



CHRONICLE

A CALENDER OF EVENTS RIPPLING DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

Henry Baker College, Melukavu

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Principal's Message

Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S
Principal

Success is achieved through unwavering dedication and perseverance, traits that distinguish those who toil tirelessly from those who become complacent with past accomplishments. Henry Baker College, Melukavu embarked on its educational journey in 1981 with a mission to provide quality education to students from all walks of life, aiming to empower them to achieve financial independence, social awareness, moral integrity, and emotional equilibrium.

Henry Baker College stands as a harmonious blend of proficient educators and an effective management team, fostering a secure and supportive environment conducive to a well-rounded educational experience. Our commitment extends beyond academic pursuits, encompassing sports, arts and social activities to offer students a comprehensive range of opportunities.

A primary focus of our institution is nurturing not only intellectual excellence but also emotional growth among students. This emphasis on holistic development empowers them to cultivate self-esteem, self-awareness and self-confidence. To achieve this, we organize a myriad of curricular and co-curricular programs. Notably, in the past year, we implemented a series of initiatives designed to significantly contribute to the intellectual development of our students, shaping them into socially responsible citizens. The Chronicle provides a detailed account of diverse activity implemented by the college during the academic year 2022-2023.





ARANGOLA 2023- INAUGURATION BY MR. O S UNNIKRISHNAN, CHAIRMAN FOLKLORE ACADEMY

Arangola 2023, a vibrant folk arts festival, was meticulously organized by the Folklore Club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, in collaboration with the Kerala State Folklore Academy. This event, which took place on March 23, 2023, garnered enthusiastic participation from Melukavu Gramapanchayath, Kudumbasree, and the wider public. Its primary objective was to raise awareness about the beauty and significance of folk traditions and arts.



The festival commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the college's auditorium, by the welcome note of Dr. Nisha Joseph. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. O. S. Unnikrishnan, Chairman of the Kerala State Folklore Academy, Kannur. He eloquently articulated the academy's core mission, emphasizing its commitment to promoting and preserving the traditional art forms of Kerala. The academy's support for folk artists, and economic aid initiatives were highlighted as integral components of this mission.

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Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, the college principal, presided over the event and conveyed the importance of organizing such a folklore festival. He underscored the necessity of revitalizing the concept of folklore not only among college students but also within the broader community. Dr. Aju K Narayanan, Dr. Beena Paul, Dr. Soumya Paul, and Sri. Sunny Mathew, PTA Vice President, extended their felicitations. Dr. Umarani R, the Programme Coordinator, concluded this segment with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants and supporters.

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Memento presented to Padayani Team by Dr. G. S. Gireeshkumar, Principal

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Thamber Performance

The Ebenezer Team from Melukavu showcased 'Thamber,' the traditional percussion of the Malayaraya tribes, with a performance by 15 artists, offering a unique cultural experience.



The evening session, starting at 7 o'clock, featured a spellbinding Padayani performance by Sreedevi Padayani Sangham, Elanthur. Padayani, a traditional folk dance performed at Bhagavathi temples in central Kerala, holds deep cultural significance as a form of Dravidian worship. Seven artists presented this captivating art form

Exhibition

The Arangola Folk Festival also featured an exhibition of rare artifacts showcasing a diverse range of items such as stamps, coins, wood carvings, and more. The exhibition proudly displayed a remarkable collection of rare stamps. These stamps spanned various themes, historical periods, and countries. Numismatic enthusiasts were treated to an extensive array of ancient and valuable coins. Visitors had the chance to witness the stunning wooden sculptures too.



ARANGLA 2023 achieved remarkable success, drawing 307 attendees who gained valuable insights into Kerala's endangered folk arts. This success was made possible through the generous support of Melukavu Grama Panchayath and the local community. Arangola 2023 truly celebrated the rich tapestry of Kerala's folk traditions, igniting a renewed passion for preserving and promoting this cultural heritage.

EXCELLENCE DAY 2022-23



The Excellence Day 2023 took place on March 21, 2023, at 10:00 am in the college auditorium. It was a remarkable event dedicated to honoring the outstanding achievements of both students and faculty during the academic year 2021-22. Excellence Day 2023 is of special significance as we celebrated four university rank holders, students who secured the second prize in M G University Kalolsavam, a third prize in wrestling at the university level, and the Best NSS volunteer of M G University. Additionally, the short film 'Voter's Ink' created by third-year B Voc. students, received the third prize at the state level and the first prize at the District level competition held by the Election Commission.

Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, the Principal, provided an insightful overview of the annual report, highlighting the academic accomplishments, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of both students and faculty for the academic year 2021-22. He extended his heartfelt congratulations to the students who brought glory to the college.

The esteemed College Manager, Bishop Rt. Rev. V. S. Francis, presided over the programme. In his presidential address, Bishop Francis recognized the University Rank holders and special achievers. The guest of honor for the day was Sri. K G Simon IPS, a retired Superintendent of Police renowned for his exceptional service. In his motivational speech, he shared stories of the various crises and incidents he faced as a police officer, emphasizing the importance of goal setting and hard work as the keys to success. Sri. K G Simon IPS also had the honor of distributing scholarships and mementos to rank holders, toppers, and special achievers. Special awards were bestowed upon faculty members for their excellence in academics and other achievements.

This occasion held a special significance as we honored two retired faculty members who had not received a farewell due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Smt. Ajitha V R, Associate Professor in Hindi, retired on April 30, 2020 and Sri. George Joseph K., Library Assistant, who retired on May 31, 2021, were the luminaries. In recognition of their dedication and commitment to the institution, they were presented with mementos by the honorable Bishop and adorned with ponnada. Smt. Ajitha V R, Sri. George Joseph K., and Anandu S., I Rank holder, B Voc Tourism and Hospitality Management, delivered heartfelt reply speeches. The programme was further enhanced by the felicitation by Sri. Sunny Mathew, Vice President of PTA. The day concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Sri. Justin Jose, Treasurer of PTA.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

World Environment Day Celebrations -2022

On June 1, 2022, an interdepartmental online poster making competition was held for the students of Henry Baker College in Melukavu..The theme for Environmental Day 2022 was "Protect, Restore, and Promote Sustainable Use of Terrestrial Ecosystems, Forest and Biodiversity."



WINNING ENTRY BY ADIKIRAN JOHNY >>>

National Science Day Celebrations- 2023

The Department of Physics, Henry Baker College, Melukavu, celebrated the National Science Day 2023 by organizing events within and outside the college on 25th and 28th February 2023. The events included a community inclusive programme (Night Sky Watch), Science talk and Scientific Demonstration.The events were aimed to promote scientific temper among students and create awareness among public regarding astronomy.

a)Night Skywatch Programme:A Night Skywatch Programme was organized at M.D.C.M.S. high school ground, Erumapramattom, on 25th February, 2023 from 4 p.m to 10 p.m.243 people from the public attended the event.. The formal meeting was presided over by Dr. Soumya Paul, Staff Secretary, HBC. Dr. Jincy Devasia delivered the welcome speech and Dr. Sneha Susan Mathew delivered the Vote of Thanks. A class was taken by Mr.Binoy.P.Johny of AASTRO Kerala Kottayam Chapter on “Vananireekshanam” regarding the various constellations visible to the naked eye in the night sky. The attendees were delighted with the experience, and the event was a grand success with a total participation of 243 members from the public and the college.



CLASS ON CONSTELLATION WATCH BY BINOY P. JOHNY, AASTRO KERALA



PUBLIC WATCHING STELLAR BODIES USING GIANT NEWTONIAN TELESCOPE

Science Talk:

As part of the National Science Day celebrations, the Department of Physics conducted a science talk on 28th February, 2023 at the college seminar hall from 12.00pm to 1.00 pm. The talk was conducted by the students of the department, and the theme was "The Science of the Movie Interstellar." The talk was aimed at discussing the scientific concepts and principles portrayed in the movie.



Scientific Demonstration:

In addition to the science talk, the Department of Physics also conducted a demonstration of LI-FI technology on 28th February, 2023 at the college seminar hall from 1.00pm to 2.00 pm. LI-FI technology is a wireless communication technology that uses light to transmit data. The students explained the working principle of the technology and demonstrated its use. The demonstration was well received, and the audience was amazed by the potential of the technology



DEMONSTRATION OF THE LI-FI TECHNOLOGY BY AMAL JACOB, IIIRD B.SC PHYSICS.



To be part of the nationwide campaign called “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” launched by the Government of India to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India’s independence and in particular making of “Freedom Wall” in Kerala

“Freedom Wall” is a public art installation that has been set up in various locations across Kerala to mark the 75th anniversary of India’s independence. The wall is a canvas where people can express their thoughts, feelings, and aspirations about freedom, democracy, and the country’s future through art, slogans, and messages. It is a way to involve people in the celebrations of India's independence and encourage them to reflect on the country's past, present, and future. A wall of 20,000 sq. feet was intended to construct.

As per the directions from the Government of Kerala and Higher Education Department, the Postgraduate Department of History and the NSS unit of the college took the initiative to construct the Freedom Wall. The instruction given to us was to complete the canvas within 20 hours, starting from 10th August to 12th August continuously. Fifteen students of the college, worked continuously for 20 hours and finished a canvas of 100 sq. feet. The student community was supported by teachers and they could finish the work in time. They were encouraged to reflect on the country's past, present, and future.

INAUGURATION OF THE READING CLUB

Inauguration of the Reading club and Reading Day celebration of the Department of History was held on 20/6/2022 in the College Seminar Hall at 2.00pm. The programme was presided over by Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History. Smt. Sabitha Krishnan welcomed the gathering. Dr. Nisha Joseph and Lakshmi S also talked in the meeting. The meeting ended at 3.00pm. Around fifty students participated in the programme.



SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN ON HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI DAY

The signature campaign was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S. He addressed the students and faculties on the importance of having peace and harmony between nations. He also stressed on the need to say a big no to the usage of nuclear weapons which even have the power to wipe out the entire human community from the face of the earth.

Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department, expressed thanks on behalf of the entire department to all the students, faculties and non-teaching staffs for their whole-hearted cooperation in making the signature campaign with the message 'No to War, Yes to Peace' a big success.

