

Department of English
St. Michael's College, Cherthala

Reports of Activities Conducted During 2020-2021

I. Report on the Observation of International Mother Language Day at the Department of English

The Department of English, St. Michael's College, Cherthala celebrated International Mother Language Day in association with the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of the college on 21 February 2021. The main aim of this celebration was to promote linguistic diversity and multilingualism, which are crucial for the preservation and development of different cultures.

The department conducted a poetry writing competition in which students from different departments of the college participated. The competition was open to all students and was held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The participants were asked to write a poem in their mother tongue or any other language they were comfortable with. The poems were judged based on their content, language proficiency, creativity, and adherence to the theme of the competition. The winners were felicitated in a virtual event organized by the department and the NSS unit.

II. Report on Observing World Senior Citizens Day at the Department of English, St. Michael's College, Cherthala

On 21 August 2020, the Department of English and the NSS unit of St. Michael's College, Cherthala, observed World Senior Citizens Day. The event aimed to honour and celebrate the contributions of senior citizens in society and promote their well-being.

To mark the occasion, the department organized a letter writing competition on the topic 'To My Dear Grandparents.' The competition was open to all students of the college, and it received an overwhelming response. The students were asked to write a letter to their grandparents, expressing their love, gratitude, and appreciation for their guidance and support.

The competition was judged by a panel of experts, including the Head of the Department of English, the Dean of Students, and a senior faculty member. The judges evaluated the letters based on their content, language, and overall impact.

The event was attended by students, faculty members, and senior citizens from the local community in online platform.

The event aimed at providing an opportunity for the younger generation to express their love and appreciation for their elders and create awareness about the importance of respecting and valuing the contributions of senior citizens in society.

III. Report on Observance of Parents Day at St. Michael's College, Cherthala

On 25th July 2020, the Department of English and the NSS unit of St. Michael's College, Cherthala, organized Parents' Day celebration in honour of the contributions of parents in shaping the lives of their children. The event was conducted due to covid-19 restrictions and was marked by a poetry writing competition named 'Thoolikayil' organized by the Department of English.

The program started with a welcome address by the Head of the Department of English, who spoke about the significance of the event and thanked the parents for their continuous support in the academic pursuits of their wards. The NSS unit volunteers then presented a short video of their parents. The highlight of the event was the poetry competition 'Thoolikayil,' which witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students of the English department. The competition was designed to encourage the students to explore their creative abilities and showcase their poetic talents. The topic for the competition was 'Parents,' and the students had to compose original poems.

The poems were judged by a panel of experts, who evaluated the entries based on their creativity, originality, and literary merit. The program ended with a vote of thanks from the NSS unit

coordinator Dr. Seena Kurian, who expressed gratitude to the parents for their presence and participation. The event was a huge success, and it left a lasting impression on the students and faculty members of St. Michael's College, Cherthala. It was a fitting tribute to the parents, who play an instrumental role in shaping the future of their children.



IV. Report on Observance of National Reading Day on 19 June 2020

National Reading Day is observed every year on 19th June in memory of Dr. K.M. Panicker, the father of the library movement in Kerala. The day aims to promote the habit of reading and encourage people to appreciate the value of books. In line with this objective, the Department of English at St. Michael's College, Cherthala along with the NSS unit of the college, organized an online program on National Reading Day. The program was held on 19th June 2020 via Google meet and started with a brief introduction about Dr. K.M. Panicker and his contribution to the library movement in Kerala. Mr Sam Johnson, Assistant Professor of English then spoke about the importance of reading and the impact it has on an individual's personal and professional growth. He also highlighted the significance of National Reading Day and the need to promote a reading culture in society. The highlight of the program was the reading out of book reviews by

students and faculty members of the English department. The reviews covered a range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and drama. The reviews were selected from books that were significant in their literary value and social relevance. The readings were conducted in an online platform, and the participants took turns to present their reviews. Each review was followed by a brief discussion, which allowed for a more in-depth analysis of the themes and motifs explored in the book. The participants also shared their personal opinions and perspectives on the books, which made the session interactive and engaging.

The event was a fitting tribute to Dr. K.M. Panicker and his contribution to the library movement in Kerala. It highlighted the role that books play in shaping our lives and inspired the participants to explore the world of literature.

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