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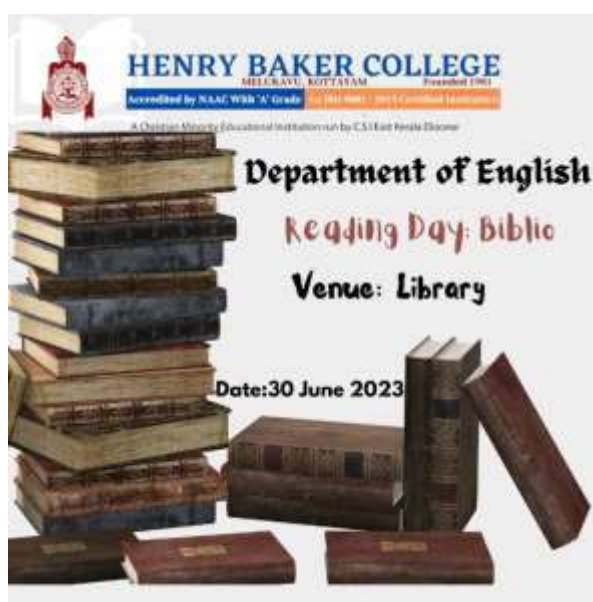
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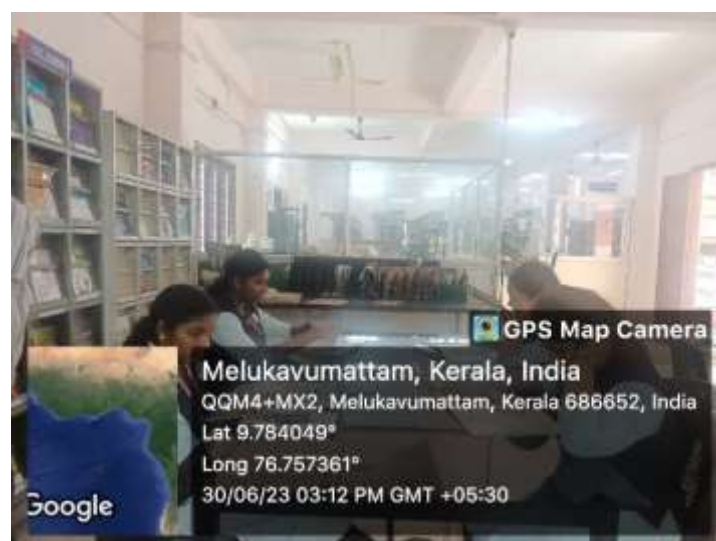
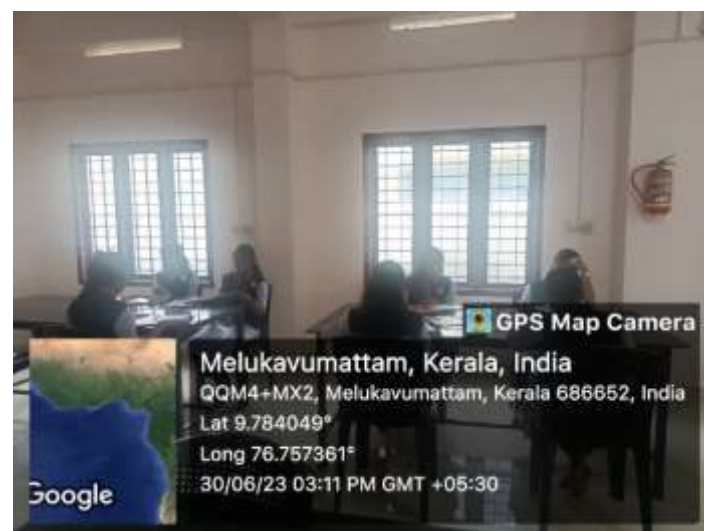
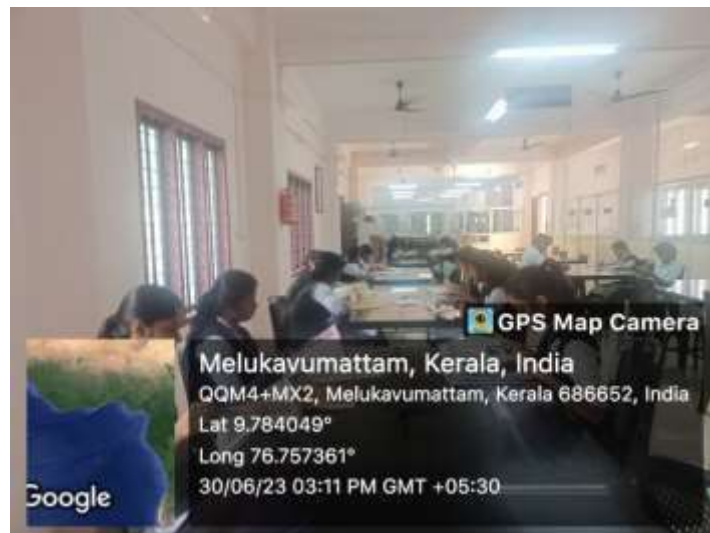
Annual Report 2023-24

