



# CHRONICLE



*A Calender of events rippling down the memory lane*

**Henry Baker College, Melukavu**

A Christian Minority Educational Institution run by C.S.I East Kerala Diocese  
Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

## Manager's Message Rt. Rev. V.S Francis



***“Teach me good discernment and knowledge,  
For I believe in Your commandments.” Psalms  
119:66***

Henry Baker College named after the Rev. Henry Baker (Jr), the pioneering CMS missionary, better known as the ‘Apostle of Hills’ strives with the mission to emancipate each individual ‘From the darkness of ignorance to the Marvellous light of knowledge and wisdom, which the college wholeheartedly follows. The college broadened the outlook of students by emphasising the values and virtues of life through education inclusive of positive thinking, developing skills, moral, social and aesthetic values thereby helping them to attain overall development of personality. The inclusiveness encompasses an extraordinary diversity and cultural background, learning abilities, economic background, competence and diverse range of interests. The institution stands as a beacon of light for the thousands of people for the last four decades, by providing an educational foundation for life to the full-intellectually, spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally.

Being the fourth manager of the institution, I feel blessed to do the duties that God has entrusted upon me, like teaching and applying the truth of the gospel, pastoral governance and leading worship. Through education our college endeavours to make a difference in the lives of individuals, thereby to find meaning and value in their lives and reach the full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society who are highly skilled and informed. Since the college is in the path of reformation, we seek to provide not only a high-quality academic and vocational education, but also a faith and value based holistic education for all the students.

Therefore as the newly assigned Bishop, I take this opportunity to express that, every effort is being made to improve the existing services to bring out for the welfare of our institution and the growth of our students. I pray to God Almighty, that the institution will truly serve as an aid to continue the excellence in learning and teaching

## Principal's Message



***Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S,***

Dear colleagues , parents, students, alumni and well-wishers,

We are on the path of modernisation ,aimed at strengthening the academic and physical infrastructure for achieving excellence in teaching, research and extension activities by promoting flexible and effective governance with the help of ICT and other innovative techniques. We have initiated a number of healthy practices and skill development programmes.

To make academic life on the campus vibrant by guiding students through a process of intellectual enquiry and self discovery and to rededicate ourselves to better positioning Henry Baker College, as a 21st Century institution of higher learning that is bound to scale new heights in academic and co-curricular activities, various programmes were organized.

We have a track record of first in sports and games. I thank all the departments and other associations and forums in the college for making this academic year a fruitful one.

I request your whole hearted co-operation in making it lead others by example. We must strive to see our students succeed in their lives both as students here and as citizens after they leave us. I wish all of you all the best in life

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# HBC CLOUD



HBC Cloud inauguration at Henry Baker College, Melukavu on 16th October 2019; From left to right: Dr. Ansa Andrews (Faculty, Department of English), Needup Dorji(Bhutan), Akah Lawrence (Nigeria), Mr. Opoku Pierre (Ivory Coast), Maliha Hiswan (Afghanistan), Hadson Sitembo (Zambia), Dortguly Meredov (Turkmenistan), Stanley Murugu (Kenya) and Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S (Principal, Henry Baker College, Melukavu).



Tree plantation at Henry Baker College Campus on 16th October 2019; From left to right: Needup Dorji(Bhutan), Albin Varghese (3rd B.Com CCA), Abin V.T (IInd B.com CCA), Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S (Principal, Henry Baker College, Melukavu) and Akah Lawrence (Nigeria).



Planting tree sapling (divi divi sapling) at Bishop House of CSI EKD, Melukavumattom on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019; From Left to Right: Dr. Jincy Devasia (faculty, Department of Physics), Rev. Liju K Jacob, Mr. Justin Jose (faculty, Department of Commerce), Rt. Rev. V S Francis (HBC Manager), Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S (Principal) and Mr. Dennis Cherian (faculty, Department of Commerce)

Deforestation is one