

**WOMEN CELL
ACTIVITIES
2019-2020**



1. Awareness Programme on 'Laws for the Protection and Care of Women and Children'

Women Cell of St. Michael's College, Cherthala in association with KSWDC (Kerala State Women Development Corporation) organised a Gender Awareness Programme, titled 'Laws for the Protection and Care of Women and Children'. The programme was on 13 Feb 2020, at 2 pm in the seminar hall.

Advocate Devi R. Raj, practicing Lawyer at Alappuzha District Court, and a member of Legal Services Authority, served as the resource person. Narrating real case instances, she gave a clear picture to the students regarding the POCSO Act, Domestic Violence Act, Dowry Prohibition Act, and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace.

She spoke about the various angles from which these Acts can be imposed, the time duration of its effectiveness, the protection assured to the victim, etc.

The male students were also asked to attend this talk, because, it is their awareness that would reduce the atrocities towards women and children. At the same time, lack of awareness of such legalities would trap them into fatal situations. As per the feedback obtained, this programme was highly useful for both, the boys and girls.

Smt. Patricia Robin (Assistant Coordinator of Women Cell) offered the welcome address. Prof. Annie Jose (Vice Principal) gave the Presidential Address, Smt. Minnu Mathew (Deputy Coordinator of Women Cell) offered felicitation, and Difna of I BSc Chemistry extended the vote of thanks.



2. Programme on Social Commitment

Women Cell of St. Michael's College, Cherthala in association with KSWDC (Kerala State Women Development Corporation) organised a Programme on Social Commitment, titled 'Broken Bones: Unbroken Spirit'. The programme was on 27 Feb 2020, at 10.30 am in the seminar hall.

Amrithavarshini Director, Smt, Latha Nair, 'mother to glass children', winner of the Vanitha women of the year award 2019, served as the resource person. She is an exceptional personality who has dedicated her life for supporting and empowering children suffering from 'Osteo genesis imperfecta', ie. Brittle Bone Disease. It is a genetic ailment which causes the bones in a human body to fracture 300 to 400 times in a life span. She spoke about how she was initiated into this activity, which reflected the amount of social commitment she bore within herself.

Her decision to bring out these children from their loneliness into a world, where they had the opportunity to meet people with the same distressed situation or even worse, served as a motivation for them to survive, and excel in life.



Smt. Minnu Mathew (Deputy Coordinator of Women Cell) served as the Master of Ceremony, Smt. Patricia Robin (assistant coordinator of Women Cell) offered the welcome address, Dr. Mathew V. (Principal) gave the Presidential Address and Chaithanya Alex of M.A.Economics class extended the vote of thanks. The programme came to an end at 3.30 pm

Even before the programme began, a documentary on Smt. Latha Nair and her organisation “Amrithavarshini” was screened, which served as a curtain raiser to the event.



3. Training Programme on ‘Effective Communication’

Under ‘Performance Success Programme’, the women cell of St. Michael’s College, Cherthala organized sessions for the women cell members from 3-5 March, 2020, on ‘Effective Communication’. Dr. Patricia Robin, librarian of the college, served as the resource person.

The programme included various sessions as

1. Verbal and Non-verbal communication
2. Emergence and Exigency of English Language towards Effective Communication
3. Letting off Inhibitions to speak with Confidence





4. Manuscript Publishing

PENNVAKKU – a handwritten magazine, was published by the women cell of St. Michael's College, Cherthala. It comprises of stories, poems, pencil sketches, paintings, quiz, mathematical puzzles, etc. written by the women cell members. This venture provides an opportunity for the budding writers to express their talent. The release of the manuscript was postponed due to the announcement of lockdown imposed by the government.

Later, on 10th March 2021, Smt. Sudharshana Bai, President of Mararikulam North Grama Panchayath, released the magazine 'PENNVAKKU' on the occasion of her rendering a keynote address, at the women cell programme 'Susthira'. The programme was organized observing covid protocol.

