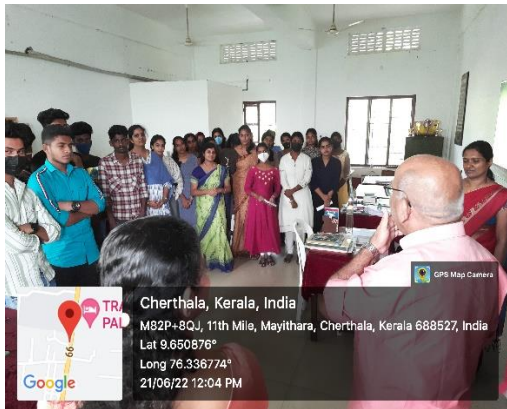


Department of English St. Michael's College, Cherthala

Reports of Activities Conducted During 2022-2023

1. Reading Day Observation

To observe this year's Reading Day, the Department of English arranged a slew of programmes. The objective of the programmes were not only to improve the reading skills of the students but also to generate interest for reading in them. A book donation campaign was initially conducted in the department in which the teachers and students actively participated. More than 500 pre-owned readable books were collected as part of this drive. With this collection a Mini Library was also installed in the department. The library was inaugurated by the renowned writer P. J. J. Antony on the 21st of June, 2022. An essay writing competition titled "Inked Thoughts" was also conducted in association with Hindi and Malayalam departments. 19 students from different disciplines participated in the competition held on 21/06/2022. Besides all these, the department also took initiative to encourage a class to subscribe to The Hindu newspaper. The 2021-24 batch took up this initiative and have currently subscribed to the national daily.



2. Nature Education Camp at Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary

Department of English in association with Departments of Zoology and Botany organized a Nature Education Camp in collaboration with Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department at Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Munnar Division from 22.06.2022 to 24.06.2022. 35 students participated in the camp. The camp was aimed to educate students about the importance and role of nature in the existence of human beings and prepare them to act against the challenges of habitat destruction and climate change. The camp included classes, bird watching, watch tower visit and trekking. The students visited ancient dolmens and rock paintings during trekking and spotted Asiatic Elephant, Tufted Grey Furred Langur, Malabar Giant Squirrel, Wild Boar, Sambar Deer, Barking Deer, Peacock, Bonnet Macaque, Spotted Dove, Butterflies (Blue striped Peacock, Yellow Orange tip, Indian Common Sailor, Tiger butterfly, Crimpson Rose) and many medicinal & common plants. Students were given an exposure to different types of ecosystems in Chinnar such as Grassland, Shola forests, Dry deciduous forests, Scrub Jungle, Thorny Forests, Chinnar river, Pampar river and Koottar river. Students also observed tribal settlements such as Muthuvan and Hill Pulaya and gathered information about their culture, rituals, social setup, education and food habit through discussion with the education officer Mr. Ganesh and tribal peoples.



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3. Interview on Behalf of BEAD

The Department of English was assigned the duty of conducting the interview to recruit Communicative English Teachers for the schools functioning under the Board of Education Alleppey Diocese (BEAD). The selection process was done in two stages. First a face-to-face interview was held on 25/06/2022. The shortlisted candidates were invited for a demo class with fourth standard students from St. Francis Assisi School, Arthunkal, on 04/07/2022, and the final rank list was prepared.



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4. World Malala Day Observation

The Department of English observed World Malala Day on the 12th of July, 2022. This day was celebrated to salute the Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who works for women's right to education. A One Day Seminar was organized as part of the day's observance. Dr. Harsha Viswanath, Asst. Prof. of English, M. S. M. College, Kayamkulam, was the resource person for the seminar and she spoke on "Wounds and Words: Exploring Trauma Through Literature". She spoke about numerous other victims, along with Malala, who had to confront similar trauma in their lives and who chose words as a media to convey the mental trauma they experienced.

