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## *From The Editor's Desk*



*Greetings from Academic Staff College !*

Quality in Higher Education is the most pursued objective of our educational system. Institutions of higher learning, irrespective of nomenclature, are incorporating innovative, scientific and technological strategies to bring out better output. Indian context is facing the challenge of providing quality education to a massive number of learners through maintaining large number of institutions striving for quality sustenance. Since, the volume to be handled is growing unwieldy, the natural consequence of quality compromise simultaneously creeps in. Over the years, notable progress has been made in the field of higher education in weeding out quality deterioration. It is to be frankly admitted that the pace is awfully slowed down due to the negative influence of many socio economic factors and financial constraints. Attempts to overcome the hurdles are incessant and have brought out positive results.

A renewed focus is laid on research providing a strong bond with teaching learning process. Essentially, a teacher has to involve in research work to present a better performance in the field of education. The quality of education primarily depends upon the quality of a teacher. The teacher should undergo professional training to ensure competency in the area of teaching, research and community orientation. Educational qualifications, personal qualities and social awareness are vehicles which can enhance value of a teacher.

The great mission to respond to the changing needs of the teachers are undertaken by the Academic Staff College in a passionate manner. This Academic Staff College still remain in the top rank by serving the largest number of participants and by conducting largest number of programmes at the national level ensuring quality. Our efforts to deliver the best experience to teachers have drawn whole hearted support from all the stakeholders. Most humbly we thank all.

It is felt appropriate to add a word of appreciation and gratitude to the former Vice-Chancellor Dr. A. Jayakrishnan who has showered immense support and blessings to the ASC during his tenure. We place on record our best wishes to Dr. A. Jayakrishnan.

*With warm regards!*

*Dr. S. V. Sudheer  
Professor Director*

**129<sup>th</sup> ORIENTATION PROGRAMME (IT-ORIENTED)**  
**[From 31.10.2012 To 27.11.2012]**

**COURSE REPORTS**

The 129<sup>th</sup> Orientation Programme (IT-Oriented) commenced on 31-10-2012 with 49 participants from different disciplines representing Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya.

Dr. S. V. Sudheer, the Director of the ASC personally interacted with all the participants before welcoming them to the programme. Dr. Dinakarlal Thavamony led the ice - breaking session followed by a vibrant presentation on the value of education and the inspiring role that the teachers must play in building up the society. The participants unanimously elected Mr. Kiran Mathew of

St. Peter's College, Kolenchery and Dr. Nisha Rani of St. Xavier's College, Thumba as the Convener and Co-convener of the programme respectively.

Many eminent Resource Persons from different disciplines shared their expertise with the participants in the ensuing sessions. Dr. Dev Das Menon's outstanding lecture on 'Stress Management' was an added attraction to the programme. Dr. James Daniel deliberated on the Higher Education Policy. Dr. G. Porgio delved deep into the emotional dimension in teaching. Dr. Simon Thattil delivered a scholarly lecture on Research Methodology and led a group discussion by making all the participants involve in it. Dr. N. Sankaran emphasised on increasing the effectiveness in communication. All the participants were highly benefited from Dr. K. G Thara's practical approach to Disaster Management and Dr. Usha S Nair's talk on Health and Wellness which was followed by a rejuvenating Aerobics session. They also shared Dr. Sivasankaran's zeal in preventing life style diseases. Dr. Justin Padamadan's session on Mental Health was peppered with a good measure of humour. Dr. Kalyanaraman explained the usefulness of SPSS in statistical analysis and gave the participants hands - on experience in using the software. The participants were greatly benefited from Mr. S Manoharan Nair's class on Web Designing. While Mr. Shibu Albert initiated them into the world of information technology.

After the explanation and demonstration on the concept of microteaching by Dr. Esther Gladis, classes were being conducted by all the participants

and were duly recorded and analysed in detail by Dr. Theresa Susan. This invaluable session helped the participants to refine their teaching methods and skills. All the participants presented their project work supported by Power Point presentations. The presentations were moderated and critically evaluated by Dr. K. G. Gopchandran, Dr. P P Ajayakumar, Dr. Radhamani and Dr. S Resia Beegam.

The participants made a field visit to the Ecotourism project at Mankayam where they received firsthand experience on sustainable development. The trip was a happy deviation from the academic rigours and will always remain a refreshing memory.

An objective test was conducted on the last day of the programme. It was followed by an evaluation of the programme based on the feedback from the participants on all the topics dealt with during the course. The participants shared their personal experiences and expressed their opinion about the programme, its organization, content and administration, and offered useful suggestions for further improvement. The programme concluded on 27-11-2012 with a Valedictory session. The Director of the ASC delivered the valedictory speech and distributed the certificates of participation. The participants also placed on record their appreciation of the involvement, dynamism and friendliness of Dr. S. V. Sudheer, the Director of the ASC and the whole hearted support of his administrative staff for making the programme a grand success.

**XXXIV REFRESHER COURSE IN MALAYALAM**  
**[From 02.11.2012 To 23.11.2012]**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Refresher Course in Malayalam started with the inaugural address by Sri. V. Madhusoodharan Nair, the famous poet. Dr. C. R. Prasad, Head, Department of Malayalam, University of Kerala was the course co-ordinator. There were 27 participants from different parts of the country. One from Madurai, one from Mahe and the rest from Kerala.

Dr. Noushad S, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Malayalam, University College, Trivandrum was selected as Convener and Dr. Sheela Kumari, Reader in Malayalam, SSUS Regional Centre Panmana (RC), Kollam as the Co-convener.

The following resource persons delivered lectures on various topics. Dr. P. K. Rajasekharan, Dr. Scaria

Zakaria, Dr. C. R. Rajagopalan, Dr. T. Valsalan, Dr. Prabhakaran Pazhassi, Dr. Sunil P. Elayidom, Dr. M. Rajeevkumar, Dr. Shaji Jacob, Dr. K. S. Ravikumar, Dr. M. R. Thampan, Dr. P. M. Gireesh, Mr. Vidhu Narayanan, Dr. K. Joy Paul, Mr. E. P. Rajagopalan, Dr. Sunitha T. V, Dr. M. A. Rahman, Dr. A. M. Unnikrishnan, Dr. S. S. Sreekumar, Dr. V. P. Markose, Dr. Manoj Kuroor, Dr. N. Ajayakumar, Dr. Paul Manalil, Dr. L. Sushama and Dr. B. Ravikumar.