**WEBINAR ON THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT: CONSOLIDATION AND REPRESENTATION OF MYRIAD VOICES**

As India celebrates 75th year of Independence, Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College organized a webinar on the topic, The National Movement: Consolidation and Representation of Myriad Voices, on 15th of August 2022. Webinar started at 10am, through Google Meet platform. The Lecture in this webinar was given by Dr. Biju R.I, Department of History, MSM College, Kayamkulam

The session was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar, who gave a small note on nation's independence. Dr. Nisha Joseph, faculty of History delivered the welcome address and introduced the resource person, Dr. Biju R I.

Dr. Biju R I's lecture was very informative and made students understand that the independence that we celebrate and enjoy today was made possible by the sacrifices of millions of people. He wonderfully articulated the contributing factors in the freedom struggle along with comparing the past and the present. He stressed on the fact that the need of the hour is to make an effort towards moulding India according to the vision of our freedom fighters.

Once the lecture got over, Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department also addressed the students. With this webinar, the students got an overall understanding about the painful struggles of our national leaders and others endured during the freedom movement. The program culminated with Mrs. Lakshmi S, faculty of History, thanking the speaker and the attendees.

VISIT TO KIZHMALAINADUCHARITRAREKHAPRADARSHANAM

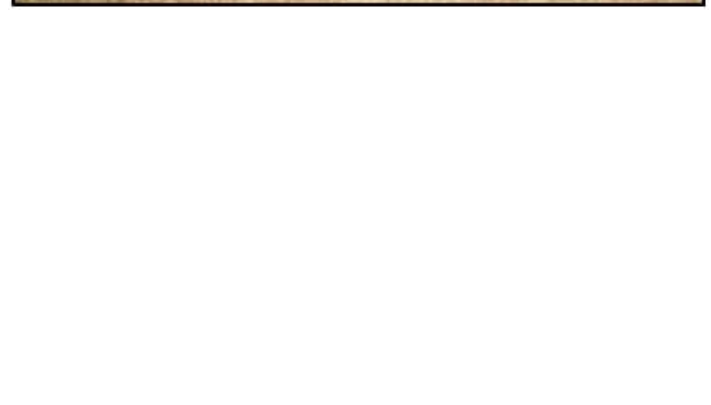
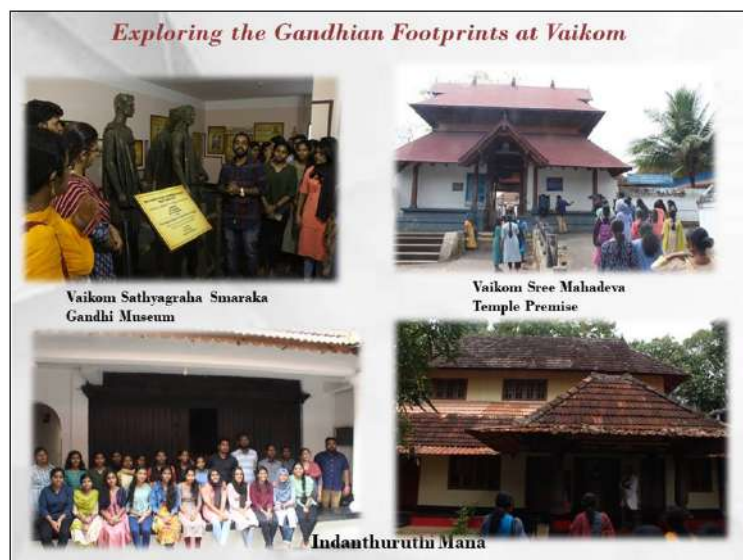
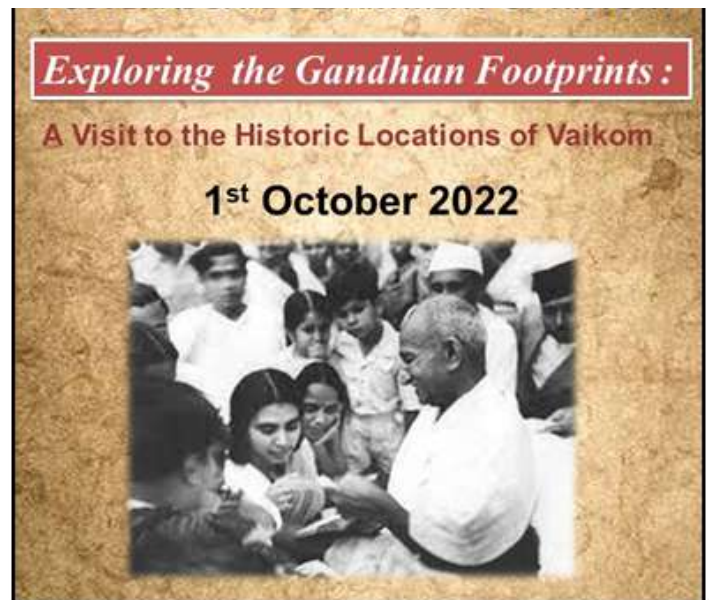
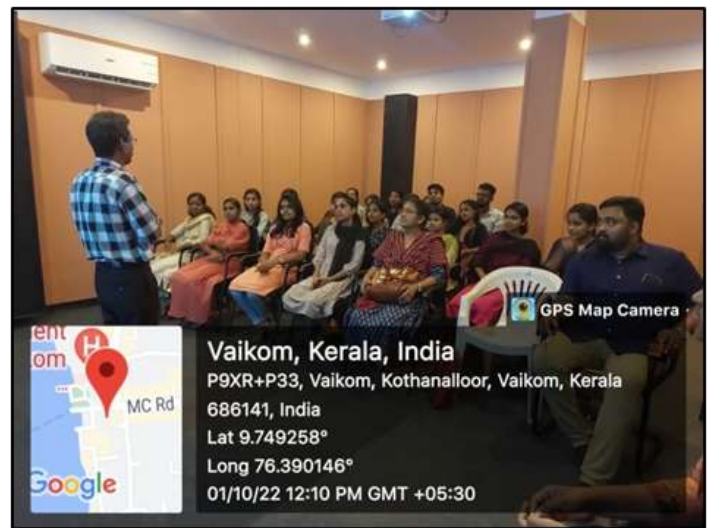
KizhmalainaduCharitrarekhaPradarshanam was organized by Travancore Cochin Heritage Society in the Press Club Auditorium on 19th and 20th September 2022. 17 MA students of the Postgraduate department of history visited the exhibition on 20th September 2022. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dileep Rama Varma of Poonjar royal family. The objects in the exhibition were rare and typical of the KizhmalainaduKindgom. The exhibition consisted of historical documents related to Kizhmalainadu kingdom as well as objects like coins, potteries, jewelry, household items, weapons, manuscripts, clocks, furniture, glass wares, weights and measures, mirrors, utensils, toys etc were some of the items displayed in the exhibition. Miniature models of ancient temples and palaces were also displayed.



GANDHI JAYANTHI CELEBRATION: EXPLORING THE GANDHIAN FOOTPRINTS

In connection with the Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration, the department conducted an exploration walk at Vaikom, titled “Exploring the Gandhian Footprints”. The visit happened on October 1st, 2022. Dr. Beena Paul (Head of History Department), Dr. Jibin Mathew, Mithy K M, Sheebamol MM and Anjana Aby joined the 23 students of 2nd year MA History. Love Shore Travels from Thodupuzha was chosen for the travel. The journey crossed Pala at 8am and reached Vaikom at 11am after breakfast on the way. Vaikom Sree Mahadeva Temple, Vaikom Sathyagraha Smaraka Gandhi Museum, Indamthuruthi Mana and Thanthai Periyor Memorial were visited. Experienced Museum curators of Gandhi Smaraka Museum detailed on the History of Vaikom Sathyagraha and its protest against untouchability.

The team was thrilled to encounter the historic Travancore post box (The Anchal Petti) in front of Vaikom Post Office. After our lunch in spite of the heat, we headed towards Indamthuruthi Mana, the Illam which denied entry to Gandhiji when he arrived Vaikom. Currently, the building is an office of Chethuthozhilali union. The Thanthai Periyor Memorial was also an opportunity to learn about Periyor. To and fro boat journey through the backwaters from Vaikom Boat Jetty added fun and color to the journey. The team clicked photos and enjoyed the evening at Vaikom Lake Beach. After evening tea from Vaikom, we reached college by 7.15pm.



RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP A CUP OF TEA, AN IMAGE AND MEMORY: ON DEVELOPING HISTORY DISSERTATIONS



Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, hosted a methodology workshop titled “A Cup of Tea, An Image And Memory: On Developing History Dissertations” on 15th October 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at the college seminar hall. Dr. Jibin Mathew, Assistant Professor of History, gave the welcome speech and introduced Dr. Sebastian Joseph, a noted film and environmental historian. The presidential address was given by Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant Professor of History.

Dr. Sebastian Joseph then presented the workshop on how to write history dissertations. The event provided students with new perspectives and suggestions for choosing a research topic for their Postgraduate dissertations. He advised the students to bring in new topics and explore the unattended and unexplored areas. Students also had their questions answered about how to choose a new topic, how to curate research problems, where to find research materials, and so on. The session was on fire, with both the resource person and the students constantly engaging in doubts, questions, and answers. The session was designed primarily for Postgraduate Students, who must complete their dissertations by the end of their term. The workshop drew 33 students from M A History classes. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks by Kannan. M.S, second year M A History student.

SEMINAR ON RESEARCHING FOLKLORES AND WRITING HISTORY

Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, organised the History Association's inaugural ceremony on October 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the college seminar hall. As part of the ceremony's opening, Dr. Rajesh Komath, an Associate professor in the School of Social Sciences at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, gave an invited talk. The event started with a silent prayer. Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department gave the welcome address. Dr. Rajesh Komath lit the lamp to officially launch the 2022-2023 History Association initiatives. After that, he delivered the much-awaited talk on "Researching Folklores and Writing History". The presentation introduced us to myths, stories, and folklore that transported us back in time to the lives of our forefathers. The session was a reminiscence of the good old days, which Dr. Rajesh Komath enhanced with folk songs.

