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**PU COLLEGE**  
MALUR, KARNATAKA

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EMBRACE THE CHANGE.



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# PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Students,

As you stand closer to the end of an academic session (2020-21) you may have mixed feelings and thoughts. You may recall the colorful events that you took part in, the spaces and platforms you enjoyed, and a host of other bitter-sweet happenings. But you are going out to a world that is challenging because of the fast changes that occur on a daily basis in this world and the mad race for survival and success of all in life.

The year that ended has given us a lot of lessons in our lives as we were fighting the pandemic. It taught us to have our training under new conditions and circumstances. Being away from one another, it taught us to be on different platforms. Life took a new phase based more on technology, inviting us to become techies, a much needed thing to deal with what lies ahead of us. It also taught us how the world will react if man invents things to destroy humankind and its civilization.

Building up something beautiful and useful is always appreciable. As Christ has taught us we need to build our houses on solid rock. No matter how big and attractive the house is, it may collapse without a strong foundation. What attracts from the outside can be deceptive and disastrous.

What we are making in our lifetime is a "life edifice". Everybody should make it and it should give oneself a proud feeling. It comes from the fact that you are strong enough to face the trails and tempests, the twists and turns in life. Make sure you adorn it well, creatively blending your skills with those of your mentors. The strength of the foundation of life lies in your readiness to learn from various sources and to get our doubts cleared in all that we do and learn. The newness of our lives should be the synergistic output of our personal skills and the knowledge we gain. Let us try to build this sort of an edifice, making use of our time and talents. Never, never, give up and never stop building it. May you present to the world the best that is in you.

Challenges are part of living and are signs of growth. The present situations around the world are not encouraging, but we will face it courageously. The watch-word today is "new normal". What was considered normal in the past is replaced with "new normal" under a set of certain precautionary standards. That is, from now on, this has become measures of saving lives unless something happens differently. As we are trying to cope with the new situations and settings let us also try to be more prepared to accept more challenges due to the rapid changes happening around us.

May I wish you all the very best in life. And may God bless you.

Fr. Paul Kadamkulam CMI  
Principal.



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# EDIT SPEAK

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."*

*The opening lines of the very famous novel 'A Tale of Two Cities' by Charles Dickens rightly encapsulates the intrinsic mystique of what the human race has been going through. 2020 was a year that witnessed a hitherto unseen and direful Pandemic, overturning normalancy in every realm of life. Shoving the frontiers of acute trepidation and irrevocable loss that the Pandemic has brought in, it has also engendered a heretofore burgeon of ingenuity, buoyancy and sheer will to survive.*

*Despite the intensity of grief and horror, keeping in mind the lessons of self dependency, so intrinsically associated with this unprecedented time, this year, too, we have fervidly curated this piece of artistry which indeed is a joy for us to share.*

*This newsletter is indeed a metaphor for celebrating and commemorating the attainments that we have made in this academic year and is also a reminder of not succumbing to the afflicting pressures of the current time.*

*What prevails in each of us in these troubled times is a sense of grace and gratitude sprinkled with a genuine serving of extravaganza in all that we have been able to accomplish together. The ink on the coming pages, perhaps, will be a testimonial to the leaves of time that we are leaving behind.*

*I extend my genuine gratitude to the Management, Principal, Staff Members and Students for extending their unclenched support in bringing out this newsletter.*

*Life is lived when changes occur. By changing nothing, nothing changes. Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but it comes with continuous struggle. Without the struggle, there is no strength.*

*Nisha Joseph*





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# The Year in Perspective

‘Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better’, remarked Pat Riley.

The year 2020 wasn’t relaxing at all. Although this year has created tremendous turbulence in our lives by shattering familiarity and ushering in myriad forms of novelty, yet, We made sure that none of our academic processes came to stand still. Covid 19 has made us push the frontiers of classroom teaching to limits unimagined. We moved on to newer pedagogic practices and learning and administrative experience making technology our friend. Upholding the vision of Expertise and Excellence, realizing the mission through holistic education, inculcating the core values, we are always in the pursuit of learning and sharing the learning with others.

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin. These are the great words of Tony Robin. The journey started behind time, we cannot change the beginning but we can decide the journey and destination. The academic year that had begun on an otherwise positive note came to an abrupt halt in early March 2020 due the lockdown imposed by the deadly Pandemic. As this academic year draws to a close, it’s time for us to recall our eventful journey.

The college is blessed with an impressive diversity of students. Our current student strength is 258 with 124 students at I PUC and 134 students at II PUC. The impressive array of teaching, administrative and multi tasking staff practically translates our vision and mission into reality.