The day also witnessed two other important events. One is the screening of the world popular documentary *He Named Me Malala* and a drawing competition on the theme 'Education for All'. The department also distributed certificate and cash prize to the winner of the Essay Writing Competition that was held in association with the Language Departments in connection with National Reading Day. The day's programmes turned out to be an eye-opener for the students. They were enlightened on various issues that women confront in the global scenario and how education can resolve many of them to an extent.



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5. Capacity Enhancement Workshop

The Department of English in association with the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of the college and KITES Foundation, a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization based in Kochi, organized a Capacity Enhancement Workshop for select students of the college on the 10th of October, 2022, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The event was organized as a part of the Campus Ideathon programme, which is a flagship programme of the foundation. The event titled The Future Project (TFP) intends to enhance youths' potential by involving them in various kinds of activities like Group Discussion, Brainstorming, Ideas Sharing, Project Execution etc. Claire, one of the founders of the foundation, led the session. The participants of the event received a great boosting to engage in socially and ecologically relevant activities. Some of the ideas discussed in the event were taken up for implementation by the Department of English.



6. The Literati- English Association Inauguration

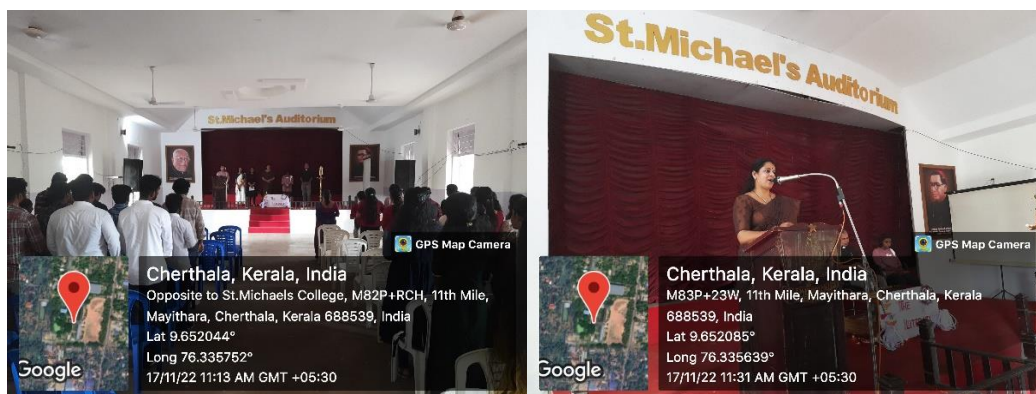
The much-awaited inauguration of the English Association happened on the 17th of November, 2022. The association which has been named 'The Literati', owing to the nature of its members who are literary enthusiasts, was inaugurated by Ms. Anjali George, Asst. Prof. of English, St. Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha. The event also witnessed the inauguration of a book recycling drive, an initiative of the first year B. A. English class in association with KITES Foundation, Kochi, and Kerala's Scrap Pickup Company. The winner of the Painting Competition held by the department in connection with World Malala Day was also honoured during the event. A lunch was arranged for all the members of the department and cultural programmes followed. The most striking feature of the event was that it was entirely managed by the students of the department. The final year students along with the support and cooperation from the juniors conducted the programme in an impressive manner.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE	
11:00 am	Prayer
Welcome Address	Archa Udayan (III BA Lit)
Presidential Address	Dr. Sindhu S. Nair Principal, St. Michael's College
Inauguration	Ms. Anjali George Asst. Prof. of English St. Joseph's College, Alappuzha
12:30 pm	Vote of Thanks Aleena Mariya O. T. (III BA Lit)
1:30 pm	Cultural Programmes

