

## **ALPHONSA COLLEGE, PALA**

### **Annual Report 2025–26**

The academic year 2025–26 was marked by academic excellence, vibrant campus activities, significant achievements, infrastructure development, research contributions, and meaningful community engagement.

#### **Academic Excellence and Student Empowerment**

Toppers' Day was celebrated on 4 June 2025 to honour outstanding academic achievers of Alphonsa College, Pala. The institution achieved a remarkable academic milestone with 29 University Ranks in undergraduate examinations. The achievement included one student securing the prestigious S Grade, 46 students obtaining A+ Grade distinctions, and 41 students securing A Grade, reflecting the academic commitment and mentoring practices of the institution.

At the postgraduate level, the college secured 21 University Ranks across five PG programmes, highlighting the institution's commitment to excellence in higher education and research-oriented learning.

#### **Outreach and Social Commitment**

As part of social responsibility and outreach initiatives, the Leadership Quest Summer Camp was conducted from 22 April to 3 May 2025. The residential learning programme brought together

girls from Classes VIII to XII and provided opportunities for leadership development, personal growth, and experiential learning.

### **Student Induction and Orientation**

A comprehensive week-long Orientation Programme for newly admitted students was conducted from 1 to 6 July 2025. The programme commenced with an inaugural session on 1 July led by Ms. Nesrin P. Fasim, providing an encouraging beginning to the academic year.

### **Cultural and Spiritual Engagement**

Alphonsain Week was observed from 16 to 21 July 2025 in honour of Saint Alphonsa, the patron of the institution. The celebrations involved active participation from all departments and included cultural, literary, and creative competitions, promoting unity, faith, and artistic expression among students.

### **Career Advancement and Employability**

The Career and Placement Cell organised a Mega Job Fair on 2 August 2025 in collaboration with the National Employment Exchange, Kottayam Model Career Centre, NCC, and NSS. The initiative strengthened career opportunities and employability support for students.

### **Infrastructure Development and Sustainable Initiatives**

The institution strengthened its infrastructure through the establishment of a new computer lab, a Botany tissue culture laboratory, and the installation of a 50 Kilowatt solar power system. These initiatives supported academic advancement and sustainable campus development.

### **Student Leadership and Union Activities**

The College Union Elections were conducted on 21 August 2025, promoting democratic participation and student leadership. Ms. Riya Jaison (II DC CND) was elected as the Chairperson.

The College Union Inauguration Ceremony was held on 19 September 2025 at the College Auditorium. The elected representatives assumed office after taking the oath administered by the Principal, Dr. Sr. Minimol Mathew. The ceremony was presided over by the Chief Guest, Jyothis Mohan IRS.

### **Student Achievements**

Several postgraduate students qualified the UGC–NET examination, and students from various departments achieved recognition through outstanding performances in intercollegiate competitions.

Ms. Leenu K. Jose (III DC English) received special recognition for her achievements in speech, debate, and quiz competitions. Ms. Arunima Agnel Thomas (III DC English) secured the position of First Runner-up in the Vanitha Malayali Manka Competition.

Ms. Nesrin P. Fasim, a student of the 2017–2020 BA Economics batch, secured All India Rank 703 in the Civil Services Examination, marking a significant achievement and serving as an inspiration for students.

### **Faculty Achievements and Academic Contributions**

The academic year witnessed notable scholarly contributions from faculty members.

Dr. Ambili T R was recognised as a research guide in Zoology under Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. Ms. Annu Paul, Department of Computer Science, was awarded the Doctorate degree, strengthening the research profile of the institution.

Ms. Rosemary Philip, faculty member of the PG Department of English, Alphonsa College, Pala, received a patent from the Government of India for the innovative design of a portable audio device, marking a significant achievement in research and innovation.

Dr. Sonia Sebastian and Lt. Anu Jose of the PG Department of English participated and presented papers at SAARC ICICH 2025 held at the University of Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Maya George of the PG Department of Zoology was part of the research team that identified a new species of dragonfly. Dr. Sr. Manju Elizabeth Kuruvilla of the Department of Zoology, along with her research scholar, identified a new species of millipede.

A book titled *Ethical Self*, focusing on Moral Science, was published during the year by faculty members, contributing to value-based education and academic discourse. Various departments also published books, including two books each by the Departments of Zoology and English and one book each by Mathematics, Malayalam, and Chemistry.

