

Assessment Period 2015-2020



HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

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Criterion VII: Institutional Values and Best Practices

7.2 Best Practices

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Best Practice 1: Tribal Empowerment Initiatives

This practice reiterates the sublime vision of Rev. Henry Baker Jr. who brought the light of education to Melukavu and strove for the well-being of the underprivileged sections of the society. Henry Baker College is a living monument of this eminent visionary and follows his footsteps in our unflinching commitment to the marginalised sections of the society.

Tribal students who were in our rolls occasionally, brought our attention to their living conditions and the struggles they go through in everyday life. The college felt it imperative to uplift this community and an ardent passion to effect positive change in society made us devise this mission which would enlighten these marginalized strata of the social fabric through an assortment of targeted action and ingeniously designed programmes.

Tribal Initiatives

8-6-2015

Nattugadhiga: Invited Lecture on Identity and Culture of Tribal People

Kovilmala Raja, Raman Raja Mannan, Tribal King

On behalf of the History association, Department of History organised *Nattugadhiga* on 8th June 2015. On the occasion Kovilmala Raja, Raman Raja Mannan , the one and only tribal king of Kerala came to the college to deliver a talk on **Identity and Culture of Tribal People**. The talk helped the students to get first hand information about the tribal life and people. The

meeting was presided over by Melukavu Gramma Panchayath president Tessy Thomas. The Programme was inaugurated by Dr. Aneyamma Varghese, Principal of the college. An antique exhibition and a poster exhibition were also arranged on the day. This helped the students to familiarise many antique objects. Students as well as Alumni members attended the programme.





5-1-2016

Visit to Kovilmala Tribal Settlement

On 5th January 2016, thirteen I MA students and teachers of the Department of History visited, Kovilmala tribal settlement. The visit was to get firsthand information about the tribal culture and life. For the first time students got the opportunity to visit a settlement and talk to a tribal king. The students were excited to see and talk to Kovilmala King Raman Raja Mannan, one and the only tribal king of Kerala. Meeting with the Raja rejuvenated their knowledge about tribal life, culture, customs, beliefs and practices. Students also met Elaya Raja, maternal uncle of the king. He also gave vivid description of tribal tradition and administration. The team

visited the tribal temple nearby. They got the opportunity to see the crown and throne which was kept secret.



19-3-2016

Extension Lecture on Aboriginal People

Extension lecture of the department was initiated with a purpose to go beyond the curriculum. During the academic year 2015-16, lecture was conducted on 19th March. The Meeting was presided over by Dr. Abraham Daniel, former principal and HOD History. Dr. Ani Tresa Ephraim, Associate Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady delivered the lecture on the topic, **The Question of Adivasi Land in Kerala: Tracing Roots from History.** Thirty MA students were benefitted by the programme.



25-26 January 2017

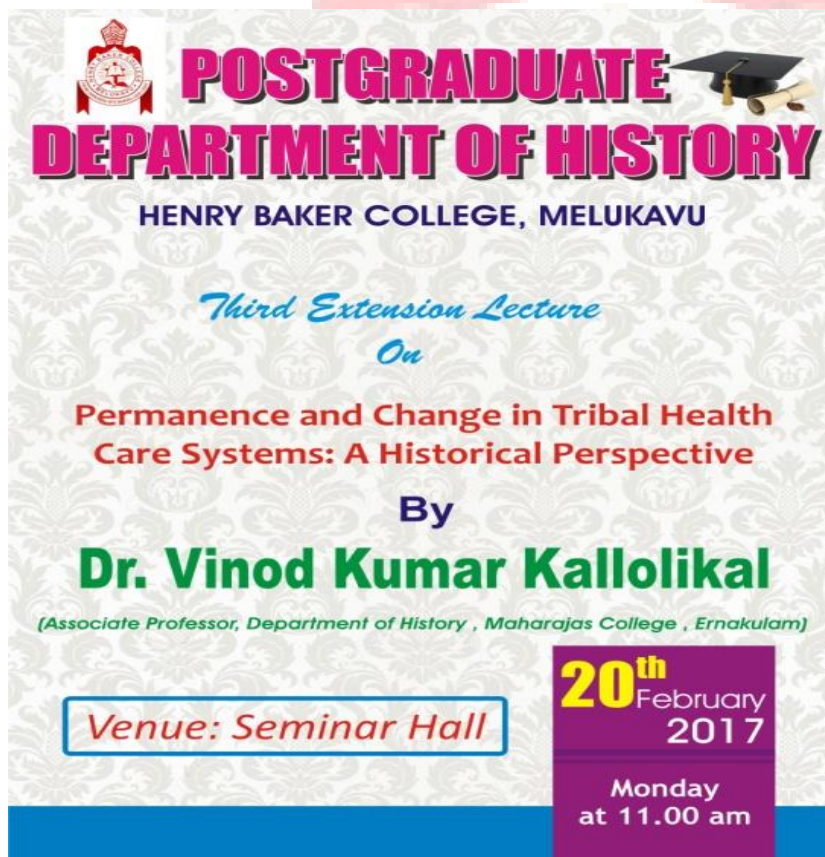
Visit to Tribal Settlement at Edamalakudy

The postgraduate student and faculty of the Department of History made a two-day visit to Edamalakudy Tribal settlement on the 25th and 26th of January 2017. It is a settlement where members of the Muthuvan tribe reside. The purpose of the visit was to study about the socio-economic development and livelihood challenges of the Muthuvan tribe. It is a model tribal village.

