

# **OYSTER**

**(Organisation of yesteryear students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences)**

## **Annual Report 2020-21**

The year 2020-21 was a fruitful year for OYSTER as well as for Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous). OYSTER has still reached out to the alumni with the limitations imposed due to COVID 19 pandemic.

### **OYSTER activities for the period:**

#### **OYSTER HOME COMING DAY 2020, 26<sup>th</sup> January**

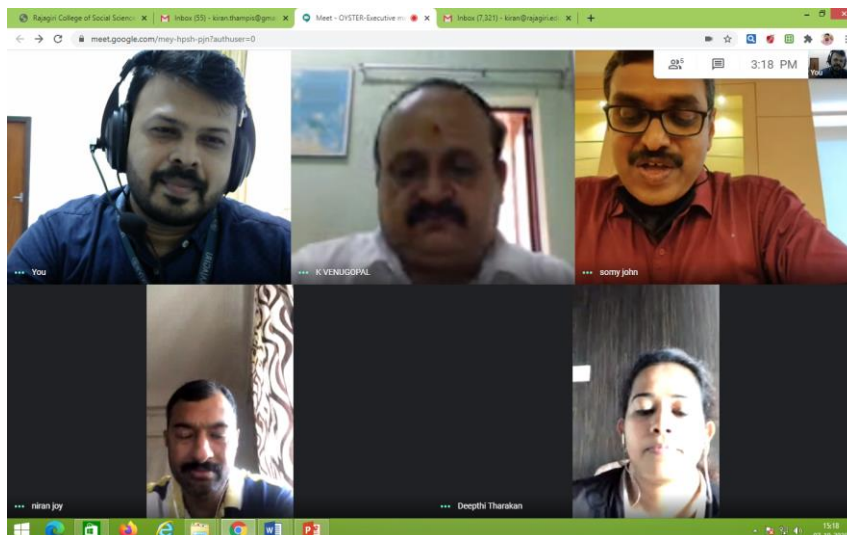
##### **Rajagiri Hill Campus**

OYSTER Day 2020 was conducted in Rajagiri Hill Campus, Kalamassery on 26<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 2pm. The registration started by 10am and a total of 150 members registered for the event. The formal event started with Rajagiri Anthem followed with one minute silence in honour of all the departed alumni members. Dr Joseph I Injodey (Executive Director) welcomed the gathering. The annual activity report of OYSTER for the year 2019-20 was presented by Dr. Kiran Thampi (Secretary, OYSTER). The highlights were the OYSTER Home coming day 2019, Alumni Involvement in Syllabus Revision, Alumni contribution in various events organized by the departments, OYSTER contribution for best students in various departments etc. The cultural programmes presented by students from different batches engaged the audience. Presidential address was given by Mr. Venugopal K (President, OYSTER). He thanked all the alumni members who have contributed to the alma mater and made the institution proud. Dr. Binoy Joseph (Principal) mentioned about the updates and performance of Rajagiri in various accreditation and rankings. Dr Mary Venus Joseph (Dean and Administrator) addressed the gathering and introduced the batches being honoured. The alumni members, who have completed 50 years (1970 passout) and 25 years (1995 passout) after completing their course in Rajagiri were honoured. Special mention was made for Decennial batches (2009 passed out for MBA, PGDM 2009 passed out for MCA and 2009 passed out for BSW and BLiSc). Dr. Mary Venus was invited for Briefing on forthcoming NAAC Visit for Assessment and Accreditation. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ms Deepthy Tharakan, Vice President, OYSTER. Photo Session was held and followed by Lunch at the college mess hall.



## **Executive Committee Meetings**

Executive board met 1 time during the time period on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Mr Venugopal K (President), Mr Somy John (VP), Ms Deepthi Tharakan (VP), Dr Kiran Thampi (Secretary), Mr Niran Joy (Joint Secretary) participated in the online meeting.



## **Updation of the Alumni directory**

Regular updation of the Alumni Directory is on with the available data and special thanks to Dr Mary Venus for supporting the cause.

## **Alumni involvement in campus activities**

Alumni members had meaningful contribution to the institution as Resource persons and linkages for other resources during conferences and seminars/webinars organized by the various departments in the college.

