

**ST.MARY'S COLLEGE, THRISSUR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT 2019-2020**

**JUNE**

➤ **ELOCUTION COMPETITION**

In connection with World Environment Day celebrations the Department of English conducted an elocution competition on the topic '**Beat Air Pollution**' on 13 June 2019 at St. Chavara Seminar Hall.

Students from various departments actively participated for the same. Students seriously took the topic and suggested solutions and shared ideas to beat air pollution.

Dr. Kayeen Vadakkan of Department of Biotechnology, Dr. Sreelakshmi P Bhasker of Department of Chemistry and Ms. Sony Chacko of Department of English judged the competition.

Winners:

First Prize : Achanya Suresh of II BA English

Second Prize: Priyanka Rajan of III B Com

Third Prize : Shobitha Joshy of II BSW

➤ **DROP EVERYTHING AND READ [DEAR]**

In connection with Reading Week, the Department of English presented a DEAR time, Drop Every Activity and Read on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The silent five minute was celebrated from 12:40 till 12:45. The whole college participated by reading for five minutes. The students and teachers were asked to bring a book of their own choice. The Dear time was coordinated by Ms. Sony Chacko.

➤ **INVITED LECTURE ON DOCUMENTATION**

Department of English organised an Invited Lecture on Documentation on 25 June 2019. Resource Person: Ms. Sreekala, Assistant Professor, Vimala College, Thrissur. The session dealt with all the aspects of documentation process which is helpful for the students in various activities especially for their project.

➤ **REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON INTERPERSONAL SKILLS: MODERN SCENARIO**

Department of English in association with Community College organized a Regional Workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 in the Jubilee Hall, St. Mary's College, Thrissur. The session was from 9:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Ms. Rita Jose, a member of the British Council and an entrepreneur, handled the workshop. She has trained over 9000 students for IELTS, TOEFL, GRE and won several accolades. The session dealt with three topics: Motivation, Personality Development and Presentation Skills. The interactive session encouraged the students to participate in the discussions followed. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Sony Chacko.

### ➤ **INTERCOLLEGIATE WORKSHOP ON PHOTOJOURNALISM**

The Department of English organized an Intercollegiate Workshop on Photojournalism on 26 June 2019 at Jubilee Hall. Mr. Sakkir Hussain, Photojournalist, The Hindu, Malappuram Bureau was the Resource Person.

Students from Prajyoti Niketan College, Pudukad and Vimala College, Thrissur actively participated for the same. An interactive session was made on various topics like Different types of Lens, Camera models, Sports Photography, Different types of Angles, News sense in photography and Encounters faced by photojournalists who engrossed the audience immensely. The session was concluded with a series capturing emotions and expressions, traumatic visuals of flood through the camera eye. The programme was coordinated by Ms.Abhini P K.

### ➤ **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Department of English in association with the Community College organized an International Conference on the topic: Genre Pedagogy: Paradigms of Academic Writing on 27.06.2019. The Conference aims to help students acquire the concepts, principles and vocabulary of reasoning and argumentation and use analysis, synthesis and evaluation of advance arguments. The conference facilitated the imparting of the correct sense of format, syntax, grammar and punctuation required in academic paper. The resource persons of the Conference were Ms. Priya Mathew and Ms. Esther Mani. The Conference was inaugurated by Ms. Priya Mathew. Presidential address was delivered by the Principal, Dr. Sr. Magie Jose. The Conference concluded at 3.30 p.m. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Preema Paul and Ms. Jency James.

## **JULY**

### ➤ **MEET THE EDITOR**

II BA English students were taken to Sahithya Academy Hall, Thrissur to participate in meet the editor programme organized by Chetana Media Institute, Thrissur. Students actively take part in an interactive session with renowned Malayalam Movie Editor Mr. Ranjan Abhraham on 17 June 2020. Ms. Abhini PK was in charge of the programme as part of the MoU with Chetana Media Institute, Thrissur.

