



## SOCIETY ACTIVITY REPORT 2019-2020

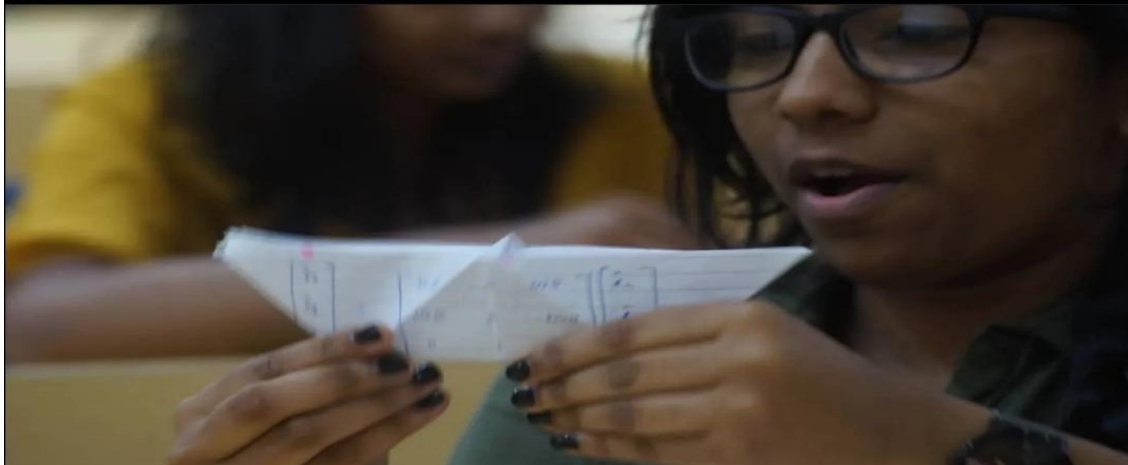
### THE MALAYALAM LITERARY SOCIETY

The Malayalam Literary Society has always remained, one of the most vibrant societies in the college. The society focuses on bringing awareness on the culture and history of Kerala among the students of the College. For years, the Society has organized various cultural and literary events to propagate the idea of our culture to the fellow Stephanians.

#### FROM CHEKUTTY TO FRIEND'SHIP'

Our inaugural session for this academic year was an interactive session with Smt. Lakshmi Menon, the co-founder of the chekutty campaign. The talk which was held on 6th August 2019 was a memoir to the fishermen of Kerala who became the saviors of flood-hit Kerala. From Chekutty to Friend'ship', we had a nice time making some paper boats as our expression of gratitude to the fishermen of Kerala.





## **ONAM**

Onam is a major event in college organized by the society. The majority of the college population come together to celebrate onam in its pomp and splendor. Onam is in a way is not less than a college fest, as students irrespective of their culture become a Malayali for one day, experimenting Malayali culture in its traditional attires, authentic Malayali cuisine as well as the very own unique artforms of Gods own country.



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# ONAM 2019

**DAY 1 - September 20**  
Tiger Dance - 1:30 pm | Mess Lawns  
Movie Screening - 2:30 pm | Room Opp AV

**DAY 2 - September 21**  
Inaguration- 1:30 pm | Mess Lawns  
Thiruvathira- 1:40 pm | Mess Lawns  
Vanchipaattu- 1:50 pm | Mess Lawns  
Onam Lunch- 2:30 pm | Mess Hall  
Tug of War- 2:30 pm | SCR Lawns  
Games - 3:00 pm | SCR Lawns

This year Onam was held on September 20th and 21st . Prior to Onam the society organized a talk by prof.A K Ramakrishnan on the topic 'Understanding Multiple Narratives of Onam'.

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**A TALK BY  
PROF. A K RAMAKRISHNAN  
UNDERSTANDING MULTIPLE  
NARRATIVES OF ONAM**

17th September | 3pm | Room XC



On Day 1 of Onam, the mess lawns saw the energetic dance moves of the 'Tigers' part of Pulikali(Tiger Dance). This year pulikali was a step ahead by bringing both boys and girls to dance to the rhythmic beats of chenda. We also had a movie screening on Day 1 as part of Onam celebrations.