The Department of English, conducts a plethora of programmes every year. These programmes are for the students of the English department and for those of other departments. These programmes act as a whetting stone for sharpening the various skills of the students. Their creativity and skills are enhanced through these programmes. The following is the annual report of the activities of English Department during the year 2023 -2024.

1. National Reading Day Celebration: “Biblio”

The Department of English organised a program called "Biblio" as part of National Reading Day and Month celebrations. The primary objective of the program was to promote a love for reading among students and emphasize the importance of libraries as valuable resources for knowledge and personal growth. As part of the programme, the students of the Department of English visited the college library on June 30, 2023 at 3.00 p.m. Each student selected a book that appealed to them, ranging from classic literature to modern fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. After selecting a book, the students were requested to spend time reading it and then write a review of their chosen book. By encouraging students to immerse themselves in books and the library, the event not only promoted a love for reading but also fostered a sense of community and shared passion for literature among the students. A total of twenty participated in the programme.





2. Workshop on Research Methodology

A research methodology workshop was conducted on 25 September 2023 at the Seminar Hall for the final year B.A. English students to enhance their understanding of research methods, academic integrity, and writing skills. Dr. Harilekshmi V.S, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sree Narayana College, Kollam was the resource person. Ms. Elizabeth Joseph, Assistant Professor, Department of English welcomed the gathering. The Principal, Dr, G.S Gireesh Kumar delivered the presidential address. Dr, Harilekshmi V.S provided valuable insights and guidance to the students for conducting quality research in the field of English literature. She emphasized the importance of selecting appropriate research topics and empowered them to approach their academic work with rigor and integrity. The workshop was followed by an interactive session, in which the students sought clarification regarding the topic. Dr. Ansa Andrews, Assistant Professor, Department of English proposed vote of thanks. A total of twenty-six students attended the programme.





3. Excursion

The final year B. A. English Students went on a four-day tour to Mysore and Coorg under the supervision of Mr.Paul Mathews and Mrs.Elizabeth Joseph, faculty of the Dept. of English. Twenty one students and two members of the faculty left the campus on the evening of 22 January 2024. After visiting the tourist spots of the above mentioned places they returned on 25-1-2024. The trip was a delightful experience for all as it gave opportunity to understand and appreciate the beauty of these spots and develop a strong bonding between each other.



4. Workshop on Research Methodology

A Workshop in Research Methodology for the final semester B. A. English Students was conducted on 06.02.2024 at 11.00 a.m. The purpose of this workshop was to equip the students with the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully complete their project reports. Dr Ansa Andrews , Assistant Professor of the Department of English was the resource person. She provided practical guidance on various citation styles and formatting techniques. Students were taught the importance of proper documentation and referencing in academic writing, ensuring academic integrity and credibility within their project reports. They actively participated in hands-on exercises, practicing the techniques taught and receiving feedback from the resource person. The sessions also included discussions on effective literature review strategies, data collection methodologies, and research ethics to further enhance the students' understanding of research methodology. A total of twenty-one students attended the workshop.