## **AUGUST**

- Screened Classic Japanese Movie '*Rashomon*' directed by Akira Kurasawa for Film Studies Students on 29 August 2020.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### ➤ **MANUSCRIPT MAGAZINE COMPETITION**

Department announced the Interdepartmental Manuscript Magazine on 25 September 2020.

- Organised a Mega Thiruvathira performance by the teachers as part of Teachers' Onam Celebration on 05 September 2019.
- Department Presentation as part of preparations for NAAC visit organized by the IQAC of the College on 24/09/2019.

## **OCTOBER**

### ➤ **ALUMNAE LECTURE SERIES**

Ms. Parvathy Warriar of 2015 -2018 batch has taken a class on the topic Indian Writing for III BA English on 04 October 2019.

### ➤ **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

As part of experiential learning students of Film Students [Open Course] were taken to Ramdas Theatre, Thrissur for the screening of the movie 'JOKER' on 23/11/2019. Ms.Abhini PK and Ms.Anu Chandramohan accompanied the students for movie screening.

### ➤ **ASSOCIATION INAUGURATION**

Department Association was inaugurated by renowned Poetess Ms. K Vijayalakshmi. The session was followed by a talk delivered by the guest of the day on the topic 'Creative Writing'.

## **NOVEMBER**

### ➤ **CAREER GUIDANCE**

Ms.Athira Panamukkil of 2015-2018 batch has taken a session for III BA English Students on the topic 'Scope of fashion Technology' on 01 November 2019.

### ➤ **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

As part of experiential learning II BA English students were taken to VIBGYOR from 08 November 2019 – 11 November 2019.

## **DECEMBER**

### ➤ **MEET THE AUTHOR**

Department organized a meet the author programme on 11/12/2020, for the students to learn more about the process of creative writing. Renowned Poet Mr.Balachandran Chullikkad was the Resource Person of the Programme. It was an active interactive session. He shared memorable moments of his literary life with the students and gave tips to improve the creative writing skills as well.

## JANUARY

### ➤ **CONSULTANCY**

Dr.Bindu Ann Philip and Ms.Jency has taken an Orientation to RAWE for the students of College of Forestry on 10 January 2020.

### ➤ **ALUMNAE LECTURE SERIES**

Ms.Grace Joy of 2015-2018 batch has taken a class on the topic '*Post Colonialism*' for III BA English on 16 January 2020.

### ➤ **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

As part of experiential learning III BA English Students were taken to Kairali Theatre, Thrissur for screening of the movie '*Ancham Pathira*'. Ms. Abhini PK and Ms. Anu Chandramohan accompanied the students for movie screening.

### ➤ **INTERVIEW SERIES**

As part of their experiential learning students were taken to Club FM to participate the Interview Series. Students interviewed renowned Lyricist Mr.Hari Narayanan and famous writer Mr. Santhosh Aechikanam.

## FEBRUARY

### ➤ **NATIONAL SEMINAR**

Organized a National Seminar on Career Development in Content Writing in Collaboration with Community College on 18 February 2020.

Resource Person Session I: Mr.Nandu Kattungal, Director, Co-Founder Roninanks Ventures, Bengaluru.

Resource Person Session II: Dr.Latha Nair, HoD, Department of English, St. Theresa's College, Ekm.

### ➤ **RESEARCH FORUM ACTIVITIES**

As part of Research Forum of the department Ms. Anitta presented her project on 24 February 2020.

### ➤ **MANUSCRIPT MAGAZINE COMPETITION**

Manuscript Magazine Competition result was announced.

Best Magazine: Dept. of English

II Best Magazine: Dept. of B.Voc Software Development

III Best Magazine: Dept. of Chemistry

Best Artist: Ms. Aparna Parameswaran of Dept. of English

Best Cover Design: Ms. Aparna Parameswaran and Ms. Harideeptha KJ of Dept. of English.

