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## ACADEMIC & EXTENDED ACTIVITY REPORT – 2024-25

### INTRODUCTION

The year 2024 was an eventful and enriching period for Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science, Thodupuzha, marked by a wide range of academic, cultural, and social activities aimed at fostering holistic development, skill enhancement, and social awareness among students. Various departments and student associations actively organized programs that encouraged learning beyond classrooms, experiential exposure, and community engagement.

### DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

#### Department of Social Work

##### Sundhara Vattavada

The "Sundhara Vattavada" campaign was started with the goal of making Munnar's popular tourist site, Vattavada, entirely waste-free. The Haritha Kerala Mission, Vattavada Grama Panchayath, and the social work department of Al-Azhar College, Thodupuzha, are working together to carry out the program. The initiative, which took place from October 8–10, 2025, aimed to raise local residents' incomes by encouraging more tourism and eliminating garbage in Vattavada. The significance of garbage sorting, the ban on dumping in public areas, and the proper transmission of user fees will all be covered as part of this. They realized that proper waste segregation keeps the area tidy and attracts guests.



## Department of Commerce

### Commerce Quiz – “Profit Puzzle”

The Department of Commerce, in association with IQAC of Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science, organized an Inter-Departmental Business Quiz Competition titled “Profit Puzzle”. The aim of a business quiz is to both test existing knowledge and educate participants about business concepts in an engaging way, thereby helping them become better business professionals or entrepreneurs. The program began with a welcome speech by Ms. Rasia P A, Head of the Department of Commerce. Mrs. Shebeena Rafeek served as the Program Coordinator and Quiz Master. Students from various departments participated enthusiastically. Dr. Ferosh M Basheer, Principal of Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science, distributed the prizes to the winners. The event concluded successfully, encouraging students to enhance their business knowledge and competitive skills.



### Industrial Visit – Neyyattinkara Coir Cluster

The Department of Commerce of Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science organized an industrial visit to the Neyyattinkara Coir Cluster, Trivandrum. The visit provided students with valuable exposure to coir processing, production techniques, and industrial operations, enhancing their understanding of small-scale industries and traditional craftsmanship. The staff at the Coir Cluster explained the production techniques, machinery used, and the management practices involved in running the industry. The industrial visit was accompanied by Ms. Amrutha Appu, Mrs. Shebeena Rafeek, and Mrs. Arya Sasi, and proved to be an informative and enriching experience for all participants. The industrial visit proved to be highly informative and beneficial, helping students connect classroom learning with real-world industrial applications.



### National Handloom Day – “Threads of Glory”

The Department of Commerce, in association with IQAC of Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science, organized a Fashion Show titled “Threads of Glory”. The program began with a welcome speech by Mrs. Rasia P A, Head of the Department of Commerce, followed by an inaugural address by Dr. Ferosh M Basheer, Principal of Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science. The event was coordinated by Ms. Amrutha Appu, Faculty, Commerce Department. Students from first, second, and third-year B.Com classes enthusiastically participated, showcasing beautiful handloom-based outfits that reflected creativity and tradition. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Arya Sasi, Faculty, Commerce Department. The program highlighted the importance of handloom and provided students with a platform to display their talent and teamwork.



## Department of Microbiology

### ‘BioQuest’ Intercollege Life Science Quiz Competition and One Day National Seminar

The **Department of Microbiology**, in association with IQAC, organized a One Day National Seminar on International Microorganism Day and the ‘BioQuest’ Intercollege Life Science Quiz Competition.

BioQuest fostered scientific curiosity, knowledge sharing, and intercollege collaboration where students from different colleges under Al Azhar Institutions and other campuses showcased their talents. This competition focused on life science topics with three rounds with different formats. Winners and participants were honoured with certificates and prizes on the day of National Seminar.