5. Mastering Microsoft Office for Academic Purposes

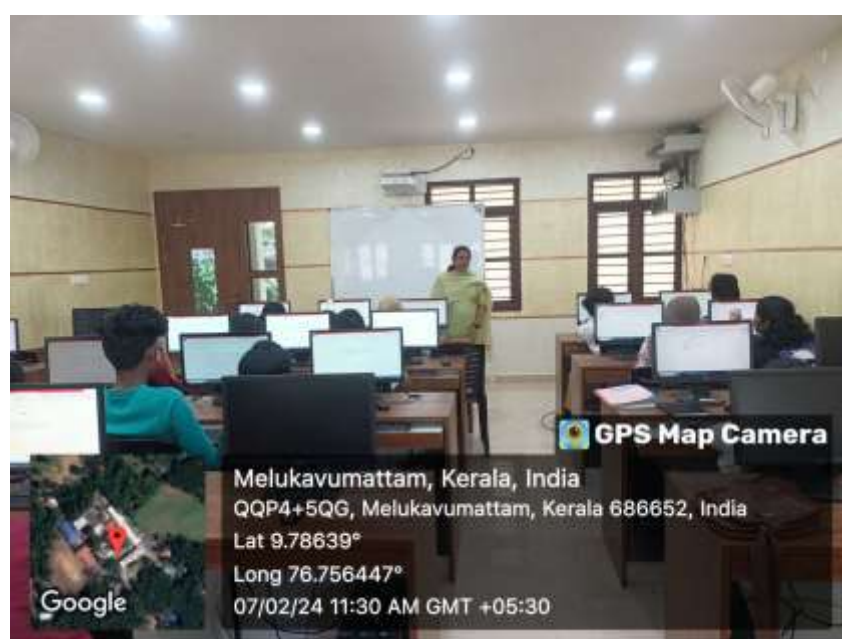
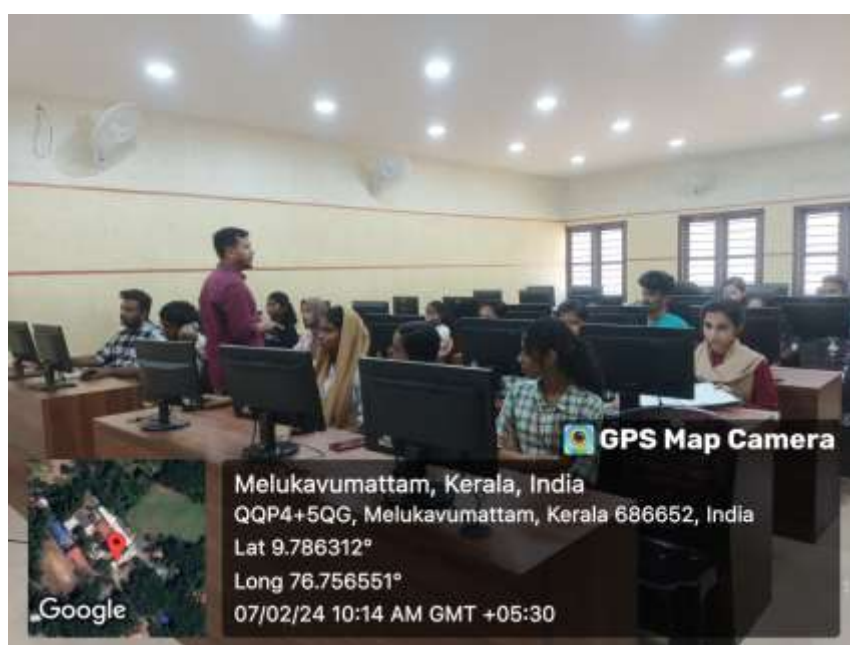
The Department of English, Henry Baker College, Melukavu in association with Institution's Innovation Council organized a workshop on “Mastering Microsoft Office for Academic Purposes” for the III Year B. A English students on 07.02.2024 in the Computer Lab from 10.00 am. to 1.00 pm. The program was organized with the aim to equip the students with essential skills for the academic and professional success. The program included training sessions on “Microsoft Power Point” by Mr. Paul Mathews, Assistant Professor, Department of English and “Microsoft Word” by Dr. Ansa Andrews, Assistant Professor, Department of English. A total of 19 students actively participated in the program.

The session on PowerPoint by Sri. Paul Mathews focused on the effective use of visual aids and design techniques to deliver impactful presentations. The students were guided on how to structure their presentations, use appropriate templates, incorporate multimedia

elements, and engage the audience effectively. Dr. Ansa Andrews led a training session on utilizing Microsoft Word for academic writing purposes. The students were guided on formatting guidelines, structuring their reports, using referencing tools, and creating professional-looking documents for academic submissions.

The hands-on approach taken by the instructors helped the students grasp the concepts effectively and apply them in their academic assignments. The program not only enhanced the students' technical skills but also improved their confidence in presenting and communicating their ideas effectively. The program served as a platform for students to develop practical skills and enhance their overall learning experience.





6. GREENING HOMES: Distribution of Vegetable Saplings

The Department of English, Henry Baker College, Melukavu organised a commendable initiative to promote the importance of organic vegetable farming. On 07.02.2024, the Department distributed vegetable saplings to students of the department of English and office staff with an aim to inspire them to cultivate a love for vegetable gardening and appreciate the benefits of growing their own produce. DR. Ansa Andrews welcomed the gathering. The event,

was inaugurated by Principal Dr. G.S Gireesh Kumar. Rev. Simon P George, the Bursar of the college offered felicitations. Meenakshi V. M, III B.A English proposed the vote of thanks.



