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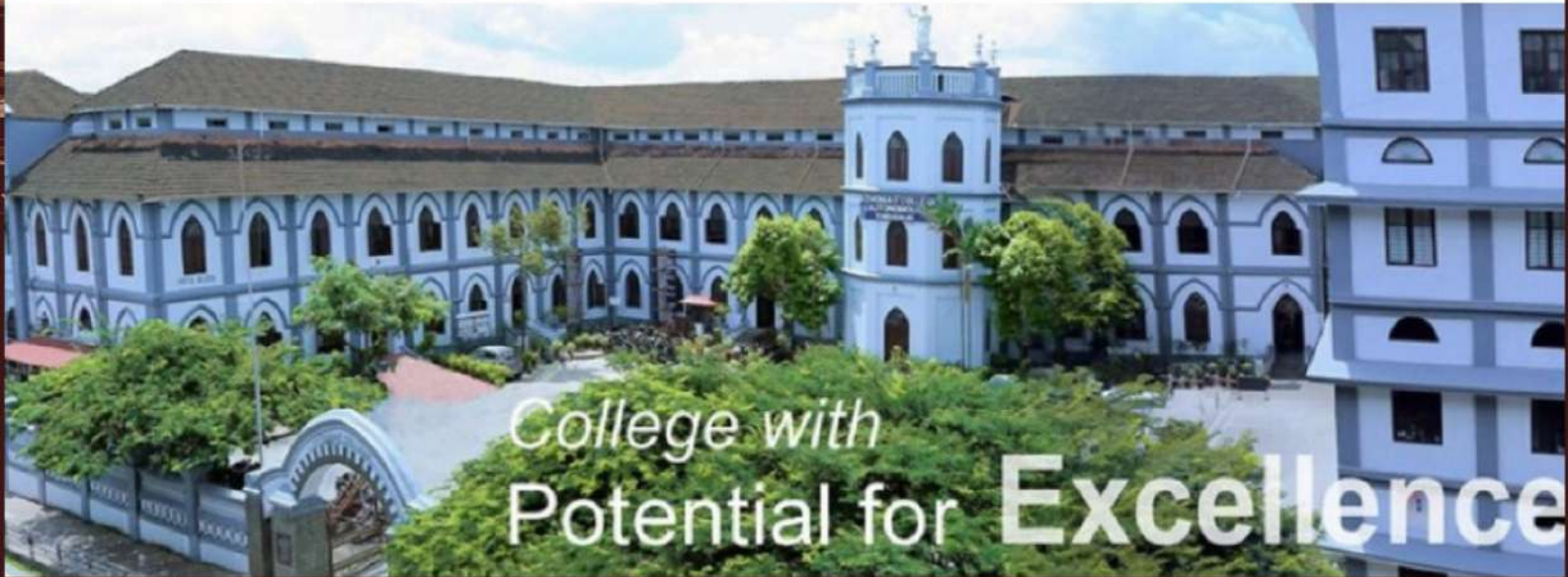
Plantain trees flourishing in the Cheroor plot of the College.

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C.A. Joseph was born in Padoor (Thrissur) on 26 February, 1910. He graduated in Economics from St. Thomas' College. After a short stint as an English teacher in Sacred Hearts Convent School*, Thrissur, he joined the Madras government service and retired as RTO in 1965.

He had published works like *Mathrsmarana, Udayathilekku, Ekaki, Antharangam, Innolam, Darsanam, Mandarathinte Katha, Akavum puravum, Vikkanmarude Rashtram* and *Nicholasum Russiayum*. His English poetry collection was published with the name 'A New Cots' Reverie and other Poems'. A new edition of this collection is published in 2017 under the name 'A New Grove'. His works *Antharangam* and *Ekaki* were textbooks in Calicut and Mysore Universities. His poem which was published from MAHFIL magazine in Chicago was included in the 8th standard syllabus with the name 'Nirangalude Amma'.

He has presented a paper with the title "Similes in Malayalam Poetry" in World Malayalam Conference. He has also translated K.T. Muhammed's play "Velicham Vilakkanweshikkunnu" into English for Kerala Sahitya Academy. Even though this literary genius was not bestowed with awards, he is the recipient of awards like Mary Vijayam magazine's Msgr. Paul Kakkassery Award, Thrissur Rotary Club Literary Award and Kerala Catholic Almaya Association Award.

A prominent name among Kerala poets, C.A. Joseph wrote poems in both Malayalam and English. He had also served as a translator and a transport officer.

He was a classmate of E.M.S. Namboothirippad at St. Thomas' College. Dr. Sukumar Azhikode described him as a poet who has the ability to look at human life as a pilgrimage and a rebirth and to develop that vision as beautiful and well framed portrait of a poem.

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