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FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu, a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Government- aided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade and An ISO 9001:2015 certified Institution.

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REPORT 2023-2024

1. World Environment Day- Planting Fruit Tree Saplings - 05/06/2023

The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, in association with MG University NSS,

celebrated **World Environment Day** with great enthusiasm and fervor. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote sustainable practices.

The program commenced with an inaugural ceremony presided over by **Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar**, who emphasized the importance of environmental conservation and the role of youth in fostering a greener future.

Students actively joined in the tree plantation drive, adding to the college's greenery and highlighting the importance of afforestation. Awareness flourished through campaigns on plastic pollution, water conservation, and biodiversity, with



interactive sessions and vibrant poster exhibitions engaging students and igniting their passion for the planet. Volunteers joined clean-up drives around the campus and nearby areas, promoting cleanliness and better waste management.

The World Environment Day celebration at Henry Baker College was a great success, driven by the enthusiasm of students and faculty. The event increased awareness of environmental issues and fostered a commitment to protecting our planet for future generations. Thirty students participated in the program.







2. Leadership Training Workshop- 17/06/2023

Objectives:

- To equip NSS volunteers with essential leadershipskills.
- To foster a clear vision of leadership qualities among participants.
- To empower volunteers to take on leadership roles within the NSS andbeyond.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) recently organized



a Leadership Training Workshop designed to enhance the leadership skills of its volunteers. Led by **Jc. Sabu Vallayil**, the workshop aimed to provide participants with a clear understanding of the qualities essential for effective leadership.

Spanning one day, the workshop featured interactive sessions, group discussions, and practical activities. Jc. Sabu Vallayil, an experienced leader and mentor, guided the sessions, offering insights and support to the participants.

Key Learnings:

- 1. Visionary Leadership: Participants gained a clear understanding of the importance of having a vision and effectively communicating it to inspire others.
- 2. Communication Skills: Emphasis was placed on the significance of effective

- communication in leadership, including listening skills and articulating ideas coherently.
- 3. Team Building: Practical exercises encouraged teamwork, collaboration, and delegation, which are essential for effective leadership.
- 4. Problem-Solving: Strategies for identifying and resolving challenges were discussed, highlighting adaptability and resilience.
- 5. Ethical Leadership: Participants explored the concept of ethical leadership, understanding the importance of integrity, transparency, and accountability.

Outcomes:

- Increased self-awareness among participants regarding their leadership potential.
- Enhanced confidence in taking on leadership roles and responsibilities.
- Improved teamwork and collaboration among NSS volunteers.
- Clear understanding of the qualities and characteristics of effective leaders.

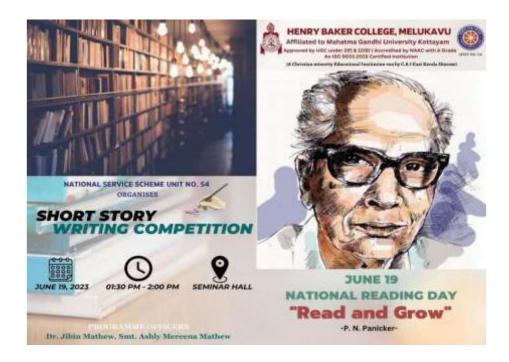
The NSS Leadership Training Workshop, led by Jc. Sabu Vallayil, significantly enhanced the leadership skills of all 24 participants.. By providing a comprehensive understanding of leadership qualities and fostering practical skills, the workshop has empowered NSS volunteers to lead with confidence and integrity. Such initiatives are instrumental in nurturing the future leaders capable of driving positive societal change.







3. National Reading Day- Short Story Writing Competition-19/06/2023



Henry Baker College NSS Unit observed **National Reading Day** on June 19th, commemorating the legacy of **Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker**, hailed as the Father of India's Library Movement. The occasion was marked with various activities promoting reading and literacy, with College Principal **Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar** underscoring the importance of reading for personal growth and societal progress and recognizing Panicker's role in revolutionizing India's approach to education through his library advocacy.

As part of the celebrations, a short story writing competition was held, drawing enthusiastic participation from students across various disciplines. The competition aimed to encourage creative expression and storytelling skills.

After careful evaluation, Fasna K. Nasar was declared the winner for her exceptional storytelling and imaginative narrative techniques. Shahina Shahul earned second place with her compelling and insightful narrative. The event concluded on a positive note, with students and faculty reaffirming their commitment to fostering a culture of reading and learning within the college community. National Reading Day highlighted the transformative power of literature and the lasting impact of P.N. Panicker's vision for an enlightened society through knowledge dissemination.





4. International Yoga Day - 21/06/2023

On June 21, 2023, the NSS unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, in collaboration with the Physical Education Department, observed **International Yoga Day** with enthusiasm. The event, held in the College Seminar Hall, began with an inaugural ceremony led by Principal **Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar**, who highlighted the importance of yoga for physical and mental well-being.

Following the address, renowned yoga instructor **Krishnadas Chinappan** guided participants through a series of invigorating asanas. Under his expert instruction, attendees engaged in yoga poses designed to enhance flexibility, strength, and inner peace. The session was well-attended by students, faculty, and staff, all eager to embrace the ancient discipline of yoga.

The International Yoga Day celebrations at Henry Baker College, Melukavu, were a success, deepening the college community's appreciation for the holistic benefits of yoga.





5. Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign- Pledge- 26/06/2023

On June 26, 2023, as part of NSS's and ASSAD SENA's anti-drug awareness campaign, a pledge against drug abuse was taken. College Principal Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar administered the oath, which was recited by students, faculty, and non-teaching staff. All of them vowed not to use, sell, or encourage others to use intoxicants and to fulfil their responsibility to the country and the people by participating in anti-drug activities

6. Anti-Drug Awareness Quiz Competition- 26/06/2023

The National Service Scheme, with the goals of eradicating drug use and increasing students' understanding of the dangers of alcohol, drugs, and other intoxicants, organized an anti-drug awareness quiz competition. Hosted by ASSAD SENA, the NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, the event took place on June 26, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Seminar Hall and the Department of History. This initiative was part of a broader campaign and was held in accordance with instructions from the State NSS and MG University NSS.

