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FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

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MALAYALA SAMAJAM
HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU
Report 2023-2024

Malayala Samajam successfully organised a series of programmes throughout the year 2023-24. The first of these was the Reading Competition, aimed at emphasizing the importance of reading among students.

1. Reading Competition

The Reading Competition sought to inspire a love for literature and to highlight the value of reading in the academic and personal growth of students. For this year's competition, the book “Manushyanoru Aamukham” by Subhash Chandran was selected, providing participants with a rich and thought-provoking text to explore. Participants were evaluated on their reading fluency, comprehension of the text, and their ability to critically analyse and interpret the content of the book. The event culminated with an engaging discussion session, where participants shared their insights, interpretations, and reflections on the themes of the book. This interactive segment allowed deeper understanding and a collective appreciation of the literary piece.

Karthika K. Das, Nelbin Prakash (II M.A. History), and Jino John (III B.Com. Self) secured the first, second, and third positions, respectively. Dr. Jibin Mathew (Dept. of History), Dr. Umarani R. (Dept. of Hindi), and Miss Agnes Maria Yesudas served as the judges for the reading competition.

The Reading Competition served as a platform for students to showcase their literary talents and deepen their appreciation for Malayalam literature.





2. P. N. Panicker Commemoration Day & Invited Lecture

On June 22, 2023, the Malayala Samajam conducted 'P.N. Panicker Commemoration Day & Invited Lecture' in connection with the Reading Day celebration. The event began with a warm welcome from Dr. Soumya Paul, Assistant Professor in Malayalam. The celebration was officially inaugurated by Mr. S. F Jabbar, who delivered a compelling talk on 'The Importance of Reading in the Digital Era.' His speech underscored how traditional reading practices can complement digital advancements, encouraging a balanced approach to the intellectual development.

Kumari Anju T.G, Assistant Secretary, Malayala Samajam. presided over the programme. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S. followed delivered the introductory speech, outlining the significance of the day's events and commemorating P.N. Panicker's contributions to the reading culture in Kerala. One of the highlights of the event was the prize distribution for the reading competition winners. Karthika K. Das, Nelbin Prakash (II M.A. History), and Jino John (III B.Com. Self) secured the first, second, and third positions respectively. Sri Jayakumar P.V., Assistant Coordinator, concluded the ceremony with a vote of thanks. The day's celebration not only honoured the legacy of P.N. Panicker but also inspired attendees to continue their journey of reading and knowledge acquisition in an increasingly digital world.



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നാടകകൃത്ത്, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ട്രെയിനർ



Venue : Seminar Hall

: 1:15pm

Co-ordinators: DR. SOUMYA PAUL & MR. JAYKUMAR P V



3. Malayala Samajam Inauguration and Kaviarangu

The famous Malayalam poet, Sri M.R. Renukumar, inaugurated the Malayala Samajam for the academic year 2023-2024. His presence and inspiring words set a positive tone for the year's activities, highlighting the significance of literature and cultural heritage. On the same day, the Samajam conducted another engaging program named 'Author in Campus.' This event provided a wonderful and informative experience for the students, offering them an opportunity to interact directly with renowned authors, gain insights into the world of writing, and deepen their appreciation for Malayalam literature.

The Malayala Samajam serves as an invaluable platform for students to develop and express their hidden talents and skills. Through a variety of programs and events, it fosters a vibrant cultural environment where students can enhance their literary and artistic abilities, build confidence, and engage with their heritage in meaningful ways. The success of these events underscores the importance of nurturing young minds and encouraging a lifelong passion for learning and creativity.





● മലയാളി ഹെൻറി ബേക്കർ കോളേജിൽ മലയാളസമാജത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനവും പ്രചാരണവും സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി അംഗവും കവിതാകാരനുമായ എ.ആർ. മണുകുമാർ നിർവഹിച്ചു. സമാജത്തിൽ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചത് മധു. ഗിരിജി കൃഷ്ണൻ ജി.എസ്. സിദ്ദീഖ് സെക്രട്ടറി അസ്മിൻ ജോസ്, ശങ്ക-മാർഡിനേറ്റർമാരായ പി.വി അരുൺകുമാർ, മധു. സൗമ്യ പോൾ, ശിഖാമണി ഗൗരി എന്നിവർ പ്രബോധിച്ചു. ഉദ്ഘാടന സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ ശേഷം കവിതാകാരന്മാർ കൂട്ടുകൾ നൽകിയ സമ്പാദനം വേറിട്ടൊരു അനുഭവമായി മാറി.

