

PG & RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE,
KALAMASSERY



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Our Department

The Department was established in 1965 as a junior college with a student strength of more than 300 students.

The Department of Commerce was started in 1978 with the B.Com course .This is the first undergraduate course started in St. Paul's College, Kalamassery. The Department was upgraded to the Post Graduate Department in the year 2001 with the introduction of M.Com Finance. Department was further awarded with one more course under M.G. University in the year 2014 ie B.Com Computer Application. and one more course added ie, Co-operation in the year 2020.

The department now offers three undergraduate courses in commerce and a postgraduate course in Commerce with Finance as a specialisation.

For the last few years, the department has consistently scored nearly 100 per cent in the university examinations for its B.Com programme. Social outreach and public interaction are part and parcel of the department's activities.The Department of Commerce is the Research department of MG University.



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Our Team





ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

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Result Analysis 2024-25: Undergraduate & Postgraduate

- The undergraduate programmes comprising Finance & Taxation, Computer Applications, and Co-operation showcased consistently high performance:
- Finance & Taxation recorded the highest pass percentage of 96.8%, with a balanced distribution across A+, A, and B+ grades.
- Computer Applications and Co-operation both achieved strong pass percentages of 90.0% and 90.2%, respectively, reflecting stable academic outcomes.
- The M.Com. programme had a moderate pass percentage of 77.8% which well above the University average.

BATCH	APPEARED	PASSED	PERCENTAGE	GRADE S	GRADE A+	GRADE A	GRADE B+	GRADE B	GRADE C	GRADE D
FINANCE AND TAXATION	63	61	96.8	0	7	12	15	19	7	1
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	50	45	90	0	0	8	17	12	7	1
CO-OPERATION	51	46	90.2	0	1	9	10	16	10	0
M.Com.	18	14	77.8	0	0	2	0	11	1	0



Beach Cleaning



On 14th October 2024, third-year B.Com Computer Applications students from the Department of Commerce, St. Paul's College, Ernakulam, organized a beach cleaning drive at Fort Kochi Beach. Around 40 students, along with two faculty members, participated actively in this eco-friendly initiative. The event began at 7:00 a.m. and was inaugurated by Councillor Mr. Antony Kureethara, who praised the students' efforts and stressed the importance of environmental responsibility. The team collected and sorted plastic waste, bottles, and litter, helping restore the beach's cleanliness and natural charm.

Cleaning Drive @ Bus Terminal



Research Center and PG department of Commerce, St. Paul's College conducted cleaning drive at Kalamassery Bus terminal in Collaboration with NCC units of St. Paul's College and A- Ameen College Edatahala . Students along with NCC cadets, cleaned Kalamassery Municipal Bus terminal. Students were sensitized about concept of public hygiene and need to maintain cleanliness in public spaces



Paper Bag Distribution



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On 5th December 2024, the third-year B.Com Co-operation students of St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, conducted an extension activity at HMT Road to promote a plastic-free environment. Guided by Dr. John Mathew, the students distributed handmade eco-friendly paper bags to local shopkeepers, encouraging the shift away from plastic usage.

The initiative showcased the students' commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement. Shopkeepers and residents appreciated the thoughtful effort, which strengthened college-community ties. The event reflected the Department of Commerce's dedication to nurturing socially responsible citizens and promoting sustainable practices through meaningful student-led actions.

Save the River



The PG & Research Department of Commerce, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, organized a cleaning drive at Aluva Manappuram in connection with the Sivarathri Festival. The initiative aimed to promote cleanliness and environmental responsibility among students. Under the coordination of Lt. Dr. Varun V Varghese, students actively participated in cleaning the premises, collecting and disposing of waste properly. The activity reflected the department's commitment to community service and environmental awareness.



OLDAGE HOME VISIT



An Old Age Home is a place where elderly individuals receive care, companionship, and support in their later years. It provides a safe and nurturing environment, ensuring their physical, emotional, and social well-being.

On 18/02/2025, A total of 58 First-year B.Com students along with coordinators Ms.Teresa Stephen and Dr.Riya Mary embarked on a field visit to Good Hope Relief Settlement Annex located in Kochi.

The purpose of the visit was to provide students with a deeper understanding of the healthcare needs of the elderly population and to sensitize them to the unique challenges faced by this demographic.

