

MCA students celebrate Onam with fun, cooking contest and release of Covid memorabilia anthology



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All who participated in the programme were unanimous in their opinion that the programme organised by the MCA Dept to celebrate Onam was a great and memorable experience for the participants. The programme was rich with novel and variety content and also with high quality cultural performances by the students. There was also a small dose of celebrity presence with the noted film and TV serial actor Sivaji Guruvayur making a cameo appearance to release a Covid memorabilia anthology created by the S2 MCA students.

The MCA Dept conducted the Onam celebration programme in the online mode via the Zoom platform on 3 September 2021. The programme commenced at 10.30 am with an invocation by Athul Babu (S5 MCA), a welcome address by Prof Sajay K R (Asso Prof,

MCA Dept) and the presidential address by Dr V N Krishnachandran (Prof and head, MCA Dept) and the programme was concluded with a vote of thanks by P R Reshma (S5 MCA).

Inauguration of ViCA Association's activities of 2021 – 22

One component of the programme was a formal inauguration of ViCA association's activities of the year 2021 – 22. The Head of MCA Dept formally declared the activities as inaugurated.

Release of "Annorukalaththu"



"Annorukalaththu" is an anthology of experiences in the Covid related lock down period compiled by the students of S2 MCA batch. Each and every student of the batch had a different lock down story to tell, an intensely felt experience to share and poignant and captivating images to exhibit. With much effort all these were collected in the form of an anthology and presented in the form of a book and gave the book the poetic title "Annorukalaththu". The

anthology was formally released by the noted film and TV serial actor Sivaji Guruvayur in an informal function held in the sidelines of National Highway 544 somewhere near Kodakara! A video of the releasing ceremony was played as part of the Onam celebrations. Janish K R and Blessy, representing the students behind the anthology also spoke on the occasion. Watch the video at the link provided below.

Felicitations to Gatha Bimal



Gatha replying to felicitations

Recently, Gatha Bimal, daughter of Ms Salkala K S (AP, MCA Dept), had created a sensation by handling an online technical workshop on video editing for her classmates. The workshop was facilitated jointly by ViCA Outreach, a novel initiative of MCA Dept, and Sacred Heart Convent Girls' Higher Secondary School, Thrissur and was held on 28 August 2021. One important component of the Onam celebrations was felicitating Gatha Bimal for the successful handling of the technical session on video editing. dr V N Krishnachandran (Head MCA Dept) and Prof Reji C Joy (Asso Prof, MCA Dept) made felicitation speeches and Gatha sweetly replied to the felicitations.

Competitions and winners

As part of the celebrations, there were two competitions: *Malayali Manka* Competition and Cooking Video Competition.

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DIJINA P D	MERIN WILSON	DONA JAMES

Winners of Malayala Manka competition

The *Malayali Manka* competition was to select the the person who in appearance, thoughts and behaviour best approximates the ethnic Malayali concept of an ideal woman. The selection process involved two rounds of processes. The final winners were Merin Wilson, Dijina P D and Dona James.

	
Anjana K U (First Prize}	Rohini T B (Second Prize)
Cooking Video Competition Winners	

The Cooking Video Competition was to create a video of the cooking of *Beetroot Pachadi*. Anjana K U won the first prize and Rohini T B the second prize. The YouTube links to the winning videos are provided at the end of this report.

Variety entertainments

There were a small number of high quality entertainment events in the forms of dance performances and singing of songs. The videos of these events have been uploaded to YouTube and they can be accessed at the links provided at the end of this report.

Links to videos

- 1. Cooking Video: First Prize**
- 2. Cooking Video: Second Prize**
- 3. Dance by Lishell and Team**

4. Maria and Team

5. Dance by Sruthi and Team

6. Veena and Team
