

About us

Mar Augusthinose College, since its inception in 1995, has maintained high academic excellence, a commitment to moral values, and a single-minded devotion to the cause of higher education. The institution, which started with only a few programs such as BBA, B.Sc. Electronics, BCA, and B.Com, has now grown into one of the most outstanding colleges in the higher education sector of Kerala, with as many as ten undergraduate batches of diverse programs. The total strength of students has gone up to more than 1300 and 100 staff from the meager numbers in 1995. Seven postgraduate programs were also added to the range and depth of the academic life of this temple of learning.

Mar Augusthinose College, a Christian Minority institution affiliated with Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, is a UGC-recognized, ISO-certified college with a NAAC "A" grade having 3.13 grade points in its first cycle of accreditation. The college is a recognized training center of NSDC and has a well-functioning IEDC wing. We do conduct annual Ideathon, MAC Spectra, and Spellathon competitions for higher secondary students. The college, with its high academic profile, has carved a niche in the higher education sector. We secured more than 100 university ranks in various programs since its inception and more than 4000 students have been recruited within a short period of our history. The dedicated and committed service rendered by the teaching and non-teaching staff make the picture complete.

About the Seminar

Synthetic biology, a burgeoning field that combines principles of biology and engineering to design and construct new biological parts, devices and systems has raised significant theological and ethical questions. The ability to manipulate life at the molecular level challenges our traditional understanding of creation, ethics and the role of humanity in shaping the natural world. Many developments in genetics and biotechnology in the last twenty or more years have generated gazillion ethical controversies. Critics have cited various reasons for opposing practices such as assisted reproductive techniques, genome modification, cloning, genetic testing, stem cell research and others. Occasionally, the charge has been "playing God". According to this view, human beings are playing a role that is reserved for somebody much greater. Men are playing God when they should not be. The seminar aims to explore these complexities from diverse perspectives engaging theologians, scientists, teaching faculty, policy makers, students and the public in a meaningful dialogue.

• Organizing Committee

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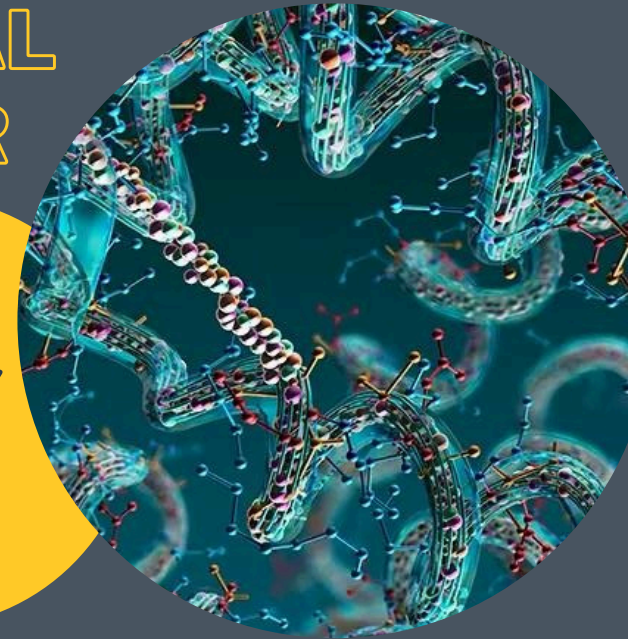
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REV. DR. K.M. MATHEW KOYIPPALLY S.J. MEMORIAL

TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR



Recent Developments in Synthetic Biology: Social and Ethical Implications

In Collaboration with



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY,
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Respected Sir/ Madam,

The IQAC of Mar Augustinose College in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science and Religion (IISR), New Delhi and Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam is organizing a two-day National Seminar on '**Recent developments in Synthetic Biology: Social and Ethical Implications**' on 4th and 5th July, 2024. Eminent scholars from the domains of science, religion and social science would lead the various sessions.

You are cordially invited to the National Seminar. It would be greatly appreciated if you could depute your teachers and students to the seminar. Your esteemed presence during the seminar would add colour and grandeur to its success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joy Jacob
Principal

Mr. Kishore
IQAC Coordinator

Dr. Sajeshkumar N K
Convener

- **Papers on 'Synthetic biology : Social and Ethical implications' are invited. Papers shall reach the college on or before 30.06.2024.**
- **Certificates and Duty leave will be sanctioned.**
- **Registration fee :-**
Faculty - ₹300
Students and Research Scholars - ₹200

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Schedule

DAY 1 : 04.07.2024

09.00 AM	:	Registration
10.00 AM	:	Inaugural session Presidential Address Very. Rev. Fr. Berchmans Kunnumpuram (Manager, Mar Augustinose College)
	:	Inauguration Prof.(Dr.) CT Aravindakumar (Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)
10.45 AM	:	Tea break
11.00 AM	:	SESSION-I : REV. DR. K.M. MATHEW KOYIPPALLY : A RETROSPECT Rev. Dr. Job Kozhamthadom S. J (Executive Director, IISR, New Delhi)
11.45 AM	:	SESSION-II : RELIGIO - THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY Rev. Dr. Job Kozhamthadom S. J (Executive Director, IISR, New Delhi)
01.00 PM	:	Lunch break
01.45 PM	:	SESSION-III : ETHICAL FRAME WORK OF SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY Dr.Anju T.R (Asst. Prof. & HoD-Biotechnology, Newman College, Thodupuzha)
03.15 PM	:	Paper Presentations
03.45 PM	:	Tea break

DAY 2 : 05 .07.2024

9.45 AM	:	SESSION-IV : SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY : SAFETY, RISK & REGULATION Dr.Radhakrishnan E.K (Professor, School of Biosciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)
11.15 AM	:	Tea break
11.30 AM	:	SESSION-V : RELIGIOUS RESPONSES TO SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY Prof.Dr. Scaria Kanniyakonil. (Rector, St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary Vadavathoor)
01.00 PM	:	Lunch break
01.45 PM	:	SESSION-VI : HUMAN GENETIC ENGINEERING AND ITS ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS Rev.Dr. S. Ignacimuthu S.J. (Director, Xavier Research Foundation)
03.15 PM	:	Valedictory Session Valedictory Address and Certificate distribution Prof.Dr. K. Jayachandran (Registrar , Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)
03.45 PM	:	Tea break

BBA (2 Batches)
BCA (2 Batches)
B Sc Electronics
B Sc Biotechnology
B Com Model 1 (Co-operation - 2 Batches)
B Com Model 1 (Finance and Taxation)
BA English Literature & Communication Skills
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