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## 32nd ANNUAL REPORT (2023-2024)

Citadel-the prominent educational institution has been a synonym for excellent education managed by the Catholic Diocese of Kanjirapally proudly celebrates its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Day reflecting on a journey marked by academic distinction and the holistic development of our students. Aligned with our philosophy of nurturing character alongside education, we have devoted ourselves to uncovering hidden talents, building confidence, and instilling a proactive awareness that equips our students for the challenges of the competitive world.

Beyond academic preparation, we prioritize cultivating disciplined individuals who, upon graduating from our institution, uphold the values instilled here, becoming exemplary figures in society. Excellence is our standard across all pursuits, fostering an environment that allows each student to flourish as a unique individual.

Our institution has a strong team of 99 teaching staff and 67 non- teaching staff in all capacities who are dedicated and inspired by the philosophy "Give your best, no matter what the situation is. "This year there are 2085 students from Play Class to Plus Two. We are proud to announce that next year onwards, Bio- Psychology and Humanities with Psychology streams will be introduced in higher secondary section apart from the existing Bio-Maths, Maths -Computer, Bio-IP, Bio -Malayalam, Commerce -IP, Commerce -Maths and Humanities streams.

With profound satisfaction, I take pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the Academic Year 2023-24.

## A GLIMPSE INTO CITADEL:

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM - The Citadel showcases a well-equipped library, adorned with an extensive collection of books that spans across fiction, reference materials, journals, magazines, and newspapers in both English and Malayalam.

**LABORATORIES** - Our school features meticulously organized and well-equipped laboratories for practical sessions in Maths, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, seamlessly aligning with the CBSE curriculum.

**HOSTEL** - Providing exceptional hostel amenities, we ensure separate housing for boys and girls, promoting optimal living conditions that foster physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

**SCHOOL BUS -** Our school offers a reliable school bus service covering various routes, with a fleet of 26 buses ensuring the safety of our students throughout their journey.

**THE SCHOOL BAND** - Citadel's vibrant school band, cultivated under expert trainers, stands as a captivating feature, harmonizing musical excellence.

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**COUNSELLING CENTRE** - Recognizing the contemporary need for guidance, our school maintains a dedicated counselling centre staffed by expert professionals, catering to the evolving needs of our students.

**HOUSE SYSTEM** - Students are allocated to four distinct houses, each led by three teachers-in-charge, a captain, and a vice-captain. Extracurricular and co-curricular activities are organized on a house-centric structure, where winning teams earn points, nurturing a sense of healthy competition and solidarity among the student body.

**CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** - In adherence to our dedication to comprehensive development, the school advocates for classes in Karate, Kungfu, Kalari, and Yoga, guided by esteemed trainers. Special emphasis is placed on cultivating students' artistic talents in domains such as art, craft, music, and dance, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience.

**TALENT DISPLAY BOARD -** Weekly Talent Display Boards, orchestrated by students to honor noteworthy monthly occasions, spotlight the diverse skills and talents inherent within our student community.

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2023-24:**

**OPENING CEREMONY** - The inaugural festivities of 'Pravesanolsavam,' tailored for students in classes 1 to 8, transpired on June 1, 2023. Rev. Fr. Thomas Mundianickal, the School Manager, added his esteemed presence with an inaugural address, officially commencing the event.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME - An orientation programme was organized for the parents & students of Class XI on 3rd June 2023. The session was based on career guidance and was conducted by the Associate professor of Marian College Kuttikanam and former Principal of Citadel Residential School, Rev. Fr. Biju John. To develop scientific aptitude among the students, ISRO organized a workshop for the students of Classes IX & XI and the session was led by Mr. Nithin, scientist from ISRO.

WELCOME TO PLUS ONE - The Plus One student joined their new academic session on 5th June 2023

**ENVIRONMENT FEST -** On June 5, 2023, the school marked Environment Day with an event led by the Class 12 Humanities Department, emphasizing ecological awareness and sustainable practices.

TINY TOTS GRAND ENTRANCE - Our adorable LKG tiny tots were warmly welcomed to the school on June 7. The day was enriched by the presence of Mr. Joy Mathew, Section Officer at MG University. The delightful UKG tiny tots returned to school on June 5, adding vibrancy to the day. Mrs. Aniamma Joby, Teacher at ITI Kanjirappally and an accomplished writer, delivered an insightful talk on parenting, followed by a ceremonial inauguration.

**ACADEMIC SPARKLES -** Students were honoured for their academic achievements on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. His Excellency Mar Jose Pulickal, Our Patron and Bishop of Eparchy of Kanjirappally blessed the occasion. He congratulated and awarded mementos to the toppers.

YOGA DAY -Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June. Students of Class XI (Humanities Stream) organized this programme which aimed at the importance of yoga in our daily life.

