



# CHRONICLE



A Calender of events rippling down the memory lane

**Henry Baker College, Melukavu** A Christian Minority Educational Institution run by C.S.I East Kerala Diocese  
Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

## Principal's Message

Prof.Renjith Sebastian DDO



Henry Baker College strives to be "A college with differences" in every aspect. Last academic year also the college broadened the outlook of students by emphasizing the values and virtues of life through education inclusive of positive thinking, developing analytical skills, moral, social and aesthetic values. Henry Baker College has a rich and continuing tradition of pursuing excellence in the field of academics and placements.

I congratulate the staff and students of all faculties who used various mediums of expression to present their ideas. As long as our ideas are expressed and thoughts kindled we can be sure of learning, as everything begins with an idea. I appreciate every student who shared the joy of participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities along with their commitment to curriculum. That little extra we do, is the icing on the cake. 'Do more than belong participate. Do more than care - help. Do more than believe - practice. Do more than be fair -be kind. Do more than forgive - forget. Do more than dream - work.'

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# NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

UNIT NO. 054

## WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

- "Go wild for Life"

World Environment Day is the most renowned day for environmental action. Since 1974, it has been celebrated every year on 5 June; engaging governments, businesses, celebrities, students and even all citizens to focus their efforts on a pressing environmental issue. NSS Unit Henry Baker College also commemorated this day on 5th June 2016. Purpose of this programme was to make them participate in the protection of mother nature. And make each one of the warriors of nature protection. 36 Students planted trees at the college premises.

### NSS Programme Officers:

Dr. Santo Jose, Assistant Professor, R&PG Department of Commerce  
2.

Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant Professor, PG Department of History

Volunteer Secretaries: 1. Prasad Johnson (I BA English)  
2. Sunila Sunny (I B.Com.)



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

On 15th August 2016 Dr. Santo Jose, NSS Programme Officer, hoisted the flag and delivered Independence Day message and organized a quiz competition related to the freedom movement.



## JAIVANANMA

Organic farming programme –Jaivananma was inaugurated by Dr. Tharsis (Former Principal, Devamatha College, Kuravilangadu) on 23 August 2016. It was a programme to create more awareness among the general public and the students for organic farming and healthy food habits.



## ORIENTATION CAMP

The unit conducted its three-day Orientation camp from 30th September to 2nd October 2016 as part of it organized a campus cleaning programme. Seventy NSS volunteers of the college attended the camp.



## ORGANIC FARMING

Organic Farming was organized in college premises. Banana and Tapioca were the major items cultivated without using any kind of Chemical Fertilizers. The yield was taken by the unit. Volunteers were actively participated in the activities of cultivation



### **FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AGAINST LIFESTYLE DISEASES**

A Football tournament was organised to create awareness against lifestyle diseases. Citizen's Arts & Sports Club Chalamattom and NSS Volunteers from Henry Baker College were the contestants. This program was organised in association with CHC Edamaruku. Melukavu Gramapanchayath President Kumari Sheebamol Joseph inaugurated the tournament. Lifestyle diseases are ailments that are primarily based on the day to day habits of people. Habits that detract people from the activity and push them towards a sedentary routine can cause a number of health issues that can lead to chronic non-communicable diseases that can have near life-threatening consequences. This match was to make people aware of how to follow a healthy lifestyle in our routine. Mr. Shakeer KB felicitated the winners of the match.



### **HARVESTING TAPIOCA**

Harvesting of Tapioca was held with the support of NSS Volunteers. More than 500 kg of Tapioca was harvested and marketed in the nearby shops. A small portion of tapioca was cooked at the college and distributed among the students.



## YOUTH RED CROSS

### TEACHER IN

CHARGE: DR. BEENA PAUL

### SECRETARY:

AHANA RACHEL GEORGE

III B.COM

### Karuthal- Medical Aid

To support a YRC volunteer, whose parent was seriously admitted in the hospital, members of YRC decided to make a mass collection from the students on 9th August 2016. A total of Rs.6500 was collected from the students and the money was handed over to the patient, at the hospital.

### Karuthal- Learning Aid

An amount of Rs.500 each was provided to three first year students to purchase text books on 11/8/16 and 26/8/16.

### Karuthal- Visit to Visrandhi Nilayam

YRC members visited Visrandhi Nilayam on 5/1/2017 to celebrate new year with the inmates of the old age home. Ten Students and the Director reached the old age home at 1.30 pm. Mr. P.V. Johnson, care taker of the old age home talked about the objectives of the institution. After that cakes were distributed to them. Rs.1000 was provided for one day meal. Students sang songs and interacted with them.



