



# The Landslide In Wayanad Has Brought Immense Sorrow

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The devastation, the cries of those who have lost loved ones, and the ruins of once-happy homes have left a deep wound in our hearts. My deepest condolences go out to every family affected by this tragedy. We grieve with you and stand beside you in these painful times. Yet, even in the face of such overwhelming loss, we have seen incredible acts of kindness and courage. The youngsters showed us what it means to care for others. They didn't just watch from a distance; they stepped in, serving food, offering

physical support, and working tirelessly to bring comfort to those in need. Their compassion and dedication are a shining example for us all. But our work is far from over. The heartbreak we've witnessed must be met with a strong and thoughtful approach to rebuilding. The people of Wayanad have lost more than just their homes—they've lost their sense of safety, their livelihoods, and their dreams. We must see them not as victims, but as strong, resilient people who deserve to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

**Rehabilitation shouldn't just be about restoring what was lost.**

It's about creating a brighter, more secure future. We need to ensure that those affected aren't left to face this journey alone. This means offering support that goes beyond just physical needs—we must also care for their emotional, psychological, and economic well-being.

It's also crucial that the people of Wayanad have a say in how their communities are rebuilt. They need the resources, and opportunities to shape their futures in a way that empowers them.

This tragedy also reminds us of the importance of being prepared for such disasters. We must invest in stronger, safer infrastructure, educate communities on disaster preparedness, and ensure that our response is quick and effective when disaster strikes.

As we look ahead, we must not forget the pain this landslide has caused. But we must also remember the incredible spirit of service and solidarity that followed.

The path will be difficult, but with compassion and unity, we can help the people of Wayanad rebuild their lives with hope and dignity.





# Nilgiri College Continues Successful Paddy Cultivation For Fifth Consecutive Year

Nilgiri College has once again demonstrated its commitment to sustainable agriculture by successfully setting up paddy cultivation for the fifth consecutive year. As part of its ongoing agricultural project, "Green Positive," the college has produced over 10 tons of rice annually, even during the challenging

times of the COVID-19 pandemic. The "Green Positive" initiative, launched in response to the pandemic, has become a beacon of hope and resilience. Beyond paddy cultivation, the project encompasses a wide array of agricultural activities, including fish farming, a thriving fruit garden, and extensive vegetable cultivation.

These efforts have been made possible through the active participation and collaboration of students, teachers, and local community members. In addition to these achievements, the college has successfully cultivated flowers on campus for the past two years, adding to the institution's commitment

to environmental sustainability and community engagement. This project not only provides practical agricultural experience to students but also fosters a strong sense of community and sustainability, making Nilgiri College a model for educational institutions across the region.



## Nilgiri College Students Secure Placements Abroad

Nilgiri College is proud to announce our students have successfully secured placements in renowned companies overseas. This achievement marks a significant milestone in the college's mission to empower students with global career opportunities. The placed students will be working

in leading roles across different industries, including Geepas & SFA Neroli. This achievement is a testament to the college's commitment to providing quality education and career support. Nilgiri College continues to strive for excellence in career-focused education, shaping the next generation of global professionals.



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# Inspiring Civil Service Aspirants: Orientation Session With Dr. Thaslim IRS

Nilgiri College recently hosted an enlightening Civil Service Orientation Session for its first, second, and third-year students aspiring to join the civil services. The event was graced by Dr. Thaslim IRS, a distinguished officer with the rank of 745 in the UPSC, who served as the chief guest. During the session, Dr. Thaslim shared his invaluable experiences and insights into the civil service journey, inspiring the students with his words of wisdom and motivation. His address highlighted the importance of dedication, perseverance, and strategic preparation in cracking one of the nation's most challenging exams.

The session was further enriched by Mr. Faiseer, an experienced Civil Service Trainer, who led an interactive discussion on effective preparation strategies, examination techniques, and the essential qualities needed to excel in the civil services. His guidance provided the students with a clear roadmap to achieve their goals. The orientation was a resounding success, leaving the students with renewed enthusiasm and a deeper understanding of what it takes to succeed in the civil services. Nilgiri College remains committed to supporting its students on their journey to becoming future leaders and public servants.