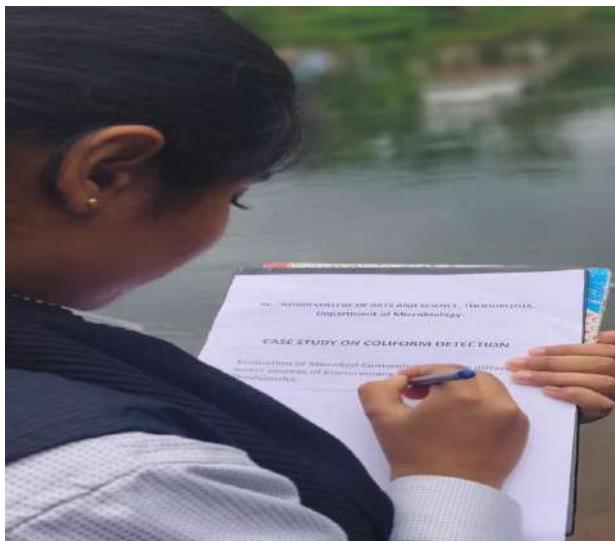


One-Day National Seminar was on competitive exams preparation, career opportunities and project presentation. The first session by Dr. Nimsi K.A offered valuable guidance to students on effective preparation strategies for CSIR-NET examinations and highlighted career prospects in biosciences. The second session was on research design, project execution and methodological approach by Dr. Sareen Srah John.



### Case Study to Check the Water Quality

A case study was conducted by the students of Microbiology Department to test the presence of coliform bacteria in the water samples collected from 2 villages of Thodupuzha municipality. Testing for E. coli is the only reliable way to know if the water near college is safe or not. MPN Index for 2 samples of Muvattupuzha river from Kumaramangalam village and Manakkad village came out with high count of coliforms. It must be treated for all household purposes. Sample from the hostel well of Perumbillichira is coliform free and is potable and safe for domestic purposes. The test done was Presumptive test of coliform group of bacteria.



## Industrial Visit to JNTBGRI

Students also had an Industrial Visit to JNTBGRI, Palode from where they gained practical exposure to research techniques related to plant species through microbiology methods like separating the bacterial samples by TLC, biotechnology techniques like PCR, PAGE and through tissue culture in JNTBGRI Biodiversity and to know better about the importance of conservation of such botanical gardens and forest.



## Department of Computer Applications

### Cleaning Drive

Department of Computer Applications conducted a cleaning drive to maintain a conductive learning environment for staffs and students. The activity was organized to maintain a clean and conductive learning environment for all students and staff members. After the cleaning, a light refreshment was provided to all participating students and staffs as a token of appreciation.



### Seminar On Effective Communication

In association with IQAC and Zyrex Education a seminar was organized a seminar on the topic 'Effective Communication: Key to Success' by Mr.Amit Kumar, motivational speaker and life science coach. Three sessions were conducted for third and second year students.



## Department of Management Studies

### A National Seminar on Soft Skill and Employability Skill

A national seminar on **Soft Skill and Employability Skill** was initiated by Department of Management Studies with IQAC. The resource person of the program was Mr. Sreejith A.S (Founder of Caleb group of institution). This program helped students improve their confidence, communication and presentation abilities. The speaker also prepared them for interviews, teamwork and pointed out workplace challenges. He also discussed about adaptability and problem solving and time management.



## Department of Geology

### GeoQuiz Quest

**Department of Geology** conducted a ‘GeoQuiz Quest’ in Al Azhar Dental College. This quiz competition was designed to enhance knowledge and curiosity about Earth Science. The event aimed to promote awareness of geological concepts and to encourage critical thinking and team work among participants.



### **Mental and Physical Awareness Programme for Teachers**

An engaging session on **Mental and Physical ‘Healthy Women’** by Mrs. Deepa Vinod for faculties promoted the importance of balanced lifestyle. The session covered topics on stress management and emotional well being, promoting mental wellness in academic life. Maintaining a healthy diet like sugar cut diet and keto diet was a major topic of the session.



## Department of Arabic Department

### Industrial Visit to S.K Pottekkatt Literary Library

Students of Arabic Department visited S.K Pottekkatt Literary Library where students gained valuable insights into the literary contributions of Pottekkatt and the rich heritage of Malayalam literature. The museum and art gallery was the main centre of the cultural heritage and a classs on the history of library gave an insightful outlook for students.



