

Report on Merit Day 2025 at Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram

Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram, a beacon of academic excellence and a proud institution under the esteemed Nair Service Society, continues to thrive and grow with its unwavering commitment to quality education. In keeping with its longstanding tradition of fostering academic brilliance, the College celebrates the accomplishments of its students and faculty annually through the much-anticipated *Merit Day*. This day is dedicated to acknowledging the exceptional achievements in various fields, including academics, arts, sports, and other co-curricular domains.

The *Merit Day 2025* was held on **24th March 2025 at 11:30 A.M** onwards. The event promises to be a grand celebration of the outstanding performances of students, who have exhibited relentless dedication and hard work. Merit Day serves as an opportunity to honour their excellence, inspiring them to continue their pursuit of knowledge and success. This year, the inauguration of the event was done by **Sri. M. Sangeeth Kumar**, the Vice President of Nair Service Society, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The programme was further enhanced by the presence of distinguished guest Dr. M.R. Sudarsana Kumar and other individuals from the academic and professional communities.

The event began with a solemn prayer, followed by *Acharyanusmaranam*, The formal proceedings commenced with a welcome speech delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) Chitra V. S.**, Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The *Presidential Address* was presented by **Dr. Anandakumar V. M.**, Principal of Mahatma Gandhi College.

In his *Inaugural Address*, Sri. M. Sangeeth Kumar addressed the gathering, setting the tone for the celebration. The *Chief Guest* for the occasion, Dr. M. R. Sudarsana Kumar, an Academic Consultant at the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and former Principal of Mahatma Gandhi College, shared his insights and encourage the students.

Following this, the *Distribution of Mementos and Awards* took place to recognize the exemplary achievements of the winners in various fields. This segment serves as a moment of pride and appreciation for the hard work of both students and faculty. On the occasion of *Merit Day 2025*, we celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our students:

University Rank Holders (7 Students): Sociology: 3 students (1st, 2nd, and 3rd ranks) English (M.A.): 2 students (2nd and 3rd ranks), Psychology: 1 student (3rd rank), Chemistry (B.Sc.): 1 student (2nd rank)

University Merit Scholarship Holders (19 Students): M.A. Economics: 2 students, M.A. English: 1 student, M.A. Hindi: 1 student, M.Sc. Botany: 5 students, M.Sc. Chemistry: 4 students, M.Sc. Physics: 3 students, M.Sc. Zoology: 2 students, M.Com: 1 student

Department Toppers (23 Students including Rank Holders): Recognizing the highest performers across all 13 departments of the College.

UGC/CSIR NET-JRF Qualified (9 Students) & Ph.D. Admissions (11 Students): NET Qualified: Economics (1), Commerce (2), Zoology (1), Chemistry (1), English (4) ,Ph.D. Admissions: 11 students from English and 1 from Zoology

Ph.D. Awardees (9 Students): Students from various departments, including Economics, Commerce, Zoology, Chemistry, and Malayalam, who have been awarded their Ph.Ds, highlighting the College's commitment to advanced research.

Sports Achievements: University/National Selection: 26 students selected across multiple sports like Gymnastics, Cricket, Hockey, Athletics, Football, Archery, Kabaddi, Water Polo, and Aquatics. **Medal Winners:** 6 students secured Gold, Silver, or Bronze in intercollegiate and National Games.

NCC Special Achievements (12 Students): AIVSC Participants: 5 students (Air Wing), **Republic Day Camp Participants:** 6 students (Navy & Air Wing), **TSC Firing Competition:** 1 student (Army Wing)

NSS Special Achievement (1 Student): A Psychology Department student participated in the First-year NSS State Camp.

Awards & Recognitions (16): Faculty & Students: Recognized for excellence in Research, Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Competitions. **Dr. Remya Krishnan:** 1st position in the TVM district for outstanding contribution in the Young Innovators Programme (YIP 5.0 & 6.0). **14 students** were winners in various intercollegiate-level competitions.

Department-Initiated Endowments: Various departments have set up endowments to honor the academic achievements of students, further motivating the next generation to pursue excellence.

These outstanding accomplishments highlight the dedication, hard work, and talent of our students across a variety of domains, and they are a testament to the College's commitment to fostering excellence

The event also featured the *Felicitations* by distinguished individuals, including Sri. Karthikeyan Nair, PTA President, Dr. Vishnu Gopan, Senate Member, University of Kerala, Dr. A. S. Dileep, Secretary, College Council. The formal proceedings concluded with a *Vote of Thanks* delivered by Mr. Manoj R., Secretary of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), expressing gratitude to all the dignitaries, participants, and attendees. The event was an open invitation for all students, parents, alumni, and well-wishers to join the celebration, making it a memorable occasion for the entire Mahatma Gandhi College family. Merit Day 2025 assures to be a day of recognition, celebration, and inspiration, reinforcing the College's dedication to fostering academic and personal excellence.