

# OYSTER

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

## Annual Report 2022-23

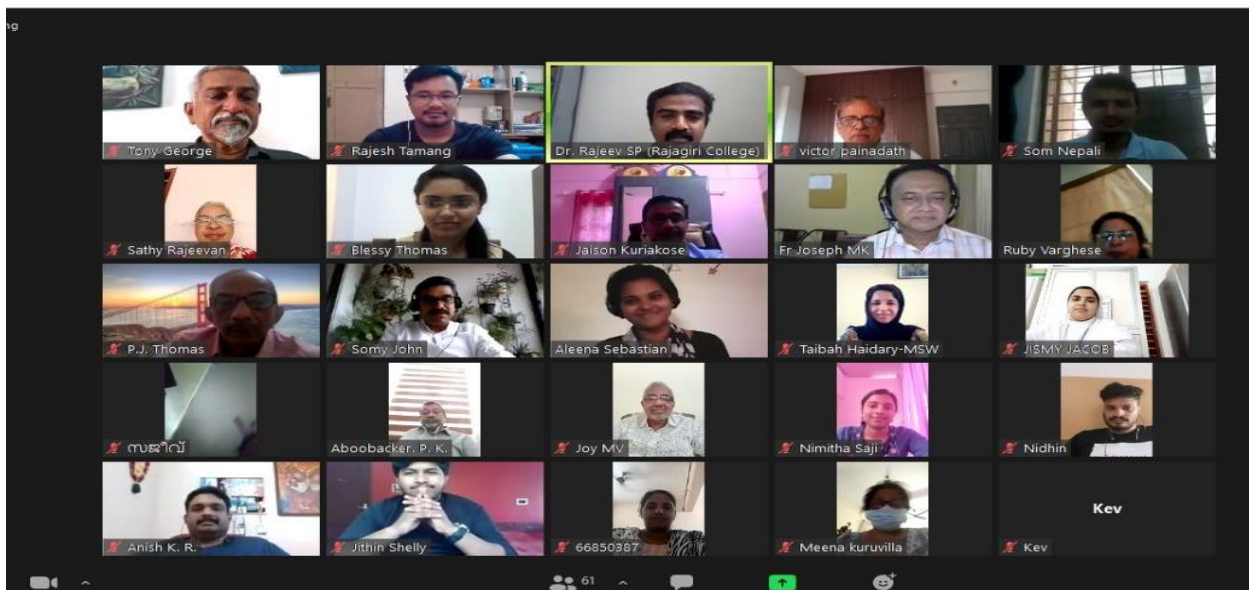
### OYSTER activities for the period:

#### OYSTER HOME COMING DAY 2022, 26<sup>th</sup> January

##### Department of Social Work:

The Social Work Department of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, with the initiative of final year MSW (2020-22) batch students organized a virtual meeting with Alumni of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous). It was done virtually on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022 at 10:00 am through Zoom Platform. The meeting started with Rajagiri Anthem and continued following the agenda. The gathering was addressed by Dr. Fr Joseph M.K, Head of Department of Social Work, RCSS. Then Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal of RCSS gave message for OYSTER. He shared the achievements of RCSS during the year 2021. It was followed by speech of Mr. Venugopal Oyster President, RCSS. After that, Dr. Anil John, Assistant Professor, presented about major activities of Department of Social Work from 27 January 2021 to 26 January 2022. He reported different activities under the titles of Accolades, International and National Conferences, Consultancy, Projects and Extension, COVID-19 related Activities, Faculty and students achievements, Alumni Interaction etc. Following that the last year's alumni involvement was presented by Dr. Rajeev S.P, Assistant Professor, RCSS. And at the end of his presentation he shared a link for registration of all Alumni for the almaconnect. The experiences sharing and discussion of Oyster's facilitated by Dr. Rajeev S.P. Alumni members Tony George, Victor Painadath, Ruby Varghese, P.J. Thomas and some other Alumni from different batches shared their experiences during and after studying in RCSS. The meeting ended at 12:20 pm with delivering vote of thanks by Dr. Rajeev S.P and group picture.