The various alumni members associated with the Valley campus through alumni engagement series were Mr Ganesh Balasubramanian (MHRM 2001-03), Ms Smitha Vasudevan (MBA 1996-98), Mr Biju Jacob (MBA 1997-99), Prof Biju Varkey (MA-PM & IR), Mr Anish Thomas (PGDM 2010-12) etc on various themes.



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**ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT SERIES**



**Mr. Ganesh Balasubramanian**  
Divisional Head - HR (Apollo Tyres Ltd., Chennai)  
[Alumni MHRM 2001-2003]

**WEBINAR ON**  
TOPIC: PEOPLE PERSPECTIVES OF  
PANDEMIC - CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND  
PRIORITIES

July 03 | Time: 11.30 am to 12.30 pm | Zoom ID: 94375303402

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**Ms. Smitha Vasudevan**  
DGM-Marketing, Malayala Manorama, Kottayam.  
[Alumni MBA 1996-1998]

**WEBINAR ON**  
TOPIC: BRANDING-HOW IT HAS CHANGED  
IN THE PAST TWO DECADES

July 11 | Time: 11.00 am to 12.00 pm | Zoom ID: 920 4376 3810

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**Biju Jacob**  
DGM, Logistics, MRF Chennai.  
[Alumni MBA 1997-1999]

**WEBINAR ON**  
TOPIC: CHALLENGES IN LOGISTICS IN  
THE COVID SCENARIO

July 10 | Time: 6 pm to 7 pm | Zoom ID: 992 2240 6526

**RBS**  
RANGIRI BUSINESS  
SCHOOL

**RCSS**  
RANGIRI COLLEGE OF  
SOCIAL SCIENCES  
& HUMANITIES

**RAJAGIRI HR WEBINAR SERIES**

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON  
REDEFINING HR: POST COVID 19 CHANGES -  
TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT**



**Prof. Biju Varkkey**  
Faculty Member and  
Chairperson of HR Area at  
IIM Ahmedabad  
(Moderator)



**Mr. P. Padmakumar**  
Executive Director - HR  
& Head - CSR,  
Saint-Gobain India Pvt. Ltd.



**Mr. Francis Ambatt**  
Sr. HR Consultant,  
formerly with Sheraton and  
Starwoods East



**Ms. Seema Padman**  
Vice President, Human  
Resources for India, APAC &  
MEA at Epsilon

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The poster is for an alumni engagement webinar. It features the RCBS logo in the top left corner. The main title is 'ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT SERIES' in a yellow box. Below this is a portrait of Mr. Anish Thomas, a man in a suit and tie. Underneath the portrait, his name and title are listed: 'Mr. Anish Thomas, Project Manager at Chrysalis India (Alumni PGDM 2010-12)'. The webinar topic is 'WEBINAR ON TOPIC: EMPLOYABILITY IN L&D FIELD', presented in a white dashed box. At the bottom, the date and time are 'Aug 08 | Time: 11.00 am to 12.00 pm' and the Zoom ID is 'Zoom ID: 937 8515 8859'. The background is dark teal with a faint building illustration at the bottom.








OYSTER also joined with the Department of Social Work, RCSS in organising two National webinars. One webinar was organised on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 on the theme ‘Social work response during pandemic: education, research and practice. Dr Fr Joseph M K (MSW 1998-2000), Dr George Palattiyil (MSW 1991-93) Dr M P Antoni (MSW 1983-85) Mr Shaju K K(DSS 1988-89) Ms Meena Kuruvilla (MSW 1984-86) took sessions along with Dr Fr Saju M D (Associate Director) and Fr Shinto Joseph (Asst Director). Another National Webinar was organised on “Role of Youth in the prevention of cybercrime with a focus on human trafficking” in association with International Justice Mission in which Adv Reni Jacob (MSW 1977-79) is the Legal Consultant. Dr S Latha (University of Madras), Sri K T Nisar (KELSA) and Ms Alice Suganya (Head, Zonal Interventions, IJM) were the resource persons.

**RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK &  
OYSTER (ALUMNI ASSOCIATION)**

**Presents**

**WEBINAR SERIES ON  
SOCIAL WORK RESPONSE DURING PANDEMIC:  
EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE**

**Moderator**







 <b>Dr. Fr. M K Joseph CMI</b> Head, Department of Social Work RCSS	 <b>Dr. George Palattiyil</b> MSW Programme Director and Fellow of the Higher Education Academy University of Edinburgh	 <b>Dr. M. P. Antony</b> Ex-Member, Kerala Child Rights Commission	
 <b>Mr. Shaju K. K.</b> Center in-charge Rajagiri Centre For Skill Development (RCSD)	 <b>Ms. Meena Kuruvila</b> Project Director Rajagiri ourREACH	 <b>Dr. Fr. Saju M. D. CMI</b> Vice-Principal and Associate Director, RCSS	 <b>Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI</b> Assistant Director, RCSS

**5 June 2020  
3:00 pm - 4.15 pm**

**OYSTER Alumni Association** **Department of Social Work Rajagiri College of Social Sciences(Autonomous)** **IJM**

**LIVE NATIONAL WEBINAR**

**Role of Youth in the Prevention of Cyber Crime  
with a focus on Human Trafficking**

 <b>Dr. Fr. M K JOSEPH CMI</b> Head, Department of Social Work Rajagiri College Of Social Sciences(Autonomous)	 <b>Dr. BINOY JOSEPH</b> Principal Rajagiri College Of Social Sciences(Autonomous)	 <b>Sri VENUGOPAL K</b> President, OYSTER Deputy Registrar, Kerala Forest Research Institute
 <b>Ms ALICE SUGANYA</b> Head, Zonal Interventions International Justice Mission	 <b>Sri K T NISAR AHAMMED</b> District Judge Member Secretary Kerala State Legal Service Authority (Key Note Address)	 <b>Dr S LATHA</b> Asst Professor, Dept. of Criminology University of Madras, Chennai (Resource Person)

**Moderators**  
**Dr Kiran Thampi**  
Asst Professor, Dept. of Social Work  
Rajagiri College of Social  
Sciences(Autonomous)

**Adv Reni K Jacob**  
Legal Consultant, IJM Chennai

**July 25 AT 6PM IST**

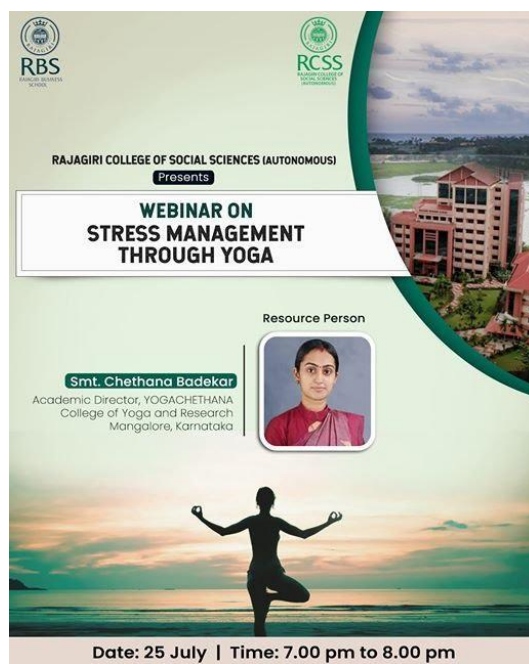
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The following alumni members were involved in PGDM summer internship VIVA VOCE as external panel members during 2020

- Mr. Jim Tharakan ( MA PMIR 2000-2002)
- Mr. Danish George (MBA 2002-2004)
- Mr. Sameer P K ( PGDM 2008-10)
- Mrs. Deepti V ( PGDM 2010-12)
- Mr. Midhun John (PGDM 2008-10)

### Webinar offered for the alumni members

An online webinar was organised by RBS and RCSS exclusively for the alumni members on ‘Stress management through Yoga’ on 25<sup>th</sup> July. This was lockdown period due to COVID 19 and it was organised due to the popular request. Ms Chethana Badekar (Academic Director, YogaChetana) was the resource person. Around 250 participants registered for the programme.



### **Alumni Involvement in Syllabus Revision**

The various departments in the college are having Alumni members as board of studies members. The board meets and takes decision on syllabus updating, new courses to be introduced and the teaching learning process.