The first, second, and third places were awarded to Ashmita Issac (II Master of

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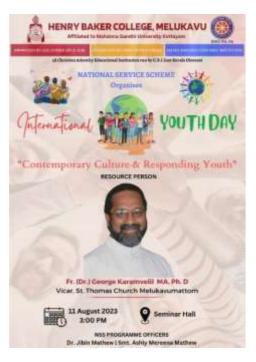
Commerce), Krishna Sali (II Master of Commerce), and Fasna K. Nasar (III Bachelor of Arts in History), respectively. Each of them received a one-year subscription to the journal *Mathrubhumi GK and Current Affairs*.







7. International Youth Day- contemporary culture & Responding Youth-11/08/2023



The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, celebrated International Youth Day on August

11, 2023, in the college seminar hall. The event was honored by the presence of **Fr. Dr. George Karamvelil**, who served as the resource person for the day. The theme was **"Contemporary Culture and Responding Youth."**

The event began with a warm welcome address by NSS Program Officer **Dr. Jibin Mathew**, who emphasized the significance of International Youth Day and the role of youth in shaping contemporary culture. The principal in charge of the college, **Dr. Beena Paul** then addressed the gathering, emphasizing the

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significance of youth engagement in societal development and cultural preservation.

Fr. Dr. George Karamvelil delivered a keynote address on "Contemporary Culture and Responding Youth," focusing on the following key points:

- He analyzed contemporary culture, noting its diverse and rapidly changing nature, and discussed the impact of technology, globalization, and media on modern cultural practices.
- He addressed the challenges faced by today's youth, including cultural disintegration, identity crises, and the pressures of social media, emphasizing the need for resilience and critical thinking.
- Fr. Karamvelil highlighted the crucial role of youth in preserving and promoting cultural heritage, encouraging students to engage in cultural activities and take pridein their cultural identities.
- He offered practical suggestions for addressing contemporary cultural issues, such as staying informed, engaging in constructive dialogue, and participating in community service.

Following the keynote, an interactive session allowed students to ask questions and share their views. Fr. Karamvelil provided thoughtful responses and encouraged critical thinking about their roles in contemporary society.



The event concluded with a vote of thanks by NSS Secretary Hiba Fathima, who expressed gratitude to Fr. Karamvelil for his insightful address and to all participants for their active engagement. The celebration was a success, leaving students inspired and motivated to

positively contribute to contemporary culture. Over 65 students, faculty members, and NSS volunteers participated, making it a memorable and impactful event.

8. Independence Day– Campus cleaning, Planting Fruit Tree Saplings-15/08/2023

Henry Baker College, Melukavu, celebrated **Independence Day** with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor on August 15, 2023. The event was marked by a series of activities aimed at instilling a sense of national pride and community service among students and faculty.

The celebration began with the flag hoisting ceremony at 8:00 AM on the college grounds. **Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar**, the esteemed principal of Henry Baker College, had the honor of hoisting the national flag. As the flag was unfurled, the entire assembly stoodin attention, singing the national anthem with great reverence. Dr. Gireesh Kumar addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of Independence Day and the responsibilities that come with freedom. He inspired the students to



contribute positively to the nation and uphold the values of integrity, unity, and service.

Following the flag hoisting ceremony, students and faculty members participated in a campus cleaning drive. Equipped with gloves, brooms, and garbage bags, volunteers worked together to clean the college premises. This activity not only enhanced the cleanliness of the campus but also promoted the values of teamwork and responsibility among the participants.

As part of their ongoing commitment to community service, the NSS unit of Henry Baker College organized a tree planting drive at their adopted school, Erumapramattom, Melukavumattom. NSS volunteers planted several fruit tree saplings on the school grounds, including mango, guava, and jackfruit. These saplings are expected to bear fruit in the coming years, benefiting the school children and the community. This initiative aimed to promote environmental sustainability and provide long-term benefits to the local community.

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The event saw the participation of over 28 NSS volunteers, making it a memorable and impactful celebration.



9. Onam Kit Distribution at Adopted Village- 23/08/2023



The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, organized an Onam Kit distribution event at the Participatory Village on August 23, 2023. This initiative aimed to bring festive cheer and support to underprivileged families in the community.

The event saw active participation from the college's NSS programme officers, volunteers, and local community members. Smt. Dency Biju, the respective Panchayat member, graced the occasion with her presence and support.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Jibin Mathew, who emphasized the importance of community service and the spirit of Onam. College Principal Dr. G. S Gireesh Kumar inaugurated the event and Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew followed with a brief speech about the objectives of the NSS and the significance of the Onam Kit distribution.

Smt. Dency Biju addressed the gathering, appreciating the efforts of the NSS unit and highlighting the importance of such initiatives in fostering community welfare and unity. She actively participated in distributing the kits, ensuring each family received their share with dignity and respect.

The Onam Kits, which contained essential food items and traditional Onam delicacies, were distributed to the families present. The NSS volunteers played a crucial role in organizing the kits, managing the crowd, and ensuring a smooth distribution process. Their dedication and enthusiasm reflected the core values of the NSS.

The Onam Kit distribution event by the NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, was a remarkable success. It not only provided necessary support to the needy families but also reinforced the spirit of community and togetherness that Onam symbolizes. The active participation of the NSS programme officers, volunteers, and community members, especially the support from Panchayat member Smt. Dency Biju, was instrumental in the event's success.

This initiative showcased the impact of collective efforts in making a positive difference in society and highlighted the role of educational institutions in community development. The event, with the involvement of over 28 NSS volunteers, was both memorable and impactful.

10. Onam Celebration_-24-08-2023



The NSS Unit, in association with the Cultural Club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, organized a vibrant Onam celebration on 24th August, 2023. The event was marked by various traditional games and activities that fostered community spirit and celebrated the rich cultural heritage of Kerala.

