

# **CRITERION 5**

# **Alumni Engagements**

# **Insights on Alumni Engagement**

The success of every alma mater lies in the accomplishments, contributions and pride of its students. With an aim to make our college a toptier institution, a supportive alumni network was established.

The Alumni Association of Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai, was registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act on November 2019. The affairs of the Association are directed by the Executive Committee comprising the President, Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Association aims to nurture a close and mutually beneficial relationship between former students and current members of the College community.

# Vision

• Aspires to foster a long-lasting and mutually beneficial partnership with the alumni community and other social groups

### **Mission**

- Conduct periodic meetings of the committee to chalk out plan of action
- Conduct social welfare activities like awareness programmes, plant tree saplings, and sanitisation and hygiene activities
- Utilise the experiences of alumni to mould the current students
- Support the financially disadvantaged students and participate in fundraising campaigns or initiatives aimed at students from low-income backgrounds
- Conduct workshops and seminars and equip students with practical knowledge and strategies to navigate financial challenges
- Re-union of ex-students

### **REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES**

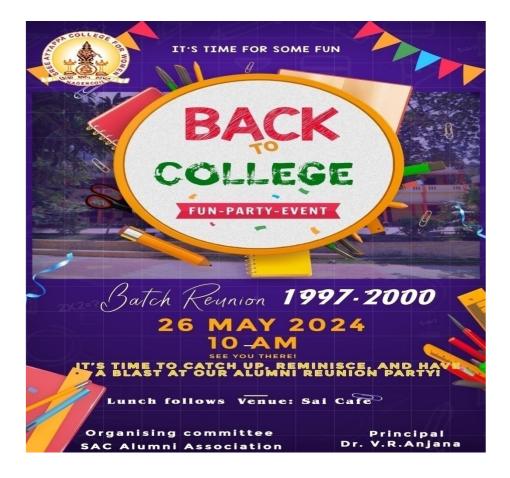
#### **Report on the Alumni Meeting**

#### **Department of Mathematics**

On May 26, 2024, the Department of Mathematics at Sree Ayyappa College for Women hosted a successful reunion for the 1997-2000 batch of alumni. The event was held on campus, offering a nostalgic return to the familiar surroundings of their alma mater. The reunion aimed to reconnect old friends, celebrate shared experiences, and explore the developments within the department and college since their graduation.

The diverse group included individuals who had traveled from different parts of the country and even abroad to attend the event. Alumni took turns sharing their favorite anecdotes and memorable experiences from their time at the college. This segment was both nostalgic and humorous, bringing back fond memories and creating new ones.

After the alumni reunion at the college, the participants continued the day's festivities at a local restaurant named Sai Cafe, where they gathered for a delightful lunch. The restaurant, with its warm and inviting ambiance, provided the perfect setting for the alumni to unwind and enjoy each other's company. Over a sumptuous spread of diverse dishes, the conversations flowed freely, blending laughter with nostalgia as they reminisced about their college days. The informal setting allowed everyone to relax and engage in lively discussions, share personal updates, and strengthen old friendships. The atmosphere was filled with joy and camaraderie, making the transition from the formal reunion to the casual lunch both seamless and enjoyable.













# **Report on the Alumni Reunion**

# **Department of English**

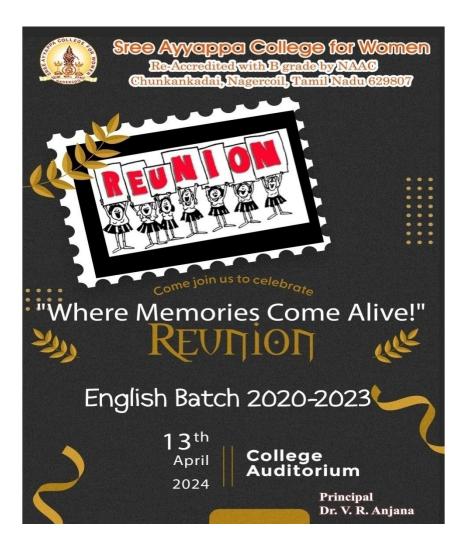
Event: Alumni Meet for the 2020-23 Batch of English Students Date: April 13, 2024 Venue: Auditorium, Sree Ayyappa College for Women Organized by: Department of English Time: 10.30 am

The Alumni Meet for the 2020-23 batch of English students was successfully conducted on April 13, 2024. The event aimed to reconnect alumni with their peers and faculty, fostering a sense of community and providing a platform for networking and sharing experiences.