The total number of faculty publications in Web of Science/SCOPUS-indexed journals during the academic year was 21.

### **Sports Achievements**

The academic year 2025–26 recorded remarkable achievements in sports at Alphonsa College, Pala. College teams secured championship titles in Mahatma Gandhi University Championships in Volleyball, Basketball, Kho Kho, and Aquatics, and secured second position in the MG University Athletics Championship.

The Cross-Country team representing Kottayam District secured first position in the Kerala State Senior Cross-Country Championship held at Murikkassery, Idukki.

The college achieved success in All Kerala Intercollegiate Championships by winning titles in Volleyball and Basketball. The Athletics team secured the Kottayam District Junior Athletics Championship.

Twelve athletes represented Mahatma Gandhi University in the All India Inter-University Athletics Championship. Students secured medals at national and Khelo India University Championships in Athletics, Basketball, Weightlifting, Volleyball, Netball, Kho Kho, Cross Country, Atya Patya, and Aquatics.

Ms. Reema Ronald represented Kerala at the Senior National Basketball Championship and was part of the team that won Gold at the Khelo India University Basketball Championship. Ms. Anu N secured Gold in Weightlifting at the Khelo India University level.

International recognition was achieved when Ms. Jeni Mariya M. R. won Gold at the International Cestoball Championship held in Dubai.

### **College Union, Youth Festival and Cultural Activities**

The College Union organised the Youth Festival as a platform to showcase the diverse talents of students. Literary competitions were conducted on 12 and 18 December 2025, encouraging intellectual engagement and creative expression.

The Miss Alphonsa Contest was conducted on 15 December 2025, and Ms. Leenu K. Jose (III DC English) was crowned Miss Alphonsa 2025 in the presence of distinguished guests.

On the same day, Arts Day was inaugurated by Arts Club Secretary Ms. Nandana R. Namboothiri, marking the commencement of artistic activities. The celebrations concluded with a Music Eve featuring Goutham Vincent, Sony Mohan, and team.

### **Catechism and Moral Science Classes**

Catechism and Moral Science classes were conducted in January 2026 to promote moral, ethical, and spiritual development among students. Examinations were held on 14 January 2026, and prizes were awarded to outstanding performers, reinforcing the institution's emphasis on value-based education and holistic formation.

### **IQAC**

During the academic year 2025–26, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Alphonsa College, Pala implemented various quality enhancement initiatives aimed at strengthening teaching–learning practices and institutional performance.

A Skill Development Programme Orientation for teachers was conducted on 9 June 2025 to enhance pedagogical, technological, and interpersonal competencies.

In collaboration with the UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, University of Calicut, an online NEP Orientation and Sensitization Programme was conducted from 21 to 31 October 2025, familiarising faculty members with key aspects of the National Education Policy.

The IQAC organised an Academic Retreat on NIRF Ranking on 20 November 2025 to promote research orientation and institutional benchmarking.

School visit programmes conducted during October and November 2025 provided academic exposure to students from St. Agnes High School, Muttuchira, strengthening outreach activities and academic engagement.

### **Departmental Activities**

The following section presents a summary of major academic, research, outreach, and skill-oriented activities undertaken by various departments during the academic year.

#### **Department of Botany**

The Department of Botany enhanced experiential learning through an Alumni Lecture Series, field visits, and consultancy services. A National Workshop on Bioinformatics and

Computer-Aided Drug Design was organised on 20–21 February 2026, promoting interdisciplinary research skills.

### **Department of Commerce**

The Department of Commerce promoted academic excellence and career readiness through seminars, skill development programmes, industry exposure initiatives, and student-centred learning activities.

### **Department of Chemistry**

The Department of Chemistry conducted major academic and career-oriented programmes under the DBT-STAR College Scheme, including alumni meets, workshops, Faculty Development Programmes, and seminars. The department also recorded significant research output through international publications and book chapters.

### **PG Department of Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics**

The department focused on academic enrichment, health awareness, alumni interaction, and community outreach through counselling programmes, school-based initiatives, and technology-oriented webinars, strengthening professional competence and social responsibility.

### **Department of Economics**

Major activities of the Department of Economics included ECOTHON 2025, an intercollegiate fest, field visits, industrial exposure programmes, invited talks, and research workshops, promoting experiential learning and student development.