Day 2 as always was one of the most spectacular days of college year. Students, clad in traditional Kerala attires add beauty to the ethnic atmosphere of Onam. The beautifully synchronized dance steps of Thiruvathira, one of the very popular artform in Kerala was performed by lady junior members of the college on Day 2. Vanchipattu( Boat song), another art form boasting Kerala culture and folklore was also performed. This year, the lyrics of Vanchipattu, were transformed as a tribute to the fishermen of Kerala who helped in saving lives in the flood-hit state of Kerala. It was followed by various games in the SCR lawns including Tug-of-war and the authentic Kerala Sadhya in the mess. Onam, will always be fondly remembered by each and every Stephanians.

The compilation video of Onam 2019 is given below .

<https://youtu.be/t6h8xiwfJKs>

#### **MAJOR TALKS**

One of the major talk of the year was by Sri.Sachidanandan, one of the renowned poet of Malayalam literature. The talk was held on 24th September, 2019 and discussed ' Poetry and Resistance'. Our annual Journal for the previous academic year 'Vykhari' was released on the same day by Sri. Sachidanandan.



Another interesting talk by Mr. Josy Joseph, the famous investigative journalist was held on 16th October, 2019 on 'Investigative Journalism: Relevance and Challenges.'



### **'WHEN FISHERMEN TURNED HEROES'**

The Malayalam Literary Society has always shown enthusiasm to speak for the Fishermen of Kerala who showed their heroism in the desperate times of Kerala History. We published a Journal commemorating the heroes of flood, 'When Fishermen Turned Heroes.' The journal was successful in depicting the lives of the flood-hit Keralites.

### **KALIYATTOM**

Kaliyattom, the Annual fest of the Malayalam literary Society is another platform created by the society to showcase the cultural vibrancy of the State of Kerala. This year Kaliyattom was held on February 1st. Kaliyattom mainly has the agenda of bringing the cultural history and tradition of Kerala to the students, each year. This year, Oppana, an art form mostly prevalent in the Mappila community of Malabar Region of Kerala, hit the dance floor. Vattapattu, the male version of Oppana was also performed on the occasion. Nadanpattu performance, a must for cultural events depicting Kerala culture also won hearts. The play 'Aparajitha' adopted from the story of M. Mukundan was yet another visual treat for the students.