The event witnessed participation from approximately sixty alumni from the 2020-23 batch, both BA and MA alongside faculty members, and current students. The diversity in attendance enriched discussions and created an engaging atmosphere. The meet commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. K. E. Padmam,

Associate Professor and Head who emphasized the importance of maintaining connections with alumni and highlighted their achievements.

Attendees engaged in breakout sessions where they discussed their postgraduation experiences, challenges faced, and opportunities discovered in their respective fields. This open dialogue fostered a spirit of collaboration and support. The event included a dedicated networking session, allowing alumni to connect with one another and current students. Many alumni expressed their willingness to mentor students, providing guidance based on their experiences.







# REPORT ON ALUMNI MEET DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

The Department of Zoology organized a highly successful Alumni Meet, bringing together former students, faculty members, and current students to celebrate achievements, foster connections, and exchange insights in the field of Zoology on December 2, 2023 through virtual mode. The event served as a platform to reminisce about shared experiences, discuss professional endeavors, and explore opportunities for collaboration and growth.

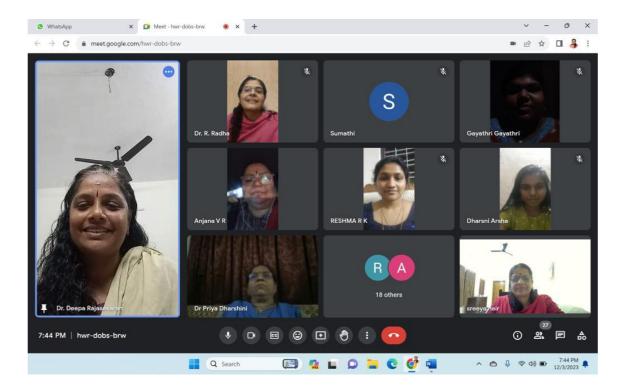
The Alumni Meet fostered a sense of belonging and community among alumni, faculty, and students, strengthening the bond between past and present members of the Department. Attendees gained valuable insights and perspectives through interactions, enriching their understanding of contemporary issues and trends in Zoology.

Alumni, faculty members, and students had the opportunity to network and reconnect during dedicated networking sessions. These interactions facilitated the exchange of ideas, experiences, and professional contacts, strengthening bonds within the zoology community.

The Alumni Meet was a resounding success, encapsulating the spirit of camaraderie, collaboration, and lifelong learning within the zoology community. The event reaffirmed the department's commitment to nurturing talent, fostering innovation, and advancing the frontiers of zoological research and education.









#### **Expert Talk by Alumni**

IIC of the Institution organized an expert talk titled "How to customize, market and sell products? -A young entrepreneur's journey" by a student entrepreneur and the alumnus of the institution namely Ms. Sharmi Elizabeth. S. on October 6 2023 at the seminar hall

**Objective of the programme:** The objective of a session on "How to Customize, Market, and Sell Products - A Young Entrepreneur's Journey" is to share the personal journey and experiences of a young entrepreneur who has successfully customized, marketed, and sold products, provide practical insights into the process of tailoring products to meet specific customer needs and preferences and offer strategies for effective product marketing and promotion. The primary goal is to empower participants with knowledge and inspiration from a young entrepreneur's experience, helping them understand the dynamics of customizing, marketing, and selling products effectively in the business world.