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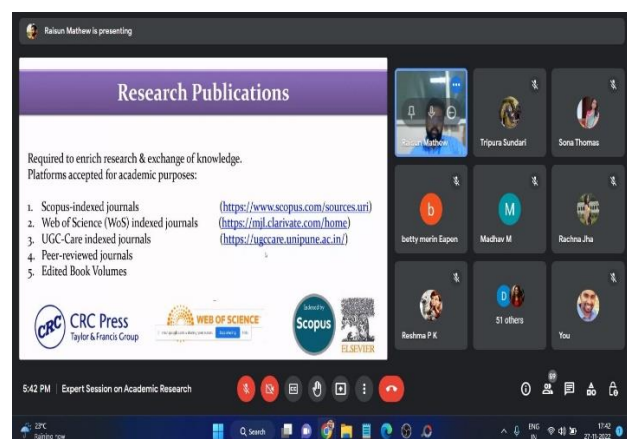
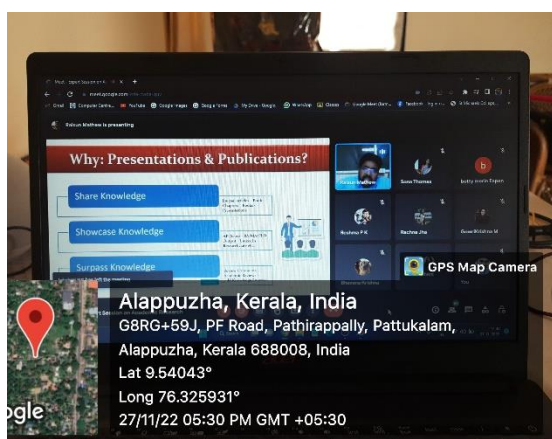


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7. Expert Session on Academic Writing

The Department of English conducted an Expert Session on the topic “Academic Research: Selection, Segregation and Utilization of Resources” on the 27th of November, 2022. The event was organized under the aegis of the English Association. The Resource Person for the event was Dr. Raisun Mathew. He is an Assistant Professor of English at Jain (Deemed-to-be University), Bangalore, Karnataka. He completed his PhD in English from Lovely Professional University, Punjab on the manifestation of liminality in the works of George Saunders. He also has a Master's degree in Public Administration from IGNOU, New Delhi. Apart from publishing various research papers in reputed journals and presenting at international and national conferences, his enthusiasm for research and creative writing has contributed to the publication of three academic edited books: *The Post-Truth Era: Literature and Media* (2021), *Literature, Media, and Society: Scholarly Perspectives* (2021), and *Identity: Quest and Questions* (2022). Besides, he has authored two books: *Zephyr: The Breeze of Love* (2021) and *In-Between: Liminal Stories* (2022). Academicians, Research Scholars and students pan India participated in the event.

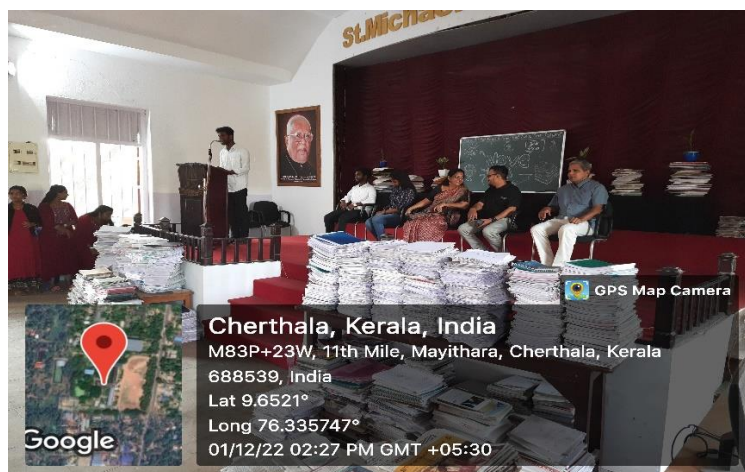


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8. Book Recycling Venture- NOVE

The Department of English, under the aegis of The Literati, English Association and I BA English Class (2022-2025 Batch), in association with KITES Foundation, Kochi and All Kerala Scrap Company, Kochi, initiated a Used Books, Magazines and Newspaper Recycling campaign on the 17th of November, 2022, under the title NOVE, THINKING FRESH. The campaign was concluded on the 1st of December, 2022, with around 700 kgs of used books, magazines and newspapers collected from staff, students and various departments on the campus. The campaign finale was officially hosted in the College Auditorium with the Principal of the college Dr. Sindhu S. Nair, presiding over the function and representatives from the English Department, KITES Foundation and Scrap Company felicitating the occasion. The teachers and students who led the campaign were also honoured during the concluding ceremony. An amount of Rs 8,000(Eight Thousand Only) was transferred to the department's account by the Scrap company as a remuneration for the collection and this amount along with other funds raised by the students will be used for doing charity work.

