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GCM: Distinctive features

As 2021 is the centenary year of the Malabar Rebellion in which the public resistance took shape as a popular uprising against the British, a glimpse into the distinctive features of Government College Malappuram would shed light into the evolutionary grounds of the region as well as the institution. As a minority district formed in 1969, Malappuram has its unique features compared to the other districts of the state. It was in 1971, just after two years of the formation of the district that the college was started, and it is now crossing half a century in its trajectory. From an undergraduate college with minimal courses, it has grown into a college of 9 UG and 7 PG courses, with 2 research departments.

In its history, the percentage of students who take admission from the socially and economically backward communities are very high. Their pass percentage is also very high. The institution was always willing to ride along with the contemporary demands and alterations of the times. In its curricular history, the college always updated itself academically as per the university instructions.

Today, beyond the bounds of their majors, the UG students enjoy opportunities to get introduced to other disciplines through Open Courses and Add-on programmes. In addition to the library with more than 40,000 books, the online portal for learning and interaction, used by the students on a 24X7 basis, helps to enrich academic efficiency. Access to the INFLIBNET facility is also available for the students and researchers.

As the college occupies an easily accessible position on the Malappuram- Manjeri State highway, it is always a central hub for various state government departments to hold their manifold educational and cultural programmes. Our students get the opportunity to attend all these programmes. The programmes vary in their nature and content as different departments like Forest, Revenue, Health, Police, Fire Force, etc., choose this campus for official programs, and conduct legal awareness classes, medical camps, creativity boosting and skill development training, etc. District Revenue department organises the inauguration of the talk series for the State Election Commission on the National Voters Day (25 January), on 'a responsible approach towards the democratic process of elections' for the youths in the campus. Some of our teachers themselves are mostly the presenters. Also, our students, normally NCC cadets, take part regularly in the district level Independence Day and Republic Day parades at the MSP parade ground, Malappuram.

A large number of students make use of this campus as the centre for their SDE classes offered by the University of Calicut. The coaching class for the same is also given here. Different universities inside and outside the state had set this campus as their examination centre during the Covid pandemic, so that a large number of students utilised this facility in this campus.

Maharajas College, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala University and Kannur University had their examination centres here during the pandemic.

ASAP, Additional Skill Acquisition Programme, an undertaking of the Higher Education Department, Kerala, has its district centre functioning in the college. The Election Commission utilises the full potential of the college during Election times. It functions as Polling Official Training Centre, Polling Material Distribution Centre, Polling Stations, Ballot Box Strong Room, Counting Stations, etc. The teachers of the campus participate officially in almost all the election programmes held in the district, as they are the first to get duties assigned of this sort.

The college is a regular centre for Kerala State PSC examinations. Quite often, teachers get appointed as the subject experts for many PSC interviews for various offices.

Some of the teachers are there on the University administrative and academic bodies like the University Senate, Syndicate and different Boards of studies. Teachers' as well as students' organizations hold their district level conferences, seminars and other conventions in the college.

At this District centre with easy access, many subjects like Commerce, Economics, Malayalam, Arabic, English, Urdu etc. have the centralised valuation camps organised by the university examination wing. These camps often function also as a get-together of various faculties. Many of our teachers work as Chairs of the camps, and others as Chief and Additional Examiners.

Outstanding community service done in association with Malappuram Municipality and District Headquarters hospital, Down Hill, Malappuram have taken the attention of the public as well as the media. Share A Meal and Swayampurna have their impact in and around the campus.

Community Interaction and Affirmation programmes like building houses for poor by NSS units, Gender Consciousness programmes like inclusive attitude towards the trans-people under women cell, and Employability programmes conducted by the Career Guidance Cell and the activities of many clubs and other bodies make the campus really active and distinct.

The Green Campus Clean Campus program existing in various forms, along with different Best Practice items like Herbal Garden, Butterfly Garden, Under the Mango Tree, Seasonal Farming and Mushroom Farming under the auspices of NSS turn the campus into a Green Positive haven. On the human front, special care is given to the mother students as they are provided with facilities like leave, counselling, baby care facilities and financial help, if found needed.

High priority is given to Differently Abled candidates inside and outside the campus. During the several programmes (of the Challenged) held in the district headquarters, members of NSS and other students act as volunteers so that the functions are smoothly and successfully conducted. As there is a Scribe Bank under NSS, these students volunteer themselves as scribes both inside and outside the campus. Ramps and other assistive devices point to the inclusive nature that the campus keeps in all its challenged- friendly approaches.

A vibrant Alumni Association registered under the charitable act is actively involved in the welfare of the students and progress of the college. Some of our old students are hailing in the social as well as cultural forefront today. The previous MP and Left Democratic Front convenor A. Vijayaraghavan; former MLA of Perinthalmanna, V. Sasikumar; the sitting MLA of Kondotty, TV Ibrahim; The present Malappuram Municipal Chairman Mujeeb Kaderi, etc. are some of them. The present president of the Alumni Association Sri. Abdul Karim IPS, former District Superintendent of Police, is an old student and active member of the campus. Many have proven their mettle in the fields of trade and industry as well. The Alumni Association is keenly interested in the multifaceted physical as well as academic advancements of the campus. In all the moments of crises, it stood along with the positive spirit of campus; participated in the infrastructure development of the college, like joining hands in the *Bhavana Nirmana Padhathi* at Nilambur, donating mobile phones to many needy students when classes turned online during Covid 19, etc. This Alumni Association has chapters in many parts of the world like Jeddah, Dubai and UK etc. Around 25 of the teachers in the campus who worked here during various years of this assessment period were old students of GCM.

Thus, the Government College Malappuram stands out now with its own distinctive features in the academic, social and cultural scenario of Malabar in particular, and Kerala, in general.