7. Let's Talk: Conversational English Lessons - Extension Programme at MDCMS HS Erumapramattom 2023-24

From February 19, 2024, to February 23, 2024, the Department of English conducted an extension programme titled "Let's Talk" aimed at enhancing communicative English skills among the students of MDCMS HS, Erumapramattom. This report outlines the details and outcomes of the programme. The programme commenced with an inauguration ceremony on February 19, 2024, led by Ms. Susan Manoj, Teacher in charge at MDCMS HS, Erumapramattom. The primary objective of the programme was to equip the students with effective communication skills in English, thereby enhancing their academic and professional prospects.

The "Let's Talk" programme comprised various training sessions conducted by student volunteers under the guidance of faculty members. The sessions covered aspects such as common conversational patterns for real life situations. The training sessions were led by dedicated student volunteers, namely Ms. Meenakshi V. M. (III BA English), Ms. Gouri Krishna (II BA English), Ms. Anagha Sebastian (III BA English), Ms. Adhlya Michael (II BA English), Ms. Liya Johnson (III BA English), and Mr. Yugin Richard Edmond (III BA English). Dr. Ansa Andrews, Mr. Paul Mathews and Mr. Bibin Samuel provided guidance and support throughout the programme.

By the end of the programme, participants demonstrated enhanced proficiency in spoken and written English, reflecting greater confidence and clarity in communication. The programme provided a conducive learning environment where students actively participated and benefited from interactive sessions.

The programme concluded with a valedictory function and certificate distribution on February 26, 2024, presided over by Dr. Girish Kumar G.S., Principal. All participants were presented with certificates of participation in the valedictory function. The efforts of student volunteers and faculty members were also acknowledged and appreciated during the valedictory function, motivating them to continue contributing to such initiatives in the future.



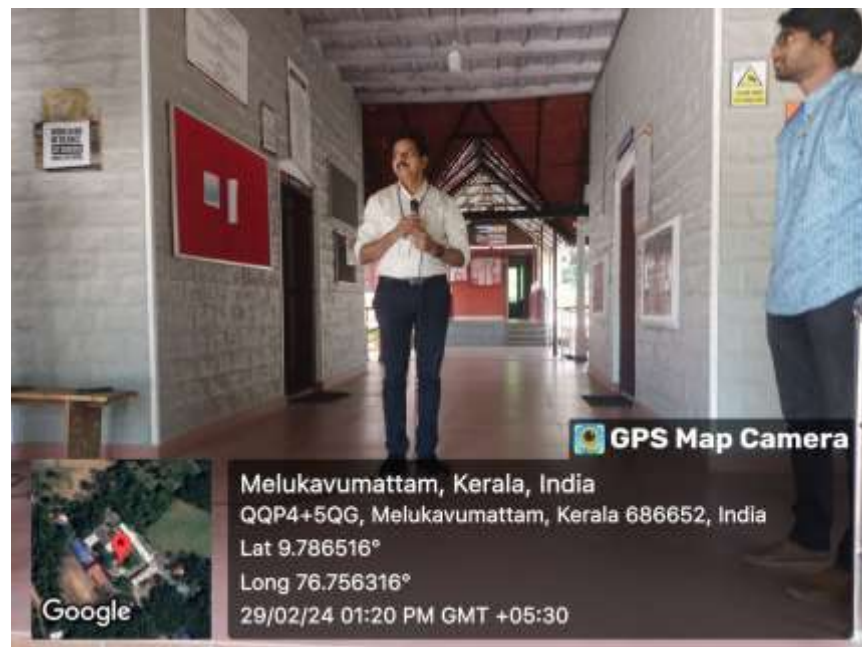
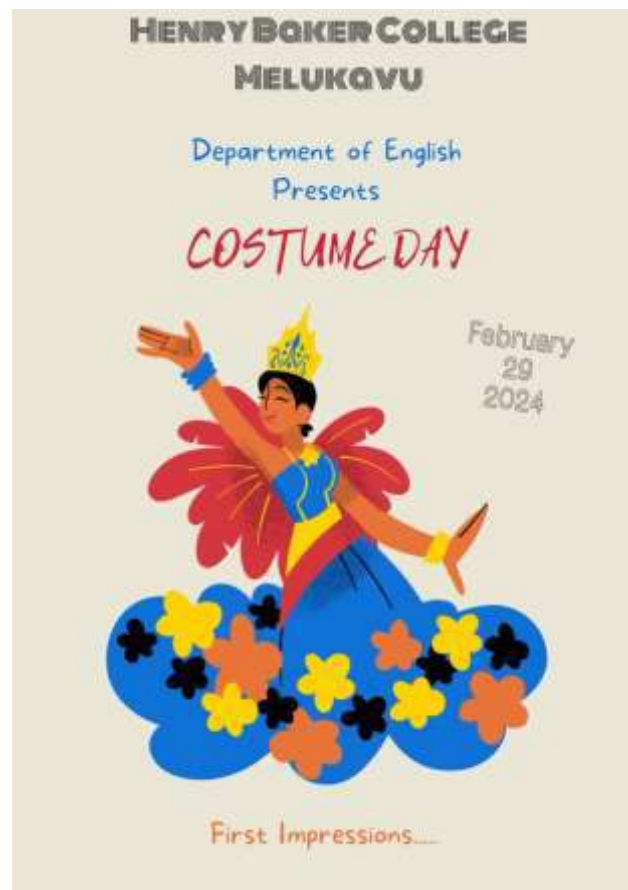