**Programme Outcome:** The resource person started the session by stating that starting a business as a young entrepreneur can be both exciting and challenging. She then explained the key steps and strategies for customizing, marketing, and selling products, based on the journey of a young entrepreneur such as Customizing Products- Identifying Niche, Product Design and Development, Sourcing and Customization, Quality Control, Implementing Marketing Strategies-Market Research, Branding, Building a professional website and optimize it for search engines (SEO), Content Marketing, Advertising, Selling Strategies like Ecommerce, Determining competitive yet profitable pricing strategies ,Customer Service and exploring multiple sales channels, including online marketplaces, brick-and-mortar stores, and pop-up shops. She cited the examples of worldfamous entrepreneurs and said that the journey of a young entrepreneur in customizing, marketing, and selling products involves dedication, continuous learning, and perseverance. By following the strategies outlined in this report and staying committed to your vision, you can build a successful business and navigate

the challenges that come your way. She asked the participants to remember that entrepreneurship is a journey, and each step brings valuable experience and growth. The session was very informative and inspiring to the participants who attended the session.

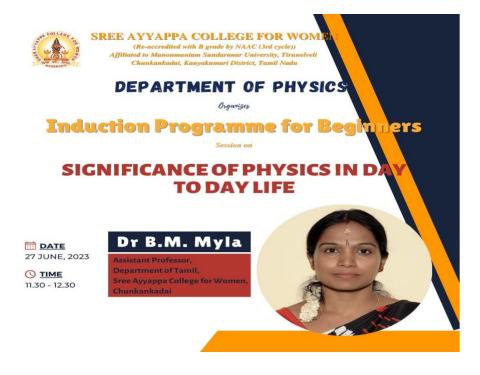




#### Launching Futures: Alumni Engagement in Induction

#### **Department of Physics**

An Induction Programme for the beginners has been conducted on 27/06/2023 (Time: 11.30 am - 12.30 pm) in the Room. No. 25. Dr. B. M. Myla, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai was the Speaker. She was a prominent alumna of our college. She gave a talk on the topic "SIGNIFICANCE OF PHYSICS IN DAY-TO-DAY LIFE". She explained that, Physics is branch of science which has multiple real-life applications. Physics is used in several objects from mobile phones to transportation, light, etc. Physics is the study of how things work in the universe, from tiny particles to vast galaxies, using Mathematics to explain natural phenomena. Physics is the basis in various fields like medicine to renewable energy.



# Skills for Success: Alumni Insights on Job Markets

# **Department of Physics**

On 27 June 2023, the Department of Physics organized an Induction Programme for the incoming batch of AY 2023-24. The event, titled "Skills for Success: Alumni Insights on Job Markets," was held from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The session featured Mrs. D. Padmasree, Assistant Manager of the Central Bank of India, Aloor branch, Nagercoil, as the distinguished speaker. Mrs. Padmasree, a proud alumna of the institution, focused her presentation on the topic Job Markets & Skills. She provided a comprehensive overview of the skills necessary to navigate the ever-evolving job market and emphasized the importance of skill development for career success.



# **Connecting the Dots: Alumni Engagement in Department Familiarization**

# **Department of Physics**

The alumni engagement session aimed at familiarizing beginners with the Physics Department and promoting innovation took place on June 27, 2023. The event featured three distinguished alumni as key speakers, who shared their experiences and insights into the department, its opportunities, and the significance of innovation in the field of physics.

# **Objectives of the Programme:**

- Department Familiarization: To provide newcomers with an understanding of the Physics Department's structure, faculty, and resources available to students.
  Encouragement of Innovation:
  - To emphasize the importance of innovation in the field of physics and inspire students to engage in creative and critical thinking.
- 3. Sharing Alumni Experiences:

To allow alumni to share their personal and professional journeys, illustrating the potential pathways available to graduates.

# 4. Building Connections:

To foster a sense of community between current students and alumni, encouraging networking and mentorship opportunities.

# 5. Facilitating Knowledge Transfer:

To provide students with valuable insights into current trends, skills needed in the industry, and opportunities for research and collaboration.

# **Event Proceedings:**

# • Welcome Address:

The event commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. I. S. Prameelakumari, Head of the Department, who introduced the purpose of the session and highlighted the significance of alumni engagement.