20-2-2017

Extension Lecture: Permanence and Change in Tribal Health Care Systems

Third extension lecture of the Department was held on 20/2/17. Dr. Vinod Kumar Kallolikal, Associate Professor, Maharajas College, Ernakulam delivered the lecture on “Permanence and Change in Tribal Health Care Systems: A Historical Perspective”. More information about the continuity and change in the tribal health care system was provided by the expert. The talk was very informative and useful. Eighty students attended the programme.



The poster features a decorative background with a repeating floral pattern. At the top left is the logo of Henry Baker College, Melukavu. The main title 'POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY' is written in large, bold, pink letters. Below it, 'HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU' is written in blue. The lecture title 'Permanence and Change in Tribal Health Care Systems: A Historical Perspective' is in red. The speaker's name 'Dr. Vinod Kumar Kallolikal' is in green. The date and time are in a purple box at the bottom right, and the venue is in a blue box at the bottom left.

POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

Third Extension Lecture
On
Permanence and Change in Tribal Health Care Systems: A Historical Perspective
By
Dr. Vinod Kumar Kallolikal
(Associate Professor, Department of History , Maharajas College , Ernakulam)

Venue: Seminar Hall

20th February 2017
Monday
at 11.00 am

21-3-2018

Visit to Valpara Tribal Settlement

Annual visit of the tribal settlement was conducted on 21st April 2018. 2 Staff and 12 students of the Department of History visited, Valpara, an Urali Settlement in Idukki district. The intention of the visit was to have a better understanding of the Urali tribal culture and life and their developmental issues. Students visited many *Kudis* and conducted interviews.



31.06.2018

VISIT TO NJANDUKULAM TRIBAL SETTLEMENT

Njandukulam is a tribal settlement near Mamalakandam in Ernakulam District. It is an abode of Muthuvan and Mannan tribes. On 31st June 2018, 2 teachers and 4 students from the college visited Njandukulam settlement and met their Mooppan Mr. George to know about their problems and challenges. Reaching there, the team conducted a socio-economic survey of the settlement. The survey revealed their economic status, exploitation by the non-tribals as well as the geographical hazards in their day-to-day life. From the survey we also came to know that only a few among them is educated and majority of them are illiterate. And their ignorance is always misused by non-tribes. The team offered the support of the college while interacting with them and assured them help in times of need.





31-6-2018

Visit to Njandukulam Tribal Settlement

The NSS unit of our college visited Njandukulam tribal settlement which is a small village inside Mankulam forest range. This region is an abode particularly of Muthuvan and Mannan tribes. They were just a group of fifteen to twenty families inhabiting in the forest. In the rainy season they remain in their huts without much food. Their main occupation is collection of forest produce and small-scale cultivation. One of the important problems we have noticed there is that they were always exploited by the non-tribals Though they have opportunity

to leave this hazardous life and people of their own community living outside are ready to give land for them, they still live inside the forest. During the time of flood their condition was very pathetic and teachers and students of our NSS unit collected food and clothing for them and handed over to them on 31.06.2018.



14-7-2018

UNNATH BHARATH ABHIYAN SURVEY- PAZHUKKAKANAM

Unnath Bharath Abhiyan survey was held at Pazhukkakkanam, a remote tribal village of our nearby Gramapanchayth (Moonnilavu) on 14th July 2018.

Eleven NSS volunteers participated in the survey. The purpose of the survey was to find the number of extreme poor people in this rural area.



14-7-2018

Interview with Kovilmala Ilayaraja, Tribal Chief

Teachers from the department of history visited Kovilmala, a Mannan tribal settlement and met Ilayaraja on 14th July 2018. He described about their life in their Kudy, customs and traditions. He also talked about their social life and their interaction non-tribal people. He said marriage with non-tribals are at present very high and non-tribals marry Mannan tribes for their landed property. They had a unique custom to protect their people. He also shared his anxiety about their vanishing tribal language.

19.07.2018

VISIT TO NJANDUKULAM TRIBAL SETTLEMENT

The members of the NSS Unit and the Programme Officers again visited the abode of the Muthuvan tribe, the Njandukulam Tribal Settlement on July 19, 2018. Our previous effort to make this tribe understand how they were being exploited by the non-tribal people and our earnest request to come out of the forest area and live in the fertile land offered to them by their Chief George had found a favourable effect. They had come out

of the perilous forest and were leading a peaceful life with the people of their own community who live outside the forest land.



29-9-2018

SUPPORT TO NJANDUKULAM TRIBAL SETTLEMENT

The third visit to Njandukulam tribal settlement was on 29.09.2018. Generally in the rainy season they are in utter poverty. During the time of flood their condition became very pathetic. Teachers and students of NSS unit of the college, collected food and clothing for them and handed over to them on 29.09.2018. 15 NSS volunteers along with Dr. G.S. Gireeshkumar, Principal of the college, Sri. Korah Jacob, Department of Economics, NSS Co-ordinators Dr. Nisha Joseph and Sri. Justin Joseph successfully completed the task.