7. Costume Day

On February 29th 2024 the Department of English organized a vibrant event known as "Costume Day". This event was a celebration of the rich cultural diversity of India, showcasing traditional attire from different states and highlighting the beauty of Indian culture. Students of the English department enthusiastically participated in the programme, showcasing a colorful array of costumes representing various regions of the country. The main objective of the event was to promote national integration by encouraging students to appreciate and respect the diverse cultures that make up the rich tapestry of India. The event was inaugurated by the Principal G. S. Gireesh Kumar, who commended the efforts of the students and faculty in organizing such a creative and engaging event. By wearing traditional costumes from different states, the students not only celebrated the uniqueness of each region but also emphasized the unity of the country as a whole. In addition to the costume showcase, students performed a variety of entertainments such as traditional dances, music performances, and other cultural activities. The programme was a visual feast of colors, textures, and designs.

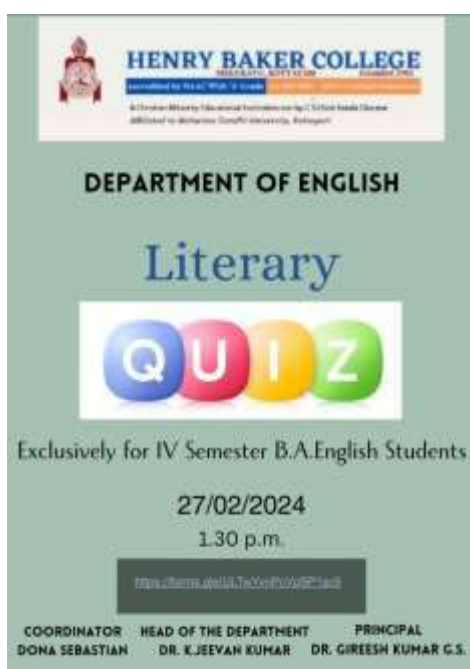




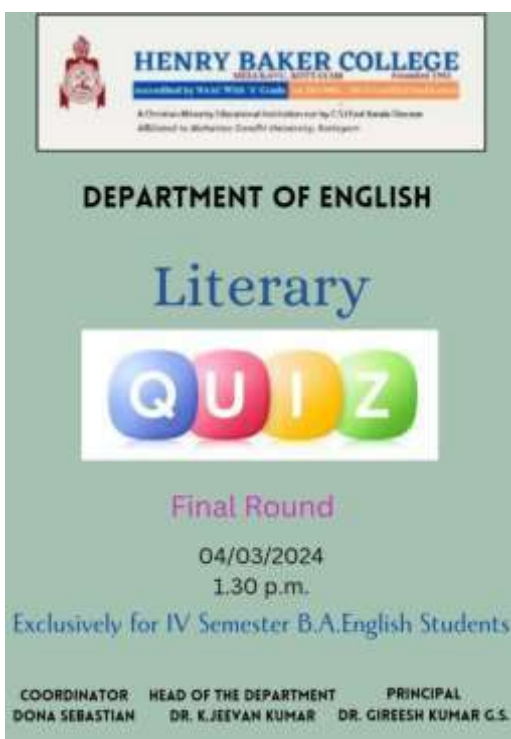


8. Literary Quiz

The Department of English conducted a literary quiz competition exclusively for the IV semester B.A English students. The quiz was conducted in two rounds. The first round which was conducted on 27/02/2024 was through google form. There were 25 questions.