 Introduction of Key Speakers: Dr. M. R. Meera introduced the three key speakers: Ms. Amirtha Varshini P M, Ms. Nivetha P, and Ms. Niranjana Govind, detailing their achievements and contributions Keynote Talks by Alumni: Each speaker presented their journey, focusing on:

- Ms. Amirtha Varshini P M: Discussed her experiences in the college, highlighting the impact of education and training provided by the experts of the institution.
- Ms. Nivetha P: Shared insights into career opportunities within the physics field, emphasizing the relevance of skills developed during their studies.
- Ms. Niranjana Govind: Focused on the role of collaboration and interdisciplinary approaches in driving innovation within the physics department.

# • Q&A Session:

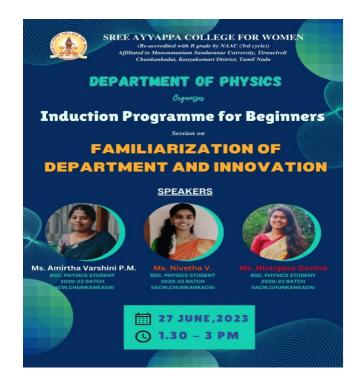
An engaging Q&A session allowed attendees to interact with the speakers, posing questions about their experiences and seeking advice on pursuing their careers in physics.

# • Networking Opportunities:

After the formal presentations, participants had the chance to network with the speakers and each other, fostering connections and discussions on future collaboration.

# • Closing Remarks:

The event concluded with closing remarks by Dr. P. V. Radhika, Assistant Professor and the proud alumnus of the institution who thanked the speakers and attendees for their participation and encouraged ongoing engagement within the alumni community.











#### Alumni meet (virtual) – 2024 Department of Physics

# **RESOURCE PERSON: Dr. I. S.Prameela Kumari, Former Head of the Department**

# . of Physics, Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai DATE & TIME: 05/10/2024; 5 PM -7 PM.

# TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 30

### **Objectives:**

- > To facilitate professional and personal connections among attendees.
- To foster camaraderie and nostalgia among former classmates and colleagues.
- To share news, achievements and developments about the institution and its alumni.

The event began with a welcome address by Dr. P. V. Radhika, organizing secretary of the event and Assistant Professor of Department of Physics, Sree Ayyappa College for Women. Presidential address was given by Dr. M. R. Meera, convener, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Physics. Resource person Dr. I. S. Prameela Kumari, Former Head of the Department of Physics, Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai delivered the felicitation address. Later during the event, the attendees took the opportunity to introduce themselves. Dr. K. J. Abhirama, organizing secretary of the event delivered the vote of thanks.

#### **Outcomes:**

- > Rekindle friendships and connections, expand professional networks.
- > Increase engagement and participation, foster loyalty and advocacy.

# **Organizing Committee:**

Conveners: Dr. M. R. Meera, HOD& Associate Professor of Physics

# **Organizing Secretaries:**

Dr. P. V. Radhika, Assistant Professor of Physics

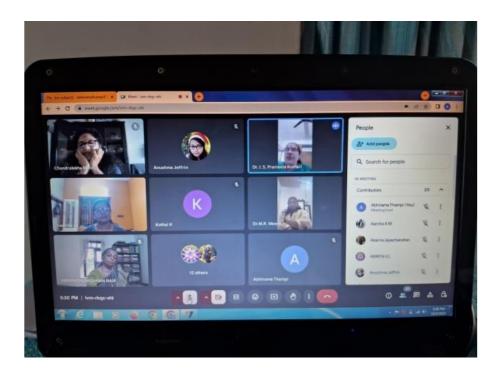
Dr. K. J. ABHIRAMA, Assistant Professor of Physics