17-3-2019

Visit to Urali Tribal Settlement Pattayakudi, Idukki

On 17th April 2019, fifteen first year postgraduate students and two teachers (Dr. Nisha Joseph and Mr. Krishnadas Chinnappan) from the Department of History visited Pattayakudi tribal settlement. Pattayakudi is one of the oldest Urali tribal majority area in Idukki district. The team met Ur Mooppan Mr. Jayarajan and Kunjunj (an elder man from the community). The staff and students got the opportunity to interact with the representatives of Urali tribe. Ur Mooppan described about their culture, traditions, festivals, faith system, tribal treatment, educational backwardness etc. Mr. Kunjukunj,

an aged man, talked about their worship of forefathers, special vows and offerings paid to them, and their hardships during the rainy seasons etc. The team also interacted with Mr. Gangadharan, a performer of Urali art. The team also visited many Kudis. The visit to Pattayakudi was a wonderful experience for the staff and students of the Postgraduate Department of History Henry Baker College Maluku.



7-8 September 2019

Visit to the Tribal Settlement of Kurathikudy

On the 7th and 8th September, 2019, selected members of the NSS Unit and the Programme Officers visited Kurathikudy Tribal Settlement in Adimaly Grama Panchayat. In this remote place 320 families live cut off from the outside world, bereft of the basic facilities of normal life. The visit helped the students to identify the problems they face and think of ways to resolve them.



21-2-2020

Tribal Visit

MA students and teachers of the department visited the tribal settlement at Methotty, near Poochapra on 21st February 2010. This is a settlement where the Uraly and Ullada tribes live. The team got the opportunity to attend the Sivaratri festival of the Muthuvans as well as to see their various art forms. Moreover, they met many elderly people and had interview with them. The students could record and preserve the traditional art forms of these tribes

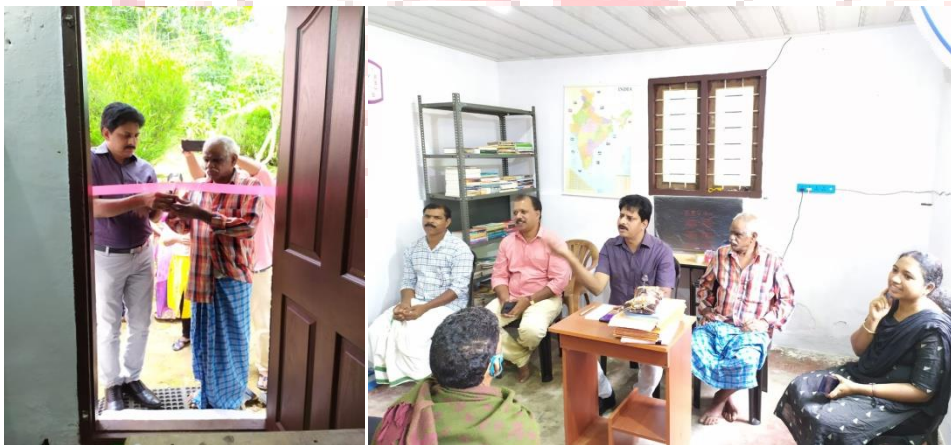




Library Established by Henry Baker College at Kurathikudy Tribal Settlement:

Kurathikudy Grameena Vayanasala

On the basis of the first visit, the College decided to help them by establishing a library which includes various books on General Knowledge, current affairs, books for competitive exams, novels and story books, books for primary school children, newspapers and Employment News. The room was furnished and 416 books collected from students and teachers of the college, book shelves and other learning materials worth Rs. 150000/- were provided to the Kurathikudy library. Thus, the library became a reality on 24th December 2019 with the inauguration of *Kurathikudy Grameena Vayanasala* by Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S, Principal of the College. Our Students, Christy Elakannan and Sanoj Kunjumon were also present on the occasion.







The First Graduate from Kurathikudy Tribal Settlement

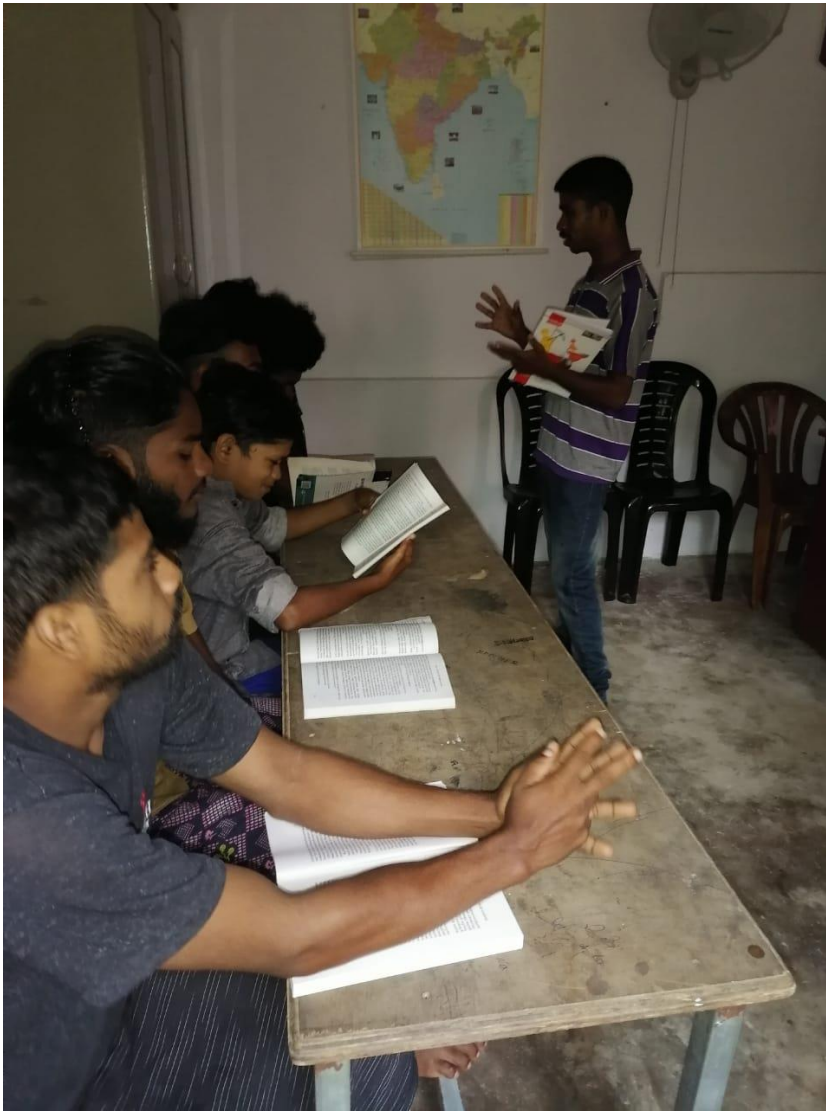
It is with great pride that we record that the first graduate from Kurathikudy, **Mr. Santhosh Kunjumon** was a student of Henry Baker College. He was in our B. A. English Programme during 2013-2016. Santhosh Kunjumon is instrumental in promoting our developmental activities at Kurathikudy Tribal Settlement. He also takes classes for the youth in this settlement, as part of our training programmes for the youth.