## MARCH

### ➤ **CLASSES SUSPENDED**

Classes suspended due to Covid-19 Pandemic on 11 March 2020. Classes continued through Online Classes by using various platforms viz., Whatsapp.

- VIVA VOCE for III BA English students  
External Examiner for VIVA VOCE: Ms. Uma Parvathy V, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Sree Vyasa NSS College, Wadakanchery, Thrissur.
- II BA English students created videos and posters on Covid-19 awareness on 23 March 2020.

## APRIL

### ➤ **WORLD BOOK DAY & SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY**

II BA English Students created a video in connection with World Book Day and Birth Anniversary of Shakespeare on 23 April 2020.

### ➤ **DIGITAL POSTER MAKING COMPETITION**

The Department of English organised an interdepartmental digital poster making competition in connection with Birth Anniversary Celebration of William Shakespeare on 23 April 2020. The participants were instructed to make a poster on any of the quotes of the William Shakespeare and create a beautiful impactful visual representation of the quote.

Students of various departments actively participated in the competition. There were 14 entries for the competition.

First Prize: Akhila K Rajan of I BA English

Second Prize: Sikha Jayaraj of I B.Voc Multimedia

Third Prize: Dhua Benny of II BSc. Botany

Co-ordinators of the competition are Ms. Sony Chacko and Ms. Abhini PK of Department of English.

## MAY

### ➤ **VIDEO MAKING COMPETITION**

The Department of English organised a video making competition on the topic '*Life under Lockdown*'. Competition was announced on 01 May 2020 and the results announced on 07 May 2020. The aim of the contest is to encourage the students to spend lockdown days more productive and creative by sharing their experiences. Through their videos the students showcased their talents and skills. The video starts with a self-introduction of the contestant and it continued with the activities which they used to spend their lockdown days. Duration of the video is 3-4 minutes. There were two entries for the competition.

First Prize: Aswathy PA of II BA English

Second Prize: Athira Lalan of II BA English

Co-ordinators of the competition are Ms. Abhini PK and Ms. Sony Chacko of Department of English.

### ➤ **SELFIE WITH MOM**

The Department of English of St. Mary's College, conducted an online *Selfie with Mom* contest for the students to exhibit their love, admiration and deep affection to their mothers on International Mother's Day.[10 May 2020]

The competition was aimed to make the students realize that a Mother is the pillar of strength in everyone's life. She is one without whom our life is incomplete. A mother nurtures her child, instils good manners and guides the journey called life. Mother is not simply a word, but it is a whole universe in itself. She is the most important person in everybody's life.

Here, we have 15 participants from various departments, with a caption not more than 10 words, along with their selfies describing their love and concern for their mothers.

First Place: Mridula Johnson Department: I MSc. Botany

Second Place: Aparna Manoj C. Department: I DC Management Studies

Third Place: Name: Anviya Joby Department: I DC Management Studies

The programme is coordinated by Ms. Anu Chandramohan and Ms. Greeshma K.S. with complete support from the department and the college.

### ➤ **IMPRESSIONS: BOOK REVIEWING COMPETITION**

The Department of English organised a book review competition '*Impressions*' on 16 May 2020. The aim of the competition is to develop reading habits and critical thinking skills among the students. Participants are asked to share a video of reviewing a book of their choice.

First Prize: Aparna Parameswaran of II BA English

Second Prize: Devika Vinod of III BA English

Third Prize: Meenakshy TM of I DC Microbiology

### ➤ **QUARANTINE COOKING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Department of English conducted a Cooking Championship during the lock down period to enhance their skill in cooking. The participants were asked to submit a video of any cuisine prepared by them and submit online on or before 20/05/2020.

Nilja U.J of Computer Science department won the title and Archana P.R and Lifiya E.L of Social Work department were the runners up.

Ms. Preema Paul and Ms. Ceena Jose. K were the coordinators of the competition.

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