## **GRADUATION DAY**

Under the glistening ether on a much awaited day, scores of fervent minds stood over the edifice of another chapter in their lives. Graduation Day being the highly anticipated and much awaited day in the life of every student, marks the fruition of their academic pursuits. The second graduation ceremony of Christ PU College 2018-2020 batch was celebrated with much pomp and glory at the main auditorium on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The programme began on a solemn note with an invocation song followed by a prayer session. The Chief Guest for the day Rev. Fr. Jossy P George CMI, Director and Dean, Lavasa, Pune exhorted the graduates to be lifelong learners and embrace changes positively. The day also witnessed the release of the second edition of the college magazine - Spectra.

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Achieving academic excellence is our hallmark as educators. The result of II PUC Board examination 2018-2020 was overwhelming as students made us elated with their extraordinary achievements. We were able to secure a cent percent result in II PUC. Our students passed in flying colours with 15 distinctions, 106 first classes and 9 second classes. Joshua Thomas Zacharia of EBAC secured a centum in Computer Science. Jeevan Kumar of PCMB was the State topper in Tamil.

## **CHANGE OF GUARD**

The major happening of this academic year was the revamp of duties. Following the changes at the helm of the college, Rev. Fr. Paul Kuriakose CMI took over the reins of the college from Rev. Dr. Rajesh George CMI to steer the ship towards higher pinnacle of success.

## **ORIENTATION DAY**

To ensure the smooth communication and bridge the gap between the students and teachers in times of Covid 19, an orientation programme was conducted for the II PUC students on 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. Our in-house faculty, Ms. Divya Sebastian and Ms. Ramya Bharathi empowered the students on Etiquettes for Online Learning as it turned out to be the need of the hour.

## **WEBINAR**

A National webinar entitled ‘Impact of Covid 19 on Board Exams’ was conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> of June by our in-house faculty Ms. V. Vidhyalekshmi on zoom platform. The webinar saw a participation of more than 100 students and they were enlightened on how to face board exams fearlessly during the pandemic. Participants were given inputs on how to manage time in preparing for board exams and how to engage themselves.

## **TVASTRA 2020**

The college organized an inter-collegiate online fest titled TVASTRA 2020 on 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. The fest had a cornucopia of events to bring out the quiescent talents in students in copious avenues like Cooking, Poetry, Meme Contest, Rangoli, Photography, Cartoon, Best out of Waste to name a few. The fest presented an avenue for students to showcase their skills and creativity and bring out the best flair in the field of their choice.

*Though thwarted by the tremendous upheavals of the Pandemic, this academic year has been an enriching experience for both faculty and students alike.*

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT



Mr. Abraham Lincoln, Faculty, Department of Languages of our college was selected to attend Associate NCC Officer training camp. Under his tutelage the students of our college have successfully completed their B certificate examination in Kolar. He has also played a vital role in organizing three-days NCC camp in our college.

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

During this academic year the college had several Faculty Development Programmes, organized in tune to cope with the pressures which the Pandemic have posed. On 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, a webinar for the academic fraternity was conducted on the topic Etiquettes of Online Teaching. The resource person for the day Mr. Ruben V M, Associate Professor, Department of Law, CHRIST Deemed to be University, Bangalore, emphasised on the importance of technology in teaching and learning. Webinar enforced the faculty in attaining expertise in online teaching. This interactive session truly proved to be informative and it replaced all the queries into active learning methodologies in online teaching.

## TEACHERS' DAY

To acknowledge and commentate the unremitting efforts of the teachers, Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> of September with utmost enthusiasm and zeal by the students. Mr. Ivan Jose, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, CHRIST, Deemed to be University, Bangalore graced the day. To light up the spirit of the occasion, various fun-filled games and performances were organized by students virtually to express their appreciation and gratefulness to the teachers.



*Student Achievement*

Sharon Firoza of II PCMB has published her poetry collection in the magazine titled *Memories to Cherish*. A person who finds solace in the pages of poetry, she is an aspiring writer who wants to touch the heart of people through her poems. She believes that each poem has a soulful story worth to be explored.

**CELESTA 2020**

Ingenious and adroit skills of the students were steered at the evolvment. This celebration of artistry was witnessed on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2020, a day when all the christites were filled with excitement as a fun filled talents day - Celesta 2020 was held. A great variety of scintillating and spectacular performances kept the spectators enthralled.

**INAUGURATION DAY**

As an embark of a new journey, I PUC inauguration for the academic year 2020-21 was held on 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. It was a virtual meeting wherein a bunch of florets, swaying with exultant faces embarked their academic journey at the college. A total of 124 students joined the college in the streams of PCMB, PCMC and EBAC. The inauguration was presided over by Rev. Fr. Rinoj James CMI, Manager, Christ College of Science and Management, Rev. Dr. Rajesh George CMI, Principal, Christ PU College and Rev. Fr. Ebin V Francis CMI, Vice-Principal, Christ PU College. The students were welcomed into the folds of CHRIST family on a positive note through a prayer session. The inauguration was followed by a two-day orientation session where in teachers namely Ms. Amulya Kurian, Ms. Divya Sebastian and Ms. Naidu Saranya Devi briefed the students about the Campus Culture, Etiquettes for Online Learning and Emotional Intelligence respectively. The two-day orientation session aided the students to become more confident and competent.