Job Orientation and Training Classes at Kurathikudy

During our third visit to Kurathikudy on 7th March 2020 their Kani (head of the Muthuvan tribes, Kurathikudy) Mr. Surya, who supported us in establishing the library, discussed with us the various hazards they were facing in their day today life. Lack of training for competitive examinations was one of the major challenges, their youth was facing. To support the community college decided to give training for various competitive examinations. For this, our alumni Mr. Santhosh Kunjumon who is the first graduate from Kurathikudy, was entrusted with. Four teachers and two students were enthusiastically involved in the project.

Santhosh Kunjumon takes classes at Kurathikudy Library



Young Malayalam Poet from Kurathykudi Tribal Settlement

Christy Elakannan

Another significant thing about our association with Kurathykudi Tribal Settlement is the presence of the young poet, Christy Elakannan, who belongs to Kurathykudi at our campus.

Christy Elakannan is our current student who pursues B. A. Programme in History. Many of his poems are published in online and are widely read.

Christy Elakannan





Christy Elakannan's Poems shared on Facebook





Sukumaran Chaligatha Christy Elakkannan

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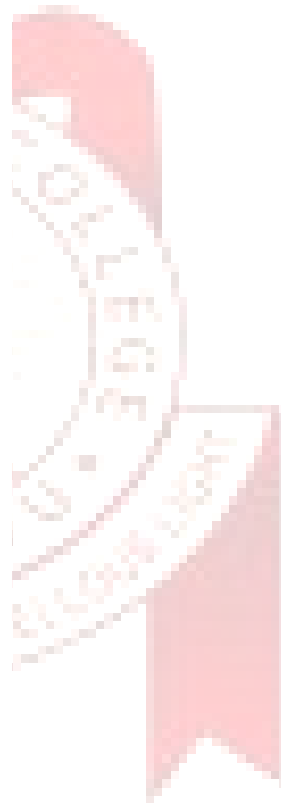
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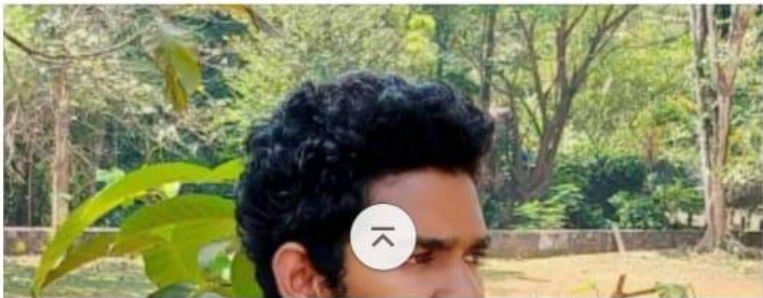
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Best Practice 2: Environmental Preservation Initiatives

This practice is the result of our ardent wish to preserve the environment immaculate for the future by protecting the ecosystem and disseminating the message of that human culture is only a part of Nature. We realised that it is our duty to maintain the lush greenery around the campus, in which early signs of waning were seen a few years back. As the only higher education institution in this rural area, we took it as our responsibility and obligation to convey the need to protect the environment to the community at large. This attempt at keeping the web of life intact includes green initiatives within the campus and outside the campus activities aiming at propagating the message of preserving nature and setting an example through carefully thought out programmes.

The pristine landscape in and around the college seems to have created a feeling that we are immune to the destructive effects of pollution and environmental problems. So, a laidback attitude to nature has been developing as if nature is something to be taken for granted. The profuse vegetation in the campus seems to have made a feeling that here everything is perfect regarding nature but the keen eye could discern the disappearance of certain seasonal species of plants which once grew luxuriously in the campus. Again, the scarcity of water was evident in the campus, especially during the height of summer. We felt that it was high time we turned our attention to environmental issues that were looming large in the campus and the society around us. This prompted us to turn our attention to programmes and activities that would promote and protect nature, sensitizing the students and the community at large.