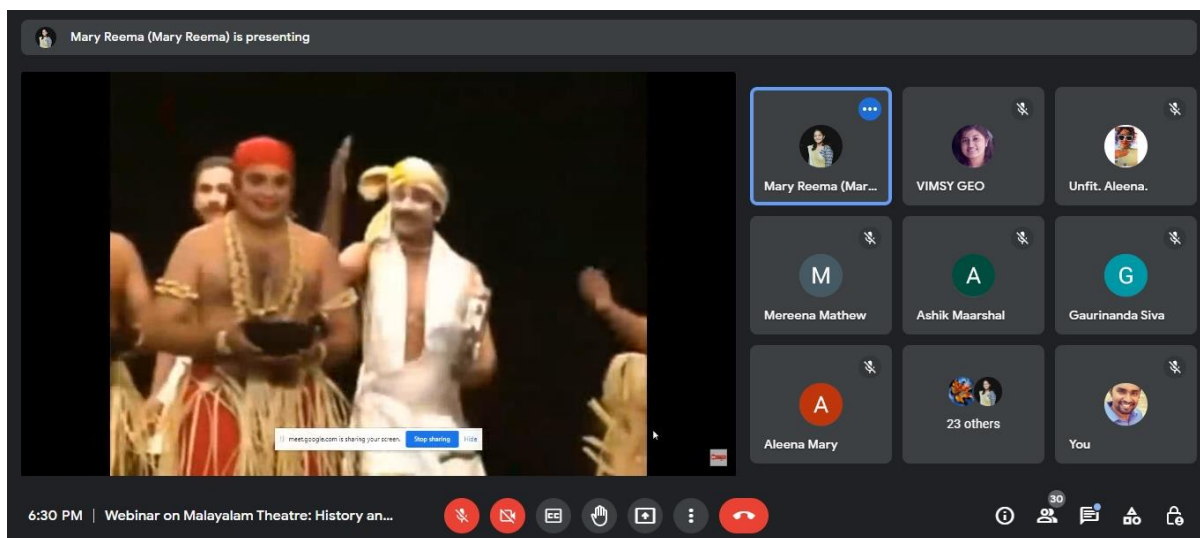


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9. Expert Session on Malayalam Theatre

The Department of English organized and conducted a webinar on 'Malayalam Theatre: History and Development, with special focus on the plays of Kavalam Narayana Panicker' on the 4th of December 2022, Sunday. Dr. Mary Reema, Assistant Professor of Malayalam, St. Michael's College, Cherthala, was the resource person. The online platform was Google Meet and the meeting commenced at 5 pm. Dr. Reema, in a comprehensive manner, explained the origin of Drama as an art form and the history of Malayalam Drama in particular. After a detailed overview, the life and career of the celebrated and much scrutinized playwright Kavalam Narayana Panicker was focused on. This was followed by a detour through his plays, with extra focus on *The Lone Tusker* (Ottayan) that is a prescribe text for the fifth semester students. After a vibrant and rewarding interactive session, the session came to an end by 7 pm.



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10. Phonetic Transcription Practice Session

An expert session on 'Linguistics and Phonetic Transcription' was held by the Department of English on the 9th of December, 2022, for the final year degree students of the department. Ms. Anu Scaria, Assistant Professor of English, Carmel College, Muhamma, who is an enthusiast and educationist in Phonetics led the session. The objective of the event was to instill in the students an interest in linguistics and phonetics transcription. The 3-hour long session enabled the students to identify the significance of linguistics as a discipline of study and also be adept in the business of phonetic transcription.