### **PG Department of English**

The PG Department of English organised the Second Rev. Dr. Jose Joseph Pulavelil Lecture Series featuring Medha Patkar and conducted a National Seminar inaugurated by Dayabai. Faculty members also participated in an international SAARC conference.

### **Department of Fashion Technology**

The Department of Fashion Technology promoted sustainability and entrepreneurship through eco-friendly initiatives, skill development workshops, exhibitions, and student business projects. University rank achievements highlighted academic excellence.

### **Department of Hindi**

The Department of Hindi organised Hindi Week, Hindi Diwas celebrations, Reading Day programmes, and translation competitions. Faculty members contributed through research publications and participation in NEP-oriented Faculty Development Programmes.

### **Department of History**

The Department of History conducted academic lectures, workshops, a national seminar, heritage trail learning activities, and community outreach programmes, promoting historical awareness, cultural values, and social engagement.

### **Department of Malayalam**

The Department of Malayalam organised a National Seminar on the Kerala Renaissance, Reading Day celebrations, and Administrative Language Week programmes. Faculty members contributed through research activities and academic conferences.

### **Department of Mathematics and Statistics**

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics strengthened skill development through Faculty Development Programmes, certificate courses, expert seminars, and an MoU with St. George's College, Aruvithura. Community outreach programmes promoting mathematical awareness were also conducted.

### **Department of Physics**

Under the DBT-STAR College Scheme, the Department of Physics organised the International Conference on Advanced Materials for Future (ICAMF 2025), providing a global platform for research interaction and academic exchange.

### **PG Department of Political Science**

The PG Department of Political Science conducted a National Seminar, Moot Court exercise, experiential learning visits, and civic engagement activities including Panchayat election enumeration.

### **Sports Nutrition and Physiotherapy Department**

The department promoted holistic development through health and wellness programmes, sports injury management workshops, yoga sessions, mental health programmes, and collaborative community initiatives.

### **Department of Zoology**

The Department of Zoology enhanced student learning through academic seminars, expert lectures, field visits, and sustainability-oriented initiatives. The activities promoted research awareness, environmental responsibility, and experiential education.

### **Clubs and Organisations**

Clubs and organisations at Alphonsa College, Pala contributed significantly to enriching student life by promoting social responsibility, leadership development, skill enhancement, civic awareness, and holistic growth.

### **National Service Scheme (NSS)**

The NSS Unit 001 actively engaged in community service, health awareness, and environmental initiatives. The college received the State NSS Best Unit Award (2023–24), and Dr. Simimol Sebastian was honoured with the Best Programme Officer Award, recognising the outstanding contributions of the unit.

### **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**

The NCC Unit promoted discipline, leadership, and social responsibility through community service programmes, awareness campaigns, and competitions. Cadets received recognition through selections for advanced training programmes and Pre-RDC camps.

### **Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning (CSDCCP)**

The Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning was inaugurated in July 2025.

The centre introduced industry-oriented skill courses in collaboration with IHRD and organised career development seminars to enhance students' employability and professional readiness.

### **Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC)**

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre encouraged entrepreneurial initiatives among students through programmes such as Monday Market and the vermicomposting project, which produced eco-friendly fertiliser branded as *Alphagro*.

### **Career and Placement Cell**

The Career and Placement Cell organised the Mega Job Fair – Prayukthi on 2 August 2025 in association with the Kottayam District Employment Exchange. A career orientation session conducted by RBI officials for final-year students further strengthened career awareness and professional preparation.

### **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Women Cell**

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan focused on village outreach programmes, sustainability initiatives, hygiene awareness, and skill development activities.

The Women Cell organised awareness programmes, skill-based initiatives, and empowerment activities. A major highlight was the keynote address delivered by Dr. Tessy Thomas on 23 February 2026.

### **Electoral Literacy Club**

The Electoral Literacy Club conducted the SIR Voter Registration Campaign on 28 November 2025 and organised an awareness programme for teachers on Panchayat elections, promoting informed citizenship and democratic participation.

### **Alumni Association**

The Alumni Meet “Alstagia 2026” was held on 24 January 2026, strengthening alumni–student interaction. The programme featured an inspiring address by Ms. Kiran Mariya Jose.

### **Counselling Cell**

Under the Kerala Government’s Jeevani initiative, the Counselling Cell conducted individual counselling sessions, orientation programmes, and mental health awareness activities to support student wellbeing.

