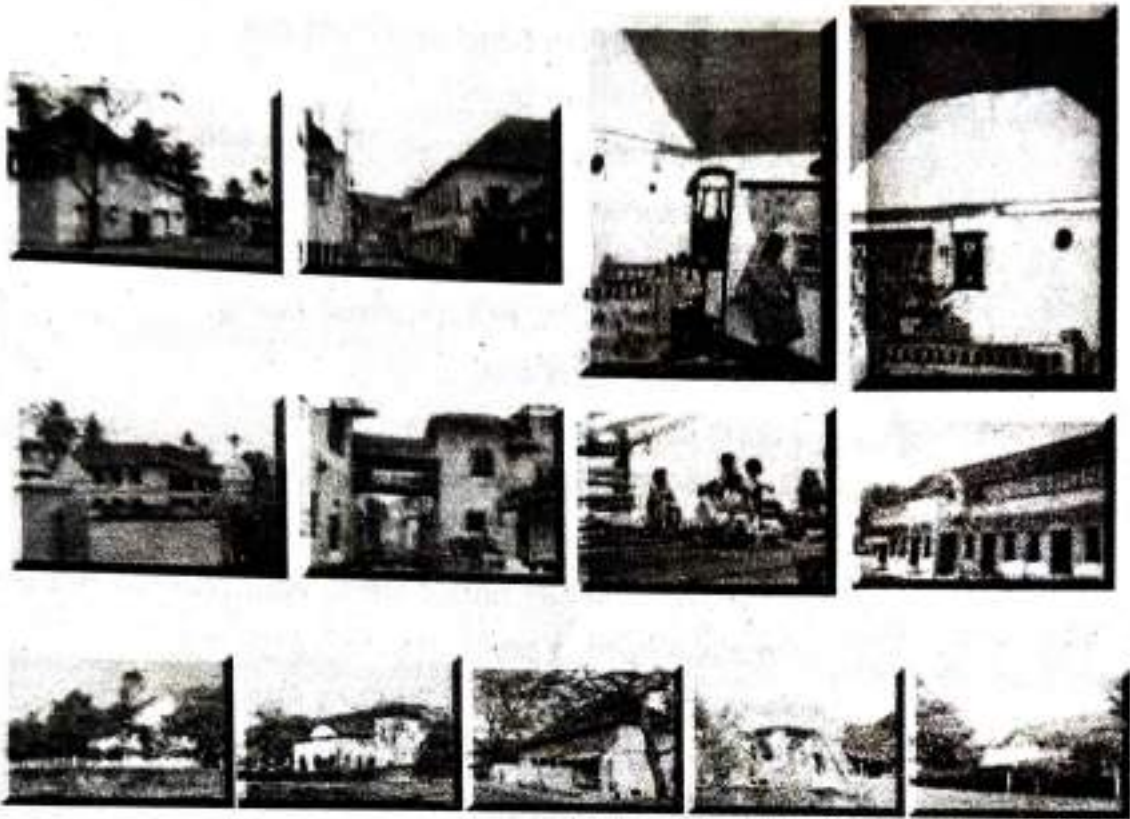


### **The Bishop's Palace , Cochin ( Kochi ).**





Old Dutch style houses, the roof is covered with wood on the inside but very low. Also Some old buildings, a view of the nets on the shore, where one can rest and watch the fishing



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Doesn't mean I'm lucky.  
Even though I can't eat and need a feeding tube,  
Doesn't mean I'm not a human being.  
If you ever insult me,  
I don't care,  
Because God is with me wherever I go.  
God see me in his own image.  
Whatever you say about me is your opinion not a fact.  
I'm still a human being even if I look ugly.  
Some people look ugly, but are famous,  
They're still human beings.  
You, me, and them.  
Lincoln looked ugly to some people,  
But he stopped slavery.  
So to tell you,  
I'm a human being.*



**ANDREW MATHEW**



# THE CRYING NEED FOR SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASS

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**S**peech is perhaps the most distinguishing gift of God to man, but, the present educational system neglects it extremely and deplorably. Written examination tests a student's memorizing and reproducing capacity. Most students commit to memory all that is important from the stand point of their examination and virtually vomit in the examination hall. Of course, students write something, original or unoriginal, when they appear for a written examination where as there is no regular oral examination at all so that their power of oral communication may be tested.

