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# HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

Nature Club

ACADEMIC  
YEAR

2016-17

## FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu Is a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Government-aided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

# THE REPORT OF NATURE CLUB 2016-2017

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**Teacher coordinator:** Paul Mathews

**Student Secretary:** Amala Maria George, II B. A. English

The first general meeting of the Nature Club for the academic year 2016-17 was held on 3rd November 2016, 1.30 pm at the Audio-Visual Hall of the college. Prof. Paul Mathews, the Teacher Coordinator of the club, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Amala Maria George (II BA English) was selected as the Student Secretary of the Club. Amal Sam Zen (I BA English), Arjun P. J. (III B A History), Naveen K. Cherian (III B Com), Alvy Joseph (II B A History), Neena Baiju (II B A English) were included in the core committee of having five member. Prof. Paul Mathews briefed the scope of a nature club in our college and shared his hope of cultivating a concern for the ecosystem among the students. Prof. Korah Jacob, Department of Economics, delivered a short speech in which he extended all sorts of possible help for our activities. The meeting decided to conduct a photography exhibition of Butterflies around the campus, a cleaning campaign and labelling of trees and plants.

## **PAPILIO 2017**

The Nature Club conducted a Photography Exhibition, '*Papilio*', on 7th & 8th of February at College Seminar Hall. Dr. Nisha Joseph, Principal-in-charge, inaugurated the exhibition. The exhibited photographs were mostly varieties of Butterflies that flies around in our college campus. It took months of patience and dedication for the members to capture the photographs of college eco system. Lantana Camara (*Lanthana Camara*), a

species of flowering plant is centre of attraction for Butterflies that lives inside the campus premises. Photographs of Dragonflies, reptiles like Chameleon, Bee hives, Frogs also became part of the exhibition. Albin C. J. of II B A English took three months of dedication and effort to capture photographs of different species of butterflies and six of dragonflies. Prof. Mathew Thomas, Assistant Professor of Zoology, St. Thomas College, Pala, guided students to find out the names of Butterflies and Dragonflies. Almost all students, teachers, non-teaching staff, and presbyters of the East Kerala Diocese visited the exhibition and appreciated Albin C. J's work. A collection of 43 photos were exhibited in exhibition and later made an album out of it.

### **NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Along with Photography Exhibition, Nature club organized a Nature Photography Contest and a Friendship Selfie Contest. The winners have presented prizes at the valedictory meeting that was held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1.30 pm at the Heritage Building of college. Dr. Nisha Joseph and Dr. K. Jeevan Kumar, Head of the Department of English distributed prizes. Winners of the photography competitions were as follows:

#### **I. Nature Photography Contest**

1<sup>st</sup>: Sajith P. S., I B Com

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ebin Joseph, II B A English

3<sup>rd</sup>: Albin Joy, I B Com (SF)

#### **II. Friendship Selfie Contest**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mahin K. N. and friends, II B Com

2<sup>nd</sup>: Abin George and friends, III B Sc Physics

3<sup>rd</sup>: Manuel Tomy and friends, III B A English

Consolation prizes were also given for three more participants. '*Papilio 2017*' was a well appreciated and successful programme from Nature club that created awareness and educated students about environment conservation.

### **TREE LABELLING**

Nature Club conducted an initiative on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016, for labeling common names and scientific names on plants and trees. This helped students and teachers in identification and classification of variety of plants and trees that grows inside the college campus. The Common Name, English Name and Scientific Name of plants and trees are tagged by a metal plate on those plants and trees. The Principal-in-charge Dr. Nisha Joseph inaugurated the programme by labelling one of the Indian Mast trees at the centre courtyard of the college. Almost thirty-five trees and plants were labelled by the club.

### **BOTTLE FREE CAMPUS**

While aiming to reduce the College's plastic waste output, volunteers of Nature Club decided to manage and to control over the use of plastic materials inside the campus. As a part of it, the volunteers of Nature Club collected abandoned plastic bottles and created an awareness among students and staff about the mismanaged plastic waste. Club collected more than 250 bottles from the campus and were exhibited at Volleyball Court of College. Later the collected bottles were handed over to a scrap dealer by the volunteers.

Activities of Nature Club during the academic year 2016-2017 was complete in three distinct programmes that received the attention and appreciation of both teachers and students. Nature Club is indebted to many well-wishers, teachers, and students for the remarkable results of the endeavors we undertook. And grateful to Prof. Mathew Thomas, Assistant Professor of Zoology, St. Thomas College, Pala, who helped in the identification of Butterflies and Dragonflies. Gratitude to Prof. Korah Jacob and Dr. Jeevan Kumar for all the financial, mental, and physical support. Dr. K. Jeevan Kumar and Prof. Korah Jacob sponsored the prizes for the contests conducted. Grateful to Dr. Nisha Joseph, Prof. Dona Sebastian, Prof. Ansa Andrews, Prof. Justin Jose, Prof. Shinu Thomas, Prof. Ashly Mereena Mathew and Ms. Kabani R. for their valuable support and suggestions. Last but not least Nature club is thankful for all the students who were actively participated in the contests and helped to organize the exhibition.

Thanking you

**Amala Maria George**

Student Secretary

**14.10.2017**

**Prof. Paul Mathews**

Teacher Coordinator

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