### **Grievance Redressal Cell**

The Grievance Redressal Cell maintained an effective and transparent mechanism for addressing student concerns and contributed towards creating a safe and inclusive campus environment.

### **Women Cell Activities**

Major initiatives of the Women Cell included Meet the Diplomat with Roshni Thomson, cancer awareness programmes, school outreach activities on menstrual and mental health, a skill-based cake icing workshop, and a flash mob against violence towards women.

National Science Day and International Women's Day were jointly celebrated on 23 February 2026 by the Women Cell and Science Departments. Dr. Tessy Thomas, former Director General of the Defence Research and Development Organisation, was the Chief Guest.

### **Quiz Club**

The 39th Bishop Vayalil Memorial All Kerala Intercollegiate Quiz Competition was conducted on 9 February 2026, with Dr. Jithin Sankar N serving as the Quiz Master.

### **Centre for Gandhian Studies**

The Centre for Gandhian Studies organised *Paryaptha*, a zero-waste exhibition-cum-sale featuring products prepared by students and teachers, on 4 February 2026.

### **Sports and Games**

The Annual Sports Day was celebrated on 6 February 2026 with active participation from students across departments. The event promoted teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, and healthy competition among participants.

### **PTA**

The PTA Annual General Body Meeting was held on 10 January 2026. Prof. Dr. Muse Mary George was the Chief Guest.

### **Merit Day 2026**

Merit Day was celebrated on 24 February 2026 at Alphonsa College, Pala. Msgr. Dr. Joseph Kaniyodickal, Manager of the college, was the Chief Guest.

Students and teachers were honoured for outstanding achievements in academics, arts, and sports, recognising excellence and encouraging holistic development.

### **Honours and Recognitions**

The announcement of the State NSS Awards reaffirmed the institution's commitment to extension activities and social responsibility. The recognition reflected the dedicated efforts of students and faculty members towards community engagement.

### **Gratitude and Welcome**

The institution acknowledges the dedicated service and leadership of Msgr. Dr. Joseph Thadathil as Manager and welcomes Msgr. Dr. Joseph Kaniyodickal, who assumed charge as the new Manager.

### **Retirement and Appreciation**

The academic year marked the retirement of two dedicated faculty members:

- Dr. Sr. Jilly James, Head of the Department of Chemistry
- Dr. Mariamma Mathew, Department of Political Science

The institution records its appreciation for their years of committed service, academic leadership, and valuable contributions to the growth and development of Alphonsa College.

### **DBT Star College Scheme Support**

The institution received a total grant of ₹40,62,490 under the DBT Star College Scheme for the year 2025.

An amount of ₹28,87,394 was utilised for the purchase of equipment for the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Botany, and Zoology, strengthening laboratory infrastructure.

The remaining amount of ₹11,75,096 was utilised for science-related academic activities including research projects, field visits, industrial visits, seminars, workshops, conferences, and procurement of laboratory consumables.

### **RUSA 2.0 Infrastructure Development**

During the financial year 2025–2026, the institution received ₹19,45,610 under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA 2.0), which was fully utilised for strengthening infrastructure and academic facilities.

An amount of ₹18,25,000 was utilised for the installation of a 50 kW on-grid solar power plant, completed on 2 December 2025. The project contributed towards sustainable energy management on campus and was implemented by Sekhmet Energy India Pvt. Ltd.

An amount of ₹1,20,610 was utilised for procuring an interactive panel with CPU and trolley to enhance digital teaching–learning practices. The equipment was supplied by Etome Works Ltd.

### **Achievements in Youth Festival**

Students of the college performed commendably in the Mahatma Gandhi University Youth Festival, securing two Second A Grades, one Third A Grade, and eleven A Grades. The achievements reflected the talent and active participation of students in cultural activities.

### **Autonomous Status Initiative**

The college initiated the process of applying for autonomous status. The initiative marks an important step towards academic excellence, curriculum innovation, and greater institutional flexibility in teaching, learning, and evaluation.

### **Conclusion**

The academic year 2025–26 reflected significant progress, achievements, academic excellence, research contributions, infrastructure development, and purposeful engagement at Alphonso College, Pala.

The collective efforts of students, faculty members, non-teaching staff, alumni, and well-wishers contributed to the continued growth and advancement of the institution.

The college remains committed to holistic education, academic excellence, innovation, and service to society, guided by its vision and values.