A tour programme was arranged as part of the course. They visited Thonnakkal Asan Smarakam, Anchuthengu Fort and Sivagiri. All the participants presented their papers on different topics in which Dr. B. V. Sasikumar, Dr. Padma Rao, and Dr. C. R. Prasad served as moderators in various sessions.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the last day of the course, an objective test was held based on the topics dealt during the course. It was followed by an evaluation and feedback session in which the participants expressed their opinion about the programme, its organization, content and administration and also gave valuable suggestions for further improvement. After the evaluation and feedback session, Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, ASC delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the participants. The whole hearted dedication and responsibility of the Director of Academic Staff College, the co-operation of the administrative staff and the participants led to the success of the programme.

**SHORT TERM COURSE FOR RESEARCH GUIDES IN  
SCIENCES  
[From 05.11.2012 To 09.11.2012]**

Academic Staff College, University of Kerala conducted a short-term course for Research Guides in Sciences from 5-11-2012 to 9-11-2012. The main objective of the programme was to expose the latest developments of Information Technology in research in different branches of Sciences and innovative approaches in executing the research programme.

The programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College, emphasized the need of Research Guides to maintain a healthy relationship with the students Dr. Anirudhan, Head Department of Chemistry, University of Kerala, the course Co-ordinator summarized the schedule of the course. Dr. Binoj Kumar R. B., Department of Geology, University

of Kerala and Dr. Maya C. Nair, Department of Botany, Govt. Sanskrit College, Pattambi, Palakkad were selected as the Convenor and Co-convenor of the programme respectively. The participants were from different disciplines such as Life Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Dentistry, Nursing and Engineering.

The technical sessions were handled by eminent scholars such as Dr. Manu Bhaskar (Scientific Research and Ethics), Dr. V. P. Balagangadharan (Intellectual Property Rights; Patents and Copy Rights), Mr. Madhu S. Nair (Use of Internet for Scientific Research), Dr. G. Gopakumar (Resource Mobilization and funding of Research), Dr. K N Rajasekharan (Ethics in Research), Dr. Immanuel Thomas (Statistical Procedures in Research), Dr. Jacob Philip (Impact factor; Guidelines for writing Research Papers), Dr. K.G. Gopchandran (Q-factor for Research), Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar (Review of Literature), Dr. Chandra Prasad Sreedhar (Interpersonal relation) and Dr. Prakashkumar (Programmes of KSCSTE and funding prospects).

The programme ended on 9th November 2012 after collecting the feedback from the participants followed by a valedictory function. Participants expressed their suggestions for improvements in future in the conduct of such programmes. Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College, delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates to the participants.

**IX REFRESHER COURSE IN STATISTICS &  
RESEARCH METHODS  
[From 21.11.2012 To 11.12.2012]**

The IX Refresher Course in Statistics and Research Methods commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012 and was concluded on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2012. The course was formally inaugurated by Dr. G. Raveendran, ISS, Former Deputy Director General of Central Statistical Organisation, Govt. of India, New Delhi, at the meeting presided over by Dr. S.V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College. The Director welcomed the chief guest and all the participants and emphasised the importance of statistics in various fields. The course co-ordinator Dr. C. Sathesh Kumar gave a briefing on the structure of the programme and its objectives. He requested the whole hearted co-operation of all the participants throughout the programme. Mr. Vijay Rathee, University Institute of Law and Management Studies, Gurgaon was selected as the

Convenor and Dr. Jayasree T.K, Assistant Professor in Mathematics, Govt. College of Teacher Education, Thiruvananthapuram as the Co-convenor of the course.

The participants were from different disciplines such as Statistics, Mathematics, Law and Management representing the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and New Delhi.

The formal sessions started with Prof. T.K.S. Unnithan. He discussed on Mathematical Models. Dr. Sandhya highlighted the concepts in Research Methods.

Dr. N. Balakrishna explained Statistical Error Analysis. Prof. P. Yageen Thomas highlighted the importance of Non-parametric Tests by citing several examples from actual situations.

Dr. J. Sreekumar discussed the Data Analysis in Molecular Biology. Dr. Stephen Vincent gave attention to explain Hypothesis Testing and basic concepts in Statistical Tests.

Dr. G. Arivarignan concentrated on Categorical data Analysis and Multiple Regression.

Dr. P. Venkitesan described the importance of Bio-informatics and Machine learning approaches for data analysis. Dr. K.K. Suresh, deals with Application of Statistics in many fields and ethics in research. Dr. Muraleedharan Nair highlighted the importance of Reliability Theory and Application of this Theory in different areas. Dr. K. Kumaran not only discussed the SPSS package but also provided hands on experience in using the package for data analysis. Dr. Manoharan deals with Longitudinal Studies and Logistic Regression. Dr. K. Jayakumar gave attention to Time Series. Dr. Suresh Singh discussed on Graph Theory and Modelling in Mathematics.

A field visit to an eco tourist place Mangayam, near Palode in Trivandrum District was conducted on 5.12.2012. All the participants attended and actually it was a nice and refreshing experience to them.

The sessions of the following days were handled by Dr. K. Senthamarai Kannan on Stochastic Processes & Fuzzy Stochastic Modelling, Dr. S. Satheesh on Fractals and Self similarity, Dr. Aleyamma Mathew on Research Methods in Life Sciences & Medical Sciences and Dr. V. Ganesan, on Development in Queuing Theory. All the sessions were highly informative and useful to the participants.

All the participants presented a brief report of their projects undertaken as a part of this course. A

copy of the report is submitted to the Director of Academic Staff College. The project work and the presentations were critically evaluated by Dr. Philip Samuel, Associate Professor, Dept. of Statistics, University College, Dr. J. Sreekumar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Statistics, University College Trivandrum and Prof. G. Lesitha, Head, Dept. of Statistics, University of Kerala. There was also an Evaluation and Feedback session on 11.12.2012 FN session. Some of the participants shared their experiences they faced throughout the course and commented on it. The course came to a conclusion with a Valedictory function presided over by the course Co-ordinator of the Refresher Course. Prof. Yageen Thomas, Former Head of the Dept. of Statistics, University of Kerala, delivered the Valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants. The co-ordinator expressed his sincere gratitude to one and all for their co-operation in the smooth conduct of the programme. The participants commented that the programme was highly useful and informative. One of the participants Sri. Markandan expressed vote of thanks to one and all. The helpful attitude and whole hearted co-operation of the Director of ASC, Dr. S.V. Sudheer, Co-ordinator Dr. C. Satheesh Kumar and the Administrative Staff of ASC made the programme a great success.

