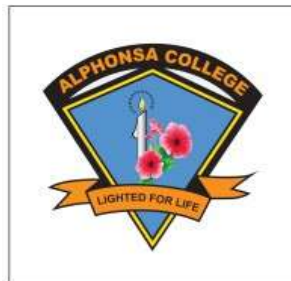




ALPHONSA COLLEGE PALA



CENTRE FOR GANDHIAN STUDIES
DOCUMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES 2023-24

CENTRE FOR GANDHIAN STUDIES**REPORT 2023-2024**

The Centre for Gandhian Studies of Alphonsa College, established in July 2008, continued its efforts to promote an understanding of Mahatma Gandhi and inculcate the values and ideals that he stood for during the year 2023-2024. The Centre was able to organise several programmes based on different aspects of Gandhian thought and values.

GANDHI FORUM

Gandhi Forum, an organisation of students functioning under the auspices of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, strives to promote an understanding of the values and ideals upheld by Mahatma Gandhi, and spearheads all the activities of the Centre. It provides an avenue for the all-round development of members, with their active participation in all the activities of the Centre. Members of the forum are also encouraged and deputed to participate in programmes organised by other institutions that promote an understanding of Mahatma Gandhi. During the academic year 2023-2024, 65 students joined the Gandhi Forum.

The Executive Committee of the Forum was reconstituted and the following office bearers were elected for the academic year 2023-2024:

Clair Angel Puthettu	III DC History
Shafiyamol Jaleel	II DC English
Vani Pradeep	III DC Economics
Milla Liz Tom	I DC English
Yedu Nandana	I DC English
Parvathy Krishna M	I DC English
Arunima Agnel Thomas	I DC English

COMMEMORATION OF HIROSHIMA DAY

The Centre for Gandhian Studies organised several programmes on 6 August 2023 to commemorate Hiroshima Day in collaboration with Breakthrough Science Society, Kerala Chapter. Prof. P.N. Thankachan (Secretary, Breakthrough Science Society) delivered the inaugural address. The College Principal Rev. Dr. Shaji John presided over the inaugural ceremony.



Inaugural ceremony of the Commemoration of Hiroshima Day

POSTER EXHIBITION *REMEMBRANCE*

A Poster Exhibition titled *Remembrance* was organised in the Seminar Hall on 6 August 2023. It was open to all staff and students. The posters depicted the horrors of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It spread the message of promotion of non-violence and the ideal of a nuclear weapon free world.



ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

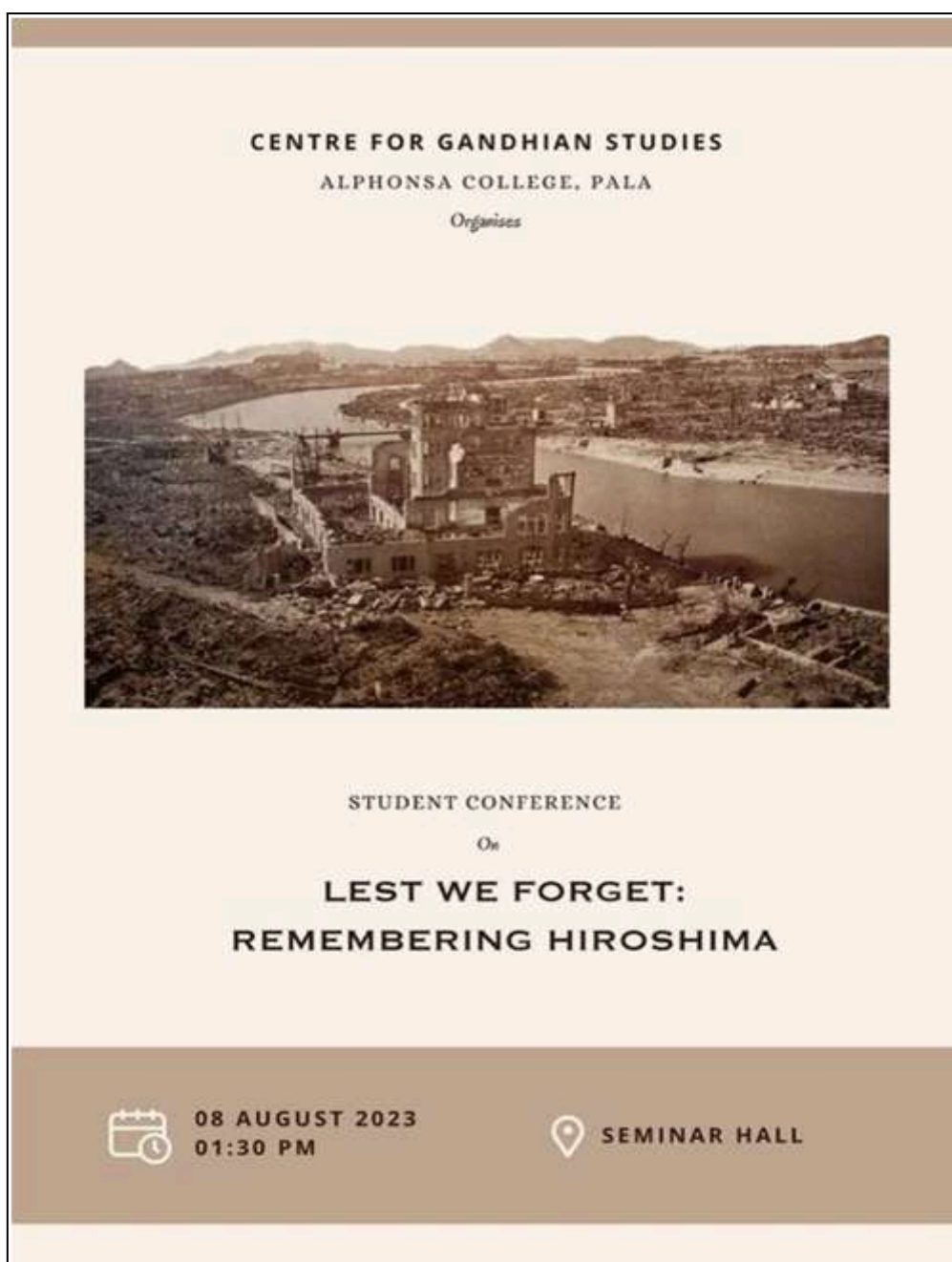
The Centre organised an Origami workshop in collaboration with Breakthrough Science Society, Kerala Chapter. Mr. N. K. Gopakumar (Member, Breakthrough Science Society) led the Origami workshop. The legacy of Sadako Sasaki, the girl that became Hiroshima's icon for world peace, was celebrated by revisiting her story and learning the art of Origami cranes.



Participants of the Origami Workshop

STUDENT CONFERENCE

A Student Conference titled *Lest we Forget: Remembering Hiroshima* was organised to discuss the past, present and future of Hiroshima. The conference saw the active participation of students who presented well researched papers on various topics related to Hiroshima.