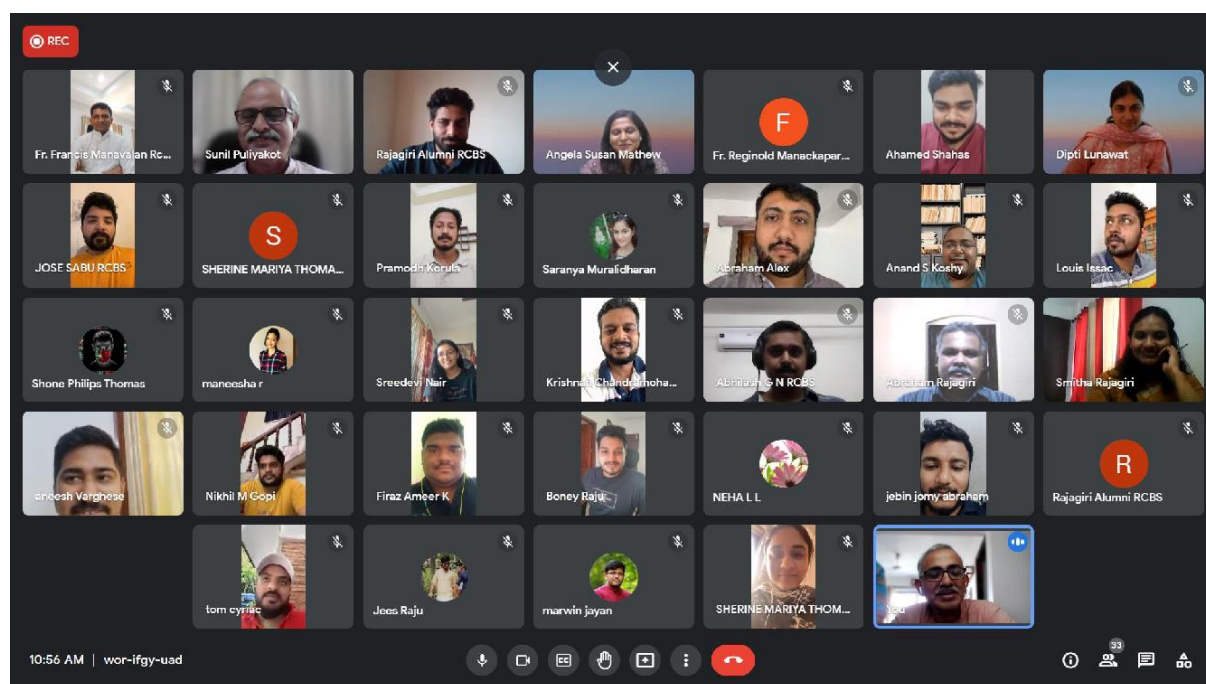
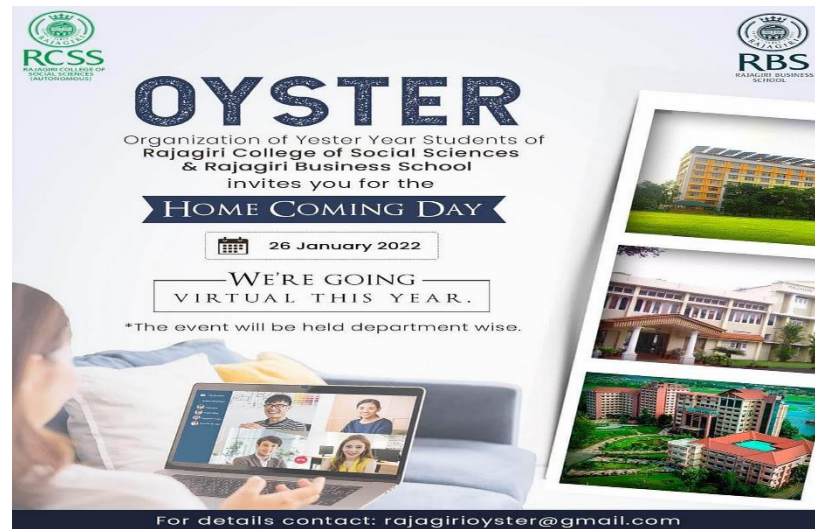
### **Departments of Business Administration and Human Resource management:**

The Oyster day celebration of the Departments of Business Administration and Human Resource Management was conducted on Tuesday, January 26, 2022. Owing to the current pandemic situation, the Alumni meet was conducted online. Social media platforms and emails were used to communicate the news and developments about the meet with the alumni as early as a week before the event. The Link for the meeting was sent a day before in all the alumni groups.

