

Department of English

Activity Report – 2019-20

Inauguration of English Association

The inaugural ceremony of 'Literati', the English Association was organized and conducted by the department on the 4th of February 2020. The renowned artist Sri. Jerly Sir had been the chief guest for the day. Dr. Mathew V., the principal, presided over the function that commenced at 10 am, with the welcome address by Fr. Titus Augustine, Head of the English Department. The honourable chief guest



inaugurated and graced the occasion by lighting the auspicious lamp and the inaugural address



thereafter. As an artist, he elaborated the scope of art in making human lives beautiful and meaningful. Aesthetic sense is a supreme faculty indeed and we must open up our eyes and hearts to value art and literature. He made an exhortation to read, travel and explore spaces in order to be perspicacious artists and art lovers. After the

enlightening inaugural speech, Dr. Riju Gregory, Head of the Economics Department delivered felicitations and wished the best for the future endeavours by the association. The session got wrapped up with the vote of thanks by Prof. Sam Johnson, the staff coordinator. The afternoon session was indeed more colourful with the various cultural programmes staged by the students. The enjoyable day came to a formal closure by 4.30 pm.

Awareness Session for Parents

Sensing the urgent need for educating the parents about the changes that have revised and reformed the literature course and modes of evaluation, the department envisioned and organized an awareness class for the parents on the 24th of September 2019 at 3 pm. Prof. Sam Johnson officially welcomed the gathering and spoke at length about the seriousness pertaining to attendance, time-bound submission of assignments and the need for scoring well in class tests. He underscored the importance of performing well in these domains as this is as important as excelling in the University Semester Examinations. Fr. Titus Augustine, the HOD, seconded Prof. Sam and elaborated the need to work hard for scoring impressively during semester examinations. The parents were reminded of the reality that the paper valuation is quite stricter when compared with the school level board exams. Reading holds paramount importance and the parents were requested to watch over their wards and restrict the use of mobile phones that robs them of much of their quality time. The speech was followed by a very vibrant interactive session wherein the parents voiced their doubts and got them cleared. Everyone felt enlightened and thanked the department for organizing such a rewarding session. Ms. Zita Francis, the Psychology Faculty, proposed the vote of thanks and the session came to an end by 4.30 pm.



Field Trip to Wild Life Sanctuary

In collaboration with the NSS, the department charted a trip to Chinnar Wild Life Sanctuary. There is an Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course, 'Environmental Studies and Disaster Management' within the curriculum and the students, by enjoying the beauty and diversity of their destination, were expected to do better as motivated citizens, for the cause of Conservation of Environment and Biodiversity. The students spotted and identified wild animals like wild elephant, sambar deer, grizzled giant squirrel, star tortoise, hanuman langue and rock python. Followed by the trip, a Travelogue Contest too was conducted and the winners got appreciated with prizes.