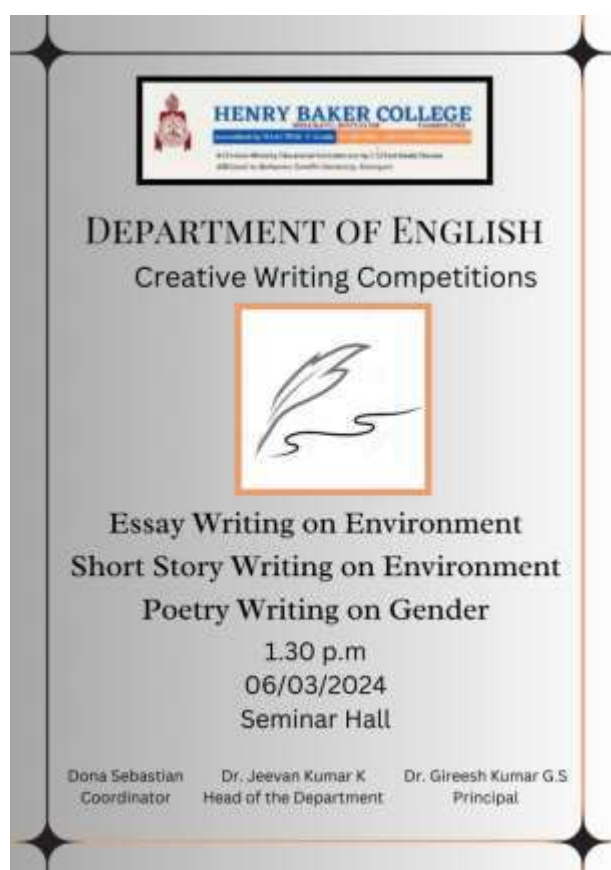


The final round was conducted on 04/03/2024, among four teams: Team A, Team B, Team C and Team D. Team A consisted of Aleetta Antu and Gouri Krishna, Team B had Bismi M.R and Dinse Joseph, Team C consisted of Adhlya Michael and Ann Mariya Kurian and Hiba Fathima and Sneha Justin belonged to Team D. A total of twenty questions were asked. Each direct question carried 10 points and the indirect ones, 5 points. Mr. Shiyas Ibrahim was the Score-keeper. Team C won the first prize with 225 points and Team A bagged the second place with 215 points.



9. Creative Writing Competitions

The Department of English conducted an inter-departmental creative writing competitions on 06/03/2024. Essay Writing and Short Story Writing were on environment related topics. Poetry Writing was on gender. The topic for essay writing competition was *Climatic Change*, short story writing was 'and then she saw a silver lining among the dark dense clouds...' and the topic for poetry writing was *She speaks a girl from South Kerala*. A total of 29 students participated, 17 in essay writing, 6 in short story writing and 8 for poetry writing. Vysakh B. Nair of I M.Com won the first prize in essay writing, Yugin Richard Edmond bagged the second prize and Aleetta Antu of II B.A English won the third place. In short story writing, Gouri Nandakumar bagged the first prize, Nihal Saji of III B.A. English got the second prize and Gouri Krishna of II B.A. English won the third place. In poetry writing, Yugin Richard Edmond of III B.A English grabbed the first prize, Nihal Saji of III B.A. English bagged the second prize while Jeeno John of II B.Com Computer Application got the third prize.





10. Merit Day 23-24

The Merit Day Ceremony of the Department of English was held on March 26, 2024, at Kirby Garden commemorating the academic excellence and achievements of students in various domains. The ceremony served as a platform to recognize the accomplishments of university examination toppers and winners of the university youth festival as well as the creative writing competitions conducted by the department.

The ceremony commenced with the acknowledgment of university examination toppers who demonstrated outstanding academic performance. Their dedication and commitment to excellence were celebrated as they received recognition for their achievements. The college

team who one 'A' grade in the Group Song-Western in the University Youth Festival also were honored during the ceremony. All members of the team were students of III Year BA English. Their achievements added vibrancy to the academic environment and reflected the department's commitment to nurturing talent.

Prof. Dona Sebastian, along with the esteemed faculty members present, had the honor of presenting mementos to the deserving awardees. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. Ansa Andrews, Mr. Paul Mathews, Ms. Elizabeth Joseph, and Mr. Bibin Samuel, other teachers in the department. As the awardees were honored and celebrated, they were reminded of the importance of perseverance, dedication, and continuous pursuit of excellence in their academic and personal endeavours.







