

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

De Paul Institute of Science & Technology (DiST), Angamaly, is an ISO 9001:2015 Certified professional college, NAAC accredited with 'A' grade in the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle with CGPA 3.11, run by the De Paul Education Trust and owned by Marymatha Province of Vincentian Congregation. Established in the year 2002, the institution is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala and approved by All India Council for Technical Education, (AICTE), New Delhi. The institution is imparting education to 1392 students under 8 undergraduate and 7 postgraduate programmes.

Expressing deep gratitude to God Almighty and seeking the blessings of our Patron Saint St. Vincent De Paul and the Servant of God Fr. Varkey Kattarath, I am pleased to present the annual report of De Paul Institute of Science & Technology for the academic year 2022-2023.

### Changes in the Administrative team

In the current academic year, Rev. Dr. Johny Chacko Mangalath VC began his tenure as Principal on May 20, 2022, while Dr. Fathew Maliyeckal VC commenced as the Vice-Principal on May 3, 2022. Additionally, 14 new faculty members were welcomed into various departments during the academic year.

### NAAC Peer team visit



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The most important milestone in the history of DiST of this year is the visit of NAAC peer team that took place on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. The first cycle visit awarded the college with 'A' grade which is a remarkable achievement of the college.

To enhance the college's visibility, a new entrance onto the national highway was opened, providing a scenic view of the entire campus.



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Furthermore, the student exchange program with James Cook University, Australia, continues to thrive, with 13 students and two staff members visiting DiST and two DiST students participating in the exchange program in Australia.



The recently upgraded college auditorium in the new named Kattarath Block, has the capacity to seat 1000 individuals. The auditorium underwent renovations, received a new name, and was officially reopened during the inauguration ceremony held on June 10, 2022, highlighting the expanded seating capacity to accommodate 1000 people.



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## Approval for additional batches and courses

The MA English program received approval on October 27, 2022, signifying the green light for its implementation. Simultaneously, an application for the BA English Language and Literature program was submitted on October 13, 2022. Furthermore, authorization has been secured to initiate additional batches for the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs, with the commencement scheduled to begin on August 9, 2023. These developments reflect a proactive approach to expanding educational offerings and accommodating increased student enrollment in diverse academic disciplines.

## Memorandum of Understandings

The institution has formed agreements with 11 entities, including an international university, spanning various departments. These collaborations highlight a wide range of cooperative efforts across academic disciplines and functional areas, showcasing the institution's commitment to expanding academic horizons and fostering cross-cultural collaboration.

## Academic excellence of Staff

We have 8 staff members enrolled for PhD and 6 members namely Ms. Jismy Varghese, Ms. Sneha Prakash, Mr. Anosh Paul, Mr. Xavier Vinay Raj, Mr. Semichan, Fr. Robin Xavier were awarded PhD.

## Staff Achievements:

The Commerce Department has been honored with an Excellence award by ICA Edu. Skills Pvt. Ltd through the Teachers Recognition Initiative 2022. Our faculty members have significantly enriched the academic arena, contributing a

  
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total of 18 research papers published in both national and international journals. Furthermore, three members of the teaching staff have either authored or edited books. The majority of our staff actively participated in Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), seminars, and workshops within their respective domains. Abhilash K, the Multimedia course coordinator, has been awarded the Directorate of Culture Kerala Vajra Jubilee fellowship in photography. Additionally, Aniesh Gokul has achieved a Level O Strength & Conditioning certificate from the M S Dhoni Cricket Academy.

### Student Achievements

Dennis Isaac of BCA22 won the first prize in a coding competition at Muthoot Institute of Technology and Science, and along with Aayush Raj, secured the second prize in a coding and debugging competition at MES College Marampilly. Dennis Isaac also claimed the first prize in a coding competition by the School of Computer Science (PG). In collaborative efforts, Joyal Joji, Aayush Raj, and Kishore M from BCA22 participated in the Robotic Expo at MES Marampilly Aluva, showcasing the D-bot (Emotion Recognition Robot) developed by SCS-UG under Assistant Professor Ajay Antony Joseph's guidance. These accomplishments highlight the students' excellence in both academic and practical pursuits.