The celebration was led by the dedicated NSS programme officers, **Dr. Jibin Mathew** and **Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew**. Their leadership and enthusiasm played a pivotal role in making the event a grand success. The event featured a range of traditional games and contests that were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

The Onam celebration included the following activities:

- 1) Musical Chair: A fun and energetic game that brought out the competitive spirit in participants.
- 2) Tug of War: Teams competed in a test of strength and teamwork, providing entertainment for both participants and spectators.
- 3) Lemon and Spoon Race: A race that tested participants' balance and concentration, adding a lighthearted challenge.
- 4) Sundiriku Pottu Thodal: A traditional game that added a cultural touch to the celebrations.
- 5) Selfie Contest: Participants captured their festive moments, showcasing their creativity and joy.
- 6) Puli Kali: A traditional folk dance that was a highlight of the event, bringing vibrant energy and cultural significance to the celebration.

Dr. Jibin Mathew and Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew expertly coordinated the events, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Their efforts were crucial in organizing the activities and maintaining a lively and engaging atmosphere throughout the day.

At the end of the festivities, prizes were distributed to the winners of the various contests. The prize distribution ceremony was a moment of celebration and recognition for the participants' efforts and achievements. It was a delightful conclusion to a day filled with joy and cultural celebration.

The Onam celebration organized by the NSS Unit and Cultural Club of Henry Baker College was a resounding success. It provided an opportunity for students and faculty tocome together, celebrate tradition, and participate in a variety of enjoyable activities. The leadership of Dr. Jibin Mathew and Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, along with the enthusiastic participation of everyone involved, made the event memorable and impactful.



11. Polling Booth Beautification

As part of the Puthupally by-election 2023, a special event was organized on September 4, 2023, by the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)initiative to beautify polling booths. This initiative aimed to enhance the electoral experience by creating a welcoming and aesthetically pleasing environment at the polling stations.

The beautification project at Little Flower, Kanjiramattom School, was a collaborative effort led by the Electoral Literacy Club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, in association with the National Service Scheme. Dr. Jibin Mathew, along with a dedicated group of five students, played a pivotal role in the successful execution of this event.

The beautification activities included thoroughly cleaning the premises, removing litter, and tidying up the surroundings. The students and volunteers decorated the polling booth with colorful banners, posters, and streamers, with a special focus on creating

informative displays that highlighted the importance of voting. Clear and attractive signage was put up to guide voters to the polling booth, including directional signs and informational posters about the voting process.

The efforts of Dr. Jibin Mathew and the students transformed the polling booth into a vibrant, voter-friendly space. The local community appreciated the beautification initiative, which significantly enhanced the voting experience and raised awareness about the importance of voting. This initiative fostered a sense of civic responsibility among the participants.





12. Teachers Day - 5/09/2023

On September 5, 2023, the NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, organized a special event to celebrate National Teachers' Day. Held at the seminar hall at 3 PM, the event, titled "Voice from the Veterans," aimed to honor teachers who have dedicated 25 years of service to the teaching profession









The seminar hall was beautifully decorated, creating a festive yet respectful atmosphere befitting the occasion. The event was attended by faculty members, students, and distinguished guests who came together to honor and celebrate the dedication and contributions of their esteemed teachers.

The program specifically recognized the following distinguished educators for their 25 years of service:

- Dr. Jeevankumar, Associate Professor, Department of English,
- ❖ Dr. Beena Paul, Associate Professor, Department of History
- ❖ Dr. Dona Sebastian, Associate Professor, Department of English
- ❖ Dr. Disha V.J, Associate Professor, Department of Physics
- Shri. Korah Jacob, Associate Professor, Department of Economics

The event was graced by the presence of the college principal, Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, who played a pivotal role in the proceedings.

The event began with a welcome address by the NSS Programme Officer, Dr. Jibin Mathew, who expressed gratitude and appreciation for the teachers' unwavering dedication and service. This was followed by the "Voice from the Veterans" segment, where each honored teacher was invited to share their experiences, insights, and reflections on their teaching journey.

- Dr. Beena Paul shared anecdotes from her extensive career, highlighting the joys and challenges of teaching history.
- Dr. Dona Sebastian emphasized the importance of fostering a love for literature and critical thinking among students.
- Dr. Disha V.J discussed the advancements in physics education and the need to inspire

curiosity in scientific fields.

Dr. G. S. Gireeshkumar, the principal of Henry Baker College, delivered an inspiring address, commending the honored teachers for their exceptional commitment to education. He highlighted their invaluable contributions to the academic community and their role in shaping the future of countless students.

Following his address, the principal, along with the NSS Program Officers, presented honors to the teachers as a token of gratitude for their significant contributions over the past 25 years.

The National Teachers' Day celebration organized by the NSS Unit was a heartfelt tribute to the teachers who have dedicated their lives to the noble profession of teaching. The event successfully highlighted the immense value of experienced educators and their lasting impact on the academic and personal growth of their students.

The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the efforts of everyone involved in organizing the event, and a group photograph to capture the memorable occasion. The event reinforced the importance of honoring educators and the profoundinfluence they have on shaping society.

13. National Service Scheme Day- 24/09/2023

NSS Day was commemorated with great enthusiasm on 24 September 2023. Dr Jibin Mathew hoisted the NSS flag and delivered a speech about the spirit of selfless service. Hiba Fathima, an NSS Volunteer, and volunteers also participated.



14. Gandhi Jayanthi- Clean Melukavu Campaign-2/10/2023



Gandhi Jayanti, commemorating the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu. The event was organized in collaboration with Melukavu Grama Panchayath, focusing on the theme of "Clean Melukavu Campaign."

The day began with a vibrant rally through the streets of Melukavu. NSS volunteers, along with students and faculty members of Henry Baker College, carried banners and placards emphasizing cleanliness, sustainable living, and Gandhian principles.

A public meeting was held at the college premises, which was attended by local residents, Panchayath officials, and college students. The meeting aimed to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness in daily life and the role of youth in community development.

Following the public meeting, a cleanliness drive was conducted in various parts of Melukavu. NSS volunteers actively participated in cleaning streets, public areas, and spreading awareness about waste management and hygiene practices.

The event was led by **Dr. Jibin Mathew** and **Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew**, NSS Programme Officers of Henry Baker College. Their guidance and support were instrumental in coordinating the activities effectively. The enthusiastic participation of NSS volunteers and the active involvement of local residents and Panchayath members contributed to the success of the event.