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**PLAY SCHOOL INAUGURATION** - The inauguration of the play school signifies the crucial role of play in children's early engagement and interaction with the world around them. Young learners enthusiastically joined the school on July 10, 2023.

**INVESTITURE CEREMONY** - Investiture Ceremony was held on 29th July 2023. The guest of the day was Shri. Aneesh A. P, Sub Inspector, Ranni.

**NALLAPADAM** - The introduction of Nallapadam' in the school aims to inspire children to actively participate in society. The inauguration of 'Nallapadam' and various clubs took place on July 10, turning the day into a magical experience led by Magician Nath, URF world record holder.

On August 4, the school's 'Nallapadam' team orchestrated a signature campaign against violence towards women and children in Manipur. The initiative was inaugurated by Mrs. Bindhu Reji, the President of Angadi Panchayat

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME

- AWARENESS PROGRAMME (DRUGS) An Awareness Programme on the use of drugs was organized for the students by the Excise Department.
- AWARENESS PROGRAMME (FIRE & RESCUE) Under the leadership of Fire and Rescue Department an Awareness Programme was conducted by the station Officer, Fire and Safety, Ranni Division. Other officials from the department were also present. The trained officers presented some mock rescue operations before the students.
- AWARENESS PROGRAMME (SAFETY OF CHILDREN)- In order to ensure strict compliance of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, the school has taken several initiatives and actions for creating awareness about sexual exploitation among the school children. Awareness Programme is conducted for the students and teachers in collaboration with the local police on the challenges of gender inequality, eve-teasing and sexual abuse, good and bad touch etc. CCTV facilities are provided at all classrooms, corridors, library and playground, at the entrance gate, reception, auditorium to monitor students & teachers, parents & outsiders. Guidance and counseling facilities are provided and techniques of self- defence training are provided to girls, sexual harassment committee is formed and a complaint box is set up. Awareness Programme is conducted for the parents too and they are asked to immediately report of any untoward incident. Orientation Programme on health education for boys and girls and fitness programme through sports and games, yoga, PT etc is introduced for all students. Teachers are alert all the time and they are asked to inform the counsellor if they notice any changes in the behavior of any student. Special staff is on duty and students are monitored throughout in campus. Sub committees are created who monitors the involvement of students in the school buses and they are asked to report bullying and other behavioural incidents in the school buses. Committee is constituted which includes police personnel and ward members.
- STAFF AWARENESS PROGRAMME -The school has taken several initiatives and actions for creating awareness about sexual exploitation among the staff members. Awareness Programme is conducted for teachers in collaboration with the local police on the challenges of gender inequality, eve-teasing and sexual abuse, good and bad touch etc. CCTV facilities are provided at all classrooms, corridors, library and playground, at the entrance gate, reception, auditorium to monitor them. Guidance and counseling facilities are provided to them and a complaint box is set up. Staffs are asked to immediately report of any untoward incident. Orientation Programme on health education and fitness programme through sports and games, yoga, PT etc is introduced for them along with all students. All staff members are asked to be alert all the time and they are asked to inform the counselor if they notice any changes in the behavior of any student. Special staff on duty is formed to monitor students throughout in campus. Sub committees are created who monitors the involvement of students in the school buses and they are asked to report bullying and other behavioural incidents

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- AWARENESS PROGRAMME (ENVIRONMENT) The school is taking several initiatives and actions for creating awareness about environment. The Haritha Club functioning in our school under Nallapadam prepared booklets to promote agriculture. There was also a campaign against the use of plastic carry bags. The students visited Ranni Angadi Panchayat market and cleaned the Panchayat office premises and nearby areas. A Farmers meet was also conducted on Kerala Piravi Day. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle education of the three R's starts at home and through the awareness programme, the students learned the importance of preserving the resources and to cut down on the amount of waste. Cleanliness is next to godliness and the students vowed to keep their surroundings, school and home clean. Ranni Angadi Panchayat provided seed packets and saplings to all students.
- AWARENESS PROGRAMME (CYBER SAFETY) A seminar on Cyber Safety and Awareness Programme on the use of drugs was conducted the Excise Officer, Ranni Circle Office. They talked about cyber safety and drug awareness and also warned the students not to fall into the tempting challenges of Internet and Mobile Phone. Cyber Safety Club was formed under Nallapadam.
- MATHRUBHOOMI NANMA PROGRAMME To foster the habit of keeping our surroundings clean and hygienic an awareness programme, Nanma, was conducted by Mathrubhoomi. Rev. Fr. Reji Mathew, Manager, Principal Fr. Joshy Sebastian were present on the occasion. Mr. Gireesh Bhaskar led the interactive section and coordinated the programme in a lovely manner.
- SEWA Health & Physical Education programme is introduced to the students of Classes IX to XII. Fitness programmes- Jogging, Gym, Yoga games and sports is implemented for all students for their overall improvement, to promote concentration and for good body posture. The students actively taken part in caring the homeless and created a positive mood for them and taught them to live life through confidence.