### **Best Outgoing student in various Programmes in the name of alumni members**

Shri Roy & late Shri Chacko memorial Award for MSW (Initiated by 1984-86 MSW Batch) in connection with their Silver Jubilee Year, Prof K A Balakrishnan Memorial award ,Prof V J Pappoo award in PGDCSW , Manu Memorial award in MCA, Mukesh Memorial award in MCA and other awards instituted by other alumni members will be given this year in the graduation ceremony. A new award (named as Sadhana) for the best performing student was instituted by MSW 2008-10 batch during this year.

### **Alumni OYSTER Sale**

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery and Rajagiri Business School, Kakkanad in association with OYSTER conducted an Annual Xmas Sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020. The dignitaries of the program were Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, RCSS; Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean of IQAC; Dr. Kiran Thampi, Secretary of OYSTER; Dr. Jaya Vijayan, Assistant Professor; Mr. Venugopal K, President of OYSTER; Ms Deepthi Tharakan, Vice President of OYSTER, attended the program along with the alumni and students of Rajagiri College of



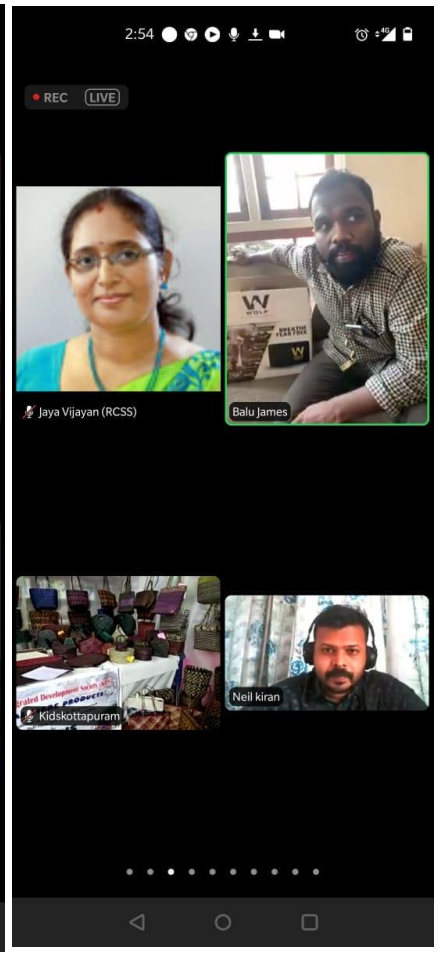
Social Sciences. The program started from 02:00 pm and ended by 04:00 pm. It was a virtual program conducted on Zoom.

Dr. Kiran Thampi welcomed Mr. Venugopal K., Dr. Binoy Joseph, executive members of Oyster, Dr. Jaya Vijayan and all the participants. He gave a glimpse of OYSTER Alumni Sale and the program after that, he welcomed Mr. Venugopal K., for the presidential address. After that, Dr. Kiran Thampi welcomed Dr. Binoy Joseph, to convey a short message to alumni regarding the X' mas' sale. Dr. Kiram Thampi and Dr, Jaya Vijayan and Dr. Manoj Mathew were the coordinators.

There were ten alumni participants for the sale. Products like cakes, cupcakes, honey, eco-friendly bags, pots, bottle arts and string arts and air mask were on sale. The contact details for each participant were provided. After the presentation of the products, Dr. Mary Venus Joseph appreciated the organisers for conducting the program successfully and received the first sale. The official session for the sale started from 03:00 pm to 4.00 pm. Dr. Kiran Thampi appreciated the participants and the attendees. The program wrapped up at 04.00pm with the words of appreciation. The key participants and the products were:

- Ms Safna, MCA-Cakes
- Mr Christy, BSW-Pure Honey
- Mr Rijo Pappachan, MCA-Pots and plants
- Fr Paul Thomas, MSW-Eco friendly bags
- Ms Ann Mary, MCA-Bottle arts
- Ms Neenu, MCA-Paintings
- Ms Pallavi George, MA PM& IR-Golden Fruit Cake
- Mr Balu James, MSW- COVID solutions(All about Innovations)





**Entrepreneurial Support:**


RCSS Kalamassery Campus has started an incubation centre named ‘Gyan Prayag’ with an aim to support the entrepreneurial ventures of the alumni. Few alumni members have already registered in the centre already.