When the teacher goes on speaking in English in the classroom and the student goes on listening to him, it gives the impression that the teacher blares like a loud speaker and the student sits dumb like a statue. Everyday a student has about half a dozen classes, which means that he spends a large part of his day in his educational institution. But what proficiency in spoken English does he gain? Educational institutions which try to give so much training in written English do not make any endeavor whatsoever to train students in spoken English. An Indian student normally converses with others not in English but in his mother tongue. Most of the Indian students do not ordinarily speak to one another in English even in their educational institutions.

When the need for spoken English is fully understood, ought something not to be done? Educational institutions have easily one hour everyday or their hours a week for spoken English. It is practically wise to divide a class into five groups so that every group may have a chance to speak at least once every week. A register to be placed to record the weekly progress of the students. For those who listen are free to ask questions. An active participation of the every student is observed.

Every course carries some marks and at least hundred marks can be allotted to spoken English. The spoken English examination can be divided into two parts- Interrogation and Elocution. There must be external examiners. When spoken English classes are introduced, there should be specially qualified who can ably handle such classes.

If spoken English classes are not introduced along with their university courses, most of our graduates will never have a ability to speak a few sentences in the English. If a commission were sent from heaven to inspect educational institutions in this world, it would certainly make the suggestion to close down the educational institutions which disregard God's greatest boon.



# TAKE IT EASY ANYWAY

# TEACHER & STUDENT

1. U r 100% beautiful, U r 100% lucky  
U r 100% sweet, U r 100% nice  
U r 100% stupid to believe these words.
2. When you feel sad. . . .  
To cheer up just go to the mirror and say,  
" Damn I am really so cute"  
You will overcome u r sadness,  
But don't make this a habit . . . .  
Con liars go to hell !!
3. A SARDARJI is in the library , he bangs  
Down a book and says : " Too boring, too  
Many characters and no story ".  
LIBARIAN says : "Oh ! U r the one who took  
the telephone directory away ".
4. Good looking people are hard to find  
That's why u don't ----  
That's y you don't see me often.
5. You = Cute  
You= Sweet  
You = Intelligent  
You = Amazing  
You = Perfect  
Me = Liar
6. I look at the stars, the stars are beautiful  
Then 1 look at you -----  
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I rather look at the stars again.
7. Look at the world as one big chocalate cake,  
It would never be complete without few sweets  
'N' nuts  
Sweets like ME and 'nuts' like you.
8. Your brain will be refreshed in the next 5  
seconds -----

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- 1) **TEACHER** : What is the chemical formula for water  
**SARAH** : "H I J K L M N O"  
**TEACHER** : What are you talking about?  
**SARAH** : Yesterday you said it is H to O.
- 2) **TEACHER** : How can you prevent diseases caused by biting insects.  
**JOSE** : Don't bite any.
- 3) **TEACHER** : What a strange pair & socks you are wearing, one is green and one is blue with red spots.  
**RAJ** : Yes, Its really strange. I've got another pair of the same at home.
- 4) **TEACHER** : What do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested.  
**PUPIL** : A teacher.
- 5) **TEACHER** : Why are you late?  
**ROY** : Because of the sign.  
**TEACHER** : What sign?  
**ROY** : The one that says, "School A head Go Slow"
- 6) **TEACHER** : Cindy, why are you doing maths sums on the floor?  
**CINDY** : You told me to do it without using tables.