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മലയാളി ഹെൻറി ബേക്കർ കോളേജിൽ മലയാളസമാജത്തിന്റെ ഉദ്ഘാടനവും പ്രചാരണവും സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി അംഗവും കവിതാകാരനുമായ എ.ആർ. മണുകുമാർ നിർവഹിച്ചു. സമാജത്തിൽ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചത് മധു. ഗിരിജി കൃഷ്ണൻ ജി.എസ്. സിദ്ദീഖ് സെക്രട്ടറി അസ്മിൻ ജോസ്, ശങ്ക-മാർഡിനേറ്റർമാരായ പി.വി അരുൺകുമാർ, മധു. സൗമ്യ പോൾ, ശിഖാമണി ഗൗരി എന്നിവർ പ്രബോധിച്ചു. ഉദ്ഘാടന സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ ശേഷം കവിതാകാരന്മാർ കൂട്ടുകൾ നൽകിയ സമ്പാദനം വേറിട്ടൊരു അനുഭവമായി മാറി.

4. Kavitha Parayanam – “Madhu Sudhanan Nairude Kavithakaliloode”

On October 16, 2023, at 1:25 PM, the Malayala Samajam conducted a poetry recitation event based on the poems of Madhu Sudhanan Nair in the Seminar Hall. Mr. Binil James presided over the meeting. Kumari Amrutha Mohanan (II B.A. History), Shamnumol Usman (I B.A. History), and Ann Feba (I B.A. English) recited selected poems by Madhu Sudhanan Nair, captivating the audience with their expressive renditions. Additionally, Albia Manuel (I B.A. History) and Shifana Gasni shared their insights and reflections on the recited poems, providing a deeper understanding of the poet's work. Mr. Sangeeth Sivan delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all attendees and contributors for making the event a success. Dr. Soumya Paul spoke about the rich tradition of Malayalam poetry and its future prospects. The event concluded with a lively and informative discussion between the students and the speakers, where various aspects of Madhu Sudhanan Nair’s poetry were explored. This interactive session not only enhanced the students' appreciation for Malayalam literature but also encouraged them to engage more deeply with poetic works.



5. Keralappiravi dinakhosham

The Malayala samajam, Women's Cell and Cultural Club organised the following programmes as part of the 67th anniversary of Keralappiravi. On November 1, 2023 we conducted three events -ie, Kerala Sreeman, Malayali Manga and Uthama Malayalee.

1. Kerala Sreeman: In the competition held in four rounds -namely Kerala culture, art, general knowledge, Malayalam alphabet knowledge, Gopikrishnan B, third year B.A. History student, was selected as the Kerala Shriman. Naseem Muhammad, III B.Com was selected as the runner-up.

2. Malayali Manga: Culture of Kerala, Art, General Knowledge, Malayalam Alphabet Knowledge etc. were the four rounds for the competition. Kumari Hiba Fatima, II B.A English, was selected as the Malayalee Manga. Kumari Atmaja, I B.Com was selected as first runner up of Malayali manga.

3. Uttama Malayalee- Various questions were asked to the 9 participants regarding the importance of Malayalam language and marks were given based on the language skills and general knowledge about Kerala. Kumari Hiba Fathima, II B.A English, was selected as the Uthama Malayalee. Gouri Nandakumar, I B.A English was the first runner up.

After these programmes we organised a public program in the college campus at 1.15 pm in view of the importance of Malayalam language. Principal. Dr. Girish Kumar G. S. presided over the meeting. Dr. Soumya Paul spoke about the importance of the Malayalam language and Kerala culture. In the meeting, the principal recited the Malayalam language pledge. Keeping in mind the concept of Malayalam as official language, it was decided to write 5 words everyday and to display it in front of the department's notice board as part of the Malayalam language week. IQAC Coordinator Dr. Nisha Joseph, Cultural club coordinators Dr. Umarani R. and Miss Maria Susan talked about Keralappiravi. Teachers and students including the non teaching staff participated in this celebration.