## Walk With A Scholar

Walk With A Scholar is a programme initiated by the New Initiatives wing of the Department of Higher Education, Kerala. The ultimate aim of the programme is to provide extra support and guidance to a selected cream of the student community of both government and aided colleges across the state. The programme was introduced in aided colleges in 2014-15. Henry Baker College, Melukavu has been participating in WWS since the introduction of the programme.

In 2016-17, Prof. Paul Mathews continued as the coordinator of WWS in the college. As per directions from the Department of Higher Education, the IQAC Coordinator Prof. Korah Jacob monitored the activities of WWS. The internal mentors for the final year batch were:



Mr. Anish Mohan, a well known motivational speaker, came to our college to interact with our students on 04.02.2017. Later in this year he was awarded with Kerala State Youth Icon Award. Mr. Alexander S. is an assistant professor of English at Mangalam College of Engineering and a Language trainer. He took three sessions on Communication Skills on 07.01.2017. Mr. Jayadeva Varma, Grandson of renowned Malayalam poet Ambalapuzha Rama Varma, is a trainer of competitive exams. Mr. Varma gave our students an orientation towards the successful mastering of general awareness for various competitive exams. Those sessions were taken on 14.01.2017 forenoon. Mr. Saju Thomas, a retired hand from the central sector, engaged in the afternoon sessions on How to Crack PSC Exams. He shared his knowledge in the career options in the central government sector. His expertise in the field was exploited by our students. Mr. Jins Joseph, career guidance expert of Trinity Academy, Athirampuzha, gave an outline of career opportunities in the public sector on 21.01.2017 Saturday. Altogether we conducted fourteen sessions (hours) of external mentoring for our students.

## Reading Club Inauguration

Prof. Paul Mathews, Dept. of English, inaugurated the activities of the Reading club on 17th August 2016, where he talked on "Reading Historical Fiction". Regular Book -review meetings were also conducted as part of Reading Club. During this academic year Asiya Nizar I BA, Anupriya P.V I BA and Jolsna Thomas I MA presented the reviews on 30th August, 28th October and 20th December respectively.



## Quiz Club

The Quiz Club of Henry Baker College organises various programmes for our students to showcase and improve their general knowledge. The club organises quiz competitions and sends our teams to contest in quiz competitions organised by educational institutions across the state.



**First Prize**

Business Quiz- Tandav 2K17- Annual Intercollegiate Commerce Fest  
organised by Sacred Heart College, Thevara.



## **SCHOLAR SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

It is with immense feeling of pleasure that we are submitting the report of the scholar support programme for the academic year 2016-2017. Primarily we are thankful to our well wishers and stakeholders for their unstinting support and whole hearted cooperation . The programme started in our college during academic year 2015-2016 onwards. Second Year and First Year Students were selected to the SSP from departments of Commerce, English, History and Physics. Everything was done as per the rules and regulations of the programme and with the consent of the council. This is a turning point where attention is focused on teachers as flag holders. The weaker students get additional attention and they get an opportunity to learn the concepts and ideas again which are difficult for them. We, the team here in turn gain strength out of this encouragement and remain ready to serve to the satisfaction of our students

### **Annual Sports Day**

Henry Baker College Melukavu celebrated its Annual Sports Day on 20th January 2017 on the grounds of the college. It was a day filled with fervour and exhilaration, amidst thrills and cheers. The event commenced with the felicitation of the venerable Guest Mr Sunil Thomas Assistant Professor, St Thomas College of Teacher Education Pala. The Principal in-charge, Dr Nisha Joseph welcomed the guests and the gathering. Principal laid emphasis on the importance of sports in a student's life in welcome speech. The Guest lit the ceremonial torch followed by the spectacular, impressive and well synchronized March Past by all the departments of the college. The Guest Mr Sunil Thomas presided over the oath taking ceremony and declared the sports meet open. This was entailed by the races wherein the participants participated with full verve and vigour. It was a delight to see the excitement with which the students challenged themselves to attempt a variety of races.