#### **IX REFRESHER COURSE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES [From 29.11.2012 To 19.12.2012]**

The Refresher Course in Women's Studies was attended enthusiastically by 45 participants from multidisciplinary backgrounds. During the registration all the participants got the opportunity to interact with Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College and they all felt at home after that. The refresher course was formally started by Lida Jacob, IAS. In her immensely admirable inaugural address she exhorted the teachers to become agents of change and that mind will in itself bring about empowerment. In the afternoon session Dr. Sindhu Thulseedharan, Co-ordinator of the Course gave a brief introduction of the course and the project work to be prepared. Dr. Sudheer and Dr. Sindhu facilitated an ice breaking session and all the participants came to know about each other within an hour and a rappo was created among all the participants quite smoothly. The friendly atmosphere created there greatly facilitated selection

of Convenors, Dr. Jyothi S. Nair, Assistant Professor, Govt College, Kanjiramkulam as Convenor and Fr.(Dr.) Gasper K.J as Co-convenor.

Dr. N. Manimekalai's lecture on Introduction to Women's Studies was the right start for the course. She was able to cover comprehensively the several landmarks in the evolution of the discipline. Dr. Shanti through her lecture on Women and Environment sowed seeds of environment protection and energy conservation in their minds. Justice K.T. Thomas enlightened them on the topic 'Women and the Constitution of India.' He was highly successful in his address on the constitutional philosophy for protecting women's rights. The topic of Gender Budgeting was introduced by Dr. Leelakumari. In fact, after her class she formed several discussion groups of the class and gave practical session on how to prepare a proposal for gender budgeting. Dr. Binitha V Thampi's talk on 'Feminist Theories' highly enlightened the participants. Prof. A. Sathyaseelan took a class on the topic Protection of Women in Criminal Law; he quoted several famous judgements to make them aware of how the laws are deciphered for protecting women from crimes. Dr. Lata Marina in her PowerPoint aided presentation on Status of women traced the changing status of women in India in different epochs. Ms. Ammu Joseph in her lecture on Women and Media familiarised the participants with the idea of how women can effectively participate in promoting community media, as she was sure that the market oriented media houses will never heed to women's dire needs. Dr. Laura Dameris through her lecture on the topic Commoditisation of women in the Global market was an eye opener as to how the women are objectified as to be possessed, used and sold for serving the market. Prof Madahava Somasundaram in his lecture on Women's rights & Related issues used his powerpoint presentation in a powerful way. He was highly successful in presenting the off beaten idea of women's rights in a very innovative way. Prof V Ramadas who delivered a lecture on 'Women in Gandhian Philosophy' rekindled in them the role of women in Independence movement and role of Gandhian ideas in improving the status of women in India. Dr. Bindhumole V.C in her lecture on Women & Reproductive Rights introduced the Surrogacy related legal issues. Dr. Devdas Menon lectured on Stress Management which was quite stressful to the participants in the beginning but turned out to a great success in the end as he

pinpointed the areas where they can work on. They owe him a lot for teaching them how to overcome stress. They had the opportunity to learn from practitioners like Sandhya IPS on Women and Law and from her experiences she could give them the live examples of how generally women turn into victims of crime. She also encouraged the teachers to gather more courage and compassion and to work for a change in society. Dr. Poornima Mohan gave a lecture on Women in *ManuSmriti* which was highly useful in travelling down the lane and understanding how the subjugation of women began. Dr. Meera Baindhur in her lecture on Women, Nature & Dominance in Indian Traditions of thought helped them to uncover the mysteries of science and philosophy of women and nature by laying down clear that *atma* doesn't have gender. Dr. Justin Padamadan's lecture on Mental Health was thoroughly entertaining; all the great lessons on attaining mental health were wrapped in good jokes of day to day life. Dr. P. K. Uthaman through his lecture on Gender Equations in Nature helped to unveil the secrets of nature in laying out gender equations. Dr. Mary E. John through her informative lecture on Feminists' Concepts made them to understand how the social, economic and political differences are becoming important rather than biological differences, and the burden of culture laid on women. Her words '*Not to reproduce ideas, think fresh*' will linger in their minds. Dr. Parinitha gave a lecture on Violence and the Inscription of Femininity; she could effectively drive home the idea of gender based violence by reciting civil society responses to violence against women.

The participants presented their respective project works in four sessions. These papers were discussed with a critical zeal by moderators. The field trip to Makkayam lightened their spirits and strengthened their interpersonal relations.

Some of the participants of the Women's studies refresher course were exemplary scholars. So peer learning was introduced and the participants used to cut short their intervals for arranging classes for them. Dr. Gasper enlightened them on the meaning of language citing the theories of Derrida and Saussure. Ms. Manjula Bharathi introduced the Phenomenology of absence which is the theme of her book. Ms. Shamna. R presented in a beautiful way the Women and Islam, igniting a discussion.

On the successful completion of the Refresher Course they registered their deep sense of gratitude to the Director, ASC, our Course Co-ordinator

Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan and one and all of the administrative staff of the ASC, University of Kerala.

**SHORT TERM PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSITY  
ADMINISTRATORS  
[From 17.12.2012 To 21.12.2012]**

A five-day short term programme for University Administrators was conducted from 17.12.2012 to 21.12.2012. The programme was started with the introductory speech of Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, UGC- Academic Staff College, University of Kerala. He emphasised the need for conducting such type of courses to build up the capacity of the existing and prospective academic administrators so as to enable them to discharge their functions in a more professional manner. The programme was effectively coordinated by Mr. R. Dileep, Assistant Registrar, University of Kerala, Kariavattom campus. The Resource persons who shared their expertise with the administrators on various topics are given below. Dr. S. Kevin (University Administration), Mr. G. Gopalakrishnan (Public Relations), Sri. N. P. Sharma (KSR), Dr. Justin Padamadan (Organisational Behaviour & Interpersonal Relationship), Dr. Dev Das Menon (Stress Management), Sri. G. Jose (Office Management), Dr. Vinod Chandra (Computerised Office Management), Sri. J. T. Hari (Communication Skill & Time Management), Sri. Sivasankaran Nair (Financial Management).