Apart from this the website regularly features alumni entrepreneurs and introduce their ventures so that they are supported in reaching out to maximum customers. RCSS/RBS in Kakkanad campus also have incubation centre named ‘Le Cocoon’ started which supports the alumni entrepreneurs.


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**Venture: KIWI ADS**



Kiwi Ads is an award-winning production company that have produced over 100 videos since its founding in 2015 and garnered several awards for esteemed clients such as Kerala Tourism, Marriott, Hyatt, Federal Bank etc. While recognised for its cinematic videography and editing, the heart of all Kiwi Ads creative is the care taken in choosing characters whose stories are authentic and powerful.



Arun Krishnan  
(MBA 2012-14)



Vineeth Sahadevan  
(MBA 2012-14)

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**Venture: Bizessence Consultancy Services**



Renjith Joseph  
PGDM 2009-2011



Vivek C  
PGDM 2009-2011

Bizessence is a boutique technology advisory and implementation services provider that specialize in business management solutions for small and medium businesses as well as non-profit ventures. By using a bouquet of cost-effective libraries, open source software and software-as-a-service options, Bizessence deliver solutions that businesses can deploy in days or weeks, rather than in months.

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**Venture: True Code**



Louis Issac  
PGDM 2017

True Code is a unique market research firm that offers a concept of an all Kerala application-based network of 5000 registered students as a platform for the data collection. Other than being the brain behind this brilliant idea, Louis Isaac has also started a cafe near to the tech hub of Kochi in the Rajagiri Valley - 'Caesar's Café' following his ardent passion for food. Along with yummy continental cuisines, the cafe is a perfect serene hangout for young soulful minds.

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**Venture: Pots and bowls**




Rakesh Raj  
PGDM (2018-20)

An online initiative to develop the habit of building desktop gardens. Following the path of self-reliance, the brand is promoting and selling a wide range of fancy pots collected from the best craftsmen across India. The unique mission of the brand is to promote greenery at affordable rates.

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**Venture: Adaminde Chayakada**

When food is your first love and feeding people is your passion, magic happens. That's just what Adaminde Chayakada is all about. The brand reflects the soul of Adam, grandfather of Aneez Adam from whom Aneez had inherited his love for food. Here, each dish is a celebration because of its unique name and scrumptious taste.



**Aneez Adam**  
MBA (2004-2006)

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**Venture: MoKa Beauty Works**

MoKa Beauty Works is a skin care brand dealing with a comprehensive range of skin care routines made out of 100% natural ingredients and a lot of love. The products are sent to the customers in fully sustainable form of packaging using only eco-friendly materials.



**Kavya Sajan**  
PGDM(2017-19)



**Monica M Alankar**  
PGDM(2017-19)

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## Chapter news

Bengaluru chapter is having 200 members currently and frequently meet and connect. They have conducted online meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020. 20 members including executive members participated in the meeting. Chennai Chapter meeting was conducted on 1st March 2020 at T Nagar, Chennai and 46 members participated in the event. Dr Manoj Mathew and Dr Kiran Thampi participated in the event from Rajagiri. The meeting had discussion on further action plans.



We thank overseas alumni members especially in USA for supporting our students for their placement activities.

## **Acknowledgements**

We wish to place on record the names of those individuals who have given us considerable support and assistance, and have extended invaluable guidance and goodwill to OYSTER during the year 2020.

- Rev. Dr. Fr Jose Kuriyath CMI, Director, Rajagiri Institutions
- Rev. Dr Fr Mathew Vattathara CMI, Former Director, Rajagiri Institutions
- Rev. Dr Fr. Saju M D, Associate Director and Counsellor, Education, SH Province
- Dr Binoy Joseph, Principal, RCSS
- Dr. Mary Venus Joseph, Dean, IQAC
- Mr. Venugopal K, President-OYSTER and all the executive members
- All the alumni members for their continued support and cooperation
- The entire department heads, faculty members and the live lab staff members.

**There is also a request to all the alumni members to register themselves in almaconnect, an online networking platform where you can connect with Rajagiri and among yourselves.**