15. NSS PROGRAMME OFFICER ELECTED AS A MEMBER OFMELUKAVU PANCHAYATH VIGILANCE SQUAD

Dr. Jibin Mathew, NSS Programme Officer, was selected as a member of the Melukavu Panchayat's vigilance squad. The squad's aim is to monitor plastic usage in shops and other places around Melukavu Panchayath. On October 17, 2023, and December 28, 2023, the squad participated in the anti-plastic campaign as part of the Clean Kerala initiative.





16. AMMAKORU SNEHANIDHI -18/10/2023



On October 18, 2023, NSS Henry Baker College, Melukavu, launched the 'Ammakoru Snehanidhi' pension scheme, a commendable initiative aimed at supporting the elderly women in the participatory village. The scheme, running from October 2023 to March 2024, reflects the college's commitment to social welfare and community service.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of several dignitaries and members of the community. Dr. G. S Gireesh Kumar, the esteemed Principal of Henry Baker College, officially inaugurated the scheme, highlighting the institution's dedication to the upliftment and care of the elderly. In his address, Dr. Gireesh Kumar emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering a supportive and inclusive society.

The event was also attended by Smt. Dency Biju, the panchayat member of the participatory village, whose presence underscored the collaboration between the college and local governance in implementing the scheme. Smt. Dency Biju expressed her gratitude towards the college for its proactive role in addressing the needs of the elderly women in the village and assured continued support from the panchayat for such noble causes.

Dr. Jibin Mathew, the NSS Programme Officer, commenced the function with a warm welcome to all attendees. In his welcome speech, Dr. Mathew elaborated on the objectives of the 'Ammakoru Snehanidhi' scheme and the positive impact it is expected to

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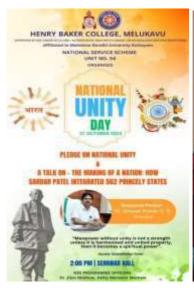
have on the beneficiaries. He also acknowledged the efforts of the NSS volunteers and the college administration in bringing the project to fruition.

The inauguration was followed by a series of speeches from various attendees, each appreciating the scheme's intent and the college's community-oriented approach. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of unity and purpose, as attendees shared their views on the significance of supporting the elderly and the role of educational institutions in societal development.

Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, NSS Program Officer, delivered the vote of thanks. In her address, she expressed heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful launch of the scheme. She particularly thanked the principal, the panchayat member, and the NSS Programme Officer for their unwavering support and guidance. Ashly also extended her appreciation to the attendees for their presence and encouragement, which added to the success of the event.

The 'Ammakoru Snehanidhi' scheme stands as a testament to NSS Henry Baker College's dedication to community service and its proactive approach in addressing the needs of vulnerable sections of society. The scheme is expected to provide substantial relief and support to the elderly women, ensuring their financial stability and well-being over the next six months.

17. National Unity Day -31/10/2023









On October 31, 2023, the National Service Scheme (NSS) cell of Henry BakerCollege, Melukavu, organized a solemn event to commemorate National Unity Day, marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. This day is celebrated nationwide to uphold unity, peace, and integrity.

The event commenced at 2 PM in the college seminar hall, with students, faculty members, and staff dressed in traditional attire to symbolize India's cultural diversity.

The program began with a keynote address by the Principal of Henry Baker College, Dr. G. S Gireesh Kumar who highlighted the significance of National Unity Day and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's role in in the integration of India post-independence. He emphasized the importance of unity in diversity and urged everyone to uphold values of tolerance and harmony.

Dr. Nisha Joseph, the IQAC Coordinator of the college, then delivered an insightful speech on the relevance of unity in today's society. She stressed the role of youth in nation-building and encouraged students to actively promote unity and peace.

A significant part of the event was the administration of the National Unity Pledge. Led by the Principal and Dr. Nisha Joseph, all participants took a solemn oath to uphold the unity, integrity, and security of the nation reaffirming their commitment to a harmonious and inclusive society.

The National Unity Day commemoration at Henry Baker College was a success, fostering a spirit of unity and patriotism among participants. The event served as a reminder of Patel's ideals and the importance of national integration in contemporary times. It concluded with a sense of pride and commitment among the attendees to contribute positivelytowards a united and strong India.

18. UDAYAM 2K23: NSS Orientation Programme for First Year Volunteers - 3/11/23- 4/11/23



The NSS Unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, organized an orientation programme named "Udayam 2K23" for first-year NSS volunteers on November 3 and 4, 2023. The two-day event introduced new volunteers to the principles, activities, and spirit of the National Service Scheme (NSS).

The orientation programme featured multiple sessions led by esteemed speakers and facilitators. The sessions were designed to inspire, educate, and prepare the new volunteers for their roles in community service. The event was actively led by the NSS programme officers, Dr. Jibin Mathew and Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew.

The program began with a session led by Shri Maheen K. Aliyar, Assistant Professorat CPAS Training College, Thodupuzha, focusing on the basics of NSS, its history, objectives, and the role of volunteers. His engaging presentation helped volunteers understand the significance of their participation in the NSS. .

The inaugural session was a key highlight, presided over by Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, who emphasized the college's commitment to NSS and community service. Dr. E. N. Sivadas, NSS Programme Coordinator, officially inaugurated the event, praising the activities of the Henry Baker College NSS unit. His motivational speech provided new insights and encouraged volunteers to actively engage in future NSS projects.

On the second day, Shri Sharath P. S., Assistant Professor at Arafa College, Muvattupuzha, led a session on leadership skills and teamwork, sharing practical tips for effective collaboration—crucial for volunteers' roles in various community activities. This was followed by Shri. Justin Jose, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce at Henry Baker College, Melukavu, who focused on project management and planning. His interactive session equipped volunteers with essential skills for organizing and managing impactful NSS projects.

NSS Programme Officers Dr. Jibin Mathew and Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew played a pivotal role throughout the two-day event, providing continuous support and guidance to the volunteers. Their dedication ensured the smooth execution of the orientation program and reinforced the college's commitment to fostering a spirit of service and community engagement among its students.

19. Happy Children's Day-14 November 2023



November 14th, commemorated as the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, is also celebrated as Children's Day across the country. This year, MDCMS High School, Erumapramattom, marked the occasion with a vibrant celebration organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS).

The celebration was a grand success, bringing together students, teachers, and esteemed guests. The event featured a variety of activities that highlighted the significance of the day and

emphasized the importance of children in shaping the nation's future.