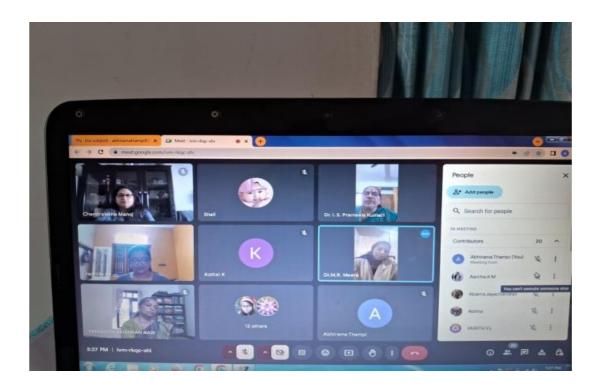
# **Organizing Members:**

Dr. Lekshmi P Nair, Assistant Professor of Physics

Dr. C. U. Bhadra, Assistant Professor of Physics



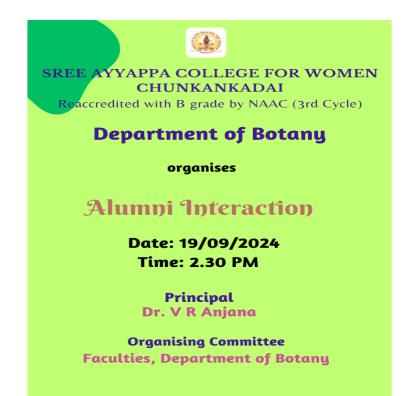




# Branching Out: Alumni Perspectives on Botany Studies Department of Botany

Event: Interaction with Alumna Title: Branching Out: Alumni Perspectives on Botany Studies Date: 19/09/2024 Time: 2.30 pm

Department of Botany organised an interaction session with SAC Alumna Ms. Reshma on 19 September 2024 and the purpose of the event was to connect current students with alumni and discuss opportunities for further studies in botany. The session began with a warm welcome from the head of the department, who introduced the purpose of the event. Alumni shared their experiences and paths after graduation, highlighting various educational opportunities. She provided insights into different universities offering specialized master's degrees in botany, ecology, horticulture and plant sciences. The session concluded with a consensus on the importance of pursuing higher education in botany to enhance career prospects and contribute to environmental conservation. Alumni encouraged students to remain proactive and connected with the department for guidance and support.





#### **Alumni Support for Progress: Alumni Donation for Seminar Hall Tiling**

Alumni play a significant role in the development of a college, contributing in various ways that enhance both the academic environment and the overall reputation of the institution. A cheque of Rs 95000 (the collective contribution of the alumni) was formally handed over by the principal Dr. V. R. Anjana, president of the alumni association, Dr. L. Dhowmya and Secretary Ms. J. Sreethi Krishna to the contractor Mr. Sudhakar, demonstrating the alumni's commitment to improving the college's infrastructure. This contribution not only reflects the strong ties between the alumni and the institution but also highlights their dedication to fostering an enriched learning environment for current and future students.

The renovation of the seminar hall is expected to enhance the overall academic experience by providing a more conducive space for seminars, workshops, and other educational activities. This initiative is a testament to the collaborative spirit of the college community and the positive impact of alumni engagement.



# Report on the Inauguration of the Botany Department Association and Alumni Interaction

Date: 19th August 2024 Venue: Conference Hall, Sree Ayyappa College Chief Guest: Dr. Divya P I, Assistant Librarian, Kerala University (Proud Alumna of the Department)

The Department of Botany proudly inaugurated its association on 19th August 2024, with Dr. Divya P I, a distinguished alumna and the current Librarian of Kerala University, serving as the chief guest. The event commenced with a warm welcome extended by the Head of the Department, Dr. M. Suma who emphasized the significance of alumni involvement in inspiring current students and fostering a connection between the past and the present.

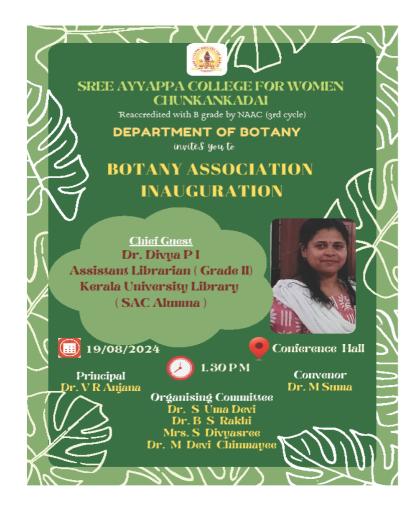
### Interactive session:

Following the inaugural ceremony, an interactive session was organized, providing a platform for students to meet and greet Dr. Divya. This session proved to be enriching as students had the opportunity to share their ideas, insights, and aspirations. Dr. Divya, in turn, shared valuable guidance on academic growth, career prospects, and how students can navigate the competitive world of Botany and related fields.