The course was successfully completed on 21.12.2012 with evaluation and feedback session followed by a valedictory function in which the participants expressed their happiness over the efficacy in conducting the programme and sought suggestions for further improvement. Dr. J. Prabhash, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala was the chief guest who delivered the valedictory address and distributed certificates to the participants.

**130<sup>th</sup> ORIENTATION PROGRAMME (IT-ORIENTED)  
[From 01.01.2013 To 28.01.2013]**

The 130<sup>th</sup> Orientation programme organized by the UGC-Academic Staff College, University of Kerala started on 01/01/2013 at 9.30 am. After the registration, the Director Dr. S. V Sudheer briefed about the programme profile. The Ice-Breaking session was led by Dr. Sony Jose in the afternoon session of the first day. It was a very interactive

session which helped the participants to get to know each other. The session on Value Based Education was handled by Dr. Dinakaral Thavamony. His views were very enlightening and threw light on the importance of values in educational practices. This was followed by a very informative class on Research Methodology by Dr. Simon Thattil. The session was very helpful as it stressed on the need for rigorous research among the academic community. The class by Dr. Dev Das Menon on 'Stress Management' was very fruitful. It was very relevant to the emotional needs of teachers and students. He introduced various psychological approaches that helped in alleviating tension and stress. Dr. Porgio's class on the Emotional Dimension in Teaching was very effective. The session on 'Classroom Management' by Dr. Raseena Padmam emphasized the different aspects of a much needed skill for all teachers. The next session by Dr. Joy Philip on Health Problems of Special Interest for Teachers effectively brought out the health problems that concern the teaching community along with the solutions. Dr. Justin Padamadan's lecture on Interpersonal Relationship was highly appreciated for its content and humourous presentation. The class on Information Literacy Skills by Dr. K. P Vijayakumar was very informative. Dr. K G Thara's lecture on 'Disaster Management' was an eye-opener to the participants. It removed many misconceptions regarding disaster management and provided a new perspective on the issue. The session on Higher Education Policy was handled by Dr. James R. Daniel. He was able to impart knowledge on the various facets of policy formation in the educational sector. Micro Teaching was a new experience for the teachers and Dr. Esther Gladis's class enabled them to grasp the nuances of pedagogic skills. Dr. Usha S. Nair's theory and practical session on Health and Wellness was refreshing. The teachers found the aerobic exercises very energizing. Ms. Shalini and Mr. Shibu Albert shared the sessions on MS Office. The theory and practical classes conducted at the computer lab were very helpful and informative. The Counselling and Personality Development session was one that everyone was looking forward to. Fr. Joye James quenched the expectations of the participants. The class on SPSS by Mr. M Kumaran was very informative, especially to the teachers from Science, Commerce and Social Science streams. The Web Designing class held by Mr. S Manoharan Nair was appreciated by all. The Micro Teaching sessions by

the participants and the Video Analyses by Dr. Theresa Susan were enriching as they helped the teaching community to orient themselves to the pedagogic requirements of classrooms. The project presentations of the participants were conducted on 23.01.2013 and 24.01.2013. As the presentations were from different disciplines, new vistas of knowledge were opened up. The Field Visit on 22.01.2013 to Neyyar Dam was enjoyed by all as it helped to foster a spirit of fellowship among all. The Orientation programme ended on 28.01.2013 with an evaluation and feedback session followed by a Valedictory function. The magazine *Oru Orientation Kaalathu...* was released during the function. The official blog of the orientation batch was also inaugurated by the Director.

### **XXVII REFRESHER COURSE IN NANO SCIENCES [From 03.01.2013 To 23.01.2013]**

The Refresher Course in Nano Sciences was held at the Academic Staff College, University of Kerala from 03-01-2013 to 23-01-2013. The Course started with a registration session held on 3-1-2013. The programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College. He wished a fruitful and meaningful learning experience to the participants. The teachers from different states of our country registered for the course. Dr. H. Padmakumar, Assistant Professor, V.T. M. N. S. S College, Dhanuvachapuram was selected as the Convenor and Dr. S. B. Syamala, Associate Professor, NSS College, Cherthala as Co-Convenor.

The first lecture of the course was delivered by Dr. Abdhul Khader, Hon. Director, Centre for NanoScience and Nano Technology, University of Kerala, who gave a wonderful introduction to the Fundamentals of Nano Science and Nano Technology. The Forenoon session of 4/01/2013 was handled by Dr. M. M. Shaijumon, Assistant Professor, IISER, who emphasised the need for new energy sources. Dr. Manoj. A. G. Namboothiri, IISER, spoke on photovoltaics followed by a talk by Dr. V. Biju, Assistant Professor, University of Kerala on X-ray diffraction Analysis of Nano materials. A talk on Nonlinear optics at nano scale was delivered by Dr. C. Vijayan in the forenoon session of 5/1/2013. The afternoon session was handled by Dr. V. P. Nampoori, CUSAT, who enlightened the understanding of the participants on the theoretical aspects of Nano Photonics.

On 7/1/2013, Dr. C. K. Jayasankar, presented a paper on Rare earth doped Nanomaterials followed by Dr. C. K. Mahadevan's talk on ordered solid materials. Dr. R. S. Jayasree, SCTIMST, delivered a speech on Bio imaging on 8-1-2013 FN. The afternoon session was handled by Dr. N.V. Unnikrishnan, who explained the various aspects of Nanophotonics and channel wave guides. On 9/1/2013, Dr. Mahadevan Pillai, the Co-ordinator of the program gave a good lecture on Nano structures. Prof. Mitsuo Takeda, of Japan, in the second session delivered an innovative lecture on Coherence holography. Prof. M.S. Ramachandra Rao's lecture on defects in ZnO nanostructure was thought provoking.

The first session on 10-1-2013 was engaged by Dr. Rajiv Kini, who spoke on isoelectric doping on III-V semiconductors. In the afternoon session, Dr. C. Sudarasana Kumar took a class on crystal symmetries. On 11-1-2013, Dr. Harikrishna Varma, SCTIMST, pointed out the importance of Nano Science in Biomaterials. An outstanding speech by Dr. Umesh, IISER on Mass spectroscopy gained appreciation from all the participants. On 12/1/2013 Dr. RamaKrishnan talked about Spectroscopic Techniques for nano materials followed by Dr. Surya Narayana who spoke on Diamand like Carbon Coatings.