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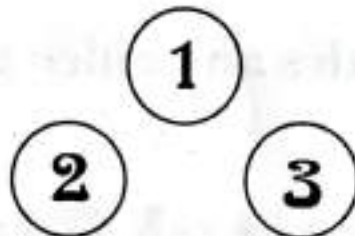
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## COLLEGE UNION REPORT 2002-2003

I am proud to present the report of the activities of the Union for the year 2002-2003. After a hotly-contested general elections held on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2002, the following students were elected.

1. **Chairman** : **Vijay P. Jacob**
2. **Vice Chairperson** : **Dhanya G.**
3. **General Secretary** : **Hibi Eden**
4. **U.U.C's** : **Bobby .K.A**  
**Sherrin John**
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The office bearers took their oaths on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, the winners day.

The official Inauguration of the activities of the Union for the academic year 2002-03 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct 2002. The Inauguration was done by the Hon. District Collector Gyanesh Kumar IAS. Dominic Presentation M.L.A was also present on the occasion. Our own hero Ajinth.L. Dennision was presented momento as a mark of our appreciation on his becoming the World champion in power-lifting. After the formal ceremony, there was variety entertainment put up by the students. An even more enjoyable and highly appreciated Ganamela by the troupe "Cochin Stars" was held in the afternoon. All the students loved it and declared the afternoon unforgettable.

The next event was the official Inauguration of the activities of the Arts Club on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2002. The Chief guest of the occasion was the reigning star of the Malayalam film industry Sri Dileep. Our beloved Principal Fr. Joseph Poonevely was felicitated on the occasion of his "Oscar Dotal". Comedians like Saju Koddiyan, Rajiv Kalamessery, Tini Tom and others who perform in the Asianet Cinemala program kept the audience in splits with their rib tickling jokes and slapstick comedy after the formal function.

The Kerala Sreeman and the Malayala Manga contests were held on the same day in the afternoon. Sudeesh K.G of 1<sup>st</sup> MA Economics and Soumya V Nair of 2<sup>nd</sup> BA Copy Editing are the K.S and M.M of this year respectively.

The film festival was conducted on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Three hits of Hindi, Tamil and English - Sathiya, Run and M I 2 were screened.

Siju Joseph of 2<sup>nd</sup> BA Economics was nominated as the General Sports Captain for the year. Our College Sports Day was held on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2002. There were three teams, Arts, Science and commerce led by three efficient Captains. Mahesh of 2<sup>nd</sup> BA Economics emerged champion among the boys and Irene of 3<sup>rd</sup> Bsc emerged champion among the girls.

This year we sent an unprecedented number of students for the M.G University Youth Festival. Our college brought home the trophy of the overall 2<sup>nd</sup> runnerup championship. We won more prizes in group events this year. There were teams representing S.H.C for Drama, Oppana, Folk Dance, Group Song Eastern and Western etc. Individual participation was also remarkable.

We conducted preliminaries and Talent Day competitions for the same purpose early this year. There were prelims conducted for all events during the month of December. Students who were selected from the prelims competed in the finals the "Talent Day" held on Jan 2002. Only the students who qualified in the final competitions were sent to represent the college Youth Festival held at Vaikom from 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to 23<sup>rd</sup> feb.

Our Union has put in our best efforts and performed our duties with utmost responsibility, honesty and sincerity. As the Gen Sec and Union member, I believe we have achieved the maximum we could within the period. I hope our activities and level of performance have reached up to the expectations.

I express my heart felt thanks to all those who co-operated with us.....

Thanking You,

**Hibi Eden**

Gen Secretary.



# Drama and Performance.

## Special issue of Research in African Literatures



This number of *Research in African Literatures* brings together essays on "drama," by which the general editors mean "the Western-inspired literary play" (1), and on "oral, nonliterary modes of performance" (1). So far as the first of these categories is concerned, the editors allege the "vitality of theatrical activity in Africa" (1), in which "plays continue to be written and published" (1) (not performed?). There is, however, relatively little to learn about the current state of theatre activity in Africa in this volume published at the end of the twentieth century.