In the realm of academic achievements and professional endeavors, the MA Journalism and Mass Communication (MA JMC) class of 2020 showcased outstanding talent and garnered recognition across various domains. Shijo Jose, Fathima Nehala, and Fella Mary John secured the 4th, 5th, and 6th university ranks, respectively. Notably, Moving to the MA JMC class of 2021, K. N Sana and Janitha Sankar actively participated in the 'Each one, Teach one' outreach program, while also contributing their lyrical talents to the Dignito theme song.

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In the MA JMC class of 2022, Arathikrishna G received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for designing the De Paul Journal for Scientific Research. Additionally, M. Sreechand secured the 6th position in the Quiz competition at the MG University Youth Festival 'Aneka'. These accomplishments reflect the diverse and impactful journey of the MA JMC students, showcasing their academic excellence and contributions to various fields.

Abhinand S from B. Com FT 20 and Dony Dominic from B. Com 21 CA clinched the first and second prizes, respectively, in the speech competition READ organized by the literary club and library. In another accomplishment, 10 students of M. Com 21 successfully completed the NPTEL course, with four of them earning the prestigious Elite Certificate. Mr. Suraj TS and his team from B. Com FT 20 secured the first prize in gaming at IFEST conducted by the School of Computer Science PG. Additionally, students of B. Com CA 20 achieved first place in the Futsal competition held at Sacred Heart College during the National Inter-Collegiate Fest - THANDAV. Mr. Sunoj S Kurup from B. Com FT 21 showcased remarkable prowess by winning four medals in the Alapuzha District Karate Championship (Gold - 1, Silver - 2, and Bronze - 1) and earned a spot in the 42nd Kerala State Championship 2022. Furthermore, Mr. Heabel Shaju of B. Com FT 20 secured the third position in the 75 kg weight category at the first all Kerala Arm Wrestling Championship authorized by the Kerala Arm wrestling Association held at Naipunya Business School. Concluding the string of successes, students from B. Com CA 20 claimed the top spot in the intercollegiate 3's Football tournament organized by Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan Kochi.



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## Academic performance of the students:

Name of the Programme	Programme Code	Students appeared	students passed	Pass percentage
Master of Social Work	MSW	30	30	100%
Master of Computer Applications	MCA	25	24	96%
Master of Business Administration	MBA	36	32	89%
MA in Human Resource Management	MAHRM	22	22	100%
Master of Journalism and Mass Communication	MAJMC	13	12	92%
MA in Multimedia	MAMM	5	5	100%
Masters in Commerce	MCom	15	9	60%
Bachelor of Computer Applications	BCA	57	52	91%
BA Multimedia	BA MM	26	25	96%
Bachelor of Social Work	BSW	30	30	100%
BA Animation & Visual Effects	BA AV	18	18	100%
Bachelor of Commerce	Bcom	54	39	72%
BA English	BA ECJ	24	17	71%

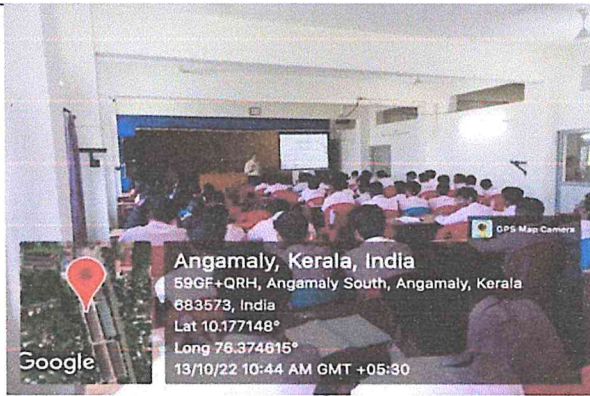
## Seminars, Workshops and outreach programmes:

Various departments within the institution organized a collective total of 56 workshops, and there were also 37 outreach programs coordinated by the institution. This signifies a proactive engagement in both internal skill development activities and external community-focused initiatives.