Dr. Jibin Mathew delivered the keynote address, focusing on the legacy of Jawaharlal Nehru and his vision for the children of India. He emphasized the importance of education and the pivotal role children play in the country's future. Dr. Mathew's insightful words inspired both students and teachers, encouraging them to strive for excellence.

Following the keynote address, Sri. Jancy James, Headmistress delivered a detailed speech. She discussed the various initiatives taken by Nehru for the welfare and education of children. Her speech also touched upon the current educational challenges and the need for innovative solutions to address them. She motivated the students to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals.

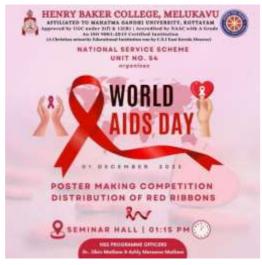
The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, the NSS Program Officer. She expressed gratitude to all the guests, teachers, and students for their participation and support. She also thanked the NSS volunteers for their hard work and dedication in organizing the event.

To add a touch of joy to the celebration, NSS volunteers distributed sweets among the students. This gesture was warmly received, bringing smiles to the faces of the young attendees.

The Children's Day celebration at MDCMS High School was a superb session that honored the memory of Jawaharlal Nehru and celebrated the spirit of childhood. The speeches by the esteemed guests were enlightening and motivational, leaving a lasting impact on everyone present. The event fostered a sense of community and joy, making it a memorable day for all involved.

This detailed report captures the essence of the Children's Day celebration at MDCMS High School, highlighting the significant moments and contributions of all participants.

20. World Aids Day- Poster Making Competition & Distribution of RedRibbon-01/12/2023













On December 1, 2023, Henry Baker College, Melukavu, observed World AIDS Day with a series of meaningful activities organized by the National Service Scheme (NSS). The day aimed to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and to show support for those living with the condition. The event featured a poster-making competition and the distribution of red ribbons, the universal symbol of HIV awareness and support.

The highlight of the day was a poster-making competition that saw enthusiastic participation from students across various disciplines. The competition encouraged students to express their creativity and knowledge about HIV/AIDS through art. The posters were judged based on creativity, relevance to the theme, and overall impact.

- First Place: Ms. Hiba Fathima, II M.Com
- Second Place: Ms. Ashmita Issac, II M.Com

The winning posters effectively conveyed strong messages about the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and the need to combat stigma associated with the disease. The winners were congratulated and their posters were displayed prominently on campus to educate and inspire other students.

In addition to the poster-making competition, NSS volunteers distributed red ribbons to students, faculty, and staff. This symbolic gesture aimed to foster a sense of solidarity and

support for those affected by HIV/AIDS. The red ribbons served as a reminder of the ongoing fight against the epidemic and the importance of community support and compassion.

21. Voter Registration Drive

To enroll eligible students as voters and promote electoral participation among the youth, a voter registration drive was held at Henry Baker College, Melukavu, on December 6, 2023. The event, organized by the Electoral Literacy Club in association with the National Service



Scheme (NSS), aimed to educate students on the importance of voting and guide them through the registration process.

A designated area within the college was equipped with registration materials and information desks. Volunteers from the NSS and the Electoral Literacy Club assisted students, ensuring all necessary documents were provided. Information sessions were conducted to emphasize the importance of voting and the electoral process, which was

met with enthusiasm by the students. A total of 36 students

successfully enrolled as voters during the drive. Theevent was managed by Dr. Jibin Mathew, the ELC Coordinator, who ensured smooth execution.

The successful execution of the voter registration drive was recognized by the District Election Office, Kottayam. Henry Baker Collegereceived a Certificate of Appreciation from the District Election Office for its efforts in promoting electoral literacy and facilitating voter registration.





22. "Orange the World" Campaign -07/12/2023



On December 7, 2023, the National Service Scheme (NSS) in association with Melukavu Grama Panchayath organized the "Orange the World" campaign, an initiative dedicated to opposing violence against women. The event featured a public rally and a meeting aimed at raising awareness and fostering a community-wide dialogue on this critical issue.

The day began with a public rally that saw active participation from community members, students, and local officials. The rally aimed to draw attention to the pervasive issue of violence against women and to mobilize the community to take a stand against it. Participants carried banners and placards with powerful messages advocating for women's safety and rights.

Following the rally, a public meeting was held where various speakers addressed the gathered audience. The meeting served as a platform for discussing the challenges faced by women and the measures needed to combat violence against them.

Shri. Biju Soman, President of Melukavu Grama Panchayat, delivered an impactful speech highlighting the Panchayat's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of

women in the community. He emphasized the need for collective action and the role of local governance in addressing these issues.

Panchayat Members also shared their perspectives, discussing the ongoing and future initiatives aimed at supporting women and preventing violence. Their insights provided a comprehensive overview of the local efforts and the importance of community involvement.

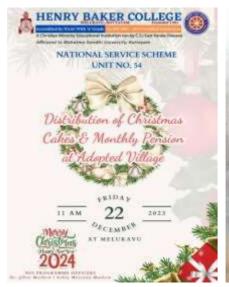
Dr. Jibin Mathew spoke about the psychological and social impacts of violence against women. His address focused on the importance of education and awareness in changing societal attitudes and promoting gender equality.

Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew shared personal stories and experiences, making a heartfelt appeal for solidarity and action. Her speech resonated deeply with the audience, inspiring many to take a more active role in supporting women's rights.

The "Orange the World" campaign at Melukavu was a significant event that successfully raised awareness about violence against women and mobilized the community towards action. The combination of a public rally and insightful speeches created a powerful platform for dialogue and change. The active involvement of local leaders and community members highlighted the collective resolve to create a safer and more equitable society for women.

23. Distribution of Christmas Cakes and monthly Pension at Adopted village -22/12/2023

On December 22, 2023, the National Service Scheme unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, organized a Christmas cake distribution event in the participatory village. This initiative aimed to spread joy and foster a sense of community during the festive season. The event was inaugurated by the College Principal, Dr. Gireeshkumar G. S, and saw participation from key community members and NSS volunteers.