## Library Club

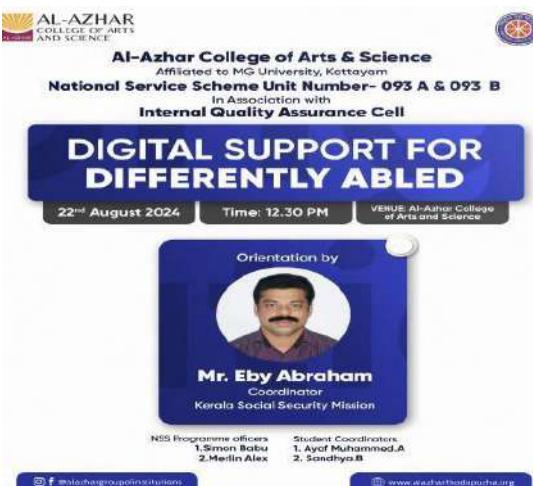
Library club of Al Azhar Arts and Science College launched a comfortable, easy accessible reading space ‘Our Little Library’ for students and teachers near to the college office. Unlike a traditional library ‘Our Little Library’ operates on trust and community participation rather than formal registration or lending rules. The informal way of taking the book without register develops a sense of responsibility and care for shared resources. The idea behind this launching is ‘Leave a Book , Take a Book’. Respected dignitaries of Al Azhar Institutions ignited the inauguration ceremony day with their presence. Though this students and teachers can share books on their birthdays by keeping the day memorable.



## National Service Scheme

### Digital Support for Differently Abled

The **National Service Scheme (NSS)** implemented socially impactful programs including campaigns on **Digital Support for Differently Abled**. **Digital Support for Differently abled**' made an awareness session regarding rights of differently abled. The programme helped to remove architectural barriers and provides vocational training/counselling for children with disabilities. They also provide adaptive IT training for differently-abled individuals using assistive technologies and inclusive teaching methods.



## Teachers day Programme

The college celebrated **Teachers' Day**, honoring educators' dedication. NSS volunteers organize a special assembly where speeches, poems and cultural performances were presented to honour our teachers of Al Azhar College of Arts and Science. The role played by teachers in the academic life of students was highlighted in the speech. Best Teachers Awards by NSS unit, flowers, badges and handmade gifts were presented.



## World Organ Donation Programme

On **World Organ Donation Day**, awareness session 'Organ Donation awareness for Brighter Future' was conducted. The awareness was to encourage people to save their lives by pledging their organs. A role play was played by the BBA students to educate all about the emotional and life-saving value of donation. The skit showed the life of a patient waiting for an organ, a donors family bringing hope and how one donor can save 8 lives.



## Unary

‘Unary’, an orientation to all second year volunteers by Psychiatric social worker Vivek Murali was conducted by NSS unit. It was a professional programme aimed at preparing social work professionals to practice clinical social work across various settings. The session was about how to operate in diverse environments, including schools, hospitals, human service organizations, industries, and healthcare facilities, where they engage with a broad spectrum of target groups, including children, youth, women, the elderly, and families. It also involves the ability to manage crises effectively, offering immediate support and implementing safety plans while demonstrating empathy and active listening.



## International Nature Film Festival

**Award for best documentary for the International Nature Film Festival** was secured by the MSW volunteers of NSS. The Rain International Nature Film Festival (RINFF) serves as a global platform to unite ecologically conscious filmmakers, showcasing their works to raise awareness about pressing environmental issues. This festival not only celebrates creative storytelling but also fosters a deeper understanding of nature and conservation. Students of MSW was awarded for their documentary in the sixth edition, held in Kattappana, Kerala on December 4th and 5th, 2024, has now concluded. This edition continued the festival's tradition of showcasing exceptional films that provoke thought and inspire environmental stewardship, uniting global talent to address pressing ecological issues through cinematic excellence.



## Zumba

NSS also organized a fitness-oriented program “Zumba on Trial” encouraged physical wellness, and stress relief. Zumba **dance started** as a part of the curriculum, to ensure physical fitness and mental health of students. All the staffs, students participated and a Zumba session is being conducted on all Tuesdays and Thursdays to promote well-being. this aimed at helping students manage stress through physical activity.



## CONCLUSION

Overall, 2024 was a year of comprehensive growth at Al-Azhar College of Arts and Science combining academic rigor, skill enhancement, cultural awareness, and social responsibility. The diverse programs successfully integrated education, creativity, and community involvement, shaping students and faculties into responsible and socially conscious citizens ready to contribute meaningfully to society.