The program of 14/1/2013 was started with a talk on Nano Biomemetic technology by Dr. Narayana Kalkura. The afternoon session was handled by Dr. Kuruvila Joseph, who explained the different aspects of Nano Composites. Various experimental techniques for Nano Science was explained by Dr. Reji Philip on 15/1/13 FN. On 16/1/13, a talk on Advances in Nano technology was conducted by John Philip followed by a speech of Dr. AjayaGhosh, NIIST on Interdisciplinary research. Dr. K. G. Gopchandran, Department of Opto Electronics, University of Kerala presented a talk on Nanophotonics on 17/1/13 FN. On 18/1/13, the program started with the presentation of Dr. G. Sekhar on Bio-sensors. Dr. R. Dhanasekharan, in the afternoon session, described the methods of Crystal growth for NLO applications.

On 19/1/13 FN, Dr. Murthi Babu gave a lecture on Nanocomposites followed by Dr. Madhu Thalukulam, who spoke on Quantum computations. On 21/1/13, Dr. P. S. Anil Kumar gave a nice talk on Nano magnetism.

All the 45 participants presented their projects which were evaluated by Dr. G. Renuka, Former

Professor & Head, Department of Opto Electronics, University of Kerala and Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai, the Co-ordinator of the course. A field visit to NIIST, Trivandrum and IIST, Trivandrum was conducted on 22/1/13, where the participants got an on- hand exposure to the various Instrumental facilities in Nano Science & Technology.

An objective type test was conducted on the last day followed by the evaluation and feedback session. The refresher course was successfully completed with a Valedictory Function and the certificates were distributed by our chief guest Dr. K. S. Dasgupta, Director, IIST, Trivandrum. The dedication, involvement and friendly attitude showing by Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College, Trivandrum and Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai, our course co-ordinator helped to complete the program successfully. The whole hearted support of administrative staff also aided the successful completion of the program.

**XXV REFRESHER COURSE IN CHEMISTRY  
[From 30.01.2013 To 20.02.2013]**

A Refresher course in Chemistry was conducted by the UGC-Academic Staff College, University of Kerala from 30.01.2013 TO 20.02.2013. The Co-ordinator of the programme was Dr. T. S. Anirudhan, Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, University of Kerala. The participants were from different states of India, including Uttara Pradesh, Maharastra, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. Overall 40 college teachers participated. The course was formally inaugurated by Dr. Sudheer, The Director of UGC Academic Staff College, University of Kerala on 30.01.2013 at 11.30am in which he explained the dynamics of the course. Following the inaugural session the course coordinator Dr. Anirudhan conducted a brief ice-breaking session. During this session Dr. Ravishankar. M, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Rajah Serfoji Govt. College, Thanjavur-613005 was elected as the convener and Dr. John R. Devadason, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Loyola College, Chennai was elected as the co-convener, unanimously by the participants.

From 31-01-2013 the technical sessions started. In each session, a brief introduction was given about the resource person, his/her achievements etc by one among the participants, who volunteered to do this job. The topics for the lectures were informed

to the participants well in advance by the Resource Persons and so the participants could attend the lectures with possible preparation. At the end of each session about 10 minutes were allotted for interaction with the Resource persons. The participants got good opportunity to interact with distinguished resource persons and got their doubts and queries clarified. The resource persons were carefully chosen from different fields of Chemistry like theoretical, analytical, space research, material science, environmental science, spectroscopy, nano-technology etc. The resource persons were very cordial with the participants. During the tea break between two sessions, participants had the opportunity to interact with the resource persons.

The participants were asked to prepare dissertations. All the participants submitted their dissertation reports and made oral presentation based on their project work. The course coordinator Dr Anirudhan gave a patient hearing of this presentation session and made suggestions for further improvement. An Industrial visit trip was arranged to CSIR- NIIS, Thiruvananthapuram. The participants could see and understand the working of various modern instruments during this session.

The Refresher course came to an end with a valedictory function on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013. The Director of UGC Academic staff College attended this session. Most of the participants expressed their satisfaction about the conduct of the Refresher course. The members gratefully expressed their happiness about the arrangements, content, quality and punctuality etc. During the feedback session the participants shared their experiences and also gave useful suggestions in which they suggested to include some laboratory sessions, and also to provide accommodation for all participants within the campus. The Director gave a patient hearing to the suggestions and promised to do the needful. The Refresher Course was a success mainly due to the proper planning and hard work by Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, UGC – Academic Staff College, Dr. Anirudhan, Co-ordinator of the course and the staff members of the ASC.

The participants left the ASC on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2013 with sweet memories of their experience they had here. The Director of UGC- ASC promised to extend any kind of help to the participants in future also when they attempt to implement what they had learnt during the 25<sup>th</sup> Refresher course in Chemistry at ASC, Univ. of Kerala.



**REFRESHER COURSE IN TRANSLATION STUDIES**  
**[From 01.02.2013 To 22.02.2013]**

Refresher Course in an emerging area of studies, i.e., in Translation Studies is a pioneering task of its kind in the history of Academic Staff Colleges in India. The participation of 27 academicians from various Colleges all over India was a special feature. Dr. Scaria Zacharia, renowned Linguist and translation Studies expert has co-ordinated the Course. Teachers from Kashmir, Lucknow, Nasik, Mumbai, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Kerala had a memorable and enriching experience with varied culture. Language Teachers of Spanish, Marathi, English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Linguistics and Malayalam could gather with insightful observation and sharing of unique identities during the sessions. Dr. Iris Koileo was selected as the Convenor and Mr. Pyare Mohan Zutshi was the Co-convenor of the programme.