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## Industrial visits and Industry interactions:

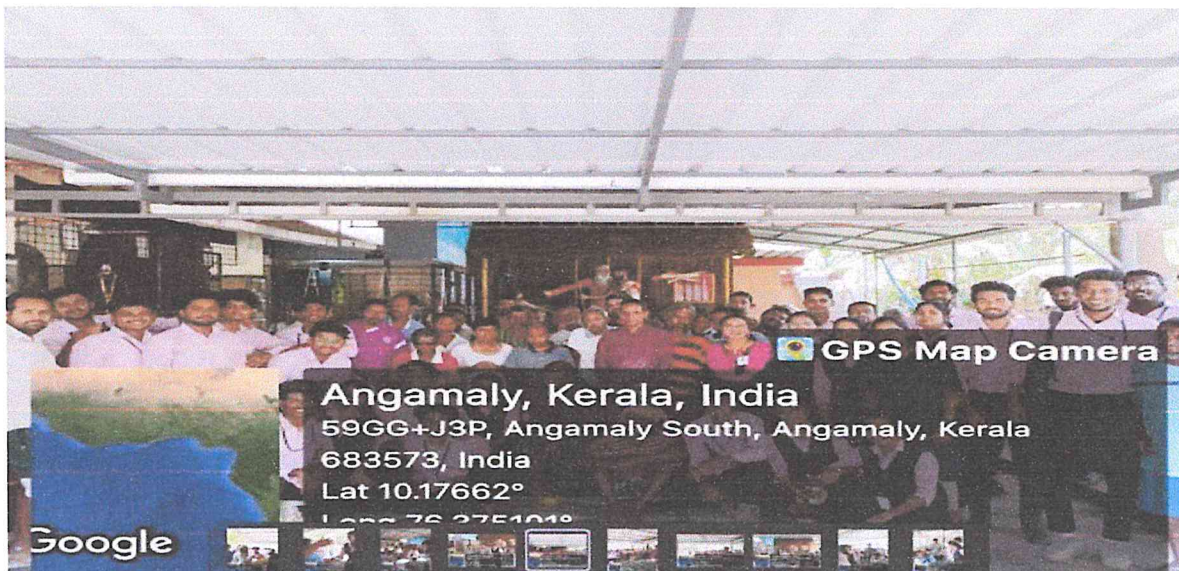
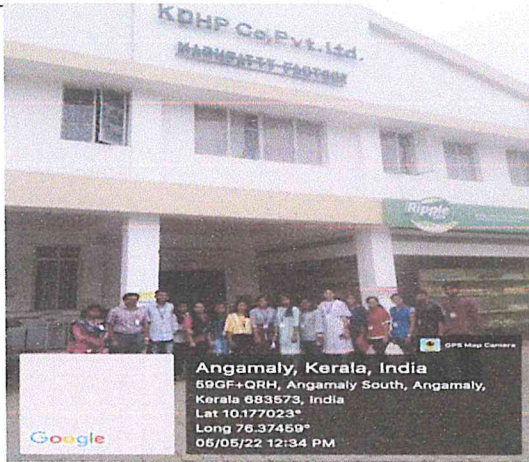
A total of 13 Industrial visits and multiple number of interactions with industries have been actively organized by different departments within the college. These initiatives involve visits to various industries relevant to each department's domain, providing students with practical exposure. Additionally, interactive sessions have been arranged to facilitate meaningful engagement and knowledge exchange between industry professionals and students within their respective departments.



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## NSS Activities

Throughout the year, numerous events and activities were organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS) to address various societal issues. These initiatives included a webinar focusing on "Drug Abuse by Youngsters," observance of World Population Day, commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day, recognition of International Youth Day, participation in a One Day Camp, celebration of Independence Day, acknowledgment of International Democracy Day, observance of World Alzheimer's Day, Rose Day dedicated to the welfare of cancer patients, NSS Day, Old Age Day, NON VIOLENCE

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DAY, Palliative Care Day, NSS Sangamam, and the WE Care Project. Additionally, there was an Anti-Narcotic Campaign, Orange Day, Human Rights Day, and an Orientation Class for First-Year Volunteers. The NSS also conducted a Special Camp, National Youth Day, and collaborated with Harithakarma Sena Nedumbassery Panchayath for Waste Collection. The NSS remained highly active throughout the year, engaging in a diverse range of activities to contribute to the community.