Both the students and the faculties thoroughly enjoyed the session. About 96 students participated in the event. Nelbin Prakash of M.A. History performed a solo after the session which was also a folk tune. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks by History Association Secretary, Kannan. M.S.

TRIBAL VISIT

On 5th May 2023, I & II MA students and a teacher of the department visited the Kurathikudy tribal settlement. The students were excited to see Odayon Suryan Kani, the head of the Muthuvan tribes of Kurathikudy settlement. Meeting with Mr. Alampilla was also very informative for the students about life and struggles in the jungle. It actually enriched their knowledge about tribal life, culture, customs, beliefs, and practices. Students also visited Megalithic monuments like Cists in the settlement, which remain unexplored even today. ST promoter Mr. Binu explained more about the settlement and its geographical features and their life struggles in the forests.

Outcome

The students got an opportunity to visit a tribal settlement and understand their everyday life. They also got the chance to see the megalithic monuments scattered over the region.



AROGYAMELA

Arogyamela

The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu actively participated in the "Arogyamela" organized by the Health Department and Erattupetta Block Panchayat at H.R.D.T Centre, Melukavumattom. As part of this programme, our students attended the rally and raised health awareness slogans. They attended the inaugural function and health awareness classes. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. Mani C. Kappen, MLA. The classes were conducted by eminent doctors who provided awareness on the prevention of various diseases. The Mela provided information about health and family welfare programmes being carried out by the Government and various systems of medicines. Our students got the opportunity to showcase their talents in the cultural programmes. 61 students participated in the programme.



I World Environment Day Celebration- Tree Planting -08/06/2022 As part of the World Environment Day Celebration, National Service Scheme of Henry Baker College in association with the Bhoomitra Sena Club organized Tree Planting on 8th June 2022. Trees were planted in the parking area where the students' park their vehicles. Sri. Justin Jose, Coordinator of Bhoomitra Sena Club welcomed the gathering. Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S delivered the Environmental Day message to the gathering.



Nature Walk to Vanasthali-02/07/2022 A Nature Walk was organized by NSS and Bhoomitra Sena Club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu on 02.07.2022 to "Vanastali." Vanastali is situated in Malayinchippara near Poonjar in Kottayam district of Kerala. It is a man-made forest, spread across six acres of land, made by a nature lover and environmentalist Poondikulam Devasiachayan years ago. Devasiachayan's house is situated in the midst of the forest. Vanastali is really rich in biodiversity. Numerous species of herbs, shrubs, medicinal plants, huge trees and creepers can be seen here. It is home to numerous insects, birds, snakes and other small animals. Environmentalist Sri. Eby Emmanuel addressed the students and briefed the life of Devasiachayan. He familiarized different types of trees to the students. After the visit, the students explored spectacular Aruvikkachal Water falls located in Pathampuzha. 21 students participated in the programme.

Flood Relief Activities: Moonilavu Flood Relief Camp-

The NSS unit raised funds for the flood relief activities from the students and teachers and supplied food materials and other necessary items like dress materials, candle packets, sheets, floor mats, and blankets to the relief camps. As the incessant rain continued, Moonilavu Gram Panchayat opened flood relief camp at St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Valiyakumaramangalam. On 5.08.2022, the dedicated volunteers of NSS visited the camp and handed over relief materials to the refugees. Moonilavu Panchayat President Sri. Joshi Joshua, Ward Members Smt. Reena Renold and Smt. Maya Alex were present 6 students participated in the programme.





Flood Relief Activities: Cleaning of Government Ayurveda Dispensary, Moonilavu Grama Panchayat- 08.08.2022

Cleaning and disinfecting after flood is a major undertaking. The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, cleaned Government Ayurveda Dispensary, Moonilavu Gramapanchayat on 08.08.2022. Out volunteers removed the flood waters inside the hospital and washed the floor thoroughly. Floors, toilets, walls, tables, chairs and benches were thoroughly cleaned with hot soapy water and disinfected the surfaces with chlorine bleach solution. They sanitized and disinfected the vials. The volunteers' efforts to re-arrange the medicines and other articles in the hospital were commendable. 18 students participated in the programme.



The Independence Day celebrations led by the NSS Unit of Henry Baker College turned out to be a different experience to the students. The central attraction of the celebration was “Human Flag” which was formed by the students and staff of our college. 126 students volunteered to participate in the Human Flag. The students dressed up to form the tri-colour of the National Flag: white, green and saffron. The volunteers made a model of Ashoka Chakra, matching the size of the Huge Human Flag. On 12.08.2022, students congregated to form the flag and raised slogans. It was followed by a rally from the college to Melukavumattom. All the students and staff participated in the rally. A public meeting was organized at Melukavumattom. President of Melukavu Gram Panchayat Sri. Thomas C. Vadakkal inaugurated the function. Principal of the college, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S, Bursar of the college, Rev. Biju Joseph and Ward Member Smt. Dency Biju addressed the gathering. It was followed by a flash mob performed by the NSS volunteers.

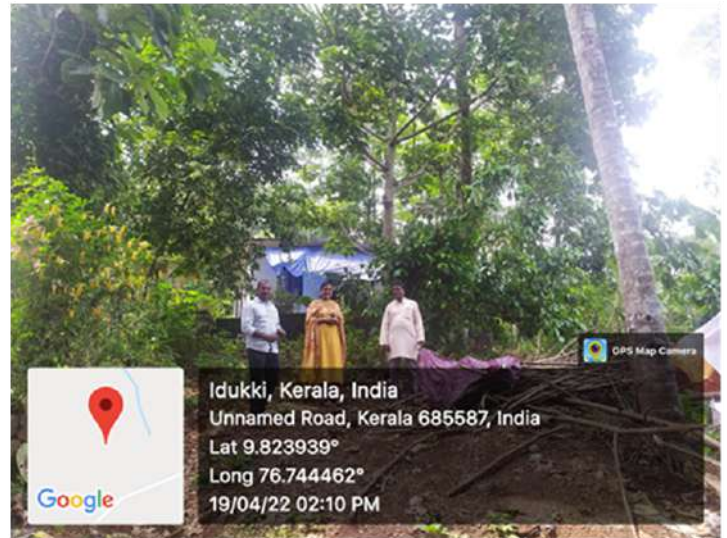


Freedom Wall

As per the instructions of Government of Kerala, Higher Education Department, Department of Collegiate Education and State National Service Scheme Cell, our NSS Unit decided to depict "Freedom Wall" in association with the Post Graduate Department of History. Higher Education Minister R. Bindu on 10.08.2022 formally inaugurated the Freedom Wall mural art project to deck up government colleges across the State to mark the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. Freedom Wall is a mural depicting project, started in the wake of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to commemorate the Indian Independence, Indian freedom fighters and other important national leaders. The project aims to raise awareness about Indian freedom fighters, forgotten heroes and contemporary figures of the country. Our eighteen talented students created a mural work on the wall of the Heritage Building depicting the milestones of country's freedom struggle, images of freedom fighters and national leaders. The following students participated in this venture.



As per the decision of Advisory committee, the NSS Unit of Henry Baker College started a project “Sahapadik Oru Kaithangu,” on 29.01.2022. The project aimed to extend helping hands to a girl student of III BA History from a poor background, to buy a house plot of 3 cents. The project was successful and our NSS unit raised an amount of Rs.1,35,000/- and handed over to the family. They bought a house plot in Muttom Gramapanchayath. On 23.08.2022 the title deed of the house plot was officially handed over to the student and her father by the Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S. The Vicar of All Saints Church Kanyamala, Rev. Geojo P. Ninan was present to bless the event. On this special occasion, he planted a sapling in the college campus in memory of his beloved brother Jawan. Jain P Nainan, martyr of Kargil War. 4 students attended the programme.





The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, in association with Melukavu Grama Panchayat, Community Health Centre, Edamaruku, Harithakarmasena and Kudumbasree Unit organised “Mazhakkala Poorva Sucheekaranam: Cleaning Programme “ Puzhanadatham” on 29.04.2023. We started cleaning the Kurishinkal river near our college. Medicines, garbage bags and gloves were provided from the health department. Our goal was to remove plastic wastes and other wastes from the river and its banks. The team walked along the river and its banks and removed the wastes. The inauguration of the programme was held at Kodithoppu at 10.30 am. Panchayat President Sri. Thomas C Vadakkal inaugurated the programme. The collected wastes were segregated and handed over to the Harithakarmasena. The programme sensitize the students that keeping rivers clean is the duty of every citizen as they are the primary source of food production.8 students participated in the programme.





The NSS unit of Henry Baker College in association with Lions Club of Aruvithura organized a Blood Donation Camp and Free Eye Test Camp in our campus on 11.01.2023. Ln. Siby Mathew Plathottam, District coordinator of Lions Club proposed the welcome note. The camp was inaugurated by Sri. Mani. C Kappen, M.L.A and rich with the presence of the Melukavu Panchayat President Sri. Thomas C. Vadakkal. Principal of our college, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Panchayat Member Sri. Anurag Pandikkattu, Panchayat Member Smt. Dency Biju and Ln. Shibu Thekkemattom were present. In the inaugural speech, Sri. Mani C. Kappen, encouraged the students to donate blood voluntarily, as blood is the vital component of the human life. Transfusing or donating blood or its components to the needy persons can be considered as a humanitarian deed. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S congratulated the NSS unit for taking initiative to organize Blood Donation Camp and Eye Test Camp. 37 students donated blood. Along with the blood donation camp, a free eye check-up camp was also conducted by the medical experts of Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly which was extremely beneficial for several people in and around Kottayam district. 158 people registered for the eye checkup. They were examined and treated by the experienced medical care professionals. Medicines and spectacles were also provided to the needy. Cataract surgeries of two patients were performed and the hospital met the expense of their surgeries and medicines without leaving any burden on their shoulders.



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Activities of the Women's Cell-Avnikaaand Cultural Club-Noopuradwanifor the academic year 2022-23were inaugurated by the Principal Dr.Gireesh Kumar G.S. on 22/8/2022. The inaugural function was invoked with a silent prayer. In the inaugural address, the Principal insisted on the need to honourwomen and appreciate their skills. Mrs.Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator,Women's Cell welcomed the gathering.There was a cultural fiesta by the students with a variety of entertainment including solo, fusion dance and folk songs. Our dancers and singers performed merrily on stage. It was a scintillating performance that mesmerized the spectators.

Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav-75th Independence Day Celebrations and Competitions were also held on the same day.Cultural club-Noopuradwani in association with Avnika coordinated inter-departmental competitions such as Mime, Patriotic Song and Tableau. Students participated with great vigour and enthusiasm.KumariKarthika Das, Student Coordinator,Women's cell proposed the vote of thanks.



. Malala Day Observance

Objective-To honour the young Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai and her contributions that promoted women and girl education.

Avnika commemorated Malala Day, the birthday of Malala Yousafzai, renowned Pakistani female education activist and 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate on 13/7/2022. A documentary presentation was arranged in order to honour the young activist. Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator, Women's Cell welcomed the gathering. Dr. G.S. Gireesh Kumar delivered the inaugural address. He focused on the fact that women should be well aware and conscious of their rights and duties and clearly understand the threats and issues surrounding them.

Outcome-Students, especially girls were aware of the importance of being educated. Students felt optimistic after hearing the inspirational speech of Malala Yousafzai.



Onam Celebrations



INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILDDAY CELEBRATIONS PENCIL DRAWING COMPETITION

To bring out the creative expression, artistic skills and also to gauge their awareness quotient. Principal, Dr. G.S Gireesh Kumar delivered the inaugural address and handed over the drawing papers to the students. The programme started at around 1.30 pm. Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S inaugurated the function and Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator, women's Cell welcomed the gathering. The competition was held in order to develop the creative minds of the students. 10 students participated in the event. The themes given were Women Safety and Empowerment, Atrocities against Women etc. It was a successful event. The participants actively participated and wondrously showcased their creative talents.



IMPRINTS

On 14/10/2022, the cell organised Imprints-Hand imprint collection, an anti-drug awareness programme. Principal Dr. G.S. Gireesh Kumar inaugurated the function by fixing his hand imprint and signature on the cloth board. Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator, Women's Cell welcomed the gathering. Students and teachers enthusiastically participated in the event and pledged solidarity to the anti-narcotics drive by fixing their hand imprints on a huge cloth board. Hand imprints and signatures were collected to raise awareness against drug addiction and related issues. Dr. Jncy Devasa, Convenor, Anti-Narcotics Cell proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was colourful and thought-provoking as the motto was Say No To Drugs.



Avnika celebrated Keralapiravi on November 1, 2022 with great zeal and enthusiasm. The programme was inaugurated by Principal, Dr.G.S.Gireesh Kumar. Mrs.Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator, Women's Cell delivered the welcome speech. As part of the celebrations, Avnika, Noopuradwani and Malayalamamajamorganised Malayali Manka, Kerala Sreeman and Uthama Malayali competitions in order to nurture and preserve the language, art and culture of Kerala. Students took part in these with vigour and interest. Celebrating the festivity, majority of the Staff and students wore traditional attire.



Gender Justice Forum and Women's Cell in association with the Women and Child Welfare Department, Erattupetta organised a Talk show on the prevention of atrocities against women on 1/12/2022. The event began around 10.30am where students from various departments and faculty members gathered as audience. Principal Dr.Gireesh Kumar G.S inaugurated the event. Dr Beena Paul, Convenor, Gender Justice Forum welcomed the gathering. Mrs.Savitha Sasi, ICDS Supervisor delivered the Keynote address.

There were a total of 20 participants, from different departments. The participants were already given the topic. The students raised their voice in solidarity to end violence against women and girls. It emphasized the need for action to liberate women from factors that hinder their progress, dignity and empowerment. It was a hot discussion. Ms.Anjana Aby of History Department acted as the moderator. Based on the premise that everyone is equal, the moderator highlighted the need to switch from the stereotypical notions of womanhood. She focused on various aspects of inequality faced by women. The students shared their personal experiences and pointed out the necessity of creating an inclusive world through the removal of gender bias and inequality. They spoke poignantly about the gender discriminations and persisting challenges faced by women in our society. Unseen, Unheard violence and abuses against women must be stopped. The talk show was concluded sensitizing all the young minds who are destined to make gender equality a reality. It urged the need for eradicating the gender disparities and setting up an inclusive world without any discriminations. It was a highly stimulating talk with different views and opinions on their respective motions. The speakers were full of energy and enthusiasm which kept the audience enthralled till the end.

The show emphasized the need to protest against all sorts of abuses against women. The event aimed at exposing students to debating skills. It also aimed at providing a platform where our students can come forward and speak fearlessly. Participation Certificates were awarded to all. It was a wonderfully coordinated event. Mrs.Celina Joseph, Counsellor proposed the vote of thanks.



International Women's Day was celebrated with much pomp and vigor on 8th March 2023. The programme titled Shukriya aimed at recognizing and honouring the significance, status and dignity of women in various fields. The programme started with seeking the blessings of God. Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator, Women's Cell extended a cordial welcome to the gathering. Principal, Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar addressed the gathering and encouraged all women to keep excelling consistently. He shared his opinion that achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls is very significant as it ensures an inclusive and quality education for all. Girl students and women staff wore purple coloured outfits which was the colour code selected for the year 2022. After the inaugural session we honoured all the women staff of our institution. We saluted their relentless efforts in all walks of life.



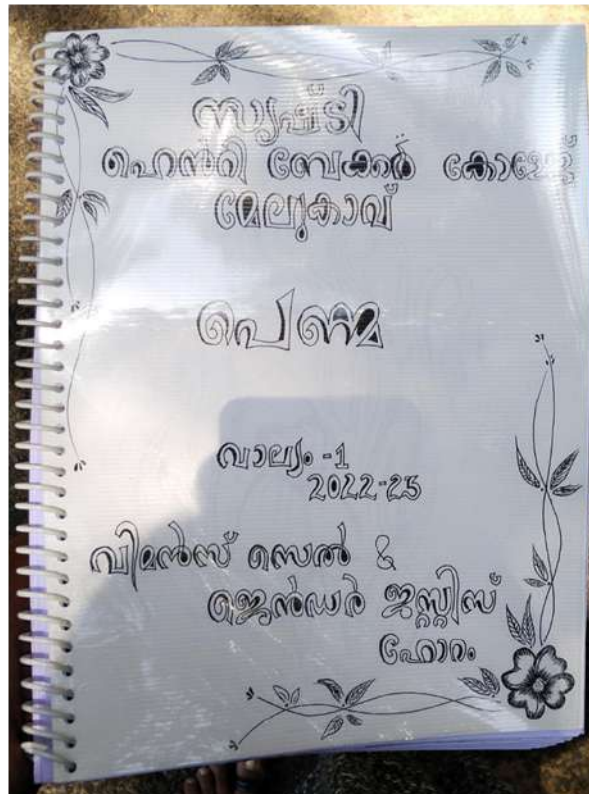
To provide awareness to girl students on various health issues related to anaemia.

Women's Cell and Gender Justice Forum in association with CHC Edamarukorganised an awareness talk on health and hygiene on 20/3/2023. A free haemoglobincheckup was also arranged along with that.It was exclusively for the girl students and women faculty of the institution. The programme started at 10.15 am with the introductory remarks of the Principal.Dr.Beena Paul,Convenor,Gender Justice Forum welcomed the gathering. Dr.Sarala A.C, Medical Officer,CHC Edamaruk gave a talk on Anaemia and its after effects.Her talk emphasised the need for blood check up and maintaining a healthy life.She also provided valuable insights on how to maintain normal HB level.Mrs.Elizabeth Joseph,Coordinator,Women's Cell proposed the vote of thanks.

After the formal function there was a spot registration in which the names and addresses of girl students were registered.The students from various departments were asked to queue up for the checkup. The nursingstaffunder the leadership of Dr.Saralalexamined the HB level of the girls and explained whether they are healthy or not. A total of 12 students were identified as having low HB level and they were advised to take certain food items that increase the HB level. They were also referred to the health centre or other medical centres for further need. Thus an effective follow up was done for the anaemic persons.The free HB check up camp was a great success.



Women's Cell and Gender Justice Forum jointly took initiative on publishing a manuscript magazine titled Srishti.Volume 1 was entitled as Penma.The magazine reflected the artistic flair and creativity of the students.It included drawings,paintings,essays,quotes,short stories and poems related to the topic Women.Students wholeheartedly took efforts in publishing the magazine.The first edition of magazine was released on 31/3/2023 by Principal Dr.G.SGreesh Kumar.Mrs.Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator,Women's Cell welcomed the gathering. The Principal released the magazine by handing over it to Karthika Das, Student Coordinator,Women's Cell.The principal praised and congratulated the magazine committee for the efforts taken in bringing out the magazine.



CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL

On the 7th of December 2022, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Career Guidance & Placement Cell of Henry Baker College Melukavu collaborated with the Leo Club of Travancore Royals and Lions Club International District 318 B to conduct a transformative 'Youth Empowerment Program.' The event commenced with a warm welcome by Sri. Siby Mathew, Lions Club District Secretary, and inaugurated by Dr. Sunny V. Zacria, the Lions Club District Governor. In his presidential address, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., College Principal, highlighted the pivotal role of youth in shaping the nation's future. Mr. Georgekutty Augusthy, Chairman of Kinfra Film and Video Park, Thiruvananthapuram, led an engaging motivational session centered on 'Youth: You are the Message and Messenger of the New World.' During this session, he enlightened students about the vital competencies of a healthy youth, including a positive self-image, self-control, and decision-making skills. He also shared his personal experiences and insights.



SIX-DAY EMPLOYABILITY SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR GIRLS



In collaboration with Mahindra Pride Classroom Naandi, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell, and IQAC of Henry Baker College conducted a comprehensive six-day employability skills training program for girls from the 13th of February 2023 to the 18th of February 2023. The inaugural session of this enlightening program took place in the Seminar Hall on February 13, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Jibin Mathew, the coordinator for the Placement Cell and Career Counseling, extended a warm welcome to all attendees. Dr. G.S. Gireeshkumar, College Principal, presided over the meeting and delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the paramount importance of next-generation skills for students. The meeting was further enriched by insights from Dr. Disha VJ, the NAAC Coordinator. Ms. Feba Binu, the Mahindra Pride Classroom trainer, outlined the program's objectives for the six-day training. Kum. Shemi Paul, the assistant coordinator of the Career Guidance and Placement Cell, expressed gratitude with a vote of thanks.