Firstly, we gathered in the meeting hall where the Sister Cicily of the institution gave an introduction about the institution organization and facilities rendered by them. Later on, she gave us the orientation of institution and introduced us to their members. Accompanied by faculty members Ms.Teresa Stephen and Dr.Riya Mary the students had the opportunity to interact with the residents of the Old Age Home and gain insights into their physical, emotional, and social well-being. There were 35 elderly male and women in the old age home. The students of the college interacted with the elderly followed by an entertainment program with music and dance. The inmates were very happy and blessed everyone. It was a joyous occasion with full of satisfaction that the team could bring some rays of happiness among the elderly. It was a pleasure witnessing of such wonderful work i.e. unconditional services.



POTHICHORU



The Government hospitals often witness a large number of patient bystanders—family members or caregivers—who spend days and nights outside hospital wards without access to adequate food or facilities. Moved by this reality, the 1st year B.Com Marketing students of the Department of Commerce organized a food distribution drive as part of its extension activities to support these individuals in a small but meaningful way. The primary objective of the activity was to instill a sense of social responsibility among students and to extend compassionate service to those in need. The initiative aimed to help students understand the challenges faced by underprivileged sections of society, particularly the patient bystanders who often go unnoticed. On 31st January 2025, a group of 39 First-Year B.Com Marketing students, accompanied by faculty coordinator Dr. Riya Mary, visited the Government Hospital, Ernakulam for the food packet distribution activity.



The team carried 'Pothichoru' packed lunch each consisting of rice, vegetable curry and pickle, cooked at their homes and thoughtfully packed to ensure hygiene and nourishment.

The distribution was carried out near the outpatient and emergency areas where a significant number of bystanders usually gather with the permission of hospital authorities.



INDUSTRY VISIT

On December 6, 2024, the Department of Commerce organized an industrial visit to Masco Tea Factory in Vagamon. The trip aimed to provide students with practical insights into tea manufacturing and bridge the gap between theory and practice.

The visit began with a guided tour of the factory, where students observed various tea processing stages, including withering, rolling, fermenting, drying, grading, and packaging. Factory personnel explained the machinery, quality control measures, and sustainability in the tea industry.

Following the factory tour, the group enjoyed recreational visits to Vagamon Pine Forest and Vagamon Meadows, fostering relaxation and bonding among students and faculty.

- Outcomes included valuable insights into the tea production process, enhanced team bonding, and inspiration for students to consider careers and entrepreneurship in the tea industry.





DEEKSHARAMBAM

Deeksharambh was the formal initiation ceremony for the first year UG and PG students of the Department of Commerce. The induction programme was organised on the 19th of July, 2024 for the first batch of FYUGP of B.Com Finance and Taxation, B. Com Financial Markets and B. Com Marketing of the commerce department and the M.com students. Deeksharambh was conducted as the official induction ceremony to invoke the blessings of the Supreme Source of Wisdom and also to seek the blessings of the teachers. This tradition embodies the core values of the Indian education system. The programme also intended to induct the students to the institutional vision and mission and familiarise them with the functioning of the college. The Programme began with a secular prayer session with the readings from the holy scriptures including the Holy Gita, Holy Quran and Hold Bible lead by the senior students of the department. The Inaugural ceremony was presided by Assistant Manager, Rev Fr. Jacob Biju Ben. Rev. Fr. Biju Ben delivered the presidential address and emphasised on the importance of 'Deeksharambh' where the student begins a journey towards enlightenment. Head of the Department Commerce – Regular, Dr. Asha E Thomas and Head of the Department of Commerce SF, Dr. Priyanka offered felicitations for the first year students.

The chief guest of the day was Mr. Anil K V, Global IT Internal Audit Leader, KPMG International and Partner KPMG India, who was also an alumnus of the Department of Commerce, St Pauls College. The Inaugural session was followed by a key note session by Mr. Anil Kumar. Mr. Anil K V shared his insights on the significance of the undergraduate programme and the importance of focusing on one's career aspirations.



RESEARCH CENTRE INAUGURATION



The Research Centre and PG Department of Commerce, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, celebrated a landmark achievement with the inauguration of its newly approved Research Centre under MG University and the hosting of an International Seminar on Business Innovation on 18th October 2024.