The Meeting commenced at 10 a.m., with the Rajagiri Anthem. Dr. Sunil Puliyaokot, Director of RBS welcomed all the alumni gathered. Principal Dr. Binoy Joseph addressed the alumni and spoke about the development in the process to become a deemed to be university. Fr. Francis Sebastian CMI, Assistant Director, Valley Campus felicitated the gathering. The Alumni were updated on the major events conducted on the Kakkanad campus in 2021 i.e., Inflore, RNBQ and Rajagiri Basketball League. Dr. Angela Susan Mathew spoke on AACSB accreditation received by RBS and Dr. Abraham Babu spoke about EFMD accreditation we received. Prof. Pramod briefed about the foreign collaborations we are having with the foreign universities followed by a talk by CA Deepthi Lunawat on stakeholder's feedback. She told about the importance of alumni in all the accreditations and internal policies. All the alumni introduced themselves and the promotional video of the inflore 2022 was played. The formal function ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Smitha Siji, PGP Chair, RBS. The meeting was compered by Dr. Sunil Puliyaokot. The alumni were divided into three groups based on the year of graduation i.e., batches from 2010-13 graduated in one group, 2014-2017 in one link and another link for 2018-2021. Each group was assigned with a senior faculty member.

For MBA/MAHRM, brief presentation on the New course MBA/ MHRM for Working professionals and Student Admissions by Dr. Veeva Mathew, HOD, Department of Busines Administration was there. Next our alumnus Mr. P Padmakumar, HR Director Saint Gobain India shared his thoughts. He spoke on his inputs which he received from college along with some of his memories in Rajagiri and then he spoke about his company Saint Gobain. Then Mr. Salim spoke about his experience and the alumni activities in Bangalore and also gave suggestions on alumni meet. The Alumni were updated on the

major events of the Kakkanad campus Inflore- The management fest, RNBQ- National level Quiz Competition and Rajagiri Basketball League. The formal function ended with the vote of thanks by Dr Manoj Menon, Senior Faculty member and HOD, Department of Human Resource Management. The meeting was compered by Dr. Susan Mathew.



## Department of Library:

The year 2022 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. Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) organized Virtual Annual Alumni Meet called OYSTER on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The event was registered and attended by more than 40 alumni of the Department of Library and Information Science. Prior to the annual alumni meet, the event registration details were shared with the alumni through various social media platforms and mail was also sent to all alumni. The meeting started with the welcome address by Dr Joshi George. He explained the Importance of Alumni interaction and Alumni support to the college. Dr. A T Francis, Professor and Head, Department of library and information science, explained the current activities of the department and future plans. He appreciated the alumnus for their career success and insisted on the alumnus for facilitating industry interaction and guiding their juniors toward a better career. He introduced the new faculty team and the new