In his inaugural address, Dr. Gireeshkumar emphasized the importance of community service and the role of such events in bringing people together. He highlighted thespirit of giving and the joy of sharing, which are central to the Christmas celebration.

The event witnessed active participation from various dignitaries and community members, including: Smt. Dency Biju, the Panchayath member of the participatory village, who expressed her appreciation for the college's initiative and its positive impact on the community. Dr. Jibin Mathew, shared a few words about the importance of unity and compassion during the festive season.

Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, emphasized the role of the NSS in fostering social responsibility among students.

NSS Volunteers, played a crucial role in organizing and conducting the event, ensuring its smooth execution.

Following the inauguration, the Christmas cake was distributed among the residents of the participatory village. The distribution was carried out with great enthusiasm, and the joy and gratitude of the recipients were palpable. The NSS volunteers ensured that the distribution was orderly and that everyone received a share of the festive treat.

The Christmas cake distribution organized by NSS Henry Baker College was a successful and joyous event that embodied the true spirit of Christmas. The involvement of college staff, NSS volunteers, and community members made it a memorable occasion, spreading happiness and fostering a sense of togetherness. Such initiatives not only bring

festive cheer but also reinforce the importance of community service and social responsibility.

24. MEGA BLOOD DONATION CAMP -05/01/2024



On January 5, 2024, the National Service Scheme unit of Henry Baker College, in association with the Lions Club Kuttand Overseas, organized a Mega Blood Donation Camp. The event aimed to address the community's healthcare needs by collecting blood donations from volunteers. The camp was held at the college's seminar hall and saw significant participation from students and staff.

The camp was inaugurated by Shri. Mani C. Kappan, MLA of the Pala Legislative Assembly. In his inaugural speech, he emphasized the importance of blood donation and praised the collaborative efforts of the NSS and Lions Club. He highlighted the life-saving potential of such initiatives and encouraged more people to participate in future blood donation drives.

Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, the College Principal, delivered an inspiring presidential address, emphasizing the critical role of blood donation in saving lives. He highlighted the importance of organizing regular donation camps to maintain a consistent blood supply for medical emergencies. Dr. Gireesh Kumar also praised the NSS volunteers for their unwavering commitment to social causes and their readiness to donate blood, setting a commendable example for the community.

Shri. Siby Plathattom, Secretary of the Lions Club, spoke about the club's ongoing commitment to community service and the importance of partnering with educational institutions like Henry Baker College to reach a broader audience. Shri. Siby Plathattom expressed gratitude to the college administration and NSS volunteers for their enthusiastic participation and support.

During the camp, 30 units of blood were donated by NSS volunteers under strict medical supervision, ensuring the safety and comfort of all donors. The participants were provided with refreshments and received certificates of appreciation for their contributions.

The Mega Blood Donation Camp at Henry Baker College was a resounding success, thanks to the joint efforts of the NSS unit and the Lions Club Kuttand Overseas. The event not only facilitated the collection of 30 units of blood but also raised awareness about the critical need for blood donations. The active participation of students, staff, and community members exemplified the spirit of service and solidarity that defines the institution.

25. Karunayude Bhavanam-10-01-2024



The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, launched a significant initiative titled "Karunayude Bhavanam," on 10/01/2024 aimed at providing a home for the underprivileged. The project's foundation stone laying ceremony

marked the beginning of this noble endeavor, emphasizing the college's commitment to social welfare and community service.

The event commenced with the laying of the foundation stone, symbolizing the commencement of "Karunayude Bhavanam." The ceremony was presided over by: Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar*, Principal of Henry Baker College, who initiated the project and spoke passionately about the college's vision for social responsibility and compassion.

The function was blessed by Fr. Maxin John, who offered prayers and blessings for the success and impact completion of the project. His presence added a spiritual dimension to the event, emphasizing the values of empathy and kindness.

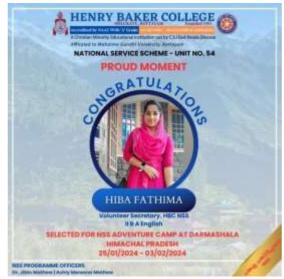
Dr. Jibin Mathew, Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, NSS Programme Officers, provided guidance and support for the project's implementation.

"Karunayude Bhavanam" aims to construct a home that will provide shelter and support to the needy, reflecting the NSS unit's commitment to uplifting the marginalized sections of society. The project embodies the spirit of "Karuna" (compassion) and seeks to create a safe and nurturing environment for those in need.

The foundation stone laying ceremony for "Karunayude Bhavanam" was a momentous occasion that marked the beginning of a transformative project initiated by NSS Henry Baker College. The event underscored the college's dedication to community service and its role in fostering social change. With the support of stakeholders, volunteers, and community members, "Karunayude Bhavanam" is poised to make a meaningful impact on the lives of the underprivileged, embodying the spirit of compassion and solidarity.

26. NSS Volunteer Hiba Fathima Explores New Heights at National Adventure Camp-25/01/2024 - 03/02/2024

Hiba Fathima, the dynamic and committed NSS Volunteer Secretary at Henry Baker College, Melukavu, is known and appreciated for her leadership and community services. Known for her proactive attitude and leadership skills, Hiba actively organizes and participates in various community service initiatives, inspiring her peers with her energy and commitment. She attended a Ten day national-level adventure camp in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, from 25/01/2024 -03/02/2024, where she honed her leadership, teamwork, and resilience through challenging activities like trekking and rock climbing. Hiba's passion for service, dynamic personality, and active involvement make her a standout leader and an inspiration to her college community.















27. Republic Day-26/01/2024







Republic Day, a significant national event in India, was celebrated with solemnity and enthusiasm at Henry Baker College, Melukavu. The occasion was marked by the hoisting of the national flag and various activities highlighting the importance of this historic day.

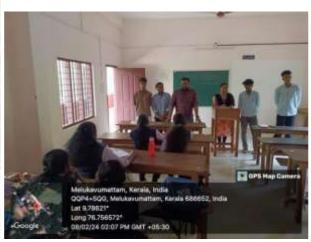
The celebration began with a flag hoisting ceremony at the college premises, where Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, the Principal of Henry Baker College, raised the national flag. This act symbolized respect and homage to India's sovereignty.