## **FRESHERS' DAY**

A Freshers' Day was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2020 virtually. The day was marked as a memorable day in the life of every fresher of the 2020 - 2022 batch at the college. Though conducted online, the seniors and juniors of the college were able to bond together and celebrate the event as jovial smiles and high spirits marked the welcome party for the freshers'.

## **WELCOMING OF NEW PRINCIPAL**

“A small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast”, said William Shakespeare. On 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2020, Rev. Fr. Paul Kuriakose CMI was warmly welcomed as the new Principal of Christ PU College. Rev. Fr. Paul took over the reins of the college from his predecessor Rev. Dr. Rajesh George CMI, and assured the gathering that he would carry forward all the unfinished tasks for the predecessor with the same zeal and zest.

## **CHRIZZER 2020**

Students of Christ PU College participated in Chrizzer, an International Level Quiz Competition organized by Christ, Deemed to be University, Pune Lavasa campus in collaboration with Delhi NCR campus, on 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. The quiz witnessed the participation of over 500 students from different parts of India. After a nail-biting competition, our students entered into prefinals. Indeed the different rounds of Chrizzer exposed the students to new avenues of thoughts.

## **ADIEU TO FATHERS**

Time is cruel; it has the ability to take away the person, but the memories the person gifted us is stubborn enough to linger on in our hearts. Though the passing may never return, but the love and admiration that fills our hearts will remain forever. On 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2020, a farewell was organized to bid adieu to our most beloved fathers Rev. Fr. Rinoj James CMI and Rev.Dr. Rajesh George CMI. It was indeed a heart-wrenching and a melancholic day for everyone. On the same day, Rev. Fr. Paul Kuriakose CMI acceded to the office as the new Principal. Indeed the farewell ceremony was a poignant one, which left everyone downhearted.

## **NATIONAL VOTER'S DAY**

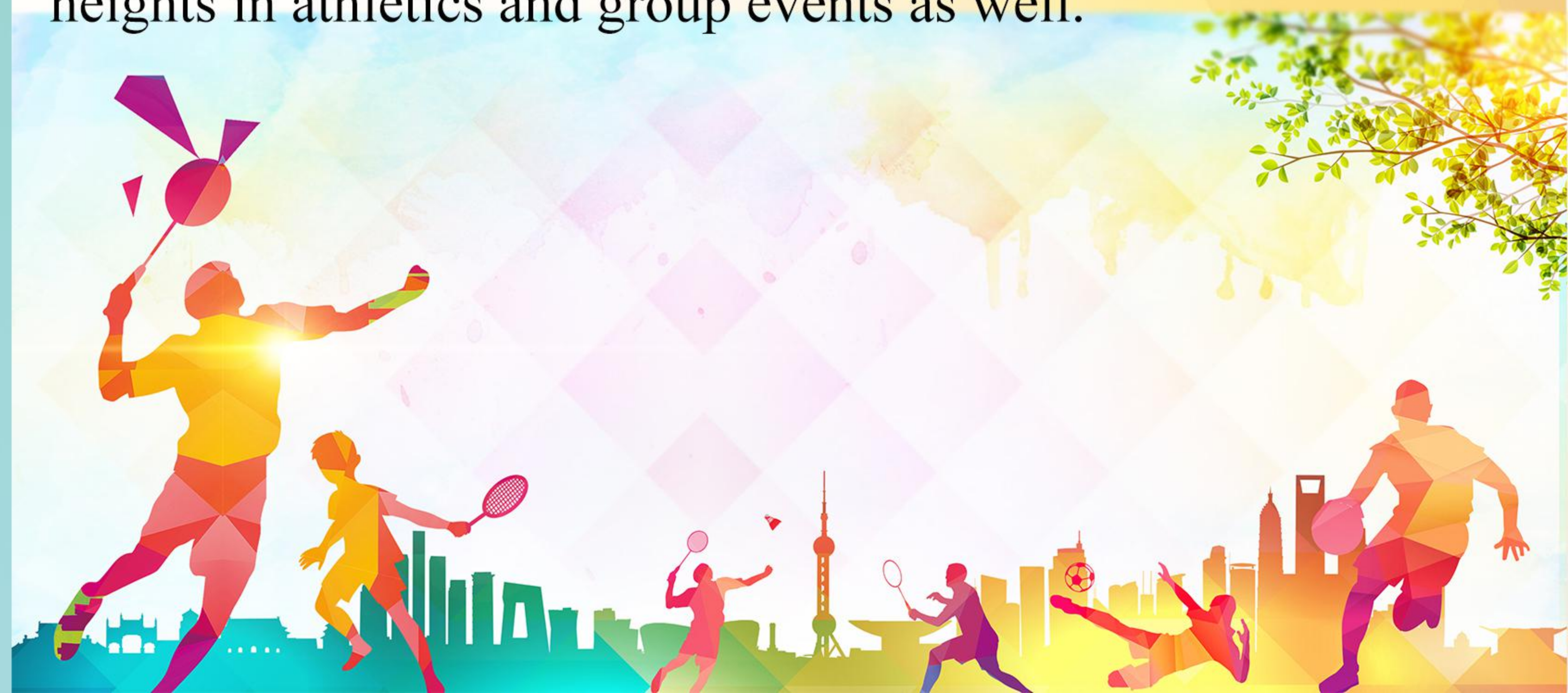
On 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2020, students enthusiastically participated in the programmes organized in association with National Voters' Day. Various activities namely Poster and Collage Making, Essay Writing were organized for the students to mark the celebrations. Our students namely Chandanashree N Reddy, Amulya S, Bindhushree K bagged first, second and third prize in English Essay Writing Competition, Kannada Essay Writing Competition and Poster Making Competition at Taluk Level.