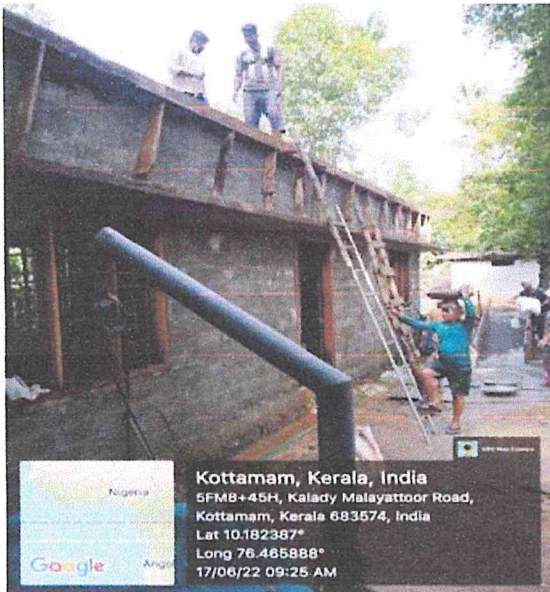
**Our Best Practices:**

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The college has undertaken the implementation of 'Sahapadikku Oru Veedu' (A House for our Friend) as one of its exemplary initiatives for the current academic year. In support of this project, a professional drama titled 'Jeevitham Sakshi' was presented in the college auditorium to raise funds. The primary objectives of this endeavour include aiding members of the DiST family who lack housing, fostering an understanding among students about the essential needs of the local community, and constructing houses through the combined efforts of DiST family members using both internal and external resources. The project also aims to instill values of mutual assistance, self-help, and cultivate empathy and social commitment among DiST students. Aligned with the motto of the Vincentian Congregation, "To preach the Good News to the poor," inspired by the Spirit and Charism of St. Vincent De Paul, the Patron Saint, DiST is committed to realizing the community project's overarching goal of "Shelter to All." Notably, six houses have been successfully completed in previous years, and the initiative for the year 2023-24 is already underway.



For the past 15 years, starting in 2007, the institution has consistently implemented the 'Renaissance' Academic Retreat, underscoring its commitment to enhancing various facets of learning and teaching. This initiative

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aims to facilitate a significant improvement in pedagogy, review processes, and the overall development of socially committed professionals. The primary goal is to center the retreat on understanding and meeting the expectations of students, ultimately shaping them into dedicated and responsible members of society. This annual event focuses on refining the teachers' learning and teaching methods to contribute to the holistic development of the student body.



The event "Jingle Bells," providing a platform to highlight the talents of specially-abled children, took place on December 14, 2022. In its 11th year, the event was inaugurated by cine actress Anju Abraham as the chief guest. Approximately 300 students participated in competitions such as card making, carol singing, group dance, and Best Santa. The overall trophy for this year was clinched by Snehasadan Special School, Pothiyakkra.



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### De Buds 2022:

De Buds marks the commencement of the academic year for the students joined at DiST, and this year, we conducted several orientation programs in association with De Buds.



Serving as a welcoming ceremony for new members of DiST, De Buds took place on September 1st, 2022. Additionally, a comprehensive one-week induction and orientation program, spanning from September 12th to September 16th, 2022, was provided for all first-year students. As part of these activities, a bridge course was also organized to facilitate a smooth transition into the academic year.