Following the flag hoisting, Dr. Gireesh Kumar delivered a thoughtful message emphasizing the significance of Republic Day. He highlighted the principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity enshrined in the Indian Constitution, inspiring the audience to reflect on their roles as responsible citizens in upholding these values.

The Republic Day celebration at Henry Baker College was a fitting tribute to the democratic values and ethos of India. The combination of ceremonial traditions, cultural performances, and community engagement highlighted the college's commitment to holistic education and social responsibility.

28. National Deworming Day-08/02/2024









National Deworming Day was successfully organized on February 8, 2024, by the National Service Scheme unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, in collaboration with the National Health Mission, Government of Kerala. The campaign aimed to promote the health and well-being of students and the community by distributing deworming tablets.

The event was meticulously planned and coordinated by Dr. Jibin Mathew and Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, NSS Programme Officers at Henry Baker College. Preparations included:

- Collaborating with the National Health Mission for the supply of deworming tablets.
- Arranging informational sessions about the significance of deworming.

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Mobilizing NSS volunteers to assist in the distribution process.

The event commenced at 2:00 PM in the college auditorium with an introductory session led by Dr. Jibin Mathew, who emphasized the health risks posed by parasitic worm infections and the benefits of deworming. This was followed by a detailed presentation on how deworming tablets work, their potential side effects, and the correct way to administer them. Under the supervision of the NSS Programme Officers and with the assistance of NSS volunteers, deworming tablets were distributed to students, faculty, and community members.

The event concluded with a feedback session where participants expressed their appreciation for the initiative. Many attendees highlighted the informative nature of the campaign and expressed a commitment to follow the advised practices to maintain their health.

29. Henry Baker College NSS Unit Shines at MG University Awards: Best NSS Unit, Best Programme Officer, and Best Volunteer Recognized- 26/02/2023



On February 26, 2024, the MG University NSS Awards ceremony was graced by the presence of **R. Bindu, the Minister of Higher Education**, who presented several prestigious accolades. Among the standout achievements of the evening, the NSS Unit of Henry Baker College was honored with the **Best NSS Unit Award**. This

distinguished recognition celebrates the collective dedication, hard work, and significant impact of our volunteers and leadership.

Dr. Ansa Andrews, our esteemed Program Officer, was awarded the Best Programme Officer Award, acknowledging her exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to the NSS mission. Her guidance and efforts have been pivotal in steering the unit towards excellence and making a meaningful difference in the community.

In addition, Gurupriya Rajeev, one of our dedicated NSS volunteers, received the Best Volunteer Appreciation. This recognition highlights her exceptional contributions and the positive impact she has made through her service.

The ceremony was a proud moment for Henry Baker College, reflecting the high standards and achievements of our NSS Unit and the commitment of our members to community service.

30. Snehaveedu' Key Hand Over Ceremony of Six houses -13 March 2024



The Mahatma Gandhi National Service Scheme (NSS) unit, in collaboration with the K Chittilappilly Foundation, successfully organized a project to provide homes for the homeless, with significant involvement from Henry Baker College, Melukavu. The project sanctioned a total of 15 homes for the college, of which six were successfully completed. The key handover ceremony for these six homes took place on March 13, 2024.

The primary objective of the project was to provide safe and secure housing for the homeless, thereby improving their living conditions and empowering them to lead dignified lives.

The key handover ceremony was a momentous occasion, reflecting the successful collaboration between various stakeholders committed to social welfare. Dr. Jibin Mathew, NSS P.O welcomed the gathering. The event was presided over by Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, Principal of Henry Baker College, and inaugurated by Rt. Rev. V. S. Francis, Bishop of C.S.I. East Kerala Diocese.

In his speech, Dr.G. S Gireesh Kumar emphasized the college's commitment to social responsibility and community service. Rt. Rev. V. S. Francis, in his inaugural address, highlighted the importance of empowering the poorer sections of society and commended the collaborative efforts of all involved.

Dr. E. N. Sivadasan, NSS MG University Programme Co-ordinator, provided positive feedback, praising the dedication and hard work of the NSS unit at Henry Baker College. He highlighted the importance of such initiatives in fostering a spirit of service and community among students.

Dr. Susamma A. P., Project Coordinator of the K Chittilappilly Foundation, delivered an inspiring speech about the project, elaborating on the foundation's vision and the impact of providing homes to those in need. She encouraged continued efforts toward social upliftment. Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, a key figure in the organization of the project, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all stakeholders, including the NSS volunteers, the K Chittilappilly Foundation, and the college administration, for their unwavering support and dedication to the cause.

The key handover ceremony marked the successful completion of the first phase of the home project by Henry Baker College, with six homes handed over to grateful recipients. This achievement underscores the college's active participation in social welfare projects and its commitment to improving the lives of the underprivileged.

31. Sneharamam-23/3/2024





The National Service Scheme unit of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, in collaboration with Melukavu Grama Panchayat and Haritha Kerala Mission, organized a program titled 'Sneharamam'. The initiative aimed to clean waste-disposed areas within the panchayat and transform them into beautiful gardens promoting environmental sustainability and community well-being.

"Sneharamam" was a collaborative effort involving multiple stakeholders, focusing on Kurishinkal, Melukavu, an area in need of cleaning and beautification. Under the leadership of Dr. Jibin Mathew, NSS Programme Officer, and Hiba Fathima, Volunteer Secretary, NSS volunteers, along with members of the Haritha Karma Sena, carried out extensive cleaning operations in the Kurishinkal area. After the cleaning, the team focused on landscaping and planting, transforming the area into a vibrant garden.

The Melukavu Grama Panchayat President, Shri. Biju Soman, officially inaugurated the Sneharamam project. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of maintaining clean and green public spaces and commended the efforts of the NSS unit and the volunteers.

Panchayat member Smt. Bincy Tomy also participated in the event, expressing her appreciation for the initiative and encouraging the community to actively engage in such environmental projects.

The "Sneharamam" project received positive feedback from both the local community and panchayat authorities. The transformation of Kurishinkal into a garden not only beautified the area but also served as a model for effective waste management and environmental conservation

31. Anti Ragging Awareness Programme



An Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme was held on March 25, 2024, at the College Seminar Hall of Henry Baker College, Melukavu. The event was organized by the National Service Scheme unit of the college in collaboration with the Lion Club of Aruvithura. The primary objective of the programme was to educate students about the legal consequences of ragging and to promote a safe and inclusive environment on campus.