6. 'Theli Malayalam'

On February 21, 2024, in association with 'World Mother Tongue Day', a public programme titled 'Theli Malayalam' was organized at Kirby Garden at 2:30 PM. Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S., the Principal, delivered a speech highlighting the significance of the Malayalam language in preserving cultural identity and fostering communication within the community. Miss Albia Manuval, II B.A. History, presided over the meeting. Sri Jayakumar P.V., a faculty member of Malayalam department, elaborated on the rich heritage and importance of the Malayalam language and literature in everyday life.

During the event, Miss Diyamol V.A II B.A. History, recited a poignant poem celebrating the beauty and depth of the Malayalam language. The attendees collectively pledged to uphold and promote the glory of the Malayalam language, underscoring its importance in preserving cultural diversity and heritage. Mr. Arjunkumar, II B.A. History, expressed gratitude to all the participants and organisers, acknowledging their efforts in making the event a success. The 'Theli Malayalam' programme served as a platform to reaffirm the significance of the Malayalam language and its enduring legacy in the hearts and minds of its speakers.





7. Book Review

Recognising the importance of fostering a reading culture among teenagers and promoting their all-round development, the Malayala Samajam organised a special programme to cultivate reading skill among students. As part of this initiative, Mr. Paul Mathews, Assistant Professor in English, introduced the renowned book 'Ethiru' by M. Kunjaman. The review offered an overall summary of the book by analysing its themes, characters, and plot. Mr. Paul Mathews' insightful review helped attendees grasp the essence of 'Ethiru' at a deeper level, enabling them to appreciate its literary merits and thematic richness.

By delving into the intricacies of the book, Mr. Paul Mathews not only enhanced the understanding of 'Ethiru' but also instilled a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm for reading among the students. His engaging presentation sparked meaningful discussions and encouraged participants to explore diverse genres and authors, thereby broadening their literary horizons. Through initiatives like book review sessions, the Malayala Samajam continues to play a pivotal role in nurturing the intellectual and cultural growth of students, ensuring their holistic development and fostering a lifelong love for reading and learning.





8. Ezhuthola Release

Magazines provide a golden opportunity for individuals to express their creativity and imaginative power, serving as platforms for showcasing diverse talents. Recognising the importance of nurturing students' abilities and supporting their holistic development, the Malayala Samajam has always been at the forefront of fostering talent enhancement among its members. A proud achievement for the organisation was the publishing of 'Ezhuthola 2024,' the handwritten magazine of the Malayala Samajam. This literary endeavor, a culmination of the collective efforts of students and teachers, represents a celebration of creativity and literary prowess within the community.

The unveiling of 'Ezhuthola 2024' on March 26 marked a significant milestone for the Malayala Samajam. Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S., the Principal, graced the occasion and released the magazine. In his keynote address, Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S. extended his heartfelt appreciation to the teachers and students who dedicated their time and effort to bring 'Ezhuthola 2024' to fruition. He emphasized the importance of nurturing creativity and fostering a conducive environment for literary expression, highlighting the magazine as a testament to the Samajam's commitment to nurturing talent and promoting cultural enrichment.

The release of 'Ezhuthola 2024' not only showcased the literary talents within the Malayala Samajam but also served as an inspiration for future generations to explore their creative potential and contribute meaningfully to the literary landscape. It stood as a testament to the Samajam's dedication to fostering talent and providing a platform for students to showcase their literary endeavours.



The tradition of inscribing Malayalam words on the notice board outside the Malayalam department persisted this year, focussing on the essence of Malayalam language. Each day, a carefully chosen word adorned the board, serving as a beacon of our commitment to preserving and celebrating our linguistic heritage. As a pivotal part of the Bharanabhasha Mathrubhasha programme, the notice board featured five Malayalam words daily for an entire week. This concerted effort aimed to instil a deeper appreciation for Malayalam's richness and diversity among our college community.

Following this special week, the practice seamlessly transitioned into featuring one Malayalam word per day, ensuring a continuous immersion in the language's beauty. By upholding this tradition, we not only honour our cultural identity but also inspire a profound connection to our linguistic roots among students and faculty alike.



In the academic year 2023-24, Malayala Samajam showcased remarkable activity through its various programs. The wholehearted support from our dear students and coordinators were truly commendable. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Henry Baker College and our dear students for their unwavering support, which played a pivotal role in making this year incredibly fruitful.

Dr.Soumya Paul

Malayala Samajam Coordinator