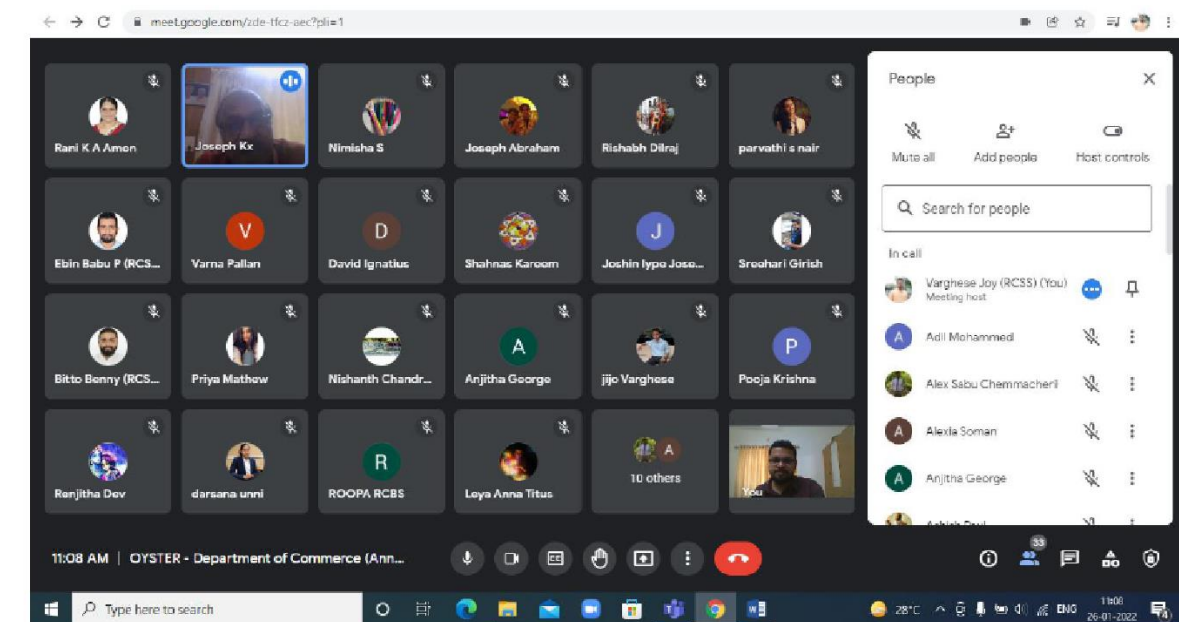
initiatives are taken by the department (Research centre, publications etc.) and also requested to provide necessary suggestions from the part of alumni for enhancing the R&D, Curriculum development etc. Mrs. Neethu Mohanan, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) presented a presentation that shows the development of the department. The cultural program was showcased by 2015-2021 Library and Information Science Alumni, though they were at different places they synchronized the event and made it a beautiful one, the program was well received and appreciated by the participants.

**Interaction with Alumni:** Mr Regil Nadh CM, in his speech, shared the working nature of the RBI library and explained the peculiarities of a special library like RBI compared to academic and public libraries. Mrs Archana Unnikrishnan and Ani Jyotsna remembered their college days and shared their industry experience. They expressed her sincere thanks and love to the department and Rajagiri as a whole. All the alumnus present in the meeting were expressed their love and the deepest connection with the department and Rajagiri. They shared their beautiful experiences and memories at Rajagiri. Apart from sharing experiences about life at Rajagiri, discussions were also focused on the current placement scenario and the importance of career guidance programmes.

In the meeting, an alumni committee was formed which comprises 7 members, a faculty coordinator and the Head of the department. President – MR REGIL NADH C M (Librarian, RBI, Chennai) Secretary – ANI JYOTSNA (Librarian, Prajyothi College, Trissur) Executive Members-1. Anitha B 2. Vineetha Joseph 3. Anju R Krishnan 4. Temin Thomas 5. Greeshma Raju 6. Arya R Nair. At the end of the meeting, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Neetha Devan. She thanked the management, Principal, Head of the department and alumnus for attending the meeting and our faculty members for their extended support for organizing this meeting.

## Department of Commerce and Professional Studies:

Due to the restrictions imposed, the Annual Alumni Meet – OYSTER 2022 was conducted virtually by Department of Commerce and Professional Studies on January 26, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11.00 am. The meeting started with a silent prayer, which was followed the welcome speech and report presentation of the Department by Dr. K. X. Joseph (Dean). Dr. Binoy Joseph (Principal) thanked the alumni for their support extended to the college during the last academic year in his Principal's address. Dr. Venugopal (OYSTER President) highlighted the relevance of each and every alumni in supporting the institution to reach better heights. Prof. Rani K. A. (Faculty – DCPS) addressed the alumni members, which was followed by the interaction of alumni and faculty. 36 alumni members updated the meeting about their current position and the role of RCSS in developing their professional life. Ms. Aishwary Rachy and Mr. Alen Alexander (B.Com 2016-19) rendered two songs which was well appreciated by all and every one equally remarked that – Once a Rajagirian will always be a Rajagirian. Mr. Varghese Joy (Faculty – DCPS) proposed vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end by 12.30 pm (IST).

