

Department of English St. Michael's College, Cherthala

Reports of Activities Conducted During 2024-2025

1. Reading Competition (18/06/2024)

In connection with the observation of National Reading Day, the Department of English in association with the Indian Languages department and the Library organised a Reading Competition for the students of the campus on the 18th of June 2024. Prof. (Dr). Sindhu S. Nair inaugurated the competition and 9 students from various departments took part in the event held in the library. Donna Sonnet, a student of second semester Zoology class bagged the first prize. The prizes for the winners were distributed during the Reading Day observation programme.



Snippets from the Reading Competition

2. Reading Day Observation (19/06/2024)

Every year, from 2017 onwards, June 19th is observed as National Reading Day in India. It is a commemorative tribute to Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker, known as the father of the library movement in Kerala. His revolutionary ideas led to the birth of an ever-evolving reading tradition in the state of Kerala and in the rest of the country. To commemorate his memory, the department of English in jointure with the Hindi and Malayalam departments and the Library organised a Reading Week observation on the campus. Sri. K. A. Sebastian, renowned writer inaugurated the observation held on the 19th of June in the presence of the College Manager Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Celestine Puthenpurackal and Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair. The team who beautified the library halls with artistic creations were also honoured during the programme.

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3. Nidhishekham (21/06/2024)

Aspiring for a meaningful observance of the Reading Week, the Book Club, in association with the language departments, organised the contest 'Nammude Nidhishekham' on the 21st of June 2024. The aspirants were directed to visit and familiarise the books that are part of the college library collection. The contest was proposed to be a memory test wherein the students were asked to recall and list the titles and authors of as many books as they could, within a brief span of 30 mins. Neeraja B. Chandran (II BSc Zoology), Bhavana Krishna P. (II BA English) and Donna Sonnet (II BSc Zoology) bagged the first, second and third positions respectively.



Brochure of the Event

Students taking part in the competition

4. Old Age Home Visit (27/06/2024)

As part of the department's constant endeavor to mould future citizens of the country who are responsible and committed to the society an Old Age Home visit was conducted on the 27th of June, 2024 at 2:30 pm. The event was conducted in association with the National Service Scheme unit of the college. Students and volunteers performed cultural programmes for the inmates of the establishment at Mayithara and also spent some quality time with them thereby getting to know more about their life at the old age home. The department also took the initiative of beginning a library in the establishment and 70 books were donated to it as the first step towards materialising the purpose. The programme was a complete success as the participants of the event as well as the inmates and authorities of the government-run institution conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the organisers for conducting such a memorable event.





Snippets from the Old Age Home Visit

5. Zoology Museum Visit (05/07/2024)

A visit to the newly renovated Zoology museum was held on the 5th of July. The fresher students of the department were introduced to the exquisite collections of flora and fauna exhibited in the museum. The second-year students of the Zoology department led the visit and also gave a detailed description of the various exhibits.



Students taking part in the visit

Ms. Anila of II BSc Zoology leading the visit

6. Screening of the Documentary *He Named Me Malala* (10/07/2024)

The Department of English organised the screening of the World popular documentary *He Named Me Malala* on the 10th of July, 2024. This event was organised in connection with the World Malala Day which falls on the 12th of July, 2024. The fresher students from various students took part in the screening and was inspired by the intimate portrayal of the Nobel

Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. Through the story, the acclaimed documentary filmmaker Davis Guggenheim shows us how Malala, her father Zia and her family are committed to fighting for education for all girls worldwide. The film gives us an inside glimpse into this extraordinary young girl's life – from her close relationship with her father who inspired her love for education, to her impassioned speeches at the UN, to her everyday life with her parents and brothers.



Snippets from the screening

7. Personality Development and Language Skills Enhancement Session (11/07/2024)

As part of the constant effort of the department to instill in students an understanding regarding necessary skillsets that are required to scale heights in a competitive world and also to mould them into responsible individuals with good personality, the Department of English conducted a Personality Development and Skills Enhancement Session on the 11th of July, 2024 at 1:30 pm. Mr. Ajith P. C., a life skills coach, soft skills and language trainer who has been associating with the British Council for the past 12 years and who is also a Master Trainer working on behalf of ASAP (Additional Skills Acquisition Programme, an initiative of the Govt. of Kerala) and Resource Person of New Initiatives of Higher Education Department of Kerala led the two hour session. Many confidence boosting, team building and language learning activities were conducted as part of the session. More than 50 students from the department took part in the event.



Mr. Ajith P. C. leading the session



Students involving in a team building exercise Mr. Ajith being honoured with a memento

8. Literary Quiz (10/09/2024)

As part of National Literacy Day celebrations, the Department of English organised an interdepartmental quiz competition on September 10, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the II BA English classroom. Thirty students from various departments participated in the event. The quiz, featuring picture-based questions, focused on significant literary texts from English literature, aiming to inspire students to explore and deepen their knowledge. Ms. Betty Merin Eapen, Assistant Professor of English, was the quiz master. During the prize distribution ceremony, Mr. Sam Johnson, Head of the English Department, addressed the participants, commending their enthusiasm for participation. He awarded the first prize to Bhavana Krishna P of III BA English. Dr. Rajesh R, Head of the Department of Physical Education, presented the second prize to Anuja Lal of III BA English. The event was a great success, fostering interest in literature and encouraging students to broaden their horizons.