On the other hand, the collection does provide ongoing and often informative discussion of predominantly familiar terrain. Wole Soyinka takes an anecdotal and retrospective glance at his own experiences in the 1960s and 1970s in Nigeria and at the emergence of what he calls socially iconoclastic and politically provocative orisunic theatre. He also recalls, tellingly, the continuation of his work in the early 1990s, notably in the production of *The Beatification of Area Boy* but now in exile, in Jamaica. Isidore Okpewho deals with Soyinka's adaptation of Euripides's *Bacchae* by going straight to the published text (1973), with no interest in performance history. In contrast, Nicholas Brown identifies covert contemporary political criticism and traces Brechtian resonances in Ngugi wa Thiong'o's ventures in the seventies with the Kamiriithu theatre group, as well as in *Mother, Sing For Me* in the early 1980s. He also directly addresses conditions of performance and, like Soyinka, indicates the extent to which, in Kenya as well as in Nigeria, theatre has been and often still is treated by the ruling powers as dangerously subversive. But only with Tejumola Olaniyan's study of the "uncommon sense" (77) that unsettles conventional social and political expectations in Femi Osofisan's plays is the focus of this volume directed more deliberately at theatre of the past decade or so. Sandra L. Richards's account of African influences on August Wilson's *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* (1988), again against the editors' view of theatre as "dramatic literature" (2), also pays some interesting if relatively scant attention to



performance conditions, and it offers, as well, a rare instance of African cultural influence on the West rather than the reverse. Indeed, another interesting aspect of these essays is the extent to which they provide detailed instances of hybridization of cultural influences from Europe in their analysis of attempts to develop indigenous theatre. Such hybridization is evident not only in the discussions of the work of Ngugi and Soyinka but also in what are, too, noticeably essentialist (in an old-fashioned sense) accounts by both Sidibé Valy and Mari-José Hourantier of the Ivory Coast Bin Kadi-So adaptation of Macbeth. Loren Kruger's record of the contradictions in the production of a radio and television soap opera in South Africa is this volume's sole reference that region. This leaves quite untouched any investigation of current South African theatre, or of its problematic enfeeblement in the past decade. The focus of Kruger's essay provides a bridge between the paradox of the journal's dated concept of "theatre" indifference to formal "theatre" is something that Johannes Fabian proudly wears on the sleeve of his article on the theatricality of social and ritual practices as non-performance-based, published literary text, and its more anthropologically motivated predilection in the remainder of the journal's pages for "oral and nonliterary modes of performance." Here, essays in the volume underline the artificial as well as unsatisfactory nature of the distinction with which the editors begin. Daniel Avorgbedor's account of the performance, among the Anlo-Ewe of Ghana, of Haló, in which contesting groups act out interpersonal and inter-group hostilities, is not as remote from the theatrical events, described in several of the earlier articles, that led to the banning, exile, or worse of theatrical practitioners in different African countries as Fabian's disdain, however jocular, might suggest. Intersections between formal theatre as social and political event and aspects of performance in non-theatrical cultural practice are also suggested by Bob H. White's account of the politically and socially satiric role of the atalaku or musician in Congolese popular music whose interjections contribute to the musical pace and who, he argues, is a kind of de Certeauian "trickster" as well as in the article by Pius Ngayandu Nkashama and in Joachim Feibach's concluding piece on the theatricality of certain cultural and political practices. Despite its own predilections for the literary and the anthropological, this special issue does offer, it must be admitted, a great deal of interesting detail about theatrical practice. One of the striking things about it, though, is the replication, in its editorial posture, of a very old view of "Africa" as object of Western scrutiny. Only two of the contributors and two of the book reviewers work in Africa itself. The remaining twelve contributors and thirteen reviewers are located mostly in the United States or Europe. Hence, perhaps, despite the promise of the editors, the paucity in this collection of any sense of what is happening in current African theatre.



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