

Department of English
St. Michael's College, Cherthala

Reports of Activities Conducted During 2018-2019

1. ELITE Entrance Test

The Department of English conducted an entry level test for the freshers of 2018-19 academic year. The test is intended to understand the learning and comprehension levels of the newbies and also to recommend strategies and methods to slow learners if found any. The test was conducted on 11th of July, 2018 in the first-year classroom. The answer scripts will be evaluated and the results would be used to recommend suggestions to the takers of the test.

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2. A Tribute to V. S. Naipaul

The Dept. of English organized a meeting of the staff and students of the department to honour the late V. S. Naipaul, the Nobel Laureate of Indian origin. Dr. Mathew V., the former Head of the Department and the Principal of the college delivered the key note address. Sri. Jins Jose, Guest Faculty led a resourceful session on the late writer.



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3. One Day Training on Handicraft Making

The Dept. of English in association with the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Michael's College and Light It Up, an NGO functioning in Alappuzha, organized a one-day craft training for the students on the 28th of September, 2018. The programme was hosted as a part of the Department of English's initiative to usher a green protocol in the department. The participants received training on the following crafts

1. Puppet Making
2. PET Bottle Craft (a. Show Piece, b. Wall hanging, c. Wall Hanging)
3. Paper pen
4. Paper Glass Craft
5. Paper Bag
6. Vertical Garden.



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4. Letter to Motherland, Letter writing competition

The Department of English took part in the national level letter writing competition organized by the postal department as part of the National Postal Week 2018. Sixty students from the department wrote letters on the theme 'Letter to My Motherland' and deposited in the post box brought by the delegates from the postal department on the 11th of October, 2018.



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5. Career Guidance Session

Owing to the lessening understanding regarding the scope of the BA English degree course, the Department of English organized a career guidance session for the final year students of the department on the 15th of October, 2018. The session was conducted with the objective of instilling in students a complete understanding of the possible career choices and higher education prospects of BA English graduates. The programme was held in the seminar hall. Sri. Sam Johnson, Coordinator of Career Guidance and Placement Cell led the session.



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6. Association Inauguration

The department organized the inauguration of its association, The Literati, on the 16th of November, 2018. The association spearheads all the curricular and extracurricular activities happening in the department. The inauguration was done by Prof. Devadas Menon, former Head of the Department of English of NSS College, Cherthala. Various programmes were also arranged as part of the event.



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7. Employability Skills Training

In association with the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of the college, the department conducted a one-day employability skills training for the select students of the department on 06/08/2018. The event was organized with the objective of raising the students' awareness regarding various skills required to have a successful career. Mr. Gopakumar of Sampou India led the session.



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8. Gender Sensitization Drama

To make the students aware of the changing scenario around them, especially with regard to the conventional ideologies regarding gender and its societal implications, the Department of English, in association with Mary Immaculate English Medium School, Pathirapally, Alappuzha, organized a Gender Sensitization Drama involving the students from the school. The drama was staged on the 18th of December, 2018. Students and staff of the college as well as Mary Immaculate School participated in the programme. The drama conveyed the message that inequality and inequity will act as hurdles in the path of the development of a progressive

society. The drama was well received and well applauded by the audience and was remarked as an excellent initiative of the college and the school by the audience.



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9. PTA Meeting

A meeting of the parents of students of final and pre-final year classes was convened on the 11th of January, 2019. The meeting was held to renew the bond between teachers and parents and also to convey to the parents the present status of their wards in terms of their curricular as well as extra-curricular performances. Attendance statements and marksheets were provided to the parents during the meeting. Refreshments were also arranged for them by the department.



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10. EVS Field Visit to Munnar

The department of English conducted a two-day field visit to Munnar as part of the department's initiative to instill in students a holistic understanding regarding the worth and value of nature as well as the necessity of preserving and conserving it. Munnar was chosen as the destination as it is a prominent tourist destination and the social milieu as well as the tourist spots offer various clues as to the gradual degradation and continued exploitation of flora and fauna of the destination. The participants, under the leadership of Sri Sam Johnson, Asst. Prof. and Ms. Juby P Thankachan, Guest Faculty, gained a first-hand knowledge of the richness of

the place and also understood the major practices that lead to the destruction of the biodiversity of the region. The field visit was conducted on the 8th and 9th of February, 2019.



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