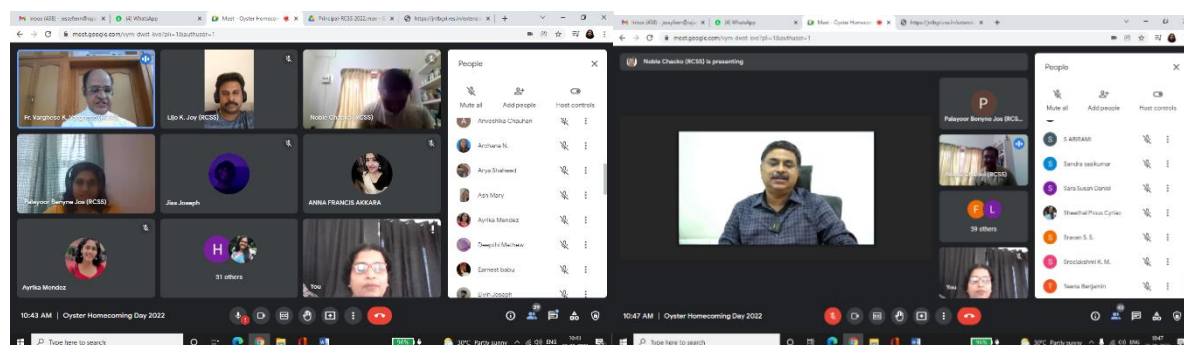


## Department of Psychology

The Oyster Homecoming Day or Alumni Meet was held on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2022, 10:30 am. Invitation was sent out 25<sup>th</sup> January to the alumni through email and social media. About 26 alumni turned up and apart from them there were about 10 representative students from the various current batches. The gathering started with the Rajagiri Anthem.

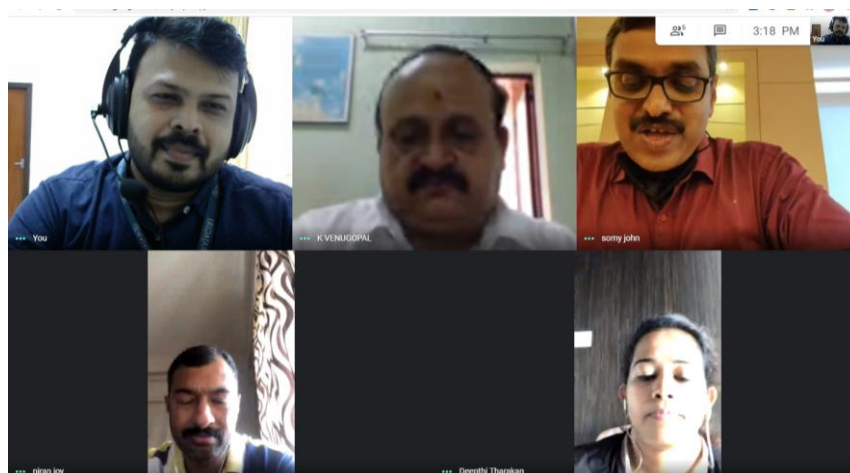
There were 8 students from MSc.2021 batch, 4 from MSc. 2020 and 1 from MSc.2019 batch. There were also 2 from the first batch of B.Sc. 2019, and 11 from the B.Sc.2021 batch.

The program started with the Principals address followed by the Dean's message to the alumni. This was followed by the short greetings by the faculty present. The alumni who were present, introduced themselves, gave an update on what they were doing and also gave suggestions on how the programs could be enriched. The meeting lasted about 40 minutes and ended with a lovely song from one of the BSc. 2021 alumni Mariet.



## Executive Committee Meetings

Executive board met 1 time during the time period. 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

## 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.

## Department of Social Work:

The Department has initiated Manan Samvaad (Alma Connect) and Vikaas Samvaad (NGO connect) scheduled to be on every Thursday afternoon.

## Alma Connect Discussion Series #1

The Twelfth edition of Manan Department of Social Work, (Autonomous), **Dr. Sulu Vishnav College, Chennai** was

Samvaad on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 was organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences **Priya**, Head Department of Social Work, D. G. the resource person of the session.

