

Department of English
St. Michael's College, Cherthala

Reports of Activities Conducted During 2021-2022

1. World Book and Copyright Day

Department of English in association with the NSS unit conducted an online essay writing competition on 23rd April 2021 as part of World Book and Copyright Day. The topic for the contest was "Importance of Books in Changing Society". Participants were asked to express their views on the role of books in shaping society. Numerous students sent their entries via WhatsApp. Alina Mary of the Department of Chemistry and Aswathy Rajeevan of the Department of Economics bagged first and second prizes respectively. The Head of the Department of English Fr. Titus Augustine presented certificates for the winners.

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2. National Reading Day

National Reading Day was celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of P. N Paniker, an erudite scholar and social reformer who played a pivotal role in promoting literacy and education. The Department of English organized various programmes which aimed to encourage students to develop reading habits and create a culture of reading. A debate on the topic E-learning Vs Conventional learning was conducted on 19th June, 2021. Sona Thomas and Janvy John of II BA English moderated the debate. Two students from each department participated in the programme. Dr. Seena Kurian, Faculty Department of Hindi and NSS programme officer delivered a talk on Arivinte Vakku (The Word of Knowledge) via Google Meet. She highlighted the relevance of reading in everyday life. The participants got a deep understanding of the mindful process in reading and the wide range of benefits of reading. The session started at 3 p.m. concluded at 4 p.m.

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3. Library Book Donation Campaign

The Department of English in association with NSS and KITES Foundation, Kochi conducted a book donation campaign. 101 books were collected from students and staff. The collected books were handed over to KITES Foundation by Dr Mathew V, the Principal of St. Michael's College on 30th September 2021. A certificate of Appreciation was given by KITES Foundation for the initiative. The book donation campaign helped the students to foster a sense of community and opened up new opportunities for learning and growth.



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4. Library Tour cum Orientation Session

The Library Tour-cum-orientation session for the fresher batch was conducted on 29th October 2021, at 2:30 p.m. The class tutor Dr. Vimsy Geo guided the entire class to the library and the session started with an introductory address. Dr. Patricia Robin, College Librarian and Resource Person delivered a truly insightful session for the aspiring best users, starting from the basic rules and etiquette to the supreme benefits of reading and research. The students were made to explore the different sections of the library and all were excited to find their favourite authors being shelved and the chance to read. With a brief vote of thanks, the session came to an end by 4 p.m.





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5. Essay Writing Competition

An essay writing competition was conducted by the Department of English on 28th February 2022 to provide a platform for students to exercise writing skills and harness innovative ideas from young minds. The students were asked to prepare an essay within five hundred words on the topic “The Importance of Blood Donation During the Covid Pandemic”. The event took place in Botany Lab. The programme commenced at 1 p.m. and concluded at 1:45 p.m. Thirty students participated in the programme. Sherin Anna Thomas of II BA English won the first prize. Dr. Mathew V, Principal of St. Michael’s College presented the certificate to the winner.



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6. Honouring the Achievements of Students

It was indeed a mesmerizing day for Arjun A. of II BA English and Rony Roy of III BA English as they found themselves in the midst of scores of praises showered by their friends, teachers and authorities of the college. The Department of English organized a ceremony on the 22nd of March, 2022, to honour both these gems from the department who did us all proud by their singular achievements. Rony Roy was declared the Grandmaster by the Asian Book of Records and Arjun A, an NCC cadet, was a participant of the 73rd Republic Day Parade held in Delhi. Principal Dr. Mathew V., Vice Principal Dr. Sindhu S Nair, Head of the Department Fr. Titus Augustine, and NCC Officer Lt. Abin Albert spoke during the occasion.



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