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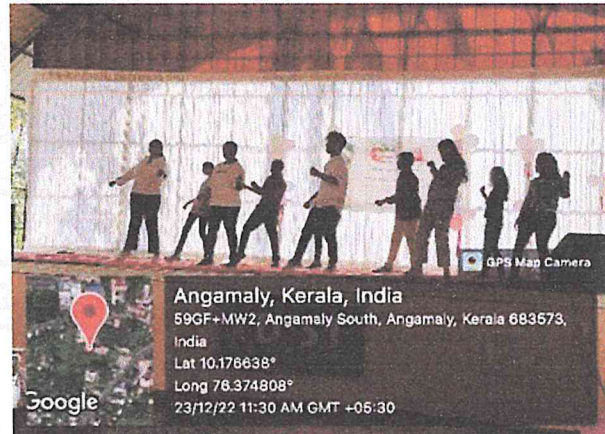
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## College Union:

The College Union for the academic year 2022–23 underwent elections on November 29, 2022, following a parliamentary mode. Narayani Gopan, play back singer was the chief guest. And all the 19 clubs and associations of this current academic year were inaugurated on this day. Dr. Anosh Paul served as the convener of the Union Advisors committee, with Ms. Bala.P.Vijayaraghavan as the secretary and Ms. Amrutha Muralidharan Nair as a committee member. The DiST College Union enthusiastically organized vibrant celebrations within the campus, commemorating various occasions such as Onam, Christmas, Holy, Sports Day, Arts and Union Day, and College Day with engaging and colorful programs.



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Students from different departments at our college actively engaged in the MG University Kalolsavam named 'Anekha 2K23,' which happened from February 8 to February 12, 2023, at Maharajas College and Law College in Ernakulam. In total, students participated in 27 individual events and 3 group events. Notably, seven students excelled and achieved an A Grade in 8 individual events, with the college union spearheading all the necessary initiatives for this successful participation.

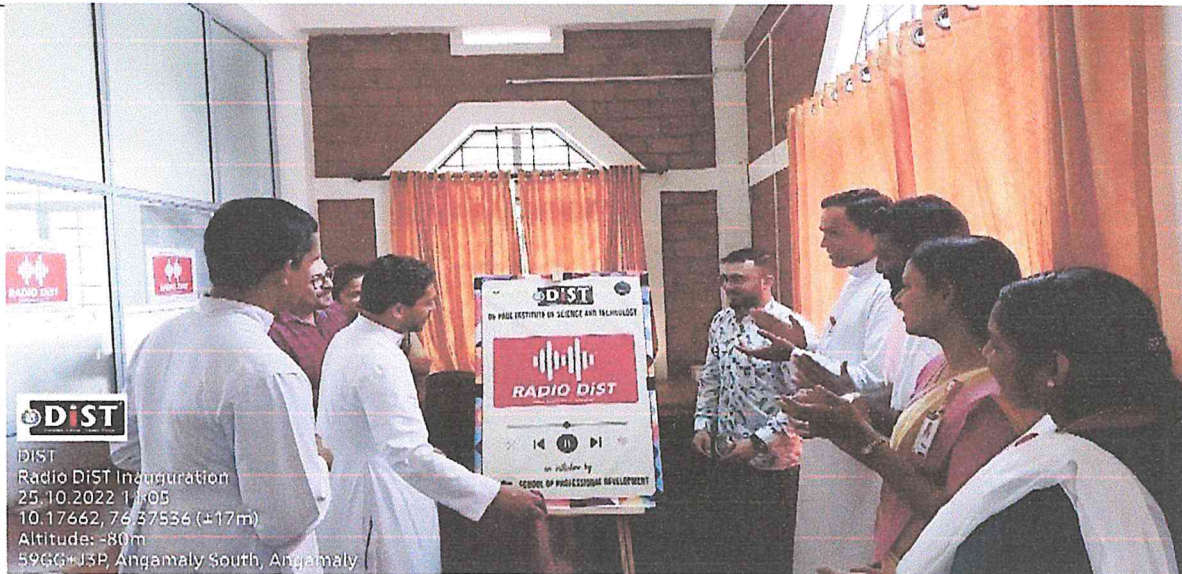
In the 2022–2023 academic year, our college, dedicated to running communication and skill development programs, witnessed the successful implementation of numerous innovative initiatives. Notably, the daily circulation of the E-Newspaper marked its two-year milestone, demonstrating sustained impact. The Professional Development department introduced Radio DiST, a campus radio broadcasted every Friday during lunch breaks. The department also signed the 2nd MoU for the outreach program, Each One Teach One, wherein DiST students conducted spoken English sessions for Malayalam-medium students at Holy Family School. Additionally, a new student exchange program was established with Naipunnya College, Pongam, facilitating collaborative training sessions. Other departmental activities include annual events like "Talk to a Foreigner," a motivational video series titled "Pep Talks," a YouTube initiative called "Word of the Day," and monthly habit sessions known as "Be the Change" and "Fun Friday." The Language Lab, under the management of the School of Professional Development, remains a focal point. In order to increase the visibility of the college a new entrance is opened onto the national highway which gives a marvellous scenic look to the entire campus.