12. A Word A Day

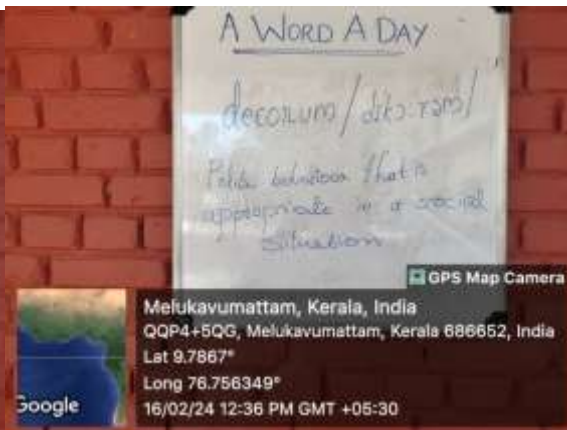
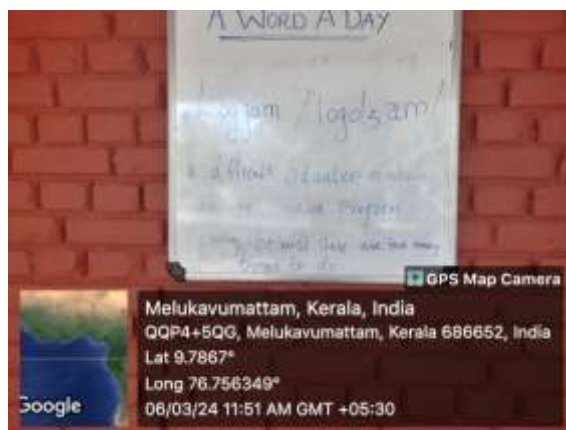
Objective: To enhance the vocabulary and phonetic skills of B.A.English students

Outcome: Students could learn a new word a day and to understand how the word is pronounced.

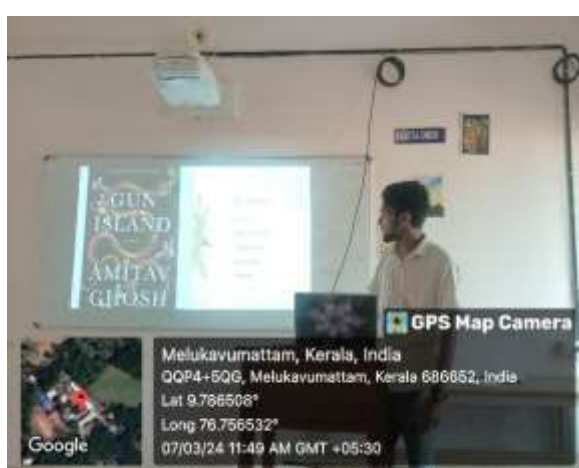
A Word A Day is a programme organized by the Department of English to enrich the vocabulary of students. The second year students write a word and its phonetic transcription

daily on a board kept on the outer wall of the I.B.A English classroom. A register is kept in the department.

Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Dona Sebastian



2023 - 2024			
No.	Date	Word	Meaning
1	Besom 1/6/2023	Besom /be'səm/	a broom, especially a broom made from sticks tied into a long handle
2	2/6/2023	counsel /kaʊnzəl/	advice, especially given by older people or experts
3	5/6/2023	ingress /ɪn'ɡres/	the act of entering a place
4	6/6/2023	enigmatic /ɛnɪɡ'mætɪk/	mysterious and difficult to understand
5	7/6/2023	Sunken /'sʌŋkən/	that has fallen in the bottom of the sea or the ocean, or has sunk



14. Poster Designing

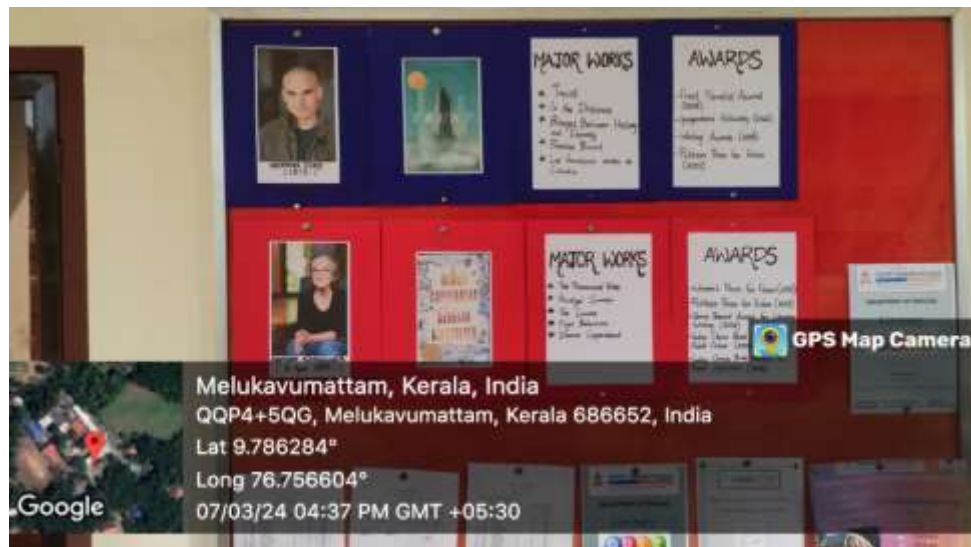
According to the proposed Action Plan, the Department of English organised poster designing for the students. Students of B.A English prepared posters on the literary luminaries, displaying their works and achievements. Students who were interested in poster designing

were selected by the teacher in charge, Mrs.Elizabeth Joseph. Students from the II and III B.A earnestly participated in this activity.