## Alma Connect Discussion

The eleventh edition of organized by the Department Sciences (Autonomous). Dr. Fr. Joseph M K CMI spoke of the SEED project of Matrubhumi, which is initiated to bring about environment sensitization among the people. Within few years of its start the project has turned very inspiring and popular. The resource person, **Mr. Dr. K C Krishnakumar**, Chief Sub Editor, Mathrubhumi Periodicals started by talking about the respect he holds for the MSW students and their role in society in various social issues around us.

## Series #2

## Alma Connect Discussion

The meeting began with a Anthem by moderating by host was Mr. Rajesh the day was DRR. The Joseph M K CMI, the Head of Social Sciences. The Assistant Professor, RCSS. **Krishnan**, Executive talked about Disaster Risk teacher.

## Series #3

formal introduction and playing of the Rajagiri Ms. Lija Mary Mathew- second year MSW. The Tamang, second year MSW, RCSS. The topic for welcome message address handled by Dr. Fr. of the Department of Social Work, Rajagiri College resource person introduced by Dr. Kiran Thampi, The resource person for the day was **Mr. Ramesh** Director, Foundation for Development Action. He Reduction (DRR) in school for students and

## Alma Connect Discussion Series #4



The Alma Connect Discussion and NGO Connect Discussion was a webinar on Importance of Employability Skills organized by the Department of Social work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The Alma Connect Discussion and NGO Connect Discussion was basically an exclusive interactive session with the illustrious alumni **Ms. Bishuba Bhattarchaya**, Certified Soft Skills Trainee and Career Coach; Founder of Hanker Education. Dr. Fr. M.K. Joseph CMI, Head of the Social Work Department delivered the welcome speech and introduced the resource person. Followed by the Interactive session by the Guest speaker of the day Ms. Bishuba Bhattarchaya, shared her experience as the founder of Hanker Education, which was very beneficial and has really inspired all of us. And it will ensure all to be a successful entrepreneur by achieving goals using soft skills like being an effective team leader, communicator and be resilient amidst of all the challenges.



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences  
(Autonomous), Kalamassery  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**  
AlmaConnect Discussion Series  
"Manan Samvaad"  
#15

**SPEAKERS**

**BISHUBHA BHATTACHARYYA**  
FOUNDER - HANKER EDUCATION, Noida  
CERTIFIED SOFT SKILLS TRAINER & CAREER COACH

**DR. FR. MK JOSEPH**  
HEAD, DEPT. OF SOCIAL WORK  
RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF  
SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)

3rd MARCH 2022,  
THURSDAY

3:00 PM- 4:00 PM

**GOOGLE MEET LINK:**  
[meet.google.com/gvq-sbnj-crd](https://meet.google.com/gvq-sbnj-crd)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
nycil@rajagiri.edu

## Alma Connect Discussion Series #5

Department of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organized Manan Smvaad meeting series # 16 on 24. Mar.22. Then the welcome message was delivered by Dr. Sr. Sunirose, Assistant Professor, Social Work Department, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The resource persons for the day were **Mr. Boniface P Gasper**, Head, R&D, and **Mr. Balu James**, Head, Operations from All About Innovations organization. They talked about the opportunities in the organization for social workers and they shared some of their memories with the SW department, RCSS.



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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**  
AlmaConnect Discussion Series  
"Manan Samvaad"  
#16

**SPEAKERS**

**BONIFACE P GASPER**  
HEAD, R&D  
ALL ABOUT INNOVATIONS

**BALU JAMES**  
HEAD, OPERATIONS  
ALL ABOUT INNOVATIONS

**DR. FR. MK JOSEPH**  
HEAD, DEPT. OF SOCIAL WORK  
RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF  
SOCIAL SCIENCES (AUTONOMOUS)

24th MARCH 2022,  
THURSDAY

3:00 PM- 4:00 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
kiran@rajagiri.edu

The meeting began with a of the session, were she Department of social work for session. There are four **Dimple Joseph** spoke about provided across the globe. about the functioning of setting. Thirdly, **Mr. Alan** Aid, Canada, talked about the agencies in Canada. Lastly, Canada spoke about the scope

## Alma Connect Discussion Series #6

formal introduction by Ms. Anamika Surelia, the MC invited Dr. Fr Joseph M K CMI, the Head of the the welcome address. Dr. Kiran Thampi moderated the resource persons for the Alma Connect. Firstly, **Ms.** the importance of social work and its opportunities Secondly, **Ms. Diya Elizabeth Punnoose**, spoke Ministry of Solicitor General, which is a correctional **Joseph**, Child Protection Worker, Peel Children's intake of the students and the steps to get into various **Ms. Neeni Shinto**, Early Childhood Educator in of social workers in various settings.