11. Invited Talk on "The History of Language of Cinema"

On Wednesday, 22nd February 2023, the English department of St. Michael's College, Cherthala organized an invited talk on "The History of Language of Cinema" by Dr. Vimal Mohan John, Assistant Professor, Department of English, S.B College Changanassery. The seminar was held at the Fenicio Digital Seminar Hall of St. Michael's College from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The resource person in his talk traced the evolution of cinema from the Lumière Brothers' first movie and their contribution to the development of film. He discussed with the students various aspects of cinema, including the difference between film, cinema, and movie, film language, Mis-en-scene, cinematography, editing, sound, and the influence of drama on film.

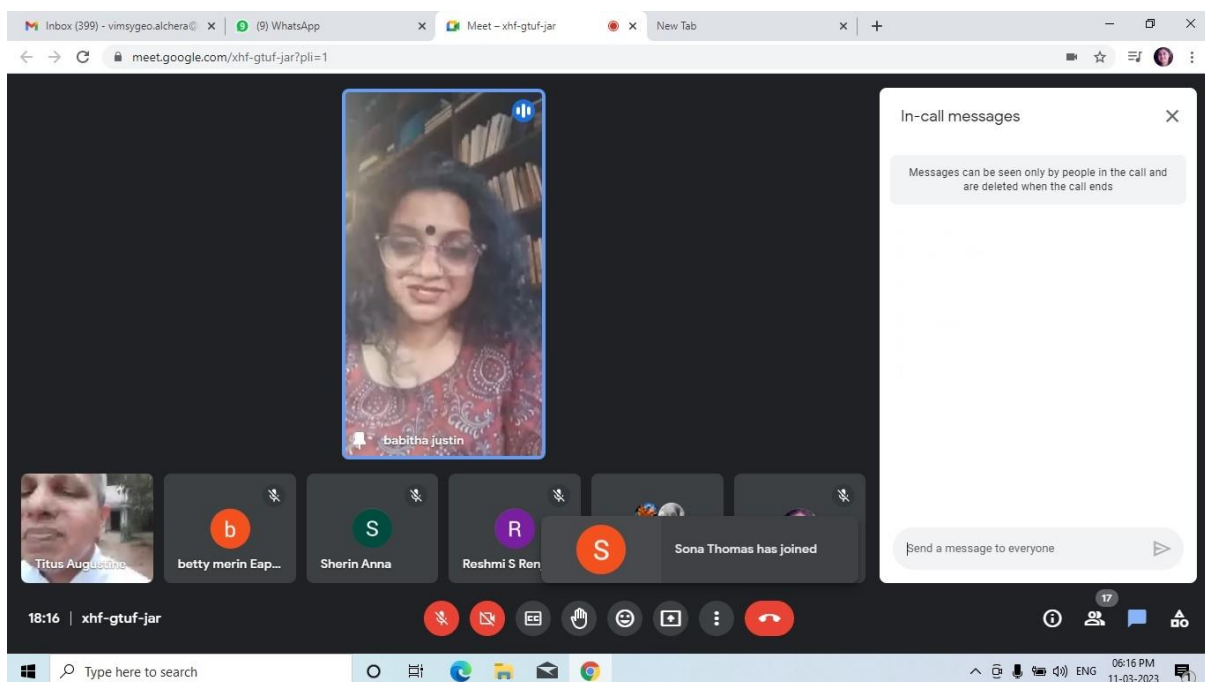
In the afternoon session, Dr. John presented each element of cinema by showing videos from movies like "Captain Jack Sparrow" and "Taxi Driver." He also talked about the films of Adoor Gopalakrishnan, such as "Elippathayam," and many other films. Dr. John discussed the shots in the intro scene of "Captain Jack Sparrow" and the principle of continuity in editing. He also highlighted events in Malayalam cinema where the director hides something to convey a particular event. Overall, the seminar was a great learning opportunity for students and teachers interested in the history and language of cinema. The invited talk by Dr. Vimal Mohan John provided valuable insights into the evolution of cinema and various aspects of filmmaking, making it a highly informative and engaging seminar.