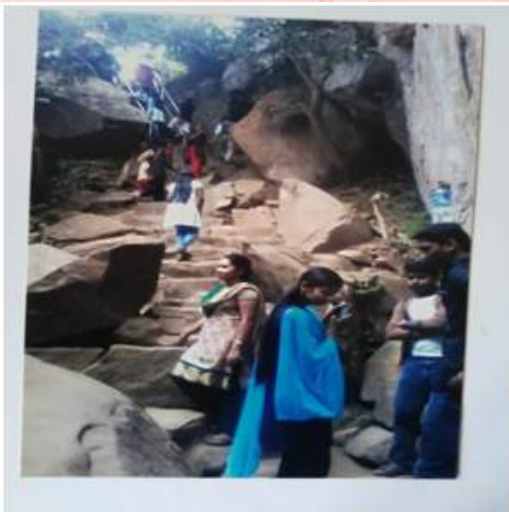
The most intriguing aspect of the event was the splendid fields drills, involving the students sprayed on the fields, Physics department won the trophy for the best march past and the History department received maximum points and took away the best department trophy. The college ground rimmed with flags reverberating with the sounds of cheers made everyone's day. The sports captain proposed the vote of thanks.

## POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



### Invited Talk

Prof. P. G. Haridas, Rtd. HOD cum Principal, S.S.V College, Perumbavoor delivered a talk to IMA and II MA students on Re-reading Marxism on 3rd November 2016. The lecture helped to acquaint with recent advances on Marxist writings. Twenty four students benefitted from the programme.



### Study Tour

Students of III BA History visited Edakkal caves (a pre-historic rock shelter in Wayanad) and Jain Bhashti, on 1st December 2016. Students got the opportunity to see the oldest pre-historic cave in Kerala and engravings on the rock. It was really an experience to see a primary source for historical studies.

### Alumni meeting.

Alumni meeting of the year 2016-17 was held on 26th January. 19 old students attended the meeting.



### Curios 2017

“CURIOS 2017” was held on 28th February & 1st March 2017, with multitude of programmes to enrich and enhance historical knowledge through invited lecture and to experience the past through antique exhibition and performance of Kalaripayattu, the martial art of Kerala. Students of the college as well as students from neighbouring schools got the opportunity to see the performance of our martial art as well to see the artefacts of the bygone days, collected from the nearby places. Chief Guest of the programme was Dr. P. J. Cherian, Archaeologist and Former Director of KCHR, Thiruvananthapuram. He delivered a lecture Relevance of Pattanam Finds to Kerala History and Society. Dr. Nisha Joseph (DDO) presided over the meeting and Rev. K.J. Samuel (Former Bishop, CSIEKD and former manager of the college) gave the Blessing Address. The main attractions of the programme were:



# Events



Release of Historica



Inauguration of History Museum



Exhibition



Performance of Kalaripayattu.



## Day of Honour

Day of Honour was held on 30/3/17, in order to honour Kum. Ragi K.R. who secured the sixth rank in MA History Examination, conducted by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. The day was momentous and of pride, as our first PG batch student secured Rank in the MG. University examination. Rev. Dr. K. G. Daniel, Bishop East Kerala Diocese, Kum. Sheeba Mol. Joseph, President Melukavu Gramapanchayath and Adv. Sasidharan Nair, P.T. A President was present in the occasion.





**Coordinators: Dona Sebastian, Associate Professor,  
Department of English  
Ashly Mereena Mathew, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Commerce**

## **Inauguration**

The Women cell raised the curtains with a meeting held on the 4th of August 2016. It was conducted to discuss general matters and to select class representatives. On the first of September a competition to select the logo and the name was held. This competition, the first of its kind in our college, was a platform for the girls to open up with their creative output. It was a novel idea and many girls enthusiastically participated in the competition. Nainika was the name selected for the women cell. Princy Mathew of BA English won the prize by suggesting the name. Ummulkkulsu of IBA History won the prize for the best logo. The logo is given here



## **Invited Lecture**

On the 7th of October, the renowned social activist Daya Bai delivered a lecture on Indian Women, in the meeting presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. K.G. Daniel. Rev. K.G. Sebastian, the bursar of our college, opened the meeting with a prayer. Ms. Shilpa Babu welcomed the audience and Prof. Dona Sebastian proposed the vote of thanks. Girl students at the plus two level from C.M.S Higher Secondary School, Melukavu, were given an opportunity to attend the programme. Moreover, a rare chance to meet in person a well-known activist like Daya Bai was a great experience for our students. It provided the girls a first-hand knowledge of the condition of many a woman all over India.

## RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Organ Donation Awareness Public Campaign (23rd August 2016)

Department of Commerce organized an organ donation awareness campaign at Melukavumattom town on 23rd August 2016. CSI East Kerala Diocese Treasurer Rev. V.S. Francis inaugurated the programme. An organ Donor Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kidangathazhadeliver the keynote address. Dr. Tharsis Joseph (CMD Deepika), Rev. Justin Mony (Clergy Secretary, CSI East Kerala Diocese), Priests, Management representatives, GramaPanachayathu Members, Staff Members and Students are participated in the programme



### Proclamation Rally (23rd August 2016)

Department of commerce organized a proclamation rally for giving awareness to public about Organ Donation and against social evils. All students and staff members are actively participated the proclamation rally



## Inauguration of Commerce Research Centre

The official inauguration of commerce research centre in Henry Baker College on 23rd August 2016 by Dr. Tharsis Joseph Sri. Mons Joseph MLA. College Manager and Bishop of CSI East Kerala Diocese Rt. Rev. Dr. K.G. Daniel Thirumeni Presided over the meeting. Dr. K. Sreeranganathan, The Director of School of Management and Business Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University deliver the Keynote Address.



Inauguration of Commerce Research Centre



Releasing Research Journal Commerce and Management Review

## Study Tour



## Excellentia 2017- Entrepreneurs Meet ( 10 February 2017)

As a part of Department Silver Jubilee Programme, department organized a grant alumnae meet and honouring the achievers of last 25 years. Sri. P. C. George MLA . inaugurated the programme. Total number of participants was 152.



## OUR UGC NET HOLDER



# Goods and Service Tax (GST Seminar)

18 January 2017

Organized by Research and PG Department of Commerce

*Resource Person:* Dr.Thomas Joseph Thoomkuzhy

**(Gulathi Institute of Taxation Studies)**

The Henry Baker College, Melukavu, Research and PG Department of Commerce, had organised a GST Seminar on 18 Jan 2017, at the HRDTC Centre. The programme was inaugurated by Rt.Rev. Dr.KG Daniel, Bishop CSI East Kerala Diocese. Dr. Thomas Thoomkuzhy, Registrar, Gulathi Institute of Taxation Studies was the Chief Guest and Resource Person. Dr Antony Joseph, Kallampally welcomed the gathering. He stated the importance of such a seminar in this changing business conditions. The programme was intended for Entrepreneurs, Students, Teachers and general public as a whole.

Dr.Thomas Thoomkuzhy in his session explained the various changes that came to the tax structure in compared to VAT. Actually it was an interactive session. Many of the participants had cleared their doubt. GST will be a beginning of a new regime as “One Nation One Tax” and game-changing reform for Indian economy by developing a common Indian market and reducing the cascading effect of tax on the cost of goods and services. It will impact the tax structure, tax incidence, tax computation, tax payment, compliance, credit utilization and reporting leading to a complete overhaul of the current indirect tax system. GST will have a far reaching impact on almost all the aspects of the business operations in the country. Industry experts call it more as a business reform rather than the Tax Reform. The Government of India seems committed to replace all the indirect taxes levied on goods and services by the center and states and implement GST by July 2017. With GST, it is anticipated that the tax base will be comprehensive, as virtually all goods and services will be taxable, with minimum exemptions. Thus it is important for Industry professionals to get acclimatized with this new regime.

Mr.Anurag Pandikattu (Ward member), Prof.Korah Jacob (Staff Secretary) Rev.V.S Francis (Treasurer EKD), Sri Tomy Thekkekandom (Vyapara Vyavasayi Akepana Samithi, President Melukavu) felicitated the function. Dr.Santo Jose, moderated the question answer session. Prof.Justin Jose, given the vote of thanks.







# DEBATE CLUB

**Coordinators: Dr. Santo Jose & Prof. Ansa Andrews**

**Student coordinator : Sharlet Joy 1st BA English & Anandhu Krishna T II nd BA History**

The Debate club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu plays a vital role in developing the critical thinking faculties of the students. The club provides the students an insight to think out of the box and analyze the particular subject matter with logical consistency, factual accuracy. It also enhances the communication skills of the students. The club organized two debates during the academic year 2016-17.