## **FITNESS WEEK**

The college has been successful in catering to the well being of young minds through its integral education mission. Keeping this in mind, the college observed Fitness Week from 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2020. The prime objective of the fitness week was to bring about a change for the students from spending 'Passive Screen Time' to 'Active Field Time'. The fitness week saw an energetic participation of students and was indeed a wonderful initiative to spread awareness about health and fitness.

## **MALUR TALUK SPORTS MEET**

Sports have always been an avenue in which the college has been encouraging the students. With each passing year, the level of competition becomes more intense and stronger. The Malur Taluk Sports Meet was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. Our students showcased persistent and magnificent achievements in the sports meet. The College Football and Basketball team continued their winning streak this year also by becoming the champions. Apart from retaining our strong positions in various individual games, our students scaled new heights in athletics and group events as well.



## **COMMENCEMENT OF OFFLINE CLASSES**

Keeping all the obstacles and struggles which the Pandemic had brought in at bay offline classes for II PUC commenced from 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. From 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2021 offline classes for I PUC also commenced.

## **REPUBLIC DAY**

To promote the patriotic fervour, national integrity and harmony, the college celebrated 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Rev. Fr. Jose Kariamadam CMI, Manager, Christ Group of Institutions, Rev. Fr. Jins George, CMI, Principal, Christ College of Science and Management, Rev. Fr. Paul Kuriakose CMI, Principal, Christ PU College, Rev. Dr. Rajesh George CMI, Principal, Christ International School, Rev. Fr. Ebin V Francis CMI, Vice Principal, Christ College of Science and Management, commandos from the Indian Army, members of National Cadet Corps, members of academic fraternity and students.

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

A day decorated with appreciation and flamboyancy, to celebrate womanhood, International Women's Day was commemorated on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. Various colourful and vibrant stage performances of the academic council made the day evening vivacious. This day was indeed an encouragement to, and appreciation of, the many women in this college, who are everyday putting forth their best for their students or studies, irrespective on which side of a spectrum they are on.

## SAYANORA 2021

A Farewell Party - Sayanora 2021, for the outgoing batch was organized magnificently by the juniors on 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. The day was a fiesta devoted to the second years to reminisce their joyous moments spent in the college. Moments of fond memories flowed as the juniors a video of their seniors depicting their time spent at the college. The various performances including Dance and Drama put up by the juniors were scintillating. The ensemble choir of the college created a perfect ambience with a befitting musical tribute to their juniors. Farewell ended up with a group snap and a word of appreciation.

## WORDS OF GRACE

Tom Hiddleston said once, ‘You never know what’s around the corner. It could be everything or it could be nothing. You keep putting one foot in front of the other and then one day you look back and you have climbed a mountain’. The assured and unassured decisions and apprehensive and clear choices have led CHRIST to where it is today. In these many years there happened numerous incredible and glorious metamorphosis wherein the college has unleashed itself from the cocoon, embraced its wings and has soared high charting new arenas for success.

*Five years  
have passed,  
five summers,  
the length of  
five long win-  
ters, we  
stood together  
from joy to joy,  
the picture of  
mind revives  
again.*

## LOCKDOWN

The grasses would not find any legs on them for  
a few days,

The nature would get less polluted for  
a few days,

The sun would rise and fall in a street without people for  
a few days,

The family would be complete the whole day for  
a few days,

The ants would walk freely on ground for  
a few days,

The houses would be completely filled for  
a few days,

The sound of the machines would be stopped for  
a few days,

The virus would be eradicated from earth in  
a few days.

SHARON FIROZA

II PCMB



**ACADEMIC FRATERNITY**



**2019-2021 BATCH**