

ONAM CELEBRATIONS AND STUDENTS' UNION INAUGURATION 2022 – 2023



Pushpagiri College Of Dental Sciences celebrated Onam 2022 - *Aavo Dhaavonam* along with the AAROHA Student's Union Inauguration ceremony on September 3rd, 2022.



The foyer was adorned in onam decor along with a beautiful *pookalam* while the staff and students came dressed in their best traditional wear. The arrival of



Dharwish Shajid (1st year) dressed up as Mahabali was well-received by all.



The events commenced with the arrival and



welcoming of our chief guest, Mr. John Kaippallil (actor) accompanied by *Singarimelam*. We began with the prayer song by Amala, Lydia, Aishwarya, Roshna and Anjana; followed by welcome speech by our principal, Dr. Aby Mathew. Rev. Fr. Aby

Vadakkumthala; Director - Medicity gave the Onam message.

Our chief guest, Mr. John Kaippallil then officially inaugurated the union by lighting the lamp and revealing the Union logo; after which he had a short interaction with the students. It was then followed by the Oath Taking ceremony of the union members presided over by our dear Principal.



Mr. Mathew Varghese, PTA president, then felicitated the new Union, followed by our Vice Principal, Dr. Sunil S. who also congratulated the new union and conveyed his onam wishes. A duet song was performed by 3rd year students, Amala and Abhishek; followed by felicitation by Dr. Benley George, Vice Principal (Administration). A memento was presented to our guest of Honour for his esteemed presence by our Vice Principal. Ms. Dona Maria Thejo - Chairperson proposed the Vote of thanks and finally the inaugural function came to an end with the National Anthem.



Then, we moved onto the much-awaited Onam celebrations and culturals starting with a mesmerizing *Thiruvathira* performance by the non-teaching staff followed by a melodious *Onapaatu* performance sung by 3rd year students. It was then followed by an eye-catching solo dance by a beloved non-teaching staff, Biju chettan and finally an enthralling inter-batch dance performance, which ended with a dynamic dance entry by the Union members as a cherry on top.



Celebrations continued with Onam games and competitions. *Punchgusti* and Tug-of-War (prelims) held on the previous day set the mood on for the other competitions that followed. Anandhu Rajan (Boys) and Monica Mohan (Girls) emerged as the ultimate arm-wrestling champions after several intense rounds;



while 2018 batch (girls) and Bastin & team (Boys) battled it out to the thrilling finals of tug-of-war to be held next day. D-day *Onakallikal* began with *Malayali Manga* and *Kerala Sreeman*, with Deona Rodrigues (Intern) and Vimal Thomas (PG) being crowned



as *Manga* and *Sreeman* respectively; followed by a ramp walk by our beloved teachers. The 'Best Dressed department' award was presented to the Department of Periodontics by Reverend Father. The finale of Tug of War was held with much enthusiasm and vigor with the 2018 batch (girls) and Christy and team (boys) emerging as winners. And lastly, the traditional Onam feast, the *Onasadhya* was served comprising of wide variety of dishes served on banana leaves. All in all, it was an eventful and memorable day which was equally enjoyed by the staff and students.



The programme was organized by the AAROHA Student's Union 2022-2023.