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# HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

Nature Club

ACADEMIC  
YEAR

2017-18

## 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.

# **HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU**

## **HB NATURE CLUB 2017-2018**

**Teacher coordinator:** Paul Mathews

**Student Secretary:** Amala Maria George

The Nature Club inaugurated its activities for the year 2017-18 with a meeting on 05.07.2018. The meeting was presided over by the coordinator Prof. Paul Mathews. The meeting retained Ms. Amala Maria George (III B A English) as the Student Secretary of the Club and Mr. Amal Sam Zen (II B A English) as the Joint Secretary. An Executive Committee of the following members was also constituted.

1. Ajith George, II B A English
2. Albin C. J., III B A English
3. Arjun Narayan, III B A History
4. Neena Baiju, III B A English
5. Jacob Syphy, III B Com

The club conducted the following programmes last year.

1. Replanting Kirby Garden
2. Construction of the Park bench in the garden.
3. Nature-walk at Thommankuthu forest.
4. Intercollegiate Nature Photography Contest.

### **The Kirby Garden and the Bench**

Members of the nature club volunteered to assist the gardening experts from outside to replant and reorganize the Kirby Garden. The Kirby Garden is constructed in memory of our patron Saint Rev. Henry Baker Jr. The garden is named after his native place Kirby, England. A beautiful bench too was constructed in the garden. The members of the club raised fund from among themselves and teachers to construct the bench. It was

inaugurated by the Treasurer of CSI EKD Rev. Dr. P. T. George in the presence of our Principal, staff and students.



### **Nature-Walk at Thommankuthu forest**

On 11th January 2018, a group of our students and teachers conducted a one-day Nature-Walk in Thommankuthu forest area. The programme was sponsored and organized



by the Kothamangalam Division of the Department of Forest and Wildlife, Kerala. A total of thirty-four students and four teachers participated in the programme. After trekking along the Thommankuthu River for four kilometres, also the students cleaned the walkway in the ecotourism area.



**Into the Wild: Intercollegiate Nature Photography Contest**

An intercollegiate nature photography contest was conducted on January 25, 2018 as the last programme of the club for the 2017-18 academic year. Twenty participants from various colleges participated in the contest. The theme of the contest was 'Seasonal Change as seen in Leaves'. Abhijith Biju, St. George's College, Aruvithura won the first prize (Rs. 5000); Abhishek S. T., St. Joseph's College, Changanerry won the second prize (Rs. 3000); and Geo Thomas, St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom won the third prize (Rs. 2000). Mr. Aby Abraham, Research Scholar in the Department of English and Comparative Literature, CUK, Prof. Akhlnath K. S., Assistant Professor of Media Studies, SIAS, Malappuram, and Prof. Korah Jacob, Associate Professor of Economics, HBC Melukavu were the judges of the contest. Our principal, Dr. Gireeshkumar G. S. distributed the prizes on the same day of the programme.

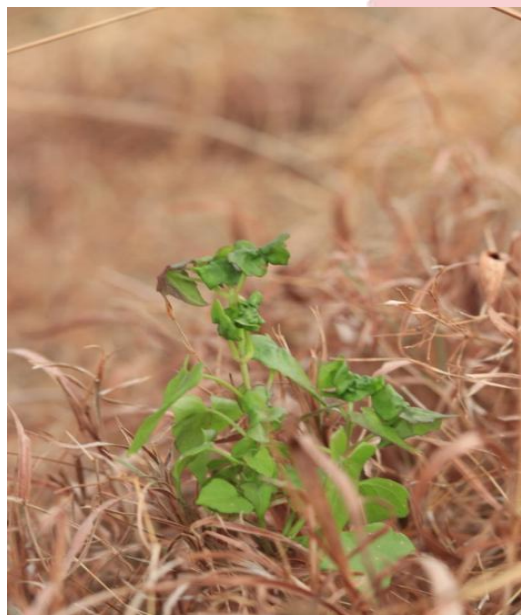


Participants





First Prize



Second prize



Third Prize

## Gratitude

We extend our sincere gratitude to Rt. Rev. Dr. K. G. Daniel, Bishop of CSI EKD, Rev. Dr. P. T. George, Treasurer, CSI EKD, and the College Governing Council. Thanking Mr. Aby Abraham and Prof. Akhilnath K. S. for serving as the judges of the intercollegiate photography contest. Nature Club is extremely grateful to Mr. Jyothish J. Ozhakkal, the Range Officer and other forest officers at Thommankuthu for providing the opportunity to conduct the nature-walk. Indebted to our principal Dr. Gireeshkumar G. S. and all the teaching and non-teaching staff for their support. We are immensely grateful to Dr. K. Jeevankumar, Prof. Korah Jacob, Mr. Krishnadas Chinnappan, Ms. Anumol Sam, Prof. Justin Jose, Prof. Ashley Mereena Mathew, members of the administrative staff, Smt. Rajamma, and College Union Chairman Mr. Ebin Joseph.

Ms. Amala Maria George

Student Secretary

Prof. Paul Mathews

Coordinator

