During the 2016/2017 reporting period, Mar Athanasios College for Advanced Studies Tiruvalla (MACFAST) undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

1. **KSCSTE Sponsored National Workshop on Python Programming on 7th and 8th December 2017**

The two day National Workshop on "Python Programming" was held on 7th & 8th December 2017. We organized by MACFAST, Tiruvalla jointly with KSCSTE and CSI and UNAI. The resource person Mr. Tiji Thomas, Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Applications.

The objective of this workshop is to enrich the basic knowledge of student in Python for those who are presuming their graduation. It was as an effective platform for all the concerned stakeholders to introspect about the numerous challenges and dilemmas in computer science. The workshop started with a brief inaugural session in which the Principal Rev. Fr. Pradeep Vazhatharamalayil presided. Dr. M. S. Samuel, Convener (Director, Dept. of Computer Applications), welcomed all the resource persons, dignitaries, delegates and participants, and gave a brief account of the aim and purpose of the National Workshop. Around 150 participants were participated from various colleges.

2. **KSCSTE Sponsored National Workshop on PHP/MySQL Programming on 8th and 9th June 2017**

The two day Workshop on "PHP Programming" was held on 8th & 9th June 2017. We organized by MACFAST, Tiruvalla jointly CSI and UNAI. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Tiji Thomas, Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Applications.
The workshop was covered all the basic concepts of PHP/MySQL Programming. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. M. S. Samuel, Convener (Director, Dept. of Computer Applications). Mrs. Vidhya V Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications welcomed all the resource persons, dignitaries, delegates and participants, and gave a brief account of the aim and purpose of the National Workshop. Around 100 participants were participated from various colleges.

3. Punyam Poonkavanam

As part of our extension programme, the students and faculties of MACFAST participated in ‘Punyam Poonkavanam’. The objective of this programme is to keep Sabarimala Clean, Green, save Forest, save Wild Life, use Dust Bins and avoid plastics. This campaign is an initiative of the Kerala Police which intends to promote awareness among the devotees on not to bring plastic wastes and to abstain from dumping it at Sabarimala. It also motivates them to carry the waste generated by them back from where they have brought and to dispose it appropriately. Initially our students and faculty were trained by the police department. The real challenge faced was to speak in multiple languages but that was effectively managed by the students. The students showed real enthusiasm and interest in this endeavor and was really a life learning experience for them. The programme is coordinated by Kerala Police in associated with MACFAST, UNAI Student Chapter of MACFAST and forestry club during “Mandala Kalam” (15-12-2017 -19-12-2017).

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