TRAINING ON EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SPEAKING

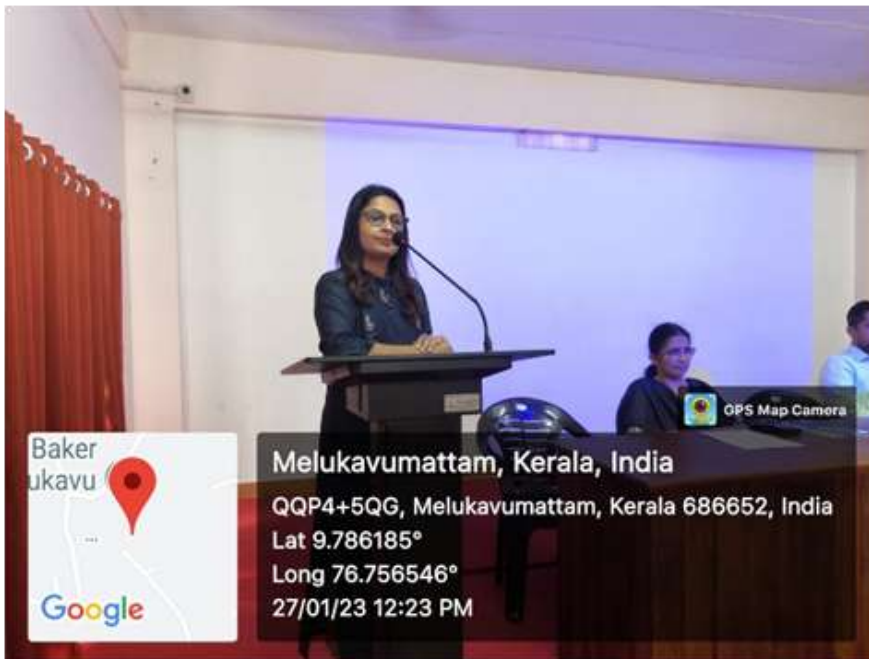
In collaboration with JCI Plassanal, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell and the Post-graduate Department of History organized a one-day workshop titled 'Training on Effective Public Speaking' on the 4th of March 2023. The workshop, held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., took place at the seminar hall. Dr. Jibin Mathew, the coordinator of the Career Guidance and Placement Cell, extended a warm welcome to all participants. Dr. Nisha Joseph, IQAC Coordinator, presided over the event, underlining the importance of public speaking skills among students. Jc. Simi Peter, President of JCI Plassanal, emphasized this significance in her presidential address. The workshop's resource person, Jc. Jino M Scaria, then addressed the gathering, sharing valuable insights. Shemi Paul expressed gratitude with a vote of thanks after the official meeting concluded.



STUDY & SETTLEMENT OPTION WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCY ABROAD

In collaboration with FLYWORLD Australia Migration and Educational Services, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell organized a one-day seminar titled 'Study & Settlement Options with Permanent Residency Abroad' on the 27th of January 2023. The seminar was held from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm in the seminar hall. Dr. Jibin Mathew, the coordinator of the Career Guidance and Placement Cell, welcomed all participants to the seminar. Dr. Beena Paul, the Principal in Charge, presided over the event. Ms. Anitha Cherian, HR Manager at Flyworld, led the seminar, providing comprehensive insights into IELTS and the essential steps for pursuing the migration process to Australia. Shemi Paul extended her gratitude with a vote of thanks at the conclusion of the seminar.

The positive outcome of this seminar was that students gained valuable knowledge about IELTS and the various permanent residency options available in Australia. This information equips them with important insights into potential opportunities for higher education and settlement abroad.



World Wildlife Day

The Bhoomithrasena club of Henry Baker College celebrated World Wildlife Day on March 3rd 2023, a dedicated occasion to celebrate the diverse and captivating forms of wild fauna while also fostering awareness about their conservation. The theme chosen for 2023 World Wildlife Day was "Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation," an acknowledgment of the individuals and groups actively contributing to positive change. In an honor of World Wildlife Day, a Bird Feeder for Birds was thoughtfully installed within the premises of the Henry Baker College campus as a tribute to the day and its essence of wildlife preservation. Furthermore, recognizing the pressing need for clean sources of water amidst the rising temperatures, the Bhoomithrasena Club took a proactive step during the summer of 2023. They facilitated the placement of Water Pots across the College campus, understanding the scarcity of hydration resources. This thoughtful initiative effectively aids in preventing dehydration among birds during extreme heat, showcasing a powerful testament to the concept of coexistence.

BHOOMITHRASENA CLUB

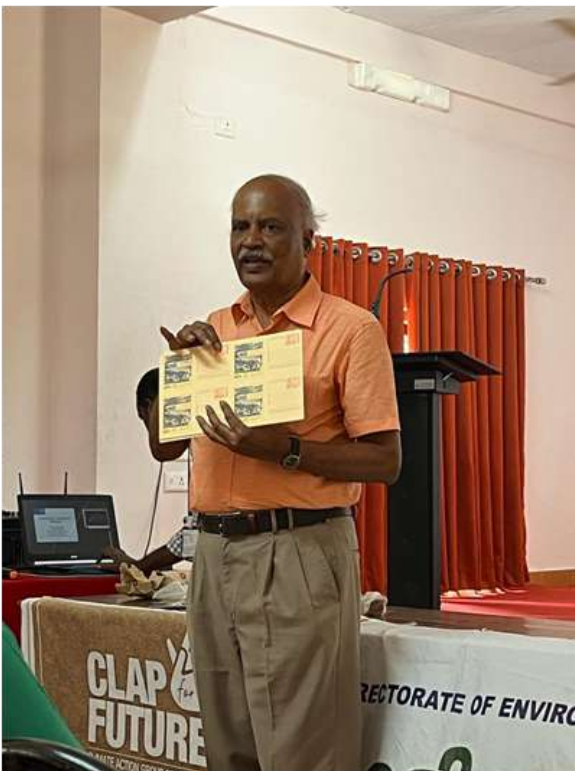




Seminar on “Climate Crisis and Remedies” and Distribution of Rain Gauge

On the 14th of March 2023, in a collaborative effort, the Meenachil Nadi Samrakshana Samithi joined hands with the Bhoomithrasena Club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, to establish a Climate Action Group. The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr. Beena Paul, Principal-in-Charge, who presided over the event. Dr. Ramesh Kumar M.R, Chief Scientist at CSIR's National Institute of Oceanography, inaugurated the activities of the Climate Action Group and delivered a lecture on the theme "Climate Crisis and Remedies."

As an integral part of the Climate Change Seminar organized by the Bhoomithra Sena Club, Dr. Ramesh Kumar M.R, a Chief Scientist who has retired from CSIR's National Institute of Oceanography, presented an insightful address on various aspects of climate change. Dr. Ramesh Kumar highlighted the commendable contributions of local communities, particularly emphasizing the efforts of the Meenachil River Rain Monitoring Network in battling the climate crisis.



As an integral part of the Meenachil River Rain Monitoring Network's activities, rain gauges were thoughtfully distributed among the CLAP members of the Bhoomithrasena Club, residing across the 13 wards of Melukavu Panchayat to measure the rainfall. The dedicated volunteers regularly record precipitation patterns and update their findings through the Climate Action Group's official WhatsApp channel thereby contributing to a comprehensive understanding of local climatic changes. Furthermore, this initiative serves to cultivate a sense of shared responsibility in addressing climate change and working towards a sustainable future.



The event was graced by the presence of Dr. S. Ramachandran, President of Meenachil Nadi Samrakshana Samithi, Sri. Eby Emmanuel, Coordinator of Meenachil River Rain Monitoring Network, Sri Justin Jose, Teacher Coordinator of Bhoomithra Sena Club, and Sri. Amal Joseph, Student Coordinator of the Bhoomithra Sena Club. The seminar was organized with the intention of involving students and faculty from diverse disciplines, fostering a holistic approach to the urgent matter of climate change.



The objective of the Malayala Samajam is to plan and implement various programmes in such a way that students feel proud of their mother tongue. This year commencing with the KERALAPPIRAVI celebration, the Malaylasamajam collaborated with the Cultural Club and Women's Cell to mark the 66th anniversary of Keralappiravi. The commemoration took place on November 1, 2022, right in front of the Heritage Building. This year's celebration encompassed a trio of events, orchestrated through the joint efforts of the Women's Cell, Cultural Club, and Malayala Samajam.

Jigyasa: Heritage Quiz

“Jigyasa: Heritage Quiz”- an intra-collegiate quiz competition was conducted by the Quiz Club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu as part of the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav Celebrations on 10th August 2022. The quiz focused on India's struggle for independence and our national heroes hosted by the Department of Public Enterprises, Govt. of India in the 75th year of independence. Students have wholeheartedly attempted the quiz and many of them won online generated certificates of merit.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE



Voter Registration Drive

The Electoral Literacy Club, in collaboration with the Electoral Literacy Club of Kottayam, organized a significant event aimed at promoting electoral awareness and encouraging voter enrollment. The voter registration drive, held on 06/12/2022 at 2.45 PM in the Seminar Hall, had a successful turnout of over 30 students.



Sradha: Anti Drug Committee

As part of the Anti- Drug Awareness Campaign, a committee named “Sradha” was formed in the hostel on 25th October 2022 to create awareness among the students against drug abuse. Peer policing among the hostel inmates and reporting of any noticed case of drug abuse to the authorities are the responsibilities of the committee members.