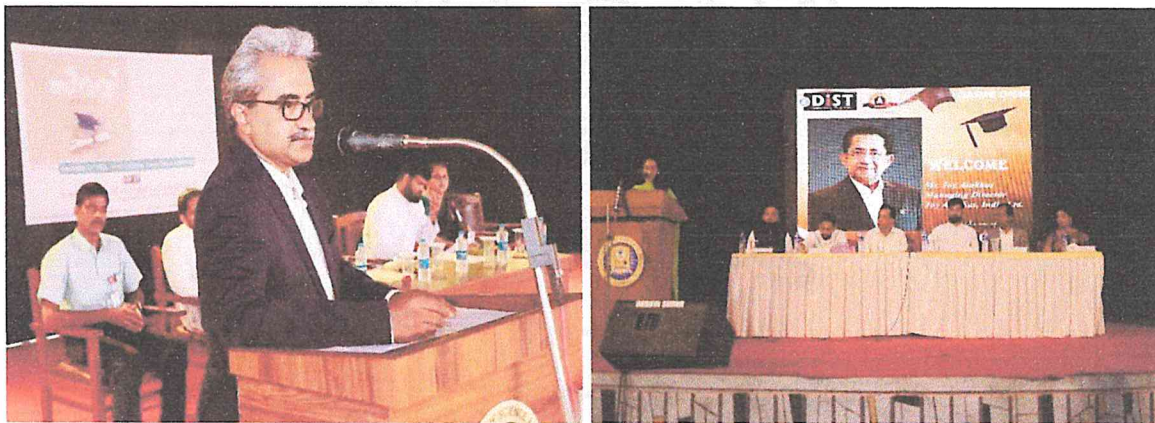
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On October 14, 2023, the campus celebrated grand convocation ceremonies, specifically Niravu and Carpedium, for MBA and various other departments.



Throughout the year, different cells, clubs, and associations organized a series of programs. The establishment of the Rotaract Club occurred on April 27.

Additionally, DiST hosted a significant job fair, Udhyog-2023, in the month of June 2023, drawing the participation of 85 companies to the campus.



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**FESTS:** In the academic year 2022-2023, the college experienced three distinct fests: DAKSH from the School of Management, Denovo from the School of Social Work, and the college-wide fest called Dignito. These events were vibrant and engaging, featuring enthusiastic participation from students representing different colleges.




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The year featured numerous training programs, skill development activities, and placement enhancement initiatives for our students. These efforts aimed to equip students with valuable skills and enhance their readiness for professional placements, highlighting the institution's commitment to comprehensive academic and career support.

We express our gratitude to the leadership of the Vincentian Congregation, including the Superior General Rev. Dr. John Kandathinkara VC, Provincial Superior Rev Dr. Paul Puthuva V C, and the Provincial Council. Immense support has been received from other sister concerns of DiST, namely De Paul College, De Paul English Medium School, De Paul Music Academy, and VSS, for which we extend our sincere thanks. The dedication and hard work of our staff and students have played a crucial role in the achievements of DiST over the past year. Special appreciation goes to Rev. Sr. Annuncia CPS and the Preshitharam Congregation for their services in the Ladies' hostel. Finally, heartfelt thanks are extended to our Vice Principals Fr. Robin Chittuparambil VC, Fr. Mathew Malieckal VC, Finance Director Fr. Lindo Puthuparambil VC, Hostel Director Fr. Geejo Pattath VC, all the Heads of Departments and staff at DiST.



  
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