The programme commenced at 11:30 AM with a welcome address by the Smt. Ashly Mereena Mathew, NSS Programme Officer, who highlighted the importance of creating a safe and respectful campus culture.

Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, Principal of Henry Baker College, inaugurated the event and stressed the college's zero-tolerance policy toward ragging, highlighting the significance of mutual respect and understanding among students.

Adv. Thomas Joseph Thoomkuzhy, a respected member of the Palai Bar Association, delivered the keynote address. He provided an in-depth overview of anti-ragginglaws in India, including legal definitions, punishments, and procedural aspects related to handling ragging incidents. His session was highly informative and engaging, offering students a comprehensive understanding of their rights and the legal safeguards against ragging. He also shared real-life examples and case studies to illustrate the severe consequences of ragging for both perpetrators and victims.

After the keynote session, an interactive Q&A session allowed students to ask questions and seek clarifications on various aspects of anti-ragging laws and their implementation. Adv. Thoomkuzhy addressed all queries with clarity, offering practical advice on handling potential ragging situations.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by a representative from the Lions Club of Aruvithura, who expressed gratitude to the college administration, the resource person, and all participants for their contributions to the event's success.

The programme was well-received by the attendees, who left with a heightened awareness oo the importance of preventing ragging and fostering a supportive and respectful campus environment.

32. SNEHAVEEDU PROJECT

The Mahatma Gandhi University, National Service Scheme unit, in collaboration with the K Chittilappilly Foundation, successfully organized a home project aimed at providing homes for the homeless. Henry Baker College, Melukavu, played a significant role in this humanitarian effort. Out of the **15 homes** sanctioned through the project, **six** were completed and handed over. The key handover ceremony for these six homes took place on March 13, 2024.

Snehaveedu-1:11/09/2023

As part of the Snehaveedu project, a home was successfully built for Omana Appukuttan in Edamurku, with a total expenditure of Rs. 8.40 Lakhs. The foundation stone was laid on 11th September 2023, and the key handover ceremony took place on 13th March 2024, marking a significant milestone in providing shelter for those in need.





33. Snehaveedu- 2: 14/09/2023

In the Snehaveedu project, Georgekutty from Pious Mount received a newly constructed home, completed for Rs. 8.25 Lakhs. The foundation stone was laid on 14th September 2023, and the keys were handed over on 13th March 2024, ensuring another family has a safe place to call home.





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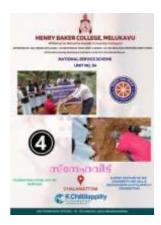
34. Snehaveedu -3 :15/09/2023

The house for beneficiary Sincy James from Kaluthukadavu, with a total expenditure of Rs. 9.25 lakhs, had its foundation stone laid on 15th September 2023, and the key was handed over on 13th March 2024.



35. Snehaveedu -4:18/09/2023

The fourth home under the Snehaveedu project, built for Babu Madhavan in Kaluthukadavu with a total expenditure of Rs. 8.75 lakhs, saw its foundation stone laid on 18 September 2023, and the key handed over on 13 March 2024.

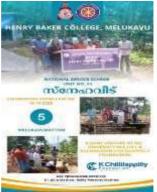






36. Snehaveedu -5:10/10/2023

The foundation stone was laid for the fifth home under the Snehaveedu program on 10th October 2023. The house, built for Georgy Varghese from Melukavumattom, with a total expenditure of Rs. 8.75 lakhs, had its key handed over on 13th March 2024.











37. Snehaveedu -6:31/10/2023

For the Snehaveedu program, the foundation stone for the home dedicated to Mary Antony from Edamuruku was laid on 31st October 2023. This home, designed to provide comfort and security, has an estimated cost of Rs. 7.25 lakhs. The key was graciously handed over to Mary Antony on 25th June 2024, marking the completion of this significant effort to support those in need.



38. Snehaveedu -7 -23/11/2023

The foundation stone was ceremoniously laid for the seventh home in the Snehaveeduprogram on 23rd November 2023. This home, built for Prasanth Martin in Kulathikandam, represents a total expenditure of Rs. 8.25 lakhs. The key was handed over to Prasanth Martin on 13th March



2024, marking the completion of the home.

39. Snehaveedu -8 :04/12/2023

A new home for Saritha M. in Edamurku was started with the foundation stone laid on 4th December 2023. The estimated cost for this project is Rs. 8.25 lakhs.



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40. Snehaveedu -9:22/12/2023

The Snehaveedu program proudly initiated the construction of a home for Babu Ithakk in Vakakkadu on 22nd December 2023. The estimated cost for this home is Rs. 8.25 lakhs.



41. Snehaveedu -10 -08/02/2024

On 8 February 2024, we laid the foundation stone for Velu Ramankutty's home in Vakakkadu. This project is estimated to cost Rs. 6.25 lakhs.



42. Snehaveedu -11 -15/02/2024

The foundation stone for Chacko's new home in Melukavumattom was laid on 15 February 2024. This house, estimated to cost Rs. 6.25 lakhs, represents a significant step towards providing much-needed shelter.



43. Snehaveedu -12 -07/03/2024

On 7th March 2024, the foundation stone for Reena Jomon's home at Pious Mount was laid. This project, which is expected to cost Rs. 6.25 lakhs, marks a new chapter for Reena Jomon and her family.



44. Snehaveedu -13 -26/03/2024

The home for Babu in Melukavu had its foundation stone laid on 26th March 2024. With an estimated cost of Rs. 6.85 lakhs, this home will offer a warm and secure space for Babu.



45. Snehaveedu -14 -26/3/2024

On 26th March 2024, we laid the foundation stone for **Sharath**'s home in Konipadu. The estimated cost of Rs. 6.8 lakhs reflects our commitment to providing essential housing for those in need.



46. Snehaveedu -15 -27/3/2024

The foundation stone for Toney Jacob's home in Kurumannu was laid on 27th March 2024. With an estimated cost of Rs. 8.5 lakhs, this home is a testament to our ongoing efforts to support families with secure and comfortable living spaces.