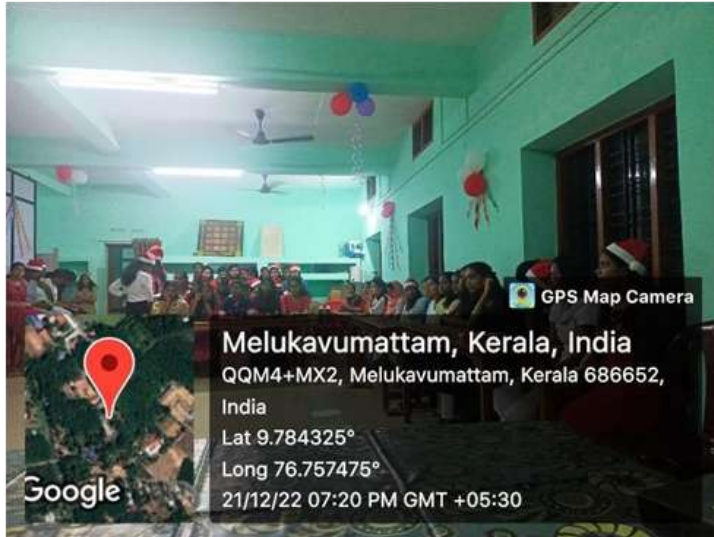
Onam Celebration

The auspicious rice harvest festival of Kerala, Onam was celebrated on 1st September 2022 in the HBC hostel. The students set up a pookkalam in front of the hostel, to welcome the homecoming of mythical King Mahabali and they actively participated in several games as part of the celebration. Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S delivered the Onam message. At the end of the celebration, the traditional feast 'Onam Sadhya' was served.



Christmas Carol Service and Celebrations:

A Christmas Carol service was held on 21st December 2022. Rev. Roy P Thomas, the vicar of St. Luke's CSIS Church in Caleyland, delivered the Christmas message as the chief guest. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, Dr. Ansa Andrews, and Smt. Jayamol Rajamani were present at the service. In a blessed way, the Hostel choir led the Carol Service.



Code of Conduct – Orientation Programme

In the 2022-23 academic year, the first-year classes for undergraduate and postgraduate students commenced on September 12, 2022, with an orientation programme held at the college auditorium at 10 am.. Rev. Biju Joseph, College Bursar, initiated the event with an opening prayer. Dr. Nisha Joseph, the IQAC coordinator, extended a warm welcome to the attendees. Dr. Gireeshkumar G. S., the Principal of the college, provided an overview of the institution, including rules, regulations, and the code of conduct expected from students. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of parental support as their children embarked on a new chapter in their lives. The Principal also underscored the need for students to steer clear of societal issues, such as drug usage. The programme was enriched with insights from various faculty members, including Dr. Beena Paul from the Department of History, Sri. Justin Jose from the Department of Commerce, Dr. Ansa Andrews from the Department of English, Sri. Anish Thanikkal from the Department of Tourism, and Manu Soman from the Department of Commerce (self-financing). They shared valuable information about their respective departments, academic programmes and notable achievements. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Sri. Justin Jose.



NATURE CLUB

The nature club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu conducted a cleaning programme on 5th January 2023. In the programme, the volunteers of the Nature Club collected all the plastic waste littered in and around the campus, especially in the parking area, play ground, front yard and along the stream that flows beside the playground. The student coordinators of Nature Club Ms. PoojaVenu and Mr.Yugin Edmund coordinated the programme. The collected trash was handed over to the HarithakarmaSena of MelukavuPanchayath. Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S. appreciated the effort undertaken by the volunteers after the programme.



SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN (HASTAAKSHARABHIYAN)



The Department of Hindi organized a Signature Campaign (HastaaksharAbhiyan) on celebrating HINDI DIWAS to mark the need, uses, importance, and virtue of our Rashtra Bhasha.

Students from various departments participated in the campaign by writing their names in Hindi and signing. Faculty from various departments, including Dr.Beena Paul (Head of the Department of History), Dr.Soumya Paul (Malayalam Department), Mrs.Elizabeth, Mr.Paul Mathew (English Department), Mr. Aneesh, Ms Reni (Tourism Department), and Mrs Lakshmi S (History Department), participated.

A total of nearly 44 people, including employees and students, took part in the programme. After the campaign was over, we were left with the impression that Rashtrabhasha deserves our honest love and respect.

INNOVICS- ED CLUB EXHIBITION

Entrepreneurship Development club of the college, under the coordination of Sri. Shinu Thomas P and Smt. Ashly Mareena Mathew, joined forces with other departments to orchestrate an exhibition—"INNOVICS", held at the Bishop Michael John Memorial Hall & Campus on March 2nd, 2023. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., the College Principal, inaugurated the event, and Mrs. Betty Sebastian, branch manager of SBI Melukavu, delivered the keynote address. INNOVICS showcased diverse business concepts, encompassing low-cost ideas, homemade products, culinary offerings, handicrafts, and innovative creations from the Department of Physics. Additionally, it featured an Old Tea Shop, invoking nostalgia for the traditional tea shops of Kerala. Students exhibited their products like, LED Bulbs, soaps, pickles, and handicrafts. Stalls for the sale of food items were also arranged as part of Innovics.



Research Methodology Workshop

A workshop on Research Methodology was conducted on 23 August 2022 at the Seminar Hall for the Final Year B. A. English students to equip them with the mode of research and the format for writing the Project which is part of the syllabus. Dr. Eldhose C. Y., Assistant Professor, Department of English, Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam was the Resource Person. The Head of the Department of English welcomed the chief guest and the gathering. Sri Paul Mathews Assistant Professor, Dept of English introduced the Resource Person. College Principal, Dr. G. S. Gireeshkumar delivered the presidential address. Dr Eldhose C. Y. spoke on the various aspects of research. Dr. Ansa Andrews proposed the vote of thanks. Sri. Paul Mathews was the teacher in charge of the workshop



Art Exhibition: Alchemy of Colours

An exhibition of artifacts including paintings, pencil sketches, coins and stamps, entitled “Alchemy of Colours” was held in the Heritage Building on 20th March 2023. These were all contributions of the students of B. A. English programme. The Principal, Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S. inaugurated the programme. Paintings, pencil sketches and other art objects made by the following students of the First, Second and Final Year students of B. A. English were displayed in the exhibition. Dr. Ansa Andrews and Sri. Paul Mathews were the teachers in charge of the exhibition.





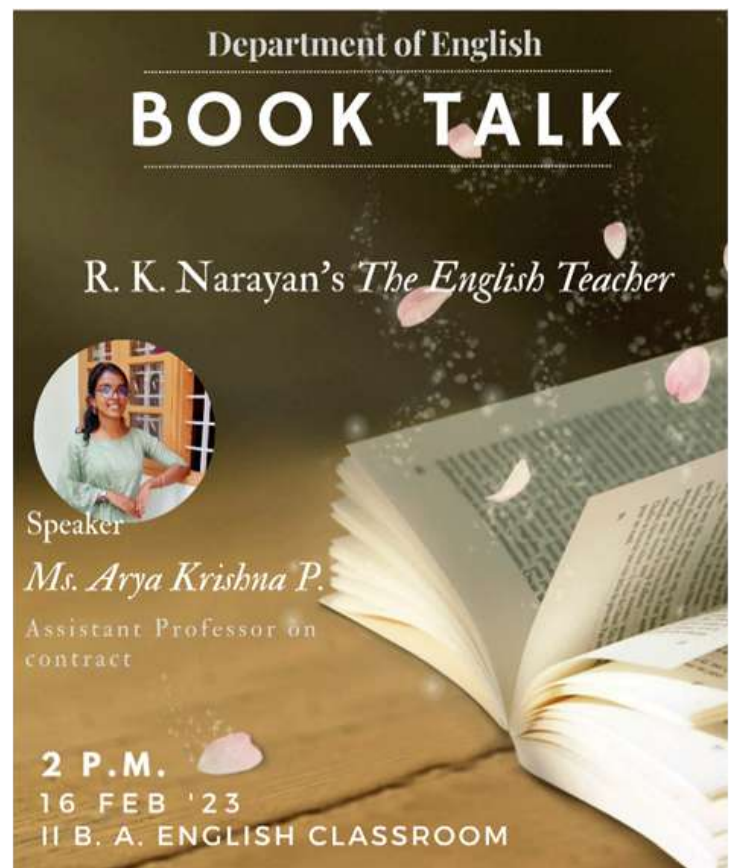
Extension Programme: English Language Skill Enhancement for High School Students

As part of community extension, the Dept of English organised a programme, English Language Skill Enhancement for High School Students for the students of M. D. C. M. S High School, Erumapramattom. Thirty-nine students of Standard VIII and IX participated in the programme. Students of the Department of English took classes under the supervision of Dr. Ansa Andrews and Sri Paul Mathews.



Book Talk

Miss. Arya Krishna P, Assistant professor on Contract, Dept. of English made a PowerPoint presentation on R. K. Narayan’s famous novel “The English Teacher”. She dealt at length with the vicissitudes in the life of Krishna, the English lecturer at Albert Mission college, as portrayed by Narayan’s inimitable style. The presentation was followed by a discussion when the students raised their questions and shared their views on the novel. After the book talk the short film “OruManushyan” was screened. The screening was followed by a brief discussion of the film. Sri. Paul Mathews was the faculty in charge of the programme