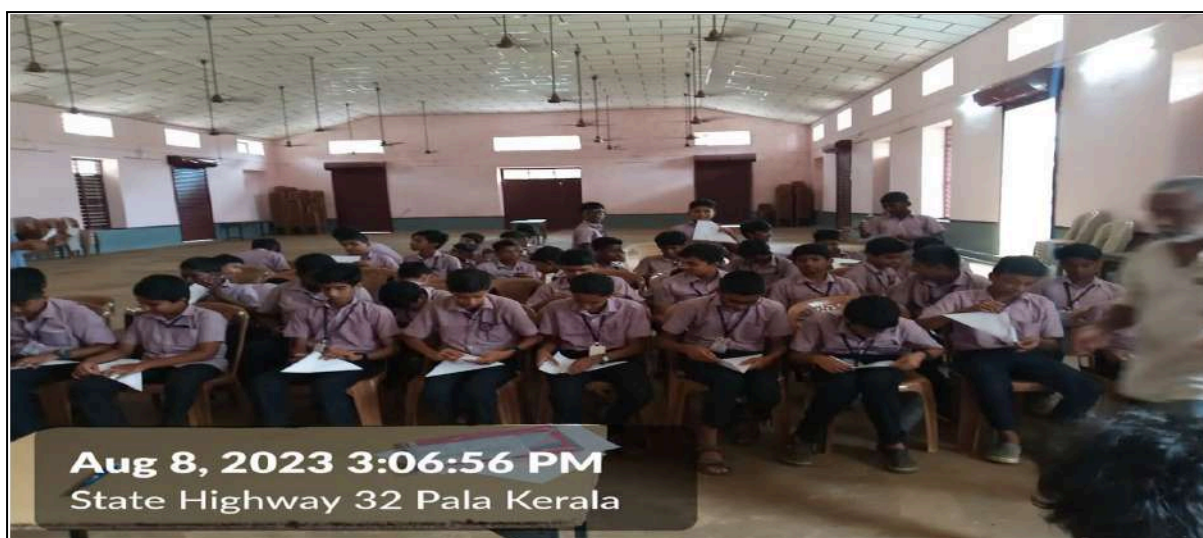




Student Conference

HIROSHIMA DAY EXTENSION ACTIVITY AT ST. THOMAS SCHOOL, PALA

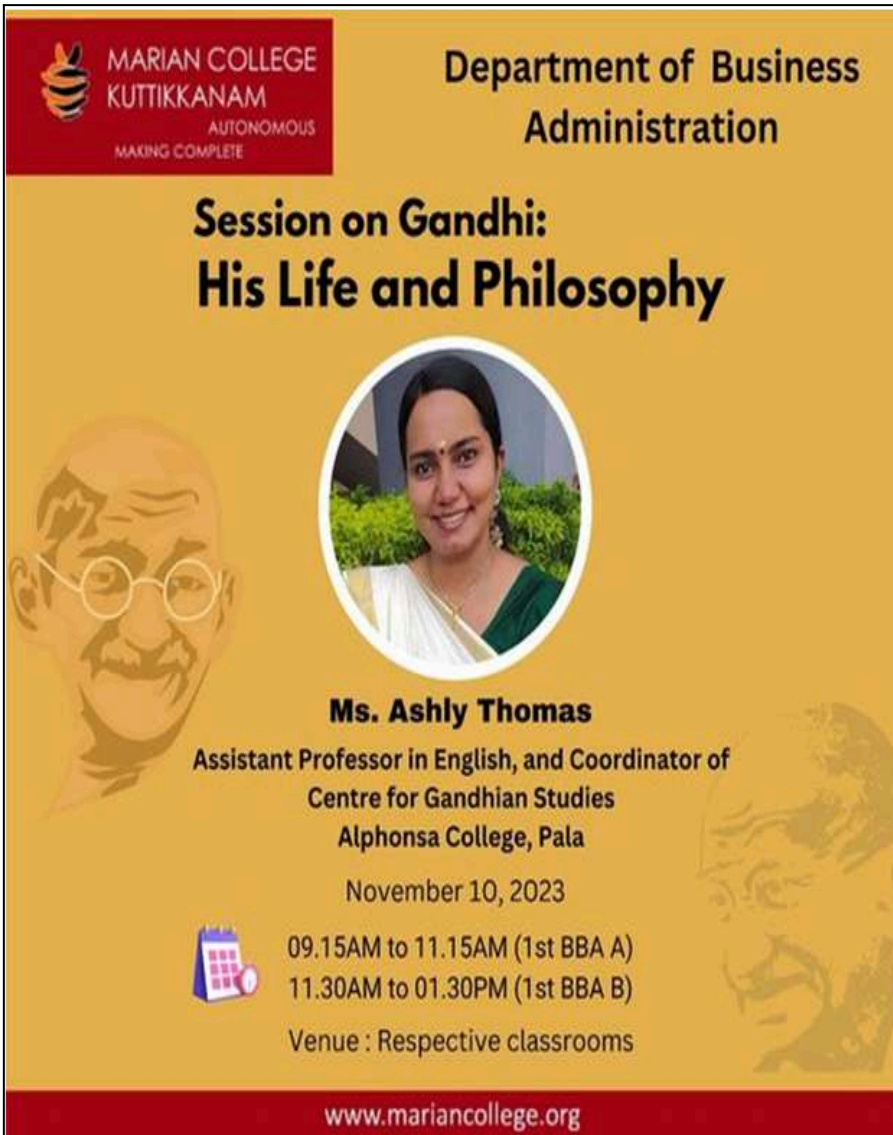
Gandhi Forum members organised an Origami workshop for the NSS volunteers of St. Thomas School, Pala. Mr. N. K. Gopakumar (Member, Breakthrough Science Society) led the Origami workshop. Students were enlightened about the dangers of nuclear weapons. The inspiring story of Sadako Sasaki was presented and the students learnt how to create Sadako cranes.