The Debate Club inaugurated its activities of the year 2016-17, by conducting a debate on the topic "Euthanasia Should Be Banned" on 2 August 2016 in the Auditorium at 1.00 p.m. Prof. Korah Jacob, Assistant professor, Department of Economics, Henry Baker College Melukavu, served as the Moderator of the debate. The Judges were Prof. Paul Mathews, Department of English, Prof. Beena Paul, Department of History and Prof. Ashley Mereena Mathew, Department of Commerce. There were ten participants. The participants put forward valid arguments in favour and against mercy killing. There were discussions on voluntary euthanasia, involuntary euthanasia and non-voluntary euthanasia and active and passive euthanasia. The main argument of the proponents of euthanasia is that as some diseases are incurable, it is better to relieve the patient from the disease and pain. But the opposing side argued that the right to live is a natural and fundamental right of human beings. If euthanasia is legalized, it provides someone the power to end some others life. The students of the Department of History and the Department of English bagged the first and second prizes respectively.

A debate on another interesting topic "Are Men stronger Than Women?" was held on 13 February 2017 at the Seminar Hall at 4.00 p.m. Prof. Paul Mathews, Assistant professor, Department of English, Henry Baker College was the moderator. The judges were Prof. Korah Jacob, Department of Economics, Prof. Dona Sebastain, Department of English and Prof. Jennipher Carlos Hossanna, Department of Commerce were the judges. Twelve students participated in the debate. They proposed the arguments that men are physically stronger than women, while women are mentally stronger than men. The students of the Department of Physics and the Department of English, won the first and second prizes respectively.

## ED club

Co-ordinator-Sri.Justin Jose  
Student Co-ordinator- Keerthi S Nair

A Skill Development Workshop was organized by the ED club of Henry Baker College to the girls students and teachers .Paper flower making ,Boque making is the main program. The main resource person was Ajeena Alias from koothatukulam .She demonstrated about the various methods that can be used for making paper flower .A practical session was given to the students. This was 3 hour program.About 43 students participated on the program.



**Students Participation in iDE PRENEUR at Viswajyothi College, Vazhakulam**

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

### Inter-school quiz competition

As part of knowledge sharing programme an interschool quiz competition was conducted among students of four schools nearby in July 2016. A preliminary written round was conducted by our 3rd year students at respective schools on 8th July and the toppers (a team two students) from each school were participated in the final round. Final round was conducted at college auditorium on 16th July 2016 at 10 am. Schools participated were

### Physics association inauguration and invited lecture

Physics association inauguration by Dr. S. Sankararaman, Department of Optoelectronics, Kerala University was held at seminar hall on 22nd August 2016 at 10.15 am. Dr. Disha V. J., Associate Professor in Chemistry welcomed the gathering. This programme was presided over by Prof. Liza George, Head of the Department of Physics. Dr. Antony Joseph gave Principal's message. Dr. S. Sankararaman, delivered a lecture on "Enjoy Physics". Through video presentation he explained various aspects of science that we encounter in daily life. His talk enlightened the students in finding physics around them. 50 students participated.



### SPEED 2K17

The department of Physics organized SPEED 2K17, a two day science fest for the public, nearby schools and colleges on 20th and 21st January 2017 as part of National Science day celebrations. The science fest enables the public to explore new innovations in the field of science. The fest focuses on exhibitions and training programmes to open the exciting world of science to the public.



Science exhibition: The department of Physics organized SPEED 2K17, a two day science exhibition for the public, nearby schools and colleges. The UG students of this department designed and exhibited experiments in various branches of physics including Electronics, Optics, Electromagnetics, Mechanics, Electricity etc. In addition to this there were exhibition on bio-specimens, stamps and coin, games and puzzles. This event helps to explore the scientific temper and creativity of students.



Space Walk: - An exhibition of satellites and rocket models by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) highlighting their achievements was arranged. It creates public awareness on the activities and social benefits of India's space programmes and also provides great opportunity to see various launch vehicles and to explore how the satellites and rockets function.



Prolife Programme:- An awareness programme on 'Health issues of Modern Life' was conducted by Jesus youth movement. This programme attracted public through bio-specimen exhibitions, and gave an insight into the dangers of drug abuse.



The Evolution of Science' a documentary of 30 minutes span designed by II B. Sc students was presented throughout the fest. About 800 people from various schools, colleges and general public visited the exhibition.

**Intercollegiate science quiz** competition was conducted on January 23rd 2017 at 10 am at seminar Hall. Prof. Joseph Thomas, Associate Professor in Mathematics (Retired), Henry Baker College, Melukavu was the Quiz Master. Twenty teams from various colleges participated in the preliminary round.



# UNION ACTIVITIES



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



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