**Sessions Handled:** Dr. V. R. Prabodhachandran Nair (Translation & Linguistics), Dr. Meena T. Pillai (Translation & Gender), Ettumaanoor Kannan (Translation in Attakkatha & Kathakali), Dr. B. Hariharan (Translation Theories), Dr. V. C. Harris (Translating Drama), Dr. Raghavan Payyanadu (Translation & Folklore), Dr. T. B. Venugopala Panikkar (Translation of Gramm. Texts Indian Models), Dr. K. M. Sherif (Technology in Translation), Dr. P.P. Raveendran (Translating Poetry), Dr. Saji Mathew (Translation & Post Colonial Theory), Dr. George Varghese (Translation & Popular Science), Dr. K.P. Prameela (Translation Poetry), Dr. P.S. Radhakrishnan (Translation and Literary Theory), Ms. Mini Krishnan (Translation for Cultural Integration), Dr. E.V. Fathima (Translation Practice & Decision Making), Dr. Scaria Zacharia (Co-ordinator: On Translation & Project Work) Dr. M.G.S. Narayanan (Translating Social Science Texts), Dr. Murali Madhavan (Sanskrit & World Literature), Dr. M. T. Ansari (Translation & Identity), Margi Madhu (Translation in Koothu & Kootiyaattam), Dr. Parvathi G. Aithal (Translation in the Indian Context). 21 Sessions on different aspects and areas of Translation Studies have opened new horizons of knowledge and learning. The paradigm shift and new understanding of translation in practice is the need of the hour. As the participants were from different language speaking communities of Indian States, it was really a challenge for the experts to satisfy each &

everyone. Participants were also very enthusiastic with debates, discussions and insightful observations.

It's with deep interest and joy that each of the participants prepared their piece of translation work and in analysis of each one's TL Text. Each one was confident enough to explain the politics and cultural barriers faced in the process of Translation. They have chosen serious contents and forms for the translation and able to locate on the reason for their selection of SL Text. Translation from Hindi to Malayalam and vice versa; from French to English; from Kannada to English; memoir from Malayalam to English; from Marathi to English; from Telugu to English; English to Malayalam Gujarati to Malayalam; Tamil to Malayalam; Sanskrit to English and vice versa from Kashmiri to English and Spanish to English etc are the languages chosen for translation. One of the participants even tried Back translation to see how faithful translation could be done. In an inter semiotic translation project, another back translation from visual to verbal sign system too was experimented by one of the participants. Poems, Short stories, Novels, Cinema etc were the genres chosen for translation. All the participants did the work seriously and with amazing quality. It was indeed a rare opportunity to have a National level Refresher Course in Translation Studies.

The participants extended their sincere gratitude to the organizers and resource persons for enriching and supporting them in the new path of National Integration.

**PRINCIPALS' WORKSHOP**  
**[From 01.02.2013 To 22.02.2013]**

The Academic Staff College, University of Kerala conducted a two day workshop for Principals of Colleges in Kerala on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. G. Balamohan Thampi, Former Vice – Chancellor, University of Kerala.

Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director of Academic Staff College, welcomed the gathering and stressed the need for conducting the workshop for principals to understand the recent changes in Higher Education. The programme aims at making the administrative character of the institutions of higher education more flexible, responsive and proactive. Eminent personalities like Dr. Devdas Menon (Former Professor & Head, Department of Psychology,

University of Kerala), Mr. M. S. Dharan (Additional Secretary (Rtd), Government of Kerala), Shri. Sivasankaran Nair (Additional Secretary (Rtd), Government of Kerala), and Dr. James R. Daniel (Former Principal, Scott Christian College, Nagercoil) handled sessions on various topics such as Stress & Time Management, Kerala Service Rules, Financial Propriety, Higher Education Policy etc.

The programme was successfully completed with evaluation and feedback session in which the principals shared their views and experiences and sought suggestions for further improvement. The participants were of the opinion that the programme was highly beneficial and informative as to face the challenges in higher education. The co-operation of the Director and the administrative staff needs special mention.

**SPECIAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2012-2013  
[From 19.02.2013 To 11.03.2013]**

A new chord was struck in the journey of the Academic Staff College with the commencement of Special Summer School from 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The course took off on a high note with a brief registration process, followed by a formal inauguration in which Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College gave a motivating introductory address. Dr. Mahin Mohammed was chosen as the convener and Mrs. Devika Panikar as Co-Convener for the smooth co-ordination of the course. The post lunch session began with Dr. Sony Jose's Icebreaking segment, which paved way for the participants to interact with one another as well as to boost up their confidence level.

The sessions that followed over a period were enriched with highly academic talks on various disciplines by eminent professionals and resource persons across India. The sessions included discourses by Dr. Prince P. R on Mysteries of the Universe, Green House effect and Global warming, Dr. Dev Das Menon on Stress Management, Dr. Manoj Krishna on Human Rights, Dr. K. G. Thara on Disaster Management, Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar on Information Literacy, Fr. Joye James on Counselling and Personality Development, Dr. Iype Joseph on Academic Social Transformation and Disease control, Dr. Simon Thattil on Research Methodology, Dr. Usha S. Nair on Health and Wellness, Dr. Dinakarlal Thavamony on Value Based Education, Dr. Hena on Classroom Management,

Dr. James R. Daniel on Higher Education Policy, Dr. A.V. George on Health Education and Well Being; Dr. Sivasankaran Nair on Life Style Diseases and the final session on Higher Education by Mr. B.S. Ponnudiraj.

As part of the programme, a one day trip was arranged to Poovar boating destination and Kovalam beach. The tour breathed in an invigorating energy and refreshment to all the participants. On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March, the intellectual instincts of the participants were brought to light to powerful presentations which was evaluated by Dr. Razia Begum (Social Sciences), Dr. Gopchandran (Physical Science), Dr. Bindu (Biological Science) and Dr. P. P. Ajayakumar (Languages).

A photo session was arranged on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The course came to a close on 11<sup>th</sup> March with an assessment through evaluation and feedback session followed by a valedictory function. Dr. S.V. Sudheer presided over the function in which felicitations were offered and experiences were shared, followed by distribution of certificates.

The Special Summer School (19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013) will remain a milestone both academically and aesthetically in the minds of all the 47 participants, having far reaching effects on subject competence and skill development.

**SHORT TERM COURSE FOR SOFT SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
[From 04.03.2013 To 08.03.2013]**

The Short Term Course on Soft Skill development was conducted in the Academic Staff College during 4.03.2013 to 8.03.2013. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. V. Sudheer, Director, Academic Staff College. In the inaugural session he briefed about the classes to be delivered during the course. The programme was effectively co-ordinated by Dr. Dinakarlal Thavamony.