Prof. (Dr.) graced the inaugural function. Arun A U, Registrar, Cochin University of Science and Technology, who officially inaugurated the Research Centre. In his address, Dr. Arun emphasised the growing importance of business innovation and the need for collaborative, research-driven academic environments. He congratulated the department for attaining research centre status and urged scholars to pursue meaningful and socially relevant research.

The event commenced with a blessing ceremony, symbolically marking the beginning of a new academic and research journey. Rev. Fr. Varghese Valiyaprambil, the college's manager, led the solemn occasion in the presence of faculty members, research scholars, and staff.





NATIONAL SEMINAR

The Research Center and PG Department of Commerce, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, in association with the Kerala State Higher Education Council and the College Development Council, MG University, organized a two-day National Seminar on "Recent Trends & Research Prospects in Financial Management" on 4th and 5th February 2025.

The seminar commenced with an inaugural address by Prof. Dr. Sreejith C.M., Controller of Examinations, MG University. Sessions featured distinguished academicians such as Dr. Afsal E.M. (KUFOS) on ESG investments, Prof. Dr. Saji T.G. (Central University of Kerala) on finance research trends, Prof. Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar (CUSAT) on cryptocurrency, and Dr. Ambily A.S. (Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth) on ESG in financial decisions. The seminar also included multiple research paper presentations.

The event encouraged submissions from students, research scholars, faculty, and professionals, with a Best Paper Award of Rs 2000. With strong academic backing and focused sessions, the seminar served as an enriching platform for scholarly exchange, highlighting evolving financial concepts and paving new research avenues.





Research workshop

PG and Research Department of Commerce, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, organized a one-day Research Orientation Programme for B.Com. and M.Com. students on 18th October 2024. The session was held at the Acoustic Theatre and began at 11:15 a.m. The orientation was led by Mr. Akhil M.A., Senior Research Fellow at BMC Thrikkakara, who delivered an insightful and engaging session on research methodology. He explained key concepts such as research design, hypothesis formulation, sampling techniques, and data collection methods in a simple and accessible manner. The session also highlighted the importance of ethics in research, referencing, and avoiding plagiarism, making it especially relevant for students new to academic research. The orientation aimed to build research awareness and encourage students to pursue analytical and evidence-based approaches in their preparation of Project. It was a highly beneficial and motivating session that laid the foundation for developing future researchers and critical thinkers. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, appreciating the speaker and the enthusiastic student response.



Entrepreneurial Motivational Talk



As part of the Commerce Club activity, the Department of Commerce (Aided), St. Paul's College, Kalamassery organized an entrepreneurial motivational talk under the banner COMMENZAR on October 15, 2024, at Baccinelli Hall. The session, titled "Building a Greener Future: The Role of Sustainable Business Practices," featured Mr. Bittu John, founder of India's first zero-waste grocery store – 7 TO 9 GREEN STORE.

The event began at 10:00 am and was graced by the presence of faculty members and enthusiastic students. Mr. Bittu John captivated the audience with his inspiring journey of building a sustainable business that aims to reduce plastic and packaging waste. His insights on environmental responsibility in business and the importance of eco-conscious entrepreneurship sparked deep interest and interactive discussions.

The event provided students with valuable exposure to real-world challenges and innovative solutions in the field of green business. It encouraged budding entrepreneurs to consider sustainability as a core principle in their ventures.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Riya Mary and Dr. Liya Peter, with Meenakshi A Rao serving as the student coordinator. The session was a resounding success and added immense value to the Commerce Club's mission of fostering practical knowledge.

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ENTREPRENEURIAL
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Building a Greener Future...

"The Role of Sustainable
Business Practices"

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Founder of India's First
Zero Waste grocery Store
7 TO 9 GREEN STORE

Venue: Baccinelli Hall
Time: 10:00 am



Student Engagement- Study Tour

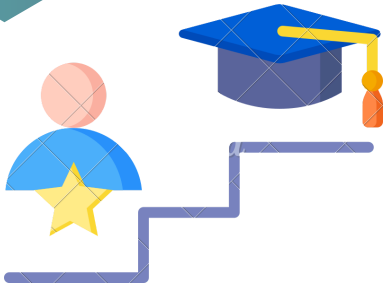


The Department of Commerce at St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, places strong emphasis on experiential learning and holistic development. As part of this vision, the department regularly organizes study tours and industrial visits for final year B.Com and M.Com students, enabling them to explore real-world business environments, diverse cultures, and ecological destinations beyond the classroom.