BOOK FAIR - It was organised with the objective of inculcating the habit of reading in students. Books by renowned writers and from major publishers around the world were displayed in the Fest. Along with the vast collection of general books, Novels, Fictions, Dictionaries, Encyclopaedias, Various short stories and moral stories were also available in the fair. Many famous and standard publishers put up their stalls in the school.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES** - On August 14, 2023, Independence Day was celebrated with great zeal, The chief guest for the day was Adv. Pramod Narayan, MLA. The senior students proudly presented a cultural program themed 'Unity in Diversity.' Adding vibrancy to the celebration, the pre-primary children conducted a colourful rally, stealing the spotlight as the main attraction of the day.

**ARTISTIC CELEBRATION** - Sargodayam 2023, the Art Fest aimed at refining students' talents in art and literature, unfolded on August 18th and 19th. The inauguration of this fest was presided over by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kochuveetil, Director of Amala Communications and C30, adding a prestigious touch to the event.

**TEACHERS DAY -** Teachers Day was celebrated on 5th September. A special programme was arranged by the students honouring all teachers. Prof. Dr. T T Michael, Retired Professor of Devamatha College Kuravilangad was the Chief Guest.

ONAM EXTRAVAGANZA - Students celebrated Onam with the inmates of Karunyadivyashram Anjukuzhy on 24 August making their day a very special one. Citadel School celebrated Onam "Poove Poli-2k23", featuring vibrant cultural elements such as 'onappattu,' 'thiruvatira,' and 'kolkkali.' The festivities, including the traditional events took place on August 25. The chief guest for the celebration was Rev. Fr. Severios Thomas. a renowned Musical Artist, adding a musical touch to the occasion.

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As part of the social service, students of Class X visited Angels Village Ponkunnam and presented variety entertainment programmes.

CYNOSURE 2023 - Exploring the scientific curiosities of our students, 'Cynosure 2023,' the Edu-science Exhibition, was scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Citadel campus. The theme, 'Science, Society, and Environment,' encapsulates a summit of science, technology, art, commerce, food, and music. The exhibition was formally inaugurated by Dr. Jose M.T, a retired Scientific Officer and Head of Health and Industrial Safety Division at IGCAR Professor, Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), Mumbai. The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri.Anto Antonv, MP representing Pathanamthitta Constituency.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - On November 14, the school immersed in elated celebrations for Children's Day. Little ones unveiled a delightful array or entertainment programs, displaying their talents in a variety of performances. The day kicked off with the inauguration by Dr. Mini John, hailing from the M.Ed Department and a former Associate Professor at Titus II Teacher's College, Thiruvalla.

**BOARD EXAM RESULTS** - Our students showed remarkable performance for the Board Examinations conducted by CBSE for the year 2022-2023.

Class XII - 171 students appeared for the Class XII- SSCE. 9 students secured A1 in all subjects, 23 students secured above 90%, 76 students secured above 80% overall

aggregate marks.

Aleena Elsa Mathew of the Humanities stream is the topper of this school securing 97.2%, followed by Nishan Samuel Abraham of Commerce IP stream securing the second position with 97% marks and Gopika Sunil of Maths- computer Stream securing the third position with 95.8% marks.

The other stream toppers are

- Ann Susan Alex of Bio Maths stream with 94.6% marks
- Nayan Shaji of Commerce Maths with 90.2% marks
- Shaun Abraham Sunil of Bio-IP with 89% marks
- Ashly Elsa Manoj of Bio-Malayalam 82.6% marks

Class X - 125 students appeared for Class X - SSE. 2 students secured A1 in all subjects, 21 students secured above 90%, 54 students secured above 80% overall aggregate marks.

Deepak Krishna is the topper of this school securing 98.7% marks. He is also the district

topper for the year 2023.

Congratulations to all students for the remarkable achievement. I would like to appreciate and thank all our dear teachers for creating positivity, moulding and shaping the character and personality of our students and in making them better human beings.

ACHIEVEMENTS - Our students participated in various competitions held during the year

 Students participated for the various Art & Literary activities for the Kalotsav competitions conducted by CTSC in the month of October. Students won several prizes for the Art Fest.

Students participated for CTSC Athletics Meet held at EMS Kodumon on 17 & 18
 November and secured trophies & medals in various track & field events.

 Students secured all the First, Second & Third positions in the quiz programme conducted by the Marian College Kuttikanam

 Students participated in the Bio-diversity Conference competitions held at Kozhencherry

Anagha Arun and Eleena Thomas Oonnoonny got the first prize for project presentation.

Adhil Muhammed of Class XI B got the first prize for pencil drawing

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