Objective-To create a general overview of the major literary luminaries and their works.

The First Poster on Paul Lynch was designed by Asiya Yoosuf and Anjalimol N.M of III B.A English. Yugin Richard Edmond of III B.A English made posters on Hernan Diaz and Barbara Kingsolver. Adhlya Michael, Sneha Justin and Ann Mariya Kurian of II B.A English designed a poster on Hilary Mantel. The fifth poster on Jon Fosse was prepared by Gowri Krishna, Aleetta Antu and Bismi M.S of II B.A English .The efforts and creativity of the students were appreciated by all by displaying these five posters in front of the department notice board.





Outcome- This activity triggered the literary consciousness of the students. It developed the observational skills of the students and created an awareness of the major luminaries in literature.

15. Film Shows

Department of English show the students films or plays which are based on the texts in their syllabus.

Objective: To compare and contrast the text and the film version

Outcome: Students understand the text in a better way when they see the film. It gives them a lasting impression of the text.



16. Certificate Programme: An Introduction to Shakespeare

Objective: To open the spectacular vistas of the Shakespearean world for the students.

Outcome: Students of the First and Second Year B. A. English will get an overview of Shakespearean literature.

Title of the programme: An Introduction to Shakespeare

Name of the teacher-in-charge: Prof. Dona Sebastian

Syllabus

❖ **Module 1 A general introduction to Shakespeare.** (15 hours)

Sonnets- Romances- History Plays- Comedies -Tragedies

❖ **Module 2 Detailed study**

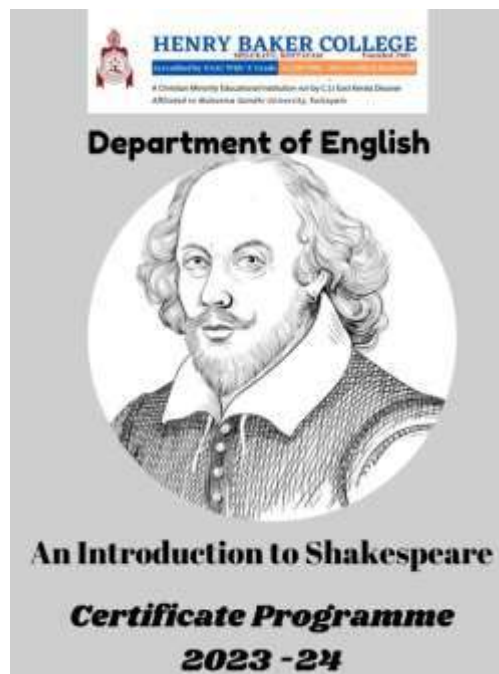
(15 hours)

Sonnet 18 - Sonnet 30 – Macbeth Act I Scene I , Scene II, Scene III, Scene IV, Scene V, Scene VI and Scene VII - The Tempest Act I Scene I
(15 hours)

References:

1. A. C Bradley: *Shakespearean Tragedy*
2. Frank Kermode: *The Age of Shakespeare*
3. G. Wilson Knight: *The Wheel of Fire*
4. Leela Gandhi (ed): *William Shakespeare: An Anthology of Recent Criticism*
5. Harley Granville-Parker: *Prefaces to Shakespeare*

A certificate programme on Shakespeare was conducted by the department of English with a duration of 30 hours. It started on the 16th of January. The programme was offered to first and second year B.A.English students. All the sixteen students completed the programme successfully. An examination was conducted at the end and grades were awarded.



Assessment Procedure

An Introduction to Shakespeare

A written examination was conducted at the end of the programme. The examination was one of multiple choice type. Of the 16 participants, one student secured A grade, seven got B grade, five got C grade and three got D grade.

Summary Report

An Introduction to Shakespeare

A certificate programme on Shakespeare was conducted by the department of English. It was a 30 hour duration programme. The department started the programme on 16/01/2024. It was offered to the first and second year B.A.English students. A written examination was conducted at the end of the programme. The examination was one of multiple choice type. Of the 16 participants, one student secured A grade, seven got B grade, five got C grade and three got D grade.

Outcome: The participants acquired an awareness of the vastness of the literature of Shakespeare. All his works were introduced to them and they could also understand Shakespearean English and how it is different from modern English.