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The Kanali Women's Cell of Auxilium College presents the Mamma Margaret Award every year on March 8th to honor a woman activist in Vellore district, in memory of the mother of Don Bosco who was a source of feminine richness in Don Bosco's educative pedagogy. The award recognizes a woman who has rendered quality service to women and children. This year's award was presented to Mrs. Raja Kumari R, Sub Inspector of Police, Pallikonda, for her active involvement in preventing cybercrime, raising awareness about the rights of children and women, donating blood every six months for the welfare of humanity, and actively engaging in community work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Raja Kumari's spirit of service, commitment, and compassion towards humanity was evident from all the documents she submitted. She also participated in several training programs to improve her skills as a police officer. Sr. Alice K.T, the secretary, and the Principal Sr. Jaya Shanthi presented Mrs. Rajakumari with the Mamma Margaret Award, a book on Mamma Margaret, and a cash award of Rs.5000/-. The Kanali Women's Cell continues to inspire and encourage many young women to empower themselves and contribute to humanity on the Auxilium Campus.

DigitALL

On March 8th, International Women's Day, the theme was DigitALL. With the ongoing technological revolution, many poor women lack access to computers. The Department of Computer Applications at Auxilium College, in collaboration with Kanali Women's Cell, organized a program to teach computing skills to twenty-two women workers of the college in the college lab. It was heartening to see young digital-native students teaching computer skills to older, digital-immigrant women in their fifties and sixties. The women were happy and enthusiastic about learning, and even requested individual photos to show off their newfound computer skills to their children and grandchildren. The digital gap was bridged by the wisdom and learning spirit of women workers and the enthusiasm and energy of young students. Indeed, DigitALL is possible if we work together.

CAR Launches Book Journaling Programme

To commemorate the Salesian FMA missionaries' century-long dedication to promoting women's education in India, the Auxilium College started the Centenary Auxilium Readers club in 2021, known as CAR. The club meets every Saturday, where students interested in reading books gather to share their reading experiences, book reviews, quotes, authors,

genres, and ideologies to promote the habit of reading. The club aims to bring visibility to the importance of reading, and anyone can join the group and listen to their views.

During their meetings, the students shared their experiences with reading. Shandra, a member of the club, said, "Reading permits me to enter into different worlds through my imagination, and I become the characters in the book. I can become a child, man, woman, and other wild beings, and the whole cosmos enters into my being." Another member, Kaviya, said, "Books are my friends. I overcome loneliness while I read books." Additionally, Divya, a psychology student, regularly posts book reviews on Instagram, motivating young people to read books.

To promote the habit of reading, the CAR club launched the Book Journaling Programme on March 8th. Each member of the club was given a journal to record the book title, author, and a short review. They were encouraged to share their journal entries with their friends and mentors and even create short videos about their reading experiences and upload them to the college's YouTube channel.

The club invited Banurekha, a voracious reader, as their chief guest, who spoke about her reading habit and the "Reading Marathon" competition. In this competition, if readers post reviews of more than thirty books on Facebook, the virtual reading club awards them with a certificate and a badge. Banurekha encouraged the students to develop a reading habit that can help them to be focused and achieve their goals. She also insisted that readers share the books they are reading to remember and revitalize their reading habit.

CAR is driving young people forward with the right speed and space to promote the habit of reading, as readers today are the leaders of tomorrow.



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