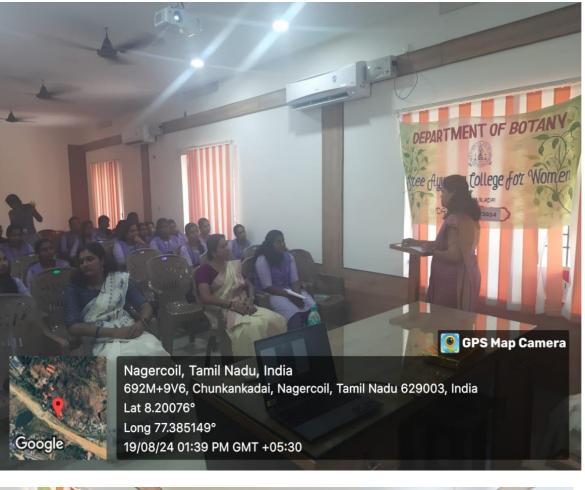
The session also served as a space for the alumni and students to exchange ideas on recent advancements in botanical sciences, research opportunities, and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration. Students were highly encouraged by Dr. Divya's motivating words and the sense of pride she expressed in returning to her alma mater to contribute to the next generation of scholars.

# Alumni Involvement:

Dr. Divya's presence at the event reinforced the department's commitment to building a strong alumni network. Her involvement exemplifies the significant role that alumni play in shaping the current academic environment. Her guidance and interaction not only inspired students but also highlighted the importance of continuous learning and staying engaged with the academic community.











#### National Seminar on Strategies of Research and Diverse Ethical Issues

Resource Persons :	Dr. Sowbhagya S P
	Assistant Professor,
	Department of English,Mar Ivanios College
	Trivandrum
Date and Duration:	28 December 2023, 2 hrs
No of Participants:	70

Objective of the Programme:

To equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and understanding necessary to conduct research in a manner that is methodologically sound and ethically responsible. This type of program typically addresses a range of topics related to research methodology and ethical considerations, providing participants with the tools to design, implement, and analyze research projects while respecting ethical principles.

Outcome of the Programme:

Participants got to know about how to the importance of honesty and transparency in research, promoting integrity in research design, data collection, and reporting.



Organizing Committee: Dr. N. U. Lekshmi, Dept. of English Ms. B.S.Rakhi, Assistant Professor of Botany.



#### <u>Alumni meet on 28-11-2023</u>

OBJECTIVE OF PROGRAMME: The objective is to strengthen the bond between alumni and their alma mater, foster collaboration and support among former students, and leverage the collective experience and resources of the alumni community for the mutual benefit of all involved parties. Alumni meets provide an opportunity for former students to reconnect with each other, exchange experiences, and build professional networks. Alumni who have achieved success in their respective fields can offer mentorship and guidance to current students or recent graduates, helping them navigate their careers.

OUTCOME OF PROGRAMME: Alumni meets provide an opportunity for former classmates to reconnect, exchange contact information, and strengthen their bonds with each other. Alumni can expand their professional networks by meeting other alumni who may work in similar industries or fields of interest. Alumni meets often include panel discussions, workshops, or presentations where alumni share their expertise and experiences. This can lead to valuable insights and learning opportunities for attendees. Alumni meets may provide job leads, career advice, or mentorship opportunities that can help attendees advance in their careers. Alumni may become more engaged with their alma mater by offering their time, expertise, or financial.

# PHOTOS OF PROGRAMME



# **BROCHURE OF PROGRAMME:**



# NAME OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Dr.V.R.Anjana , Principal

Dr.Sreeya G Nair, Head of the Department Mrs.Y.C.Viji, Assistant Professor Dr.R.Radha, Assistant Professor

Dr.N.R.Padma Priya, Assistant Professor(Ad.hoc)