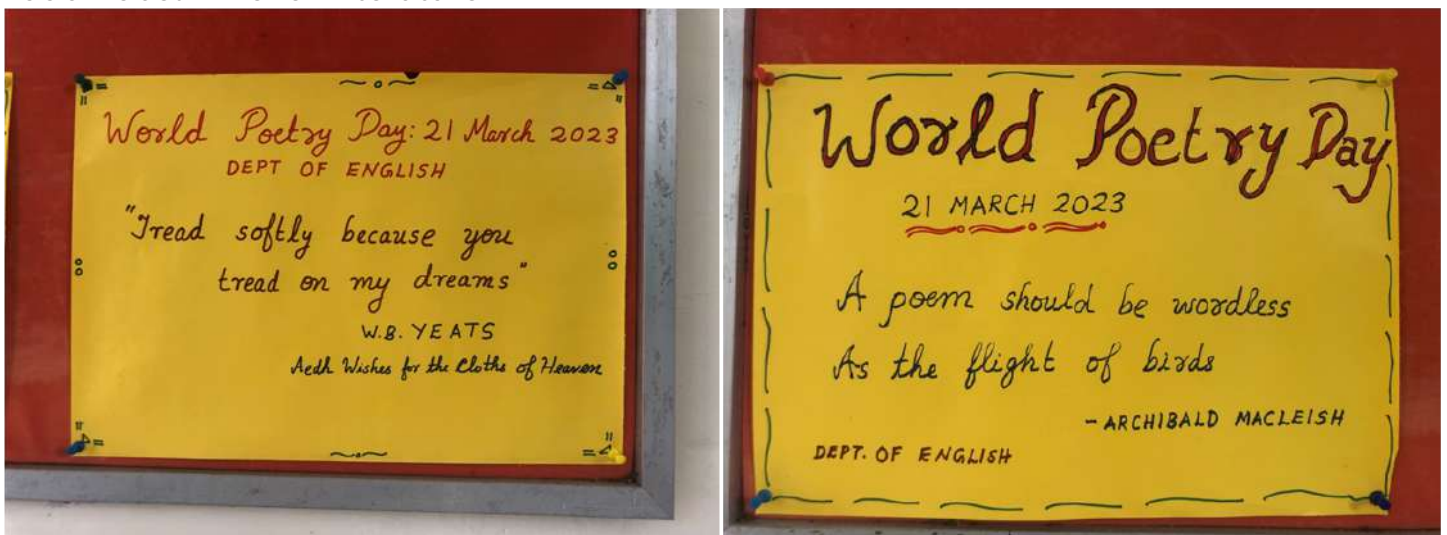
Poster Designing

Department of English organised poster making for the students. Students of B.A English prepared posters on the literary luminaries, displaying their works and achievements. Students who were interested in poster designing were selected by the teacher in charge, Smt.Elizabeth Joseph. Students from the IInd and IIIrd B.A earnestly participated in this activity.



World Poetry Day

World Poetry Day was celebrated on March 21st, 2022. Posters displaying lines of exquisite poetic beauty were put up on the department NCHRONICLE 2022-23 otice Board. These included quotes from the poems of the Irish maestro and Nobel Laureate W. B. Yeats, Nineteenth Century American Poet Emily Dickinson, Twentieth Century Modernist poet Archibald MacLeish and Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska, recipient of the 1996 Nobel Prize for Literature.



RED CROSS

To kickstart the activities of Red Cross, an inauguration meeting and anti-drug awareness programme was convened in Kottayam on 21 December 2023 in association with the Red Cross Society. Dr. Beena Paul, YRC Director of the college, welcomed the gathering, presided over by the Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S and inaugurated by Smt. Nirmala Jimmy, President, District Panchayth, Kottayam. All the students of the college attended the meeting. The programme was insightful and inspiring. Many students came forward to join YRC after the meeting.



Visit to Visrandhi Nilayam

YRC members visited Visrandhi Nilayam, an old age home near the college on 31st March 2023. Dr. Beena Paul, Sri. Justin Jose and 20 students visited the old age home. YRC members interacted with the inmates and they contributed a "Foldable Walker" to the old age home. The visit helped the students to understand the need for empathy towards old aged people.

REV. HENRY BAKER (JR.) MEMORIAL LECTURE

Reverend Henry Baker Jr., often referred to as the "Apostle of Hills," illuminated the path of knowledge in the picturesque Western Ghats of Kottayam and Idukki districts. In reverence to his legacy, the college family annually commemorates his service through the Rev. Henry Baker (Jr.) Memorial Lecture.

In the academic year 2022-23, we had the privilege of hosting Father Bobby Jose Kattikad, a distinguished author, writer, and publisher, as the speaker for this prestigious event. On the morning of December 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the programme commenced with guests paying their respects to Reverend Henry Baker Jr. in the Kirby Garden. Dr. Soumya Paul, our Staff Secretary and Programme Coordinator, extended warm greetings to the dignitaries and audience. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., the Principal of Henry Baker College, delivered a succinct overview of our institution's illustrious history in his presidential address. Following the Principal's message, Father Bobby Jose Kattikad, a Roman Catholic priest from the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in India, took the stage to deliver the eagerly awaited memorial lecture. During his address, Father Kattikad emphasized the importance of nurturing love, respect, and optimism in the lives of students. Father Kattikad's lecture was not only enlightening for students but also deeply spiritual.

The event continued with Rev. Roy P. Thomas, Vicar of St. Luke's CSI Church Caley Land, and Dr. Nisha Joseph, IQAC Coordinator, delivered felicitations after the memorial lecture. The programme culminated with a heartfelt vote of thanks extended by Dr. Beena Paul, the Head of the Department of History.



INAUGURATION OF COMMERCE ASSOCIATION AND INVITED LECTURE ON GOODS AND SERVICE TAX

Inauguration ceremony of various programmes offered by the Commerce Association was held on 14th October 2022 at 2:00 PM in the College Seminar Hall. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S officially inaugurated the programme. Sri. Siraj A, Deputy Commissioner of the State GST Department gave a lecture to the students on “Fundamentals of GST”. The programme enhanced the students an on gaining knowledge about various aspects of GST. Overall, the programme was successful with the active participation of students and teachers of the Department of Commerce.

**WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

A workshop on Research Methodology was organized by the Department of Commerce to facilitate the academic requirements of the Post-Graduate and Degree student community of the department. The workshop was held on 15th December 2022 at the College Seminar Hall. Dr. Raju V.P., Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha was the Resource Person. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S., Principal of the College. Sri Shinu Thomas P, Head of the Department of Commerce, delivered the welcome speech and introduced the workshop to the audience. Vote of Thanks was given by Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, workshop Co-Ordinator. Overall, the workshop provided an excellent opportunity for participants to enhance their research skills and stay up-to-date with the latest research methodologies.





The Excellence Day 2023 took place on March 21, 2023, at 10:00 am in the college auditorium. It was a remarkable event dedicated to honoring the outstanding achievements of both students and faculty during the academic year 2021-22. Excellence Day 2023 is of special significance as we celebrated four university rank holders, students who secured the second prize in M G University Kalolsavam, a third prize in wrestling at the university level, and the Best NSS volunteer of M G University. Additionally, the short film 'Voter's Ink' created by third-year B Voc. students, received the third prize at the state level and the first prize at the District level competition held by the Election Commission.

Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, the Principal, provided an insightful overview of the annual report, highlighting the academic accomplishments, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of both students and faculty for the academic year 2021-22. He extended his heartfelt congratulations to the students who brought glory to the college.

The esteemed College Manager, Bishop Rt. Rev. V. S. Francis, presided over the programme. In his presidential address, Bishop Francis recognized the University Rank holders and special achievers. The guest of honor for the day was Sri. K G Simon IPS, a retired Superintendent of Police renowned for his exceptional service. In his motivational speech, he shared stories of the various crises and incidents he faced as a police officer, emphasizing the importance of goal setting and hard work as the keys to success. Sri. K G Simon IPS also had the honor of distributing scholarships and mementos to rank holders, toppers, and special achievers. Special awards were bestowed upon faculty members for their excellence in academics and other achievements.

This occasion held a special significance as we honored two retired faculty members who had not received a farewell due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Smt. Ajitha V R, Associate Professor in Hindi, retired on April 30, 2020 and Sri. George Joseph K., Library Assistant, who retired on May 31, 2021, were the luminaries. In recognition of their dedication and commitment to the institution, they were presented with mementos by the honorable Bishop and adorned with ponnada. Smt. Ajitha V R, Sri. George Joseph K., and Anandu S., I Rank holder, B Voc Tourism and Hospitality Management, delivered heartfelt reply speeches. The programme was further enhanced by the felicitation by Sri. Sunny Mathew, Vice President of PTA. The day concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Sri. Justin Jose, Treasurer of PTA.

NATURE WALK

As part of the environment day celebration, an awareness programme was conducted on 7th June 2022 with the theme “Living in harmony with nature – Only One Earth” for the different schools in Melukavu and Mechal. The college principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S flagged off the event and delivered a message on the importance of a Sustainable Future. Plant saplings were planted at CMS High School, Mechal and Govt. School Mechal. Mr. Anish Thanikkal, HOD of Tourism took an awareness class for the students.



GRADUATION CEREMONY



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The graduation ceremony of both the 2018 and 2019 batches was organized on 21st October 2022 with the blessings of Rt. Rev. V S Francis, CSI East Kerala Diocese. The chief guest of the ceremony was Prof. Dr. Robinet Jacob, Dean and Associate Professor, School of Tourism Studies, MG University Kottayam. Mr. Anish Thanikkal, HOD of Tourism welcomed the gathering. The college Bursar Rev. Biju Joseph, Treasurer Rev. P C Mathukutty also showered their blessings with their presence.

KSRTC TOUR PACKAGE

The third year students of B.Voc Tourism took a KSRTC tour package on 12th November 2022 to Ayappancoil as part of their curriculum for destination visit. The objective of the visit was to study about the geographical structure and to analyse the experience of tour packaging.



DESTINATION VISIT – MUNROE ISLAND

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As part of the curriculum, the destination visit for the first year students was arranged on 18th November 2022 to Munroe Island. 10 students and 2 faculties were present. The objectives of the visit were to examine the geographical status of the region and to analyse the tourism factors and the growth of the place.



MINI MARATHON

A mini marathon was organized by the department on November 30th, 2022 with the theme 'Hate Drugs, Love Sports' for a better future and better health. The marathon started from Erattupetta and ended at HBC Campus. The college Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S flagged off the event and Mr. Anurag Pandikkattu, Member of Melukavu Panchayat, delivered the words of felicitation



TOURISM FEST – PIONERO 2K23

The tourism fest PIONERO 2K23 was organized by the staffs and students of the department on 6, 7, 8 January 2023. The fest was inaugurated by Mr. Binu Kuriakose, CEO of Kerala Adventure Tourism. The College Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, presided over the meeting, and Mr. Anurag Pandikkattu, member of Melukavu Panchayat, felicitated the event. Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha and Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor bagged the first and second place respectively.