The course began with the icebreaking session by Dr. Dinakarlal Thavamony who gave a talk on the importance of soft skill development in the career of a teacher. The method of his presentation attracted all the participants and also helped to have a glimpse of the subtopics elegantly.

Next day, Mr. Varghese John delivered a class on the development of communication skills. It was followed by the class of Arun Gladwin on teamwork and goal setting. The class on time management conducted by Mr. Dinakarlal Thavamony was positively pointing to the strategies through which

effective time management is possible. Dr. Susheela Mathew's on "Adolescent Counseling" gave thrust to the need and advantage of building up knowledge on the adolescent counselling for fulfilling the role of a teacher. Dr. V. M. Santhosh, Associate Professor, Payyannoor College by delivering the class on 'Positive Thinking and Creativity', enhanced the enthusiasm of the participants in a positive manner. Brigadier Arun Y. Raj through interactive methods explained about the significance of dress code and body language in the profession of a teacher during his session.

On the last day of the course Mr. Dinakarlal Thavamony gave an inspiring class on the values integral to the profession of teaching. In the feedback session many participants appreciated the course for the brevity of the classes and for the innovative and interactive method of presentation applied by the Resource persons throughout the duration of the course. The valedictory session was chaired by Mr. Dinakarlal Thavamony. Dr. Bushara Beegom, the convenor of the course, delivered vote of thanks.

**VI REFRESHER COURSE IN MUSIC AND  
PERFORMING ARTS  
[From 05.03.2013 To 25.03.2013]**

The Refresher course in Music and Performing Arts was held at the Academic Staff College, University of Kerala from 05/03/2013 to 25/03/2013. After the registration of the participants, the course was formally inaugurated by Prof. S V Sudheer, Director, UGC Academic Staff College, University of Kerala on 05/03/2013 in which Dr. B Pushpa, the

Co-ordinator of the course and the Head of the Department of Music, University of Kerala was also present. In the inaugural address, the Director gave a brief description of the course.

In the next session, on the same day, Dr. Pushpa, the Co-ordinator introduced the structure of the course and the rules and regulations to be followed by the participants during the course. The topics for the projects to be done by the participants were allotted. Dr. C. Venugopalan Nair, HOD, Department of Dance, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit and Dr. Sobha B Nair, Department of Music, Govt. Women's College, Trivandrum were selected as the Convener and Co-convener for the course.

In the days that followed, the participants were enriched with informative and innovative sessions handled by eminent and excellent artists and faculty from music and performing disciplines. The resource persons who delivered lecture with presentations and demonstrations were Smt Neela Ramgopal (Musical form of Karnataka Composers & Padas of Kshetrajna), Ms. E Rajarajeswari (Performing Body & Moving bodies and space), Smt. Abhraditha Banerjee (Ragas in Hindustani Music & Rabindra Sangeet), Dr. Ettumanur Kannan (Introducing Kathakali & Body languages and Mudras in Kathakali), Dr Tomi Plathottam (Melodic Progressions and Harmonic Progressions & Swaras of Melody and Notes of Harmony), Trichy S Ganeshan (Compositions of Gopalakrishna Bharati & Compositions of Mayuram Viswanatha Iyer), Dr. C. Venugopalan Nair (Ashtanayikas and Navarasas in South Indian Dance Forms), Dr. Achuth Sankar S Nair (Swati Tirunal Maharaja- New facts & Music and Computer), Dr Vijayalakshmi Subramanyam (An insight into Mayamalavagaula and its Janya Ragas), Dr. Radha Venkatachalam (Aesthetic aspects in Pallavi singing & Musical forms in Carnatic and Hindustani Music), Prof. Parassala Ravi (Kerala Talas & Tala aspects in Pallavi Singing), Sri Sadanam Harikumar (Implementation of Rasas in Kathakali Music & Tala Paddhati in Kathakali Music), Dr Devadas Menon (Stress Management), Mr. Satheesh Babu ( Challenges in Machine recognition of ragas), Dr Pappu Venugopal Rao (Navavarana Kritis and Srichakra & Annamacharya Kritis), Dr. Neena Prasad (A Probe into Indian Classical dances & Expressions of emotions and sentiments in Mohiniyattam and allied forms), Sri. V. T. Sunil (Elements of Hindustani Music),

Dr. V R Prabodhachandran Nair (Sopana Sangitam), Dr. C R Rajagopal (Folk Theatre of Kerala & Mudiyyettu and its theatrical elements), Dr. Jayakumar (Voice Culture), Mr. K Kaladharan (Voice Modulation in Theatre & Stylisation in performance) and Dr. K R Seethalakshmy (Moovar Tevaram & Rhythmical aspects in Tiruppugazh).

In addition to the classes, Dr Vijayalakshmi Subramanyam gave a Music Concert based on Sreshta Vaggeyakaras. During the Refresher Course, the participants presented their project in the prescribed topics allotted to them. The course was wound up on 25/03/2013 with the sessions for Evaluation and Feedback followed by a colourful Valedictory session in which the certificates for participants were distributed by the chief guest.

**SHORT TERM COURSE FOR RESEARCH GUIDES IN  
LANGUAGES  
[From 12.03.2013 To 16.03.2013]**

Short-Term Course for Research Guides in Languages was conducted by the UGC-Academic Staff College, University of Kerala, from 12.03.2013 to 16.03.2013.

The programme aimed to equip the research guides with higher academic methodological practices. To develop innovative ideas on research in the discipline concerned, to know the latest developments in respective fields of research and to be aware of how to conduct research activities in the institution were the main objectives.

The programme was formally inaugurated by Dr. S.V. Sudheer, Director of UGC-ASC, University of Kerala and the programme profile was explained by the co-ordinator, Dr. P.P. Ajayakumar, Professor of English, Institute of Distance Education, University of Kerala.

Dr. Joseph Skariah of St. Berchmans College, Changanasserry and Dr. Sheeba Sarath. S of University College, Thiruvananthapuram were elected as Convenor and Co-convenor of the programme respectively.

Dr. K.P. Vijayakumar, Dr. D. Benjamin, Dr. Raghavan Payyanad, Dr. Simon Thattil, Dr. Joseph Dorairaj, Dr. Sherif K.M, Dr. Scaria Zacharia. Dr. Dev Das Menon and Dr. Mohammed Kunju Metharu handled classes on different topics related to research in language and literature.