In the previous academic year, a 2-day and 4-night study tour was organized to Goa and Dandeli, two vibrant destinations known for their cultural richness and natural beauty. The tour took place with the participation of final year undergraduate and postgraduate students, accompanied by faculty members of the department.



ENTRY LEVEL TEST



The Department of Commerce conducted an entry-level test for the first-year students of the the B.Com (Hons) programme. The main objective of the test was to gauge the students' prior knowledge and understanding of the basic concepts of commerce. This will enable the course facilitators to identify students' skill levels to tailor future coursework and activities accordingly. The test was conducted on 8 August 2024 online. 88 students participated in the test; and the results indicated:

Low Score (32%): These students demonstrated minimal understanding of foundational concepts, requiring additional support and guidance.

Average Score (56%): Most students showed a moderate level of understanding, with the ability to grasp concepts with some guidance.

High Score (11%): A smaller group of students displayed a strong grasp of the subject's basic concepts.

Benefits in terms of learning/skill/knowledge obtained:

Assessment of the entry-level knowledge of the basic concepts of commerce of the first-year UG students.



Sustainable Innovations Challenge

The sustainable innovations Challenge was a sustainable idea generation competition organised on the 6th of August 2024 by the Department of Commerce at the department level. The initiative was mainly organised to enhance the knowledge about the relevance of a sustainable development. The activity was also effective in improving the team building skills, creative thinking and presentation skills. The participants were grouped into nine teams. The teams were provided a brief introduction about the concept of sustainable business. The event was conducted in two days. The first level of the competition was a Group discussion where the teams were asked to submit a summary of the product concept in writing. The presentation was conducted on the second day where each team was provided 10 minutes to present their business ideas. Dr. John Mathew and Dr. Clement Cabral were the judges of the presentation round and the judging criterion included innovation, sustainable value and presentation. The presentation round was followed by a question-and-answer session from the panel of judges. The winner of the event was team number two with the idea 'Geil Sheet'. Dr. John and Dr. Clement congratulated all the participants and provided their feedback on the presentations. Ms. Safrin of B.Com Finance and Taxation proposed the vote of thanks. The competition was also successful in developing a better understanding about the concept of sustainability and evaluate the significance of sustainable businesses.



Happiness Tree



The Department of Commerce (Aided) at St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, in collaboration with Jeevani, organized an uplifting event titled the Happiness Tree to commemorate World Mental Health Day on October 10. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of mental well-being and provided an opportunity for participants to share their happiness with the community, fostering a positive and supportive atmosphere.

The theme for the day was "Share Your Happiness with Us," with the tagline "Let's grow together like a tree." Participants were encouraged to express their sources of happiness by adding their thoughts and reflections to a symbolic "Happiness Tree," which served as a metaphor for the growth of well-being and emotional support.

The event began at 11:00 AM at the college's portico, where students and faculty gathered to participate. The atmosphere was filled with positivity as everyone contributed to the tree, sharing personal experiences, positive messages, and supportive words.

Overall, the Happiness Tree event was a wonderful reminder of the importance of taking care of our mental health and supporting each other in our journey toward emotional well-being.



Student Engagement- News Fest



A News Fest was organised by the Placement Cell and the Department of Commerce for the final-year B.Com students, in association with Malayala Manorama and Triple A. The main objective of the event was to promote the reading habit among students. As part of the initiative, students were provided with free newspaper subscriptions. The distribution was inaugurated by the Principal, who handed over the first set of newspapers to Dr. Varun V. Varghese. CA Adarsh Joseph from Triple A oriented the students on the various career openings available for commerce students. Dr. Binil Kumar, Placement Coordinator of St. Paul's College, along with other faculty members from the Department of Commerce, also attended the event.



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KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

Kargil Vijay diwas was commemorated by Department of Commerce on 26/07/2024. Principal Dr. Pramada Ramachandran inspired students and cadets with her warm words remembering the sacrifice of the soldiers who fought to defend the honour of our nation. A special programme 'plant for mother' was the environmental initiative for the day. Principal along with HOD of Commerce Asha E Thomas and NCC Officer Lt. Dr. Varun V Varghese planted tree saplings.