The official inauguration of the Debate Club of Henry Baker College was conducted on 17.10.2022 at the Seminar Hall. Dr. Girish Kumar G. S., the honorable Principal of the college was the president of this program. The coordinator of the club Dr. Soumya Paul and assistant coordinators Mr. Jayakumar and Mrs. Mithy K.M. have participated in the program. The future activities of the Debate Club had been discussed in the said program. Around 40 students and teachers participated.



"ARE THE YOUTH THE CARRIERS OF DRUGS"?

A debate competition was conducted on 27.10.2022 at 1.15pm under the auspices of Debate Club in the Seminar Hall of Henry Baker College. The topic was "Are the youth the carriers of drugs"? Mr. Korah Jacob of Economics Department, Dr. Nisha Joseph of History Department and Mr. Paul Mathews of English Department were the judges. Among the 9 teams participated, Ryan Joseph (III B. Com, Computer Application) and Jeeno John (I B. Com Finance & Taxation) bagged the first prize and Hiba Fatima & Sneha Justine of I BA English, won the second prize.

The program could inculcate a spirit to speak up on the given issue and the students participated very enthusiastically.



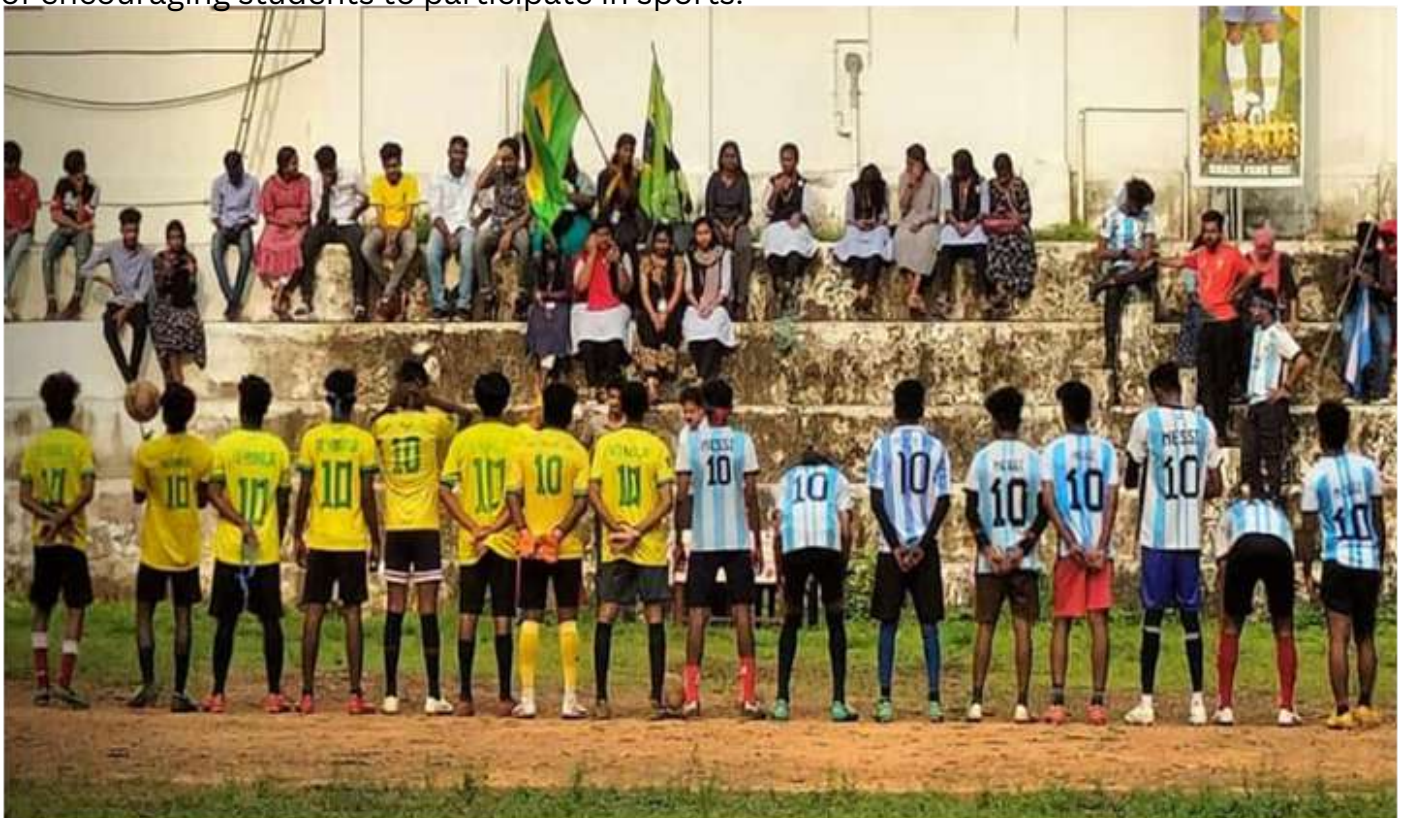
One Minute Challenge for Boys and Girls- STAND AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

The department began this academic year with a physical activity, one-minute challenge on October 31st, 2022, with pushup challenges for boys and rope skipping challenges for girls. The program was intended to encourage the students to stay away from drugs and other unhealthy addictions. The principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, inaugurated the program and shared the importance of physical activities while accepting the challenge by doing one minute of pushups to spread the spirit among students to stand against drugs.



. FIFA World Cup Fan Fest - LUFTER ZUREST 2K22

On November 25, 2022, the Department of Physical Education hosted the FIFA World Cup Fan Festival-Lufter Zurest, which included a show match between Argentina and Brazil with our students wearing the appropriate national jerseys to encourage the campus's football craze. . A prediction box for the FIFA World Cup final was set up in front of the audience. The program was launched by the principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, with the goal of encouraging students to participate in sports.





. Inter - Department Chess Tournament

On December 8, 2022, the Department of Physical Education hosted an inter-departmental chess tournament. The principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, inaugurated the inter-department chess tournament. Of the sixteen students from various departments, six were selected to participate in the MG University South Zone Inter-Collegiate Chess Tournament.



MG University South Zone Chess Championship

The MG University South Zone Inter-Collegiate Chess Tournament was organized by the Department of Physical Education on December 9, 2022, at the college auditorium. The principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, inaugurated the intercollegiate chess championship. A total of fourteen colleges from the MG University South Zone participated in the tournament. The tournament was overseen by International Chess Arbiter Jismon Mathew, an alumnus of our college, whom we honored at the time. Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta won the top spot in the chess championship.



MG University Inter-Collegiate Sports Participation

The Department of Physical Education provided opportunities for the students to participate in extramural activities. The students participated in the MG University Inter-Collegiate Football Competition, wrestling competition and chess competition held at St. Thomas College Pala, CMS College Kottayam and Henry Baker College Melukavu respectively. Vinil Raj and Vijay P. Biju, both of Commerce, secured second place in the MG University Inter-Collegiate wrestling competition. The chess team secured the 5th position.



CHESS TEAM SECURED THE 5TH POSITION IN THE SOUTH ZONE OF THE MG UNIVERSITY INTER-COLLEGIATE COMPETITION



SNEHAPARSHAM 2022-A CHARITY INITIATIVE

As part of the Christmas celebrations, the College Union organized "Snehasparsham-2022," a heartwarming initiative that showcased the spirit of giving and empathy. In light of the untimely demise of our beloved faculty member, Sri Jenipher Carlos Hosanna, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce, the Henry Baker fraternity decided to scale back the festive aspects of Christmas and allocate the funds for charitable purposes. This noble endeavor involved mobilizing donations from students and faculty members to provide sustenance for patients at Kottayam Medical College and procuring clothing for differently-abled students at Santhinilayam for Handicapped Children in Kollappally. The initiative, dedicated in memory of Sri. Jenipher Carlos Hosanna, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce, who passed away on 14/11/2022, successfully collected a sum of Rs. 48,000. A significant portion of this fund, Rs. 24,000, was allocated to providing nourishment to cancer patients at Kottayam Medical College, while the remaining Rs. 24,000 was directed toward supporting the differently-abled students at Santhinilayam, Kollappally

**ARTS FEST- POLIKA 2023**

The College Union organized Arts Day on January 24, 2023, which provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic prowess. The literary competitions, spanning categories such as essay writing, cartooning, spot painting, poster designing, story writing, and poetry writing, were conducted on January 19, 2023, further fueling the spirit of literary creativity.

The Arts Day was inaugurated by College Principal, Dr. Gireeshkumar G S. College Union Chairman Sri. Akash Raj, Arts Club Secretary Adil Nizamudheen, Staff adviser Sri. Shinu Thomas P spoke on this occasion. The cultural competitions were conducted at three venues namely 'Arangu'(stage 1), 'Keli' (stage 2), and 'Thattakam' (stage 3). The College Union succeeded in fostering a culture of artistic appreciation and creative exploration, reinforcing the notion that events of this nature kindle inspiration and stimulate personal growth through the Arts Day.





COLLEGE UNION INAUGURATION

The official inauguration of the College Union was held on February 13, 2023, at the College Auditorium. The event was graced by a multitude of students, faculty members, and staff, and was marked by the presence of esteemed guest Sri Muhammad Diligent Blesslee, a contestant from 'Bigg Boss Malayalam season 4.' This event not only formalized the establishment of the College Union but also amplified its role in championing student interests. The inauguration featured captivating cultural performances by students, adding vibrancy to the occasion.



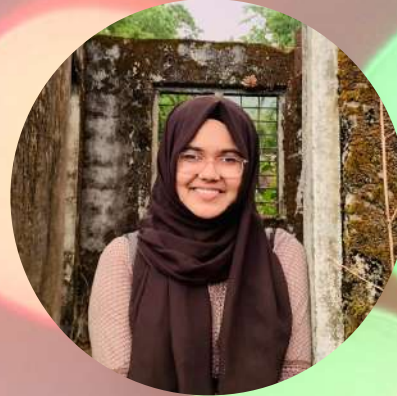
OSA OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Meet 2023 was organized on Jan 26, 2023, at College Auditorium. The meet aimed to provide a platform for alumni to reconnect with each other, network, and engage in fun-filled activities while challenging themselves and cheering their peers.





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