The final session was meant for evaluation and feedback in which the participants expressed their satisfaction about the conduct of the programme and sought suggestions for further improvement. The timely involvement of the Director, Co-ordinator and the administrative staff members of the ASC deserves special mention.

***"We want that Education by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded and by which one can stand on one's own feet"***

**SWAMI VIVEKANANDA**

**Reservation in Admission to Central / State Educational Institutions**

As per the report of the Kumara Pilla Commission, reservations and educational benefits are allowed to the students belonging to the backward Communities in the educational sector. Accordingly, a schedule of those Communities eligible for reservation has been prepared. This list is prepared in the name of socially and educationally backward communities. Most of the people knowingly or unknowingly use the term 'economically' in the place of 'educationally'. In fact, it is wrong. In the state, educational reservation is allowed only on the basis of income and not on the basis of Creamy layer. Hence, we should be aware of the difference between the two systems – income and creamy layer.

For professional courses, selection to admissions is made by the State Entrance Commissioner on the basis of caste and income. When the total income of a person is taken into consideration, the income that one receives by way of salary is included.

Recently two writ petitions (WPC No. 29271 of 2012 – H and 11578 of 2013) were filed in the High Court against this criteria. On the basis of this, the High Court has issued a Judgment (dt. 07-08-2013) that the creamy layer criteria should also be implemented to professional colleges in the state from next year onwards. Further action on this matter is under consideration with the government.

In connection with the enactment of law for reservation in admission to backward communities in the central educational institutions, they get admissions even in IIT, IIM, AIIMS etc. based on the entrance test conducted on All India Level. Only those who belong to backward communities and non creamy layer are eligible for reservation.

Creamy layer system is the criteria for getting reservation for education and employment in the Central Government. But in Kerala, creamy layer is the criteria for getting employment only. For educational purposes, income is the criteria. For determining creamy layer, salary or agricultural income is not taken into consideration. In Kerala, reservation in admission to professional colleges through entrance examination conducted by the Entrance Examination Commissioner, is based on income stipulated by KPCR. When this income is calculated, salary and income from agriculture is taken into account.

**THE CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
(RESERVATION IN ADMISSION) ACT, 2006  
(Relevant extract)**

- 2 (d) "Central Educational Institution" Means-
- (i) a university established or incorporated by or under a Central Act;
  - (ii) an institution of national importance set up by an Act of Parliament;
  - (iii) an institution, declared as a deemed University under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956) and maintained by or receiving aid from the Central Government;
  - (iv) an institution maintained by or receiving aid from the Central Government, whether directly or indirectly, and affiliated to an institution referred to in clause (i) or clause (ii), or a constituent unit of an institution referred to in clause (iii);
  - (v) an educational institution set up by the Central Government under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860);

**3. Reservation of seats in Central educational Institutions** – The reservation of seats in admission and its extent in a Central Educational Institution shall be provided in the following manner, namely:-

- (vi) Out of the annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty, fifteen percent. Seats shall be reserved for the scheduled Castes;
- (vii) Out of the annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty, seven and one-half percent. seats shall be reserved for the Scheduled Tribes;
- (viii) Out of the annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty, twenty-seven percent. Seats shall be reserved for the Other Backward Classes.

*"The first rule of education, in all lands is never to say anything offensive to anyone"*

**VOLTAIRE**

**Adieu to Dr. A. Jayakrishnan**



**Dr. A. Jayakrishnan** an eminent Scientist, a distinguished scholar and an able administrator, has been an inspiring force for the University especially for the Academic Staff College ever since he took charge as the Vice-Chancellor of the University. His outstanding academic scholarship and administrative experience could lead the University at par with the other major National Universities. Under his leadership and guidance we could conduct the All India Directors' Meet of UGC-Academic Staff Colleges in Feb 2009 at the University of Kerala. He served as a Resource Person and handled some sessions of Orientation Programmes and Refresher Courses conducted by this ASC.

As the Chairman of the Academic Advisory Committee of ASC, Dr. Jayakrishnan's innovative thinking, academic and administrative interest and commitment helped the ASC in retaining the top position among other Academic Staff Colleges across the country.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and wish all success in his future endeavours.      ✦ ✦ ✦

**Remembrance - from the office desk**

**Dear Participants**

- ✦ Submit Registration fees as DD along with application forms.
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- ✦ Watch the Website regularly for our updated information.
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**Inauguration of Principals' Workshop by Dr. Balamohan Thampi. Dr. Dev Das Menon and Dr. S. V. Sudheer (Director) - present**



**Prof. Mitsuo Takeda, Utsunomiya University Tokyo, Japan - A class in progress**



**Dr. K. S. Dasgupta, Director, IIST, Trivandrum - addressing the participants of Refresher Course in Nano Sciences**



**Dr. K. S. Dasgupta receiving memento from Dr. S. V. Sudheer. Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai also present.**



**Director ASC welcoming the guests - Sri. K. P. Shasidharan IA & AS, (Middle) Director General, Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi and Dr. C. R. Rajagopal, Director, International Centre for Kerala Studies.**



**Welcoming the Chief guest Justice K. T. Thomas (Former Justice, Supreme Court of India). Director, ASC, on the dais**

**PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED  
FROM DECEMBER 1987 TO MARCH 2013**

Sl. No.	Year	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
1	1987 - 1988	03	94
2	1988 - 1989	08	281
3	1989 - 1990	10	337
4	1990 - 1991	12	405
5	1991 - 1992	16	482
6	1992 - 1993	18	493
7	1993 - 1994	19	583
8	1994 - 1995	15	459
9	1995 - 1996	12	381
10	1996 - 1997	11	408
11	1997 - 1998	11	449
12	1998 - 1999	13	572
13	1999 - 2000	22	960
14	2000 - 2001	27	1104
15	2001 - 2002	28	1202
16	2002 - 2003	32	1294
17	2003 - 2004	33	1108
18	2004 - 2005	33	1296
19	2005 - 2006	36	1180
20	2006 - 2007	33	1002
21	2007 - 2008	33	1094
22	2008 - 2009	32	1104
23	2009 - 2010	33	1049
24	2010 - 2011	32	985
25	2011 - 2012	29	1033
26	2012 - 2013	27	995
<b>Total</b>		<b>578</b>	<b>20,350</b>

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