Origami workshop for NSS Volunteers of St. Thomas School, Pala

SESSION ON “GANDHI: HIS LIFE AND PHILOSOPHY”


Ms Ashly Thomas, Coordinator, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Alphonsa College led a session on "Gandhi: His Life and Philosophy" for the students of the Department of Business Administration, Marian College, Kuttikkanam on 10 November 2023.




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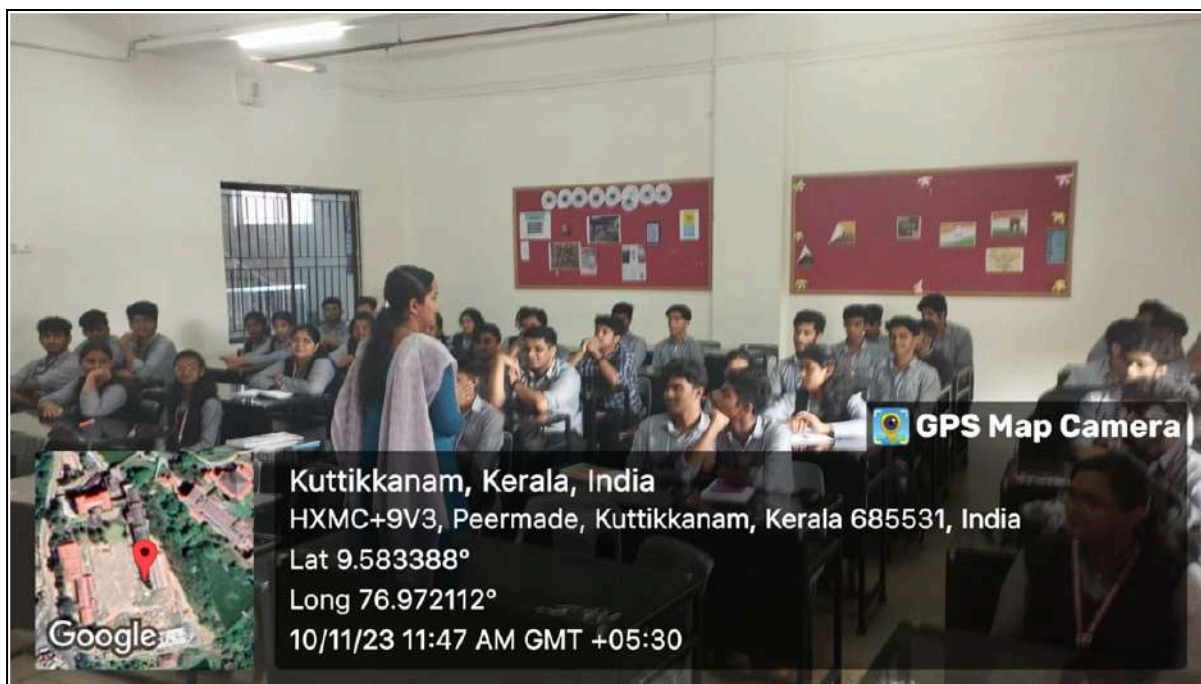


Ms. Ashly Thomas
Assistant Professor in English, and Coordinator of
Centre for Gandhian Studies
Alphonsa College, Pala
November 10, 2023



09.15AM to 11.15AM (1st BBA A)
11.30AM to 01.30PM (1st BBA B)
Venue : Respective classrooms