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**Kaliyattam**

THE ANNUAL FEST OF  
MALAYALAM LITERARY SOCIETY

1st February 2020 | Mess Lawns | 2 PM onwards

**Inauguration  
Oppana  
Vattapaattu  
Naadanpaattu  
Tea Stall**

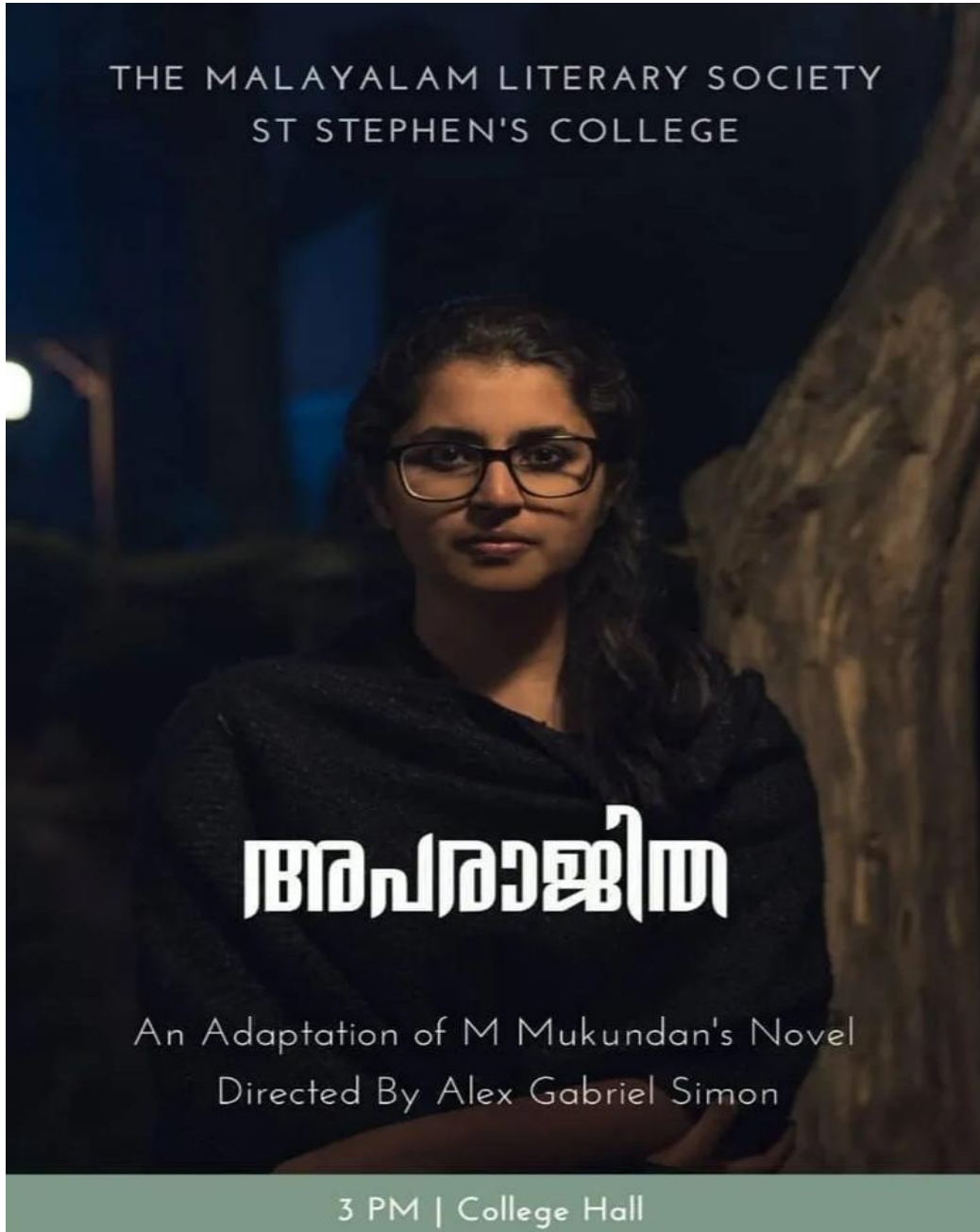
**Aparājitha | College Hall | 3 PM**

The poster features two photographs. The top photograph shows three women in traditional white and gold Kaliyattam attire, including headscarves and necklaces, performing. The bottom photograph shows a group of women in blue and white traditional attire performing on a stage, with one woman playing a mridangam.

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### LITERARY EVENTS, COMPETITIONS

Literature and related ideas were given much more importance this year. A number of competitions on literary works were conducted throughout the year. Short stories, Poetry, Essays, Cartoons etc were called for competitions and we had a handful of entries from various competitions. A Photography contest was also conducted as part of onam. The works of the Society, throughout this year, had been a major breakthrough in the history of Society. The talks and discussions, the cultural



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events etc were indeed impactful in bringing the cultural essence of Kerala to the student community in the college

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# Poetry Writing Competition

Original works, either in  
English or Malayalam  
on any theme

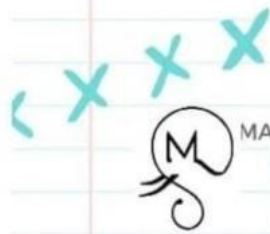
**EVENT OPEN TO OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION**

send in your entries to  
[vykhari18@gmail.com](mailto:vykhari18@gmail.com)  
before 25th January 2020

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# STORY WRITING COMPETITION

**PRIZES WORTH 1K**

BILINGUAL: ENGLISH AND  
MALAYALAM

**OPEN FOR STUDENTS FROM ALL COLLEGES**

ORIGINAL STORIES OF ANY  
THEME

Sent your entries to [vykhari18@gmail.com](mailto:vykhari18@gmail.com)

WORD LIMIT:2000  
DEADLINE:29/11/2019