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Student Achievement Rank Holders 2024-25



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(Co-operation)



ALKA M R
(Co-operation)



SARATH S NAIR
(Co-operation)



GOURI SAJEEV
(Computer Application)



SIVANI BINU
(Computer Application)

Congratulations!



Student Achievement

Aiswarya (II M.Com), Meenakshi (III B.Com Taxation), and Nasri (II B.Com Taxation) from the Department of Commerce won First Prize in the Best Research Paper Presentation at the 9th Albeterian International Summit 2025 held at St. Albert's College (Autonomous). Competing against 53 teams, their outstanding research and presentation earned high praise.



The Department of Commerce at St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, in association with GIIMS Institute of Logistics, on 15.01.2025, organises the Best Manager Contest among students to inculcate managerial skills. Ms Teresa Stephen coordinated the programme, a grant. Success through fun and tests. Students identified the skills needed for a manager. The winners were Mr Sarath S. Nair from B.Com Co-operation and Ms Miya from B.Com Computer Application



Ms. Merin Babu of III B.Com Finance and Taxation Crowned Kalathilakam 2024-25. The Department of Commerce is proud to announce that Ms. Merin Babu, a student of III B.Com Finance and Taxation, has been honored with the prestigious title of Kalathilakam 2024-25 by the College Union. This esteemed recognition is awarded annually to the most outstanding female performer.



23 Student Achievement



B.Com Taxation is named as the best department for sports and Cultural events organised by the College union

Ms. Meenakshi Rao of III B.Com of F&T participated in the prestigious Pauline Star 2024–25 talent hunt and emerged as a finalist and runner-up.

Alumni Interaction

As part of the 60 Years Celebration of St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, a Grand Alumni Meet was organized on 25th August 2024 at Malabar Auditorium at 3:30 pm. The event brought together alumni from various batches, rekindling old memories and strengthening the bond with their alma mater.

The meet was a vibrant gathering filled with nostalgia, laughter, and heartfelt moments. Alumni shared their journeys, professional experiences, and fond memories of college life, inspiring current students with their stories of growth and success.



The session also featured cultural programmes, honoured distinguished alumni, and had interactive discussions celebrating the college's legacy. The students of the Commerce department played a significant role in the event's success.

Faculty Achievement



Capt. Dr. Varun V. Vaghese receiving his honour from the officials.



Mr John Mathew is awarded Ph.D. in Commerce: Behavioural Finance by MG University, Kottayam.



Dr Clement Cabral has published four research articles in ABDC and ABS category journals during the year 2024-25.

Congratulations!

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under the guidance of Dr. Liya Peter, conducted ACCA add-on classes and online review sessions for the BSc QMU batch with ISDC support. The 2022 batch completed 9 papers, and coaching for the 10th is ongoing. Key subjects for 2023 and 2024 were reviewed with positive feedback from students and parents. The sessions reflected smooth academic execution and reaffirmed the quality and effectiveness of ISDC's academic support.



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During the academic year, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery successfully conducted the Diploma in GST, Excel, and Tally add-on course under the guidance of Dr. Liya Peter. Aimed at enhancing the practical skills and employability of commerce students, the course covered GST fundamentals, return filing, advanced Excel functions, and Tally-based financial accounting. Sessions were held regularly with active student participation and integrated assessments.

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(National Institute of Taxation and Accounting)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered on the 9th August, 2024 between St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, Ernakulam (here in after referred to as party of the first part) which term shall mean and include its successors, representative etc. and NITA (National Institute of Taxation And Accounting), No. 13,665 Velayuthu Madom, Pathayam, Karakom P.O, Kollam- 691306, represented by its Director Ramaswami.H.Iyer (here in after referred to as the party of the second part.)

Where the party of the second part is an authorized Training Centre of NITA (National Institute of Taxation And Accounting) conducting the training in Practical Accountancy and Tally.

(First Party) (Second Party)

Principal Director/HOD Director

The party of the first part desires to have the Second party's Diploma in GST, Excel and Tally Practice. The party of the second part accepts the proposal and both the parties agree to set forth with the following terms and conditions.