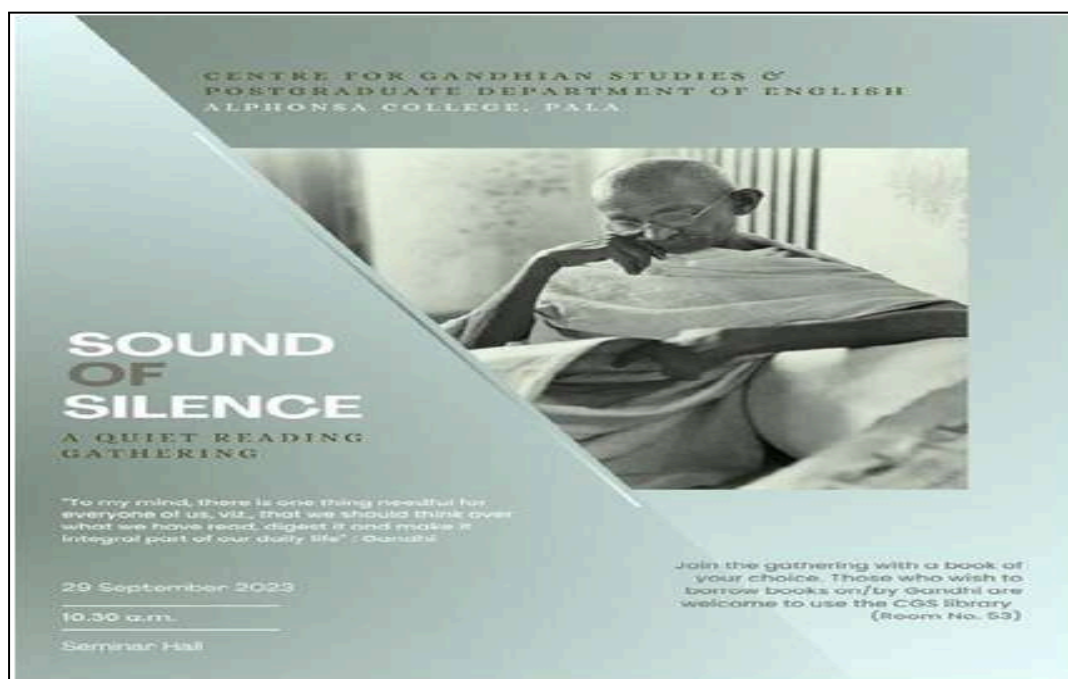
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Session at Marian College, Kuttikkanam

SOUND OF SILENCE: A QUIET READING GATHERING

A Quiet Reading Gathering “*Sound of Silence*” was organised on 29 September 2023 in the Seminar Hall. The initiative was intended to promote reading among students and also to realise the value of absolute silence.





Sound of Silence

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

The Centre also maintains a Library and Reading Room with over 1300 books. This collection covers diverse themes that are relevant to the ideas and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Besides books written on and by Gandhi, the collection includes books on Indian history, polity and society, international peace and security, women's studies, environmental studies, human rights, etc. The Library and Reading Room are open on all weekdays from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm. Students and faculty members make good use of the resources.



The students using CGS Library

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY CELEBRATIONS AT PALA SUB-JAIL

Gandhi Forum members participated in the World Environment Day Celebrations at Pala Sub-Jail on 05 June 2023. The Gandhi Forum members planted saplings in the Jail compound. The following is a link to the FB video: <https://fb.watch/oJTcFoBUc9/>



Saplings planted in the Sub Jail compound

PRAYAANA 2K23: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE OF MAHATMA

A quiz competition series – Prayaana 2K23 based on Mahatma Gandhi’s autobiography “*My Experiments With Truth*” was organised by the Centre for the students of the college. This journey through the life of the Mahatma was organised in five parts. Ganga M of II DC History organised the series. Five rounds were completed. The winners are as follows:

Round 1: Keerthana M (III DC Botany)

Round 2: Leenu K Jose (I DC English)