World Environmental Day 5 June 2019

The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College Celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2019. The programme aimed to safeguard nature, to end pollution and to ensure that environmental laws are upheld. The staff and students planted fruit trees in the college campus and took Suchithwa prathinja.



6-6-2019

World Environment Day Programme

The Department of Commerce celebrated World Environment Day 2019 with the planting of trees. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S, Principal inaugurated the programme. The main aim of this programme was to promote Environmental Sustainability in young minds. All students and faculty members of the Department of Commerce participated the programme.



10-6-2019

Monsoon Marathon

As part of the Environment Day, a marathon was conducted by the Department of Tourism on 10 June 2019. The motto of the program was 'Heal the Earth, Heal the Future.' The marathon was officially inaugurated by the college principal Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar. 25 students from different colleges participated in this programme as part of responsible tourism. The first and second prizes were secured by Christ College, Irinjalikuda and Alphonsa College, Pala.





22-6-2019

Valicheriyal Muktha Campus-Nagaram [Litter-Free Campus and Town]

Programme

After the direction from MG University, Kottayam, our NSS unit had organized *Valicheriyal Muktha Campus-Nagaram* Programme held on 22nd June 2019. The Purpose of the programme was to make the pupil aware of the need for cleanliness; otherwise, it can damage our environment and our future. Seventy-eight volunteers very actively participated in the programme.



6-8-2019

Commemoration of Hiroshima Day: Poster Exhibition on the Horrors of the First Nuclear Bomb

To commemorate Hiroshima day, the Department of Physics organized a poster exhibition in association with Breakthrough Science Society, Kottayam from 10 am to 3 pm. The poster exhibition depicted the horrifying scenes of first nuclear bomb blast at the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The exhibition was open to entire students of the college



25-9-2019

World ozone day Celebrations: '32 Years of Healing' Lecture on Ozone Layer

Depletion by Dr Ajith Jose James

To create awareness about the preservation of ozone layer and the need for adopting an eco-friendly lifestyle among students, the Department of Physics, Henry Baker College organized a one-day programme on 25th September 2019 with the financial support from Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) based on this year's focal theme "32 Years and Healing". In the inaugural session, Dr. Disha V. J., coordinator of the programme welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, Principal, Henry Baker College, presided over the function wherein he highlighted the main objectives of the programme. The function was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by chief guest, Dr. Ajith James Jose, Assistant Prof. in Chemistry, St. Berchman's College, Changanacherry. Session-I was concluded by vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Prince Thomas.

In session II, Dr. Ajith James Jose delivered a lecture on '32 years of Healing'. In his lecture, various topics related to ozone layer depletion, its causes, impact and the efforts made by international community for the preservation of ozone layer were highlighted. He also pointed out various ways for keeping our environment and atmosphere clean so that not only humans, but also the plants and animals can live a healthy life in future.

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**WORLD
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DAY 2019**

SEMINAR AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME
"Protect Ozone Layer – Ensure Healthy Planet"
Intercollegiate Science Quiz Competition
September 25, 2019

Venue: Seminar Hall, Henry Baker College

Organized by: Department of Physics



2-10-2019

ORGANIC FARMING ON GANDHI JAYANTHI DAY

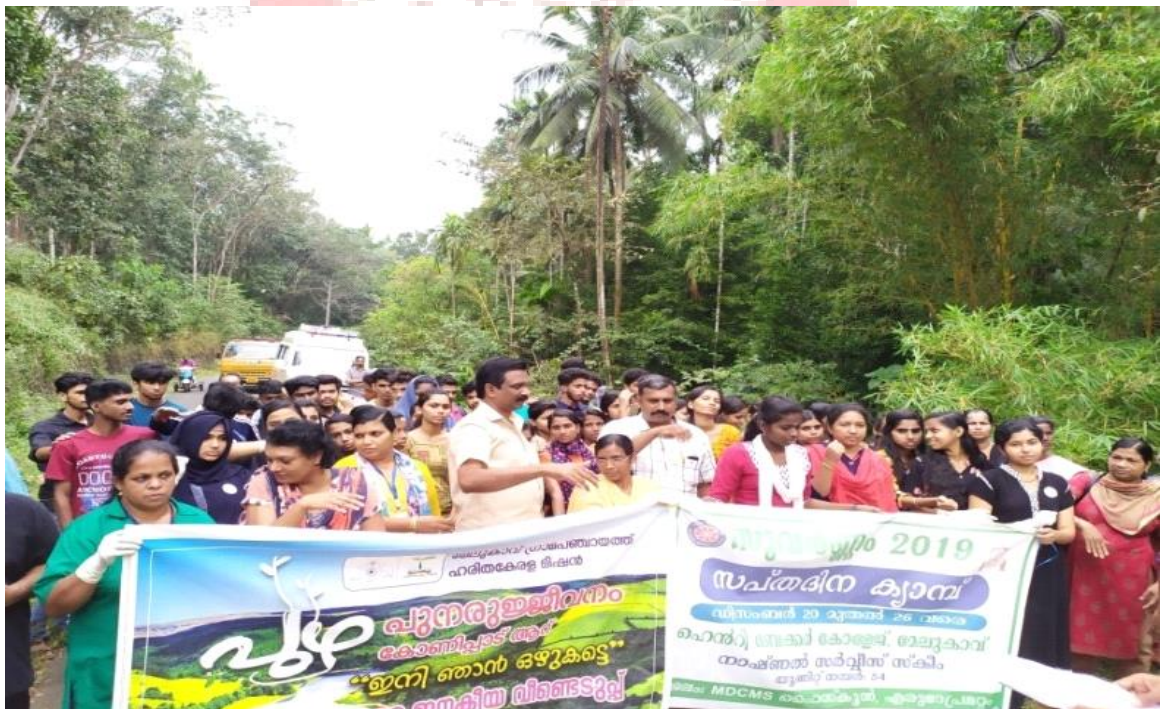
Gandhi Jayanthi Day was celebrated in the college on 2 October 2019 along with the ongoing cleaning and crap collection camps in the campus. 30 NSS volunteers started an organic farming in the campus. Dr.Nisha Joseph and Justin Jose gave guidance for the activity.