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12. Webinar on World Classics

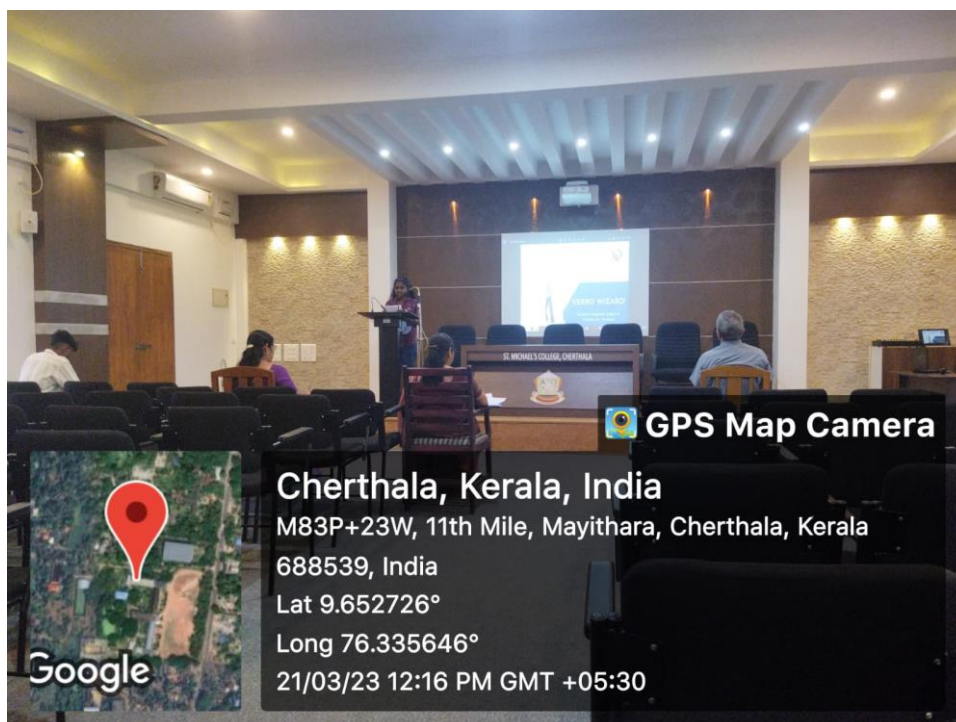
The Department of English conducted a webinar based on the semester six paper 'World Classics' on the 11th of March 2023, at 6 pm. Dr. Babitha Justin, Associate Professor, Dept. of Humanities, IIST, Trivandrum was the resource person for the event. The talk was focused mainly on 'Freedom vs. Happiness: Does the Novel 'Notes from Underground' succeed in Countering the Praxis of Rational Egoism? (with special reference to Novels of Dostoevsky) and went on to cover the entire syllabus, ranging from the rudiments of Classics as a concept, to the immortal works of authors like Ovid, Kalidasa, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and so on. The session was a phenomenal success especially in terms of active student participation. With the vote of thanks proposed by Sherin Anna Thomas (III BA English), the session came to an end by 8pm.



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13. Verbo Wizard- Inter-college Elocution Competition

The Dept. of English in association with Radio Neythal has organised and conducted an Intercollegiate Elocution Competition 'Verbo Wizard' on the 21st of March 2023. There were ten participants on the whole, from various colleges of repute in Alappuzha along with participation from the host campus as well. Each contestant delivered a sparkling 5-minute extempore speech on the topic given. Akshai Suresh of SD College, Alappuzha won the title Verbo Wizard, and Akhila M. of St. Michael's College and Milan M. of St Joseph's College have secured the second and third prizes respectively. Cash Prizes and certificates were distributed by the principal during the Valedictory Meeting. The event came to an end by 1pm with a brief vote of thanks.



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