Round 3 : Dona Rose Mathew (II DC English) 30

Round 4 : Shafiyamol Jaleel (II DC English)

Round 5 : Shafiyamol Jaleel (II DC English)

OVERALL WINNER : SHAFIYAMOL JALEEL (II DC ENGLISH)

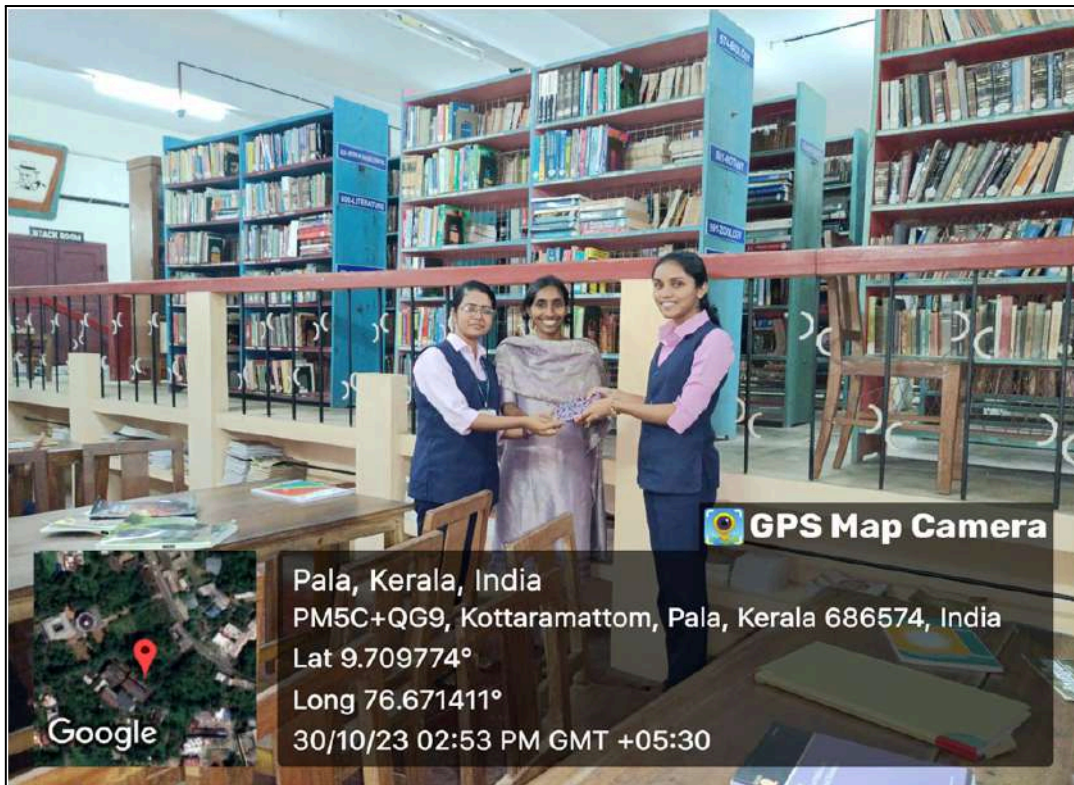
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A journey through the life of Mahathma



Quiz Competition Series
On
**"AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OR THE STORY OF
MY EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH"**

Date : 10/10/23
Venue : College Library







PARYAPTHA 2024

Paryaptha-2024, an exhibition cum sale of items made by students and faculty was organized by the Centre on 31 January 2024 with the objective of inculcating the ideals of self-reliance, women empowerment and sustainable development among students. The exhibition focused on organising a zero waste programme, based on the concept of ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’ as well as providing students with the opportunity to ‘earn while you learn’.. The Department of Mathematics won the prize for the Department that best embodied the spirit of Paryaptha and Ann Varghese of III DC English won the Best Participant Award.





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announces

PARYAPTHA 2024



**Zero waste exhibition cum sale of items made
by students and teachers**

**Prizes for the Best Participant and the Best
Department that reflects the spirit of Paryaptha**

Promoting Eco-friendly Self-Reliance

Date:
31 JANUARY 2024

Venue:
AUDITORIUM