22-12-2019

Ini Njan Ozhukatte [Let Me Flow Again]: Cleansing Tributary Rivulet of the Meenachil River

As part of the NSS Camp 2019, the NSS Unit of the college in association with Haritha Keralam Mission and Melukavu Grama Panchayat organized the Meenachil River Cleaning Programme. The activity was inaugurated by Smt. Nisha Joseph (President, Melukavu Grama Panchayath). The NSS volunteers, panchayat members, panchayath staff, and Kudumbasree unit members joined the group. About 6 kilometers of the tributary rivulet of the Meenachil River were cleaned by the group.





25-28 January 2018

**ORGANIC FARMING LITERACY AWARENESS SURVEY IN THALANAD
GRAMAPANCHAYATH.**

JAIVAM Intercollegiate Camp was held at Thalanad Gramapachayath from 25th- 28th January 2018. This camp was a continuation of organic literacy camp (Jaivam 2017) held during September 2017 and it was attended by 34 NSS volunteers from our college and they completed awareness survey of 1785 houses at Thalanad.

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2018 June 5

WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

The NSS unit of our college conducted *World Environmental Day* celebrations in association with Melukavu Gramapanchayath on 5th June 2018. The programme started with a procession from the college to the Melukavumattom junction. More than 50 volunteers participated in the programme. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Alex T. Joseph, Vice- President of Melukavu Gramapanchayath, and Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, Principal and nodal officer of the *Swachhta Hi Seva Mission*, of the college delivered Environment Day message. After the meeting a sapling was planted in front of the Melukavu Police Station.

At 1.15 pm, a gathering of the students was held in the college and on this occasion, we took *Suchithwa Prathinja* and as part of the celebration. Mr. Anurag KR, Member Ward 12, Melukavu Gramapanchayat, gave us the Environmental Day message. A sapling was planted in front of the Indoor Stadium by the Principal and Mr. Anurag KR. Kudumsree members and NSS Volunteers planted 24 fruit trees within the campus. Around 200 students actively participated in the programme.





19-9-2018

World Ozone Day Celebration: Focal Theme- *Keep cool and carry on! The Montreal Protocol*

Department of Physics, in association with Nature club of Henry Baker College, celebrated World Ozone Day on 19 September 2018 with the support of Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) based on the focal theme "*keep cool and carry on! The Montreal Protocol*". The objective of this venture was to raise awareness and give prominence towards preservation of ozone layer to young minds. More than 75 students participated in the event.



11 May 2019

Mazhakkala poorva [pre-Monsoon] Cleaning Programme

In the wake of the unprecedented floods that devastated the state for the last two consecutive years and the diseases that followed, the NSS Unit in association with Melukavu Grama Panchayat conducted a cleaning programme. The programme was held on 11 May 2019. The programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Nisha Joseph, President, Melukavu Grama Panchayat, and was presided over by Sri. Jetto Jose, Vice-President of Melukavu Grama Panchayat. Sri Anurag Pandikkattu, Ward Member and Dr Nisha Joseph, NSS Programme Officer felicitated the function. 98 NSS volunteers joined with the people in cleaning Melukavu town and premises.



12-9-17

Debate on the topic “Plastic Bags and Packaging should be Banned

The Debate Club inaugurated its activities of the year 2017-18, by conducting a debate on the topic “plastic bags and packaging should be banned” on 12 September 2017 in the Auditorium at 4.00 p.m. Prof. Beena Paul, Assistant professor, Department of History, Henry Baker College Melukavu, served as the Moderator of the debate. The Judges were Prof. Paul Mathews, Department of English, Prof. Korah Jacob, Department of Economics and Prof. Ashley Mereena Mathew, Department of Commerce. There were eight participants. The participants put forward sound arguments in positive side of plastic usage and negative side of plastic usage. The main argument by the benefits of plastic was it takes up less energy to recycle and plastic packaging generally takes up less space than other objects.

But the opposing side argued that packaging waste is a huge problem. Plastic poses a huge threat to our eco system, filling up our oceans and poisoning wildlife. The students of the Department of Physics and the Department of History bagged the first and second prizes respectively.



11-1-18 Nature Club

Nature-walk at Thommankuthu Forest

On January 11, 2018, a group of our students and teachers conducted a one-day Nature-walk in Thommankuthu forest area. The programme was sponsored and organized by the Kothamangalam Division of the Department of Forest and Wildlife, Kerala. A total of thirty-four students and four teachers participated in the programme. The students cleaned the walkway in the ecotourism area also.



PROJECT



25-1-2018 Nature Club

Into the Wild: Intercollegiate Nature Photography Contest

The club organised an intercollegiate nature photography contest on January 25, 2018. Twenty participants from various colleges participated in the contest. The theme of the contest was 'seasonal change as seen in leaves'. Abhijith Biju, St. George's College, Aruvithura won the first prize (Rs. 5000); Abhishek S. T., St. Joseph's College, Changancherry won the second prize (Rs. 3000); and Geo Thomas, St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom won the third prize (Rs. 2000). Mr. Aby Abraham, research scholar in the department of English and Comparative Literature, CUK, Prof. Akhilnath K. S., Assistant Professor of Media Studies, SIAS, Malappuram, and Prof. Korah Jacob, Associate Professor of Economics, HBC Melukavu were the judging panel.





Seven Day Camp: *Jaivam 2017*

Seven-day NSS camp was started on 31st August. Nearly 71 students had participated. Purpose of the camp was a mass organic awareness and to declare Kottayam District a Sampoorna Jaiva Saksharatha Jilla. The Camp was formerly inaugurated by Prof. Liza George, Principal in Charge of the college. Melukavu Grama Panchayath Ward number VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, & XIII was surveyed by HBC NSS volunteers. They also planted seeds and saplings in the selected wards. The camp was visited by MG University Syndicate members, Jaivakarshaka Samithi Committee members and Ward members in all the seven days. The camp ended on 6th September 2017.





23-8-2016

Organic Farming -*Jaiva Nanma* Inauguration

The positive result of the organic farming done during the previous year inspired the NSS volunteers to continue this practice on a larger scale. For this '*Jaivananma*', a programme that included practical organic farming along with the spreading of the message of positive aspects of organic farming was devised. The programme was formally inaugurated along with the active participation of the people of the locality on 23 August 2016.



Gandhi Jayanthi 2016

Campus Cleaning programme

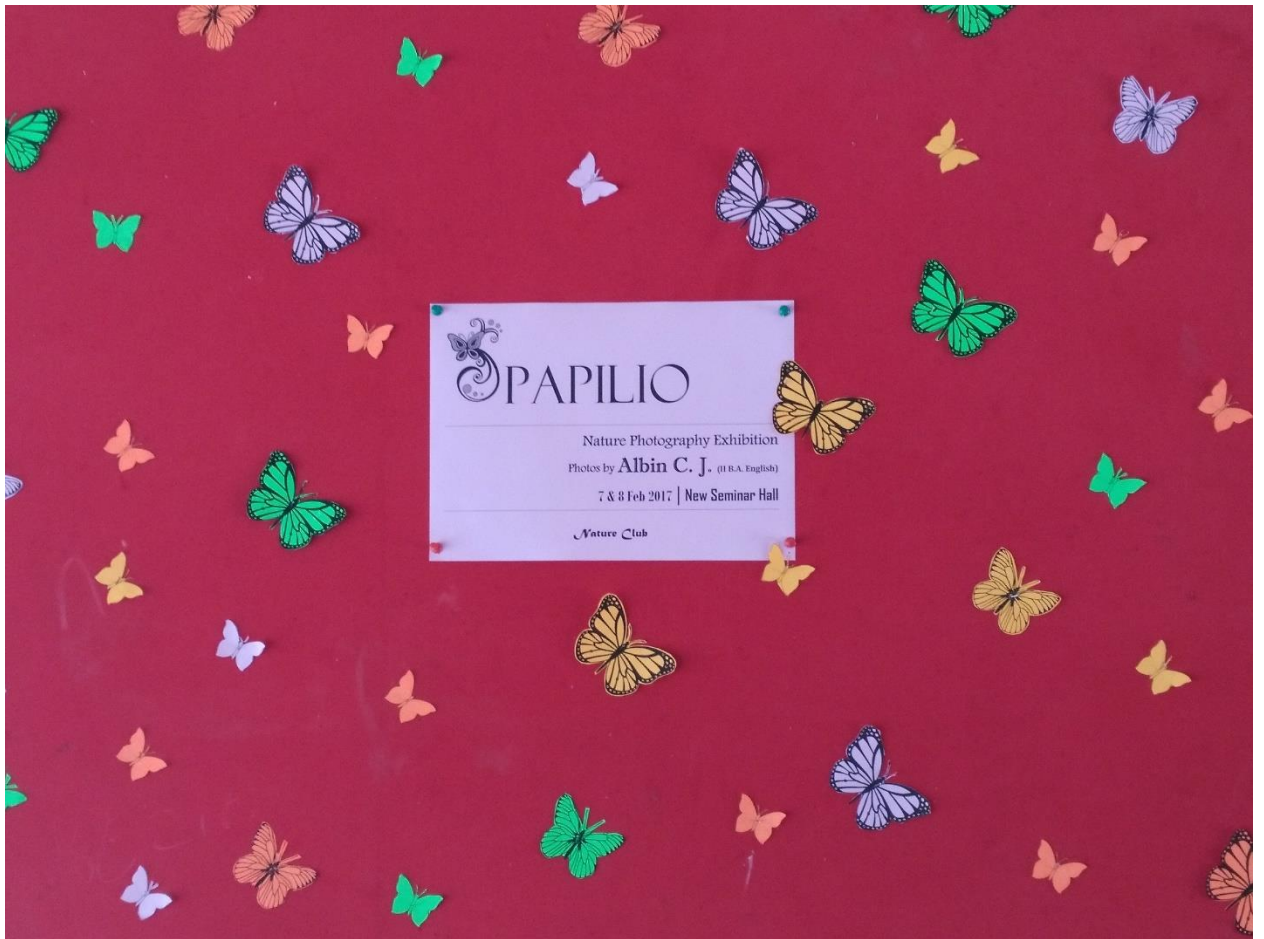
On 2 October 2016 the NSS volunteers organised a campus cleaning programme. The waste was carefully collected and weeds in the garden were also removed. About 80 NSS volunteers actively participated in the programme



7-8 February 2017

Nature Club: Papilio

The nature club organised a photography exhibition, *Papilio*, on 7 & 8 of February 2017 in the New Seminar Hall. Exhibited photos were mainly of the butterflies on our campus and majority from a single bush of common Lanthana (*Lanthana Camara*). Photographs of dragon flies, reptiles like chameleon, bee hive, frogs etc. too were among the exhibits. All the photos were taken by Albin C. J. of II B. A. English. He spent almost three months to take photos of around twenty species of butterflies and six of dragonflies. Prof. Mathew Thomas, Assistant Professor of Zoology, St. Thomas College, Pala, helped us to identify the species of the butterflies and the dragonflies. Almost all students, teachers and non-teaching staff visited the exhibition hall and appreciated Albin C. J. and the nature club. Altogether 43 photos were exhibited and later we made an album of them.





8-2-2017 Nature Club

Nature photography Contest

As part of the photography exhibition, we conducted a Nature Photography Contest and a Friendship Selfie Contest. The winners were presented prizes at the valedictory meeting on 8th at 1.30 pm in front of the Heritage Building.

February 2017 Nature Club

Tree Labelling Campaign

Tree labelling was yet another project undertaken by the nature club in February 2017. It was true that many of our students and teachers didn't know the common as well as the scientific names of the trees and plants on our campus. So, we started labelling them on 8th February. A metal plate on which the tree's local name, English name and scientific name are written was attached to the tree. Almost thirty-five trees and plants were labelled.





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NATURE CLUB

February 2017 Nature Club

Bottle Free Campus: A Campaign against Littering Plastic Bottles

In February 2017, the members of the Nature Club began an eye-opening campaign to make the campus free of plastic bottle realizing that the thrown away plastic bottles become a curse to the scenic beauty and biodiversity of our campus. Therefore, the volunteers of nature club decided to collect abandoned plastic bottles on the campus and make our students and staff aware of the rate at which our campus was being littered with plastic bottles. We collected more than 250 bottles from within the limits of our campus and it too within two hours. Bottles were exhibited on the volleyball court. Later the collected bottles were handed over to a crap dealer.



Nature Club

Kirby Garden Renovation

Members of the nature club volunteered to assist the gardeners from outside to replant the Kirby Garden. The Kirby Garden is constructed in memory of our patron Rev. Henry Baker Jr. The garden is named after his native place Kirby, England. A bench too was constructed in the garden. The members

of the club raised fund from among teachers and themselves to construct the bench. It was inaugurated by the then Treasurer of CSI EKD Rev. Dr. P. T. George in the presence of our Principal, staff and students.



26-7-2015 NSS Unit

Pathumaram Padhathi [Ten Plants per Household]

Number of trees planted- 3000

In collaboration with Melukavu Gramapanchayath, the NSS Unit of the college planted 3000 saplings in Ward 10 on 26/07/2015. Ten saplings each were planed around 300 households. The programme helped to create awareness among the people about the need to protect the environment and the role of trees in creating a healthy atmosphere.





1. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan programmes conducted

Cleanliness drive at college campus on 3/10/2015

The volunteers of the NSS unit of our college cleaned the college premises in connection with the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations. The programme was part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. 75 NSS Volunteers participated in this cleanliness drive and 350 people were benefited.





1. Cleanliness drive at adopted village on 2/10/2015

As part of the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations, the NSS volunteers of the college cleaned roads of the Ward No 10 of Melukavu Grama Panchayat. This programme was also part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Pala- Melukavu road and other byroads of the ward were cleaned by the NSS volunteers. 60 NSS Volunteers participated in the programme and 250 people benefited.





3 Mass Tree plantation programme: Planting trees at college on 3-10-15

300 saplings were planted in the college premises on 3 October 2015. 40 NSS volunteers took part in the programme. The programme reiterated the essential value of trees in fostering a wholesome environment.



4. Mass Tree plantation programme at Edamaruku 17-10-2015

As an outreach programme, the NSS Unit of the college carried over the slogan “Trees for Healthy Environment” to the nearby village of Edamaruku. On 17 October the NSS volunteers planted around 300 saplings in Edamaruku. The Panchayat Member and the people offered wholehearted support to this noble gesture of preserving a healthy environment.



1. 24 to 26 November 2015

Nature Education Camp

A Three-Day Nature Education Camp was conducted for our students in association with the Department of Forests, Government of Kerala at Munnar Wild Life Sanctuary from 24 to 26 November

2015. 34 students and three teachers (Prof. Ajitha V R, Dr. Santo Jose, Ms. Anumol Sam) participated in the camp. The officials of the Department of Forests led classes on the relevance on Nature in human life and organized trekking sessions for our students.



December 2015

Organic Farming

The NSS unit of the college started organic farming in the campus in December 2015. Various vegetables and tubers were planted and were grown without using any chemical manure. Organic manure alone was used to assure that the farm products would be completely free from any harmful substance.