# Nilgiri College Kicks Off ‘Monsoon Mud Football & Handball Fest.

Nilgiri College, organized the exhilarating “Monsoon Fest Mud Football” event. The competition featured intense matches between various college departments, showcasing their athletic prowess. In a thrilling final showdown, the Department of B.Com Finance emerged as the victors, triumphing over their rivals from the Department of Psychology. Both teams displayed remarkable skill, resulting in an equal goal count. Ultimately, the kick-off determined the champions. Adding to the excitement, female students participated in the “Hand Throw Ball” competition. Computer Science undergraduates showcased their talent and secured the championship title. The event aimed not only to promote sportsmanship but also to enhance students’ physical abilities and deepen their understanding of soil and natural farming practices. The monsoon season provided the perfect backdrop for these football matches, which took place on a meticulously prepared field. Nilgiri College’s Physical Education Department ensured that the grounds were suitable for both sports and paddy cultivation during this rainy period. Year after year, this sporting extravaganza draws enthusiastic participants, fostering a sense of dedication and camaraderie among students. Nilgiri College continues to be a hub for athletic excellence and community engagement.”



# Students Attend Add-On Immersion Program At Kaisan Institute Of Skill Excellence, Mysore

From July 12 to August 1, first-year students from Nilgiri College of Arts and Science took part in a transformative Add-On immersion program at Kaisan Institute of Skill Excellence. Over five batches, students from various disciplines—BCA with AI and Robotics, BBA IB with Business Project Management, B.Com Finance, BSc Multimedia Web Technology, and B.Com PA with ACCA—engaged in hands-on workshops, industry visits, and collaborative projects.

The program, offered a blend of rigorous academic training and personal development activities. Participants received practical insights into their respective fields, and upon completion, earned diploma certificates from Lincoln University Malaysia. This enriching experience allowed students to not only gain valuable skills but also forge stronger bonds with their peers, returning to Nilgiri College with enhanced knowledge and a sense of achievement.





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# The Concept Of Autonomous Colleges: Redefining Higher Education



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Autonomous colleges are changing the way higher education works. Unlike traditional colleges, these institutions have more freedom to make their own decisions about what and how to teach. This independence allows them to create unique programs and learning experiences tailored to their students' needs.

What is an Autonomous College?

An autonomous college is an educational institution that enjoys greater freedom in academic and administrative functions compared to traditional colleges. This autonomy generally encompasses the power to design and update curricula, set examination standards, and implement innovative teaching methodologies without direct oversight from the affiliating university.

Benefits of Autonomy

**Curriculum Flexibility:** Autonomous colleges have the flexibility to develop and update curricula more swiftly, ensuring that educational programs remain relevant and aligned with current industry trends and student needs. This adaptability can lead to more

**Innovative Teaching Methods:** With the freedom to experiment, autonomous colleges can adopt innovative teaching methods and technologies. This might include incorporating project-based learning, interdisciplinary courses, and real-world problem-solving into the curriculum.

**Enhanced Focus on Quality:** Greater autonomy allows colleges to focus on quality improvement initiatives, such as faculty development and infrastructure enhancement, tailored to their unique goals and challenges.

**Local Focus:** These institutions can align their programs with local and regional needs, contributing to community development and providing education that directly benefits the surrounding area.

Challenges and Considerations

While autonomy brings several advantages, it also presents challenges. Maintaining academic standards and quality assurance without a central regulatory body requires robust internal mechanisms. Autonomous colleges must establish effective systems for evaluation and accreditation to ensure they meet educational benchmarks and deliver high-quality education. Additionally, the transition to an autonomous model

requires careful planning and investment in infrastructure and faculty development. Ensuring that these institutions have the resources and expertise needed to manage their new responsibilities is crucial.