Alma Connect Discussion

Department of Social Work, Manan Smvaad meeting started at 3:00 pm as **Mr. Jerin Issac**, Social Zealand, **Ms. Anu Benny**, Children, and **Ms. Serin Education (SWIECE)**,



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences  
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
Alma Connect Discussion Series  
MANAN SAMVAAD #16

SPEAKERS



DIMPLE JOSEPH  
Care coordinator  
Home and Community  
Care Support Services,  
Canada



DIYA ELIZABETH PUNNOOSE  
Social worker  
Ministry of solicitor general  
(corrections), Canada



ALEN JOSEPH  
Child Protection  
Worker  
Peel Children's Aid,  
Canada



NEENI SHINTO  
Early Childhood Educator  
St Anne's Day Nursery  
Inc, Canada



Dr. Pr. Ananth M K  
HOD, Department of Social Work



RAJAGIRI COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
(AUTONOMOUS), KALAMASSERY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
Manan Samvad #19  
ALMA CONNECT DISCUSSION SERIES

SPEAKERS



Anu Benny  
Social worker, Oranga Tamariki-  
Ministry for Children



Jerin Issac  
Social worker, Te Whaiti ora,  
Ministry for Health New Zealand



Serin Henry  
Social worker in Early Childhood  
Education (SWIECE), Family  
Works, Presbyterian Support  
Northern



Dr. Pr. Ananth M K  
HOD, Department of Social Work



10TH NOVEMBER, 2022  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. IST



Meeting ID: 816 7915 1813  
Passcode: rcss

Series #7

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organized series # 19 on 10<sup>th</sup> November 22. The Meeting scheduled. The resource persons for the day were, Worker, Tea Whatu ora, Ministry for Health New Social Worker, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry for **Henry**, Social Worker in Early Childhood Family Works, Presbyterian Support Northern.

Department of Computer Sciences:

Alumni interaction for our Computer Science students were conducted on June 4th 2022. Two sessions were conducted. The first session was handled by **Mr. Vishak Vijayakumar (2021 Passout Batch), Software Engineer, UST** on “**Opportunities in IT**” in the morning. The second Session was handled by **Ms Fathima Basheer (2020 Passout), Drupal Developer in SpecBee Consultant Services, on “Drupal 9”** in the afternoon through Zoom platform



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Kalamassery  
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCES  
Alumni Connect

Session On  
Opportunities in IT



Vishak Vijayakumar  
Developer, Software Engineer  
UST

Session On  
Drupal 9



Fathima Basheer  
Drupal Developer  
Specbee consultant services

Date: 04-06-2022  
Time: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Date: 04-06-2022  
Time: 11 AM to 12 PM





Alumni Interaction for our MCA & MSC Fresher's batches was conducted on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 from 11 to 12.30 at Carmel hall. Ritesh Radhakrishnan, Head - Product and Strategy, Farmlogics Technologies, MCA 2013 Passout took a session on **"Career opportunities & product Management"**



Alumni Interaction for our MCA & MSC current batches were conducted on from 3.30 to 4.30 at Aureole hall. Linu George, Full Stack Developer, Consid, Sweden, MCA 2018

Passout took a session on “**Challenges & Opportunities in IT industry – A Global Perspective**”



#### **JUDGES FOR EUPHORIA 2K22**

- VIMAL SASI (2015 PASSOUT ALUMNI)
- VIDYA V.C. (2009 PASSOUT ALUMNI)
- KARNAN S. (2018 PASSOUT BATCH)
- AMAL (2019 PASSOUT BATCH)
- BHARATH JAGDEESH – (2018 PASSOUT ALUMNI)
- RITESH RADHAKRISHNAN (2013 PASSOUT ALUMNI)

#### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Euphoria 2k22- Total Prize money worth Rs 1,65000 was sponsored by our alumni batches from 2004 Passout Batch till 2022 Passout Batch

Alumni Scholarship – Alumni scholarship was instituted from the corpus fund donated by alumni batches. A laptop Scholarship of Rs 20000 was provided to one of our needy students from the above-mentioned amount

#### **Department of Commerce and Professional Studies:**

As part of SPLENDORE 2022, the first BBA batch (2016 -19) sponsored the "**Make a Scene**" competition. Mr. Jabir Hassan (student representative) handed over the cheque to Fr. Shinto Joseph in the presence of and Mr. Varghese Joy (Faculty Department of Commerce). As part of SPLENDORE 2022, the first B.Com Model I Computer Applications 2015 - 18 batch sponsored the "**Beat the Rythm**" competition. Mr. Christopher Lenus and

Mr. Sushit Titus (student representatives) handed over the cheque to Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI in the presence of Dr. Kiran Thampi (OYSTER Secretary) and Mr. Varghese Joy (Faculty Department of Commerce).

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SPLENDORE 2022, the first B.Com Model II Finance and Taxation 2015 - 18 batch sponsored the **"Rythmic Squad"** competition. Ms. Varna Rony Pallan, Mr. Kevin Varghese, Mr. Madhusudhan Baliga, Ms. Aparna Goamthy (student representatives) handed over the cheque to Dr. Kiran Thampi (OYSTER Secretary) in the presence of and Mr. Varghese Joy (Faculty Department of Commerce).





As part of SPLENDORE 2022, Mr. Sahad, student from B.Com Model II Finance and Taxation 2018 – 21 batch has sponsored Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only). The cheque for the sponsorship from his company SH Capital Fintech Solutions Pvt. Ltd. was handed over to Fr. Shinto Joseph in the presence of Mr. Varghese Joy (Faculty – Department of Commerce).



As part of SPLENDORE 2022, the first B.Com Model II Finance and Taxation (2019 – 22) batch sponsored the **"Rhythmic Squad"** competition. Ms. Aswathy T. J. (student representatives) handed over the cheque to Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI in the presence of Mr. Varghese Joy (Faculty Department of Commerce).



### **Alumni representation in BOS/Various committees**

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 was given to Ms Anu Mohan (MSW 2020 Passout) and Ms Anna Mariya Joy (2021 Passout). Prof V J Papoo award was given to Ms Prameela Mohan (PGDCSW 2020 Passout) and Ms Nithya G Shenoy (PGDCSW 2021

Passout). 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 and was presented to Mr janson Varghese(MSW 2020-22 Batch).

### **Alumni OYSTER Sale 2023**

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery and Rajagiri Business School, Kakkanad in association with OYSTER conducted an Annual Xmas Sale on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. The dignitaries of the program were Dr. Binoy Joseph, Principal, RCSS; Fr Shinto Joseph, Asst Director, RCSS; Dr. Kiran Thampi, Secretary of OYSTER; Dr Ann Baby, Dean Student Affairs; Dr. Jaya Vijayan, Assistant Professor attended the program along with the alumni and students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Dr Binoy Joseph inaugurated the sale.

There were alumni participants for the sale. Products like cakes, cupcakes, honey, eco-friendly bags, pots, cloths, eco-friendly eateries and air mask were on sale.





## **Chapter news**

Bengaluru chapter is having 200 members currently and frequently meet and connect.

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 2021-22.

- Rev. Dr. Fr Jose Kuriedath CMI, Director, Rajagiri Institutions
- Rev. Dr Fr.Saju M D, Associate Director and Counsellor, Education ,SH Province
- Rev Fr Shinto Joseph, Asst Director, RCSS
- Rev Dr Fr Francis Manavalan, Asst Director, RCSS
- Dr Binoy Joseph, Principal, RCSS
- Mr.Venugopal K, President-OYSTER and all the executive members
- All the alumni members for their continued support and cooperation
- All the Deans, 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 (<https://rajagiri.almaconnect.com/>), an online networking platform where you can connect with Rajagiri and among yourselves.**