The Future of Autonomous Colleges

The movement toward autonomy in higher education reflects a broader trend towards decentralization and increased institutional flexibility. As more colleges explore or adopt autonomous status, they could drive significant changes in how education is delivered and experienced. By embracing autonomy, colleges have the potential to become more responsive and innovative, offering students a richer and more tailored educational experience. As this model evolves, it may well serve as a blueprint for future educational reforms, contributing to a more dynamic and adaptable higher education system.



## Nilgiri College Board Of Directors Convene At Calicut

The Board of Directors of Nilgiri College gathered for their annual meeting at the scenic Kadavu Resort in Calicut. The meeting saw full participation from all directors, with discussions centered on the college's progress and future direction.

Managing Director Dr. Rashid Gazzali presented the annual report, highlighting the institution's achievements over the past

year. The board engaged in strategic discussions, focusing on future plans aimed at further enhancing the college's educational offerings and infrastructure.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with the directors expressing their commitment to Nilgiri College's continued growth and excellence in education.

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## Inauguration Of Nilgiri College's Controller Of Examination Office



In a significant move aligned with the autonomy status of Nilgiri College, the newly established Controller of Examination (CoE) Office was officially inaugurated by Managing Director, Dr. Rashid Gazzali. The office will play a pivotal role in managing and overseeing the examination processes within the college.

Dr. Anandkrishnan has assumed the role of Controller of Examination, bringing his expertise to ensure the

smooth functioning of the office. He will be supported by a dedicated team comprising Mr. Eldo, Ms. Sunitha, Mr. Ramesh, and Ms. Anaswara, all of whom will contribute to upholding the high standards of examination management at Nilgiri College. This new initiative underscores the college's commitment to maintaining academic excellence and integrity as it embarks on its journey as an autonomous institution.

## Nilgiri College Stars Shine In Wayanad District Senior Women's Football Team Selection

Nilgiri College is thrilled to announce that two of our talented footballers have been selected to join the Wayanad District Senior Women's Football Team. Jibina Jose from III BCom PA and Sanjana from III BSc Psychology have made this outstanding achievement, showcasing their skills and dedication to the sport.

Remarkably, this is the second consecutive

time that Jibina Jose has earned this prestigious selection, a testament to her consistent performance and passion for football. Both players will proudly represent the Wayanad District in the upcoming Senior Women's State Football Championship.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Jibina and Sanjana for their remarkable success and wish them the very best as they prepare to compete at the state level.



## Department Of Physical Education Hosts Bharathiar University Inter-Collegiate Football Team Selection Trials

On July 24, 2024, the Department of Physical Education conducted the Bharathiar University Inter-Collegiate Football Team Selection Trials at Nilgiri College. The trials, which began at 2:00 pm on the College Ground, attracted enthusiastic participation from students eager to showcase their football skills and sportsmanship.

The event served as a platform for students to demonstrate their talent and commitment to the sport, with the hope of earning a spot on the prestigious university football team. The Department of Physical Education encourages all participants to continue their dedication to sports and physical fitness.



## Warm Welcome: Second-Year Hostellers Host Freshers' Day Celebration

The second-year hostellers at Nilgiri College recently organized a vibrant Fresher's Day celebration for the newly joined first-year students residing in the hostel. The event was filled with cultural performances and entertainment, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere. Designed to foster unity and

camaraderie among the hostellers, the celebration also served as an excellent ice-breaking opportunity, helping the new students to connect with their peers and feel at home. The event successfully brought everyone together, setting the stage for a strong and supportive community within the hostel.

## Nilgiri College Plants Bhandi Flowers in Celebratory Event

In a heartwarming gesture to celebrate the festive spirit of Onam, Nilgiri College organized a special event to plant Bhandi flowers on its campus. This initiative not only added to the scenic beauty of the college grounds but also symbolized growth, prosperity, and the rich cultural

heritage associated with Onam. Students, faculty, and staff participated enthusiastically, making the event a memorable occasion. The college community looks forward to nurturing these plants and continuing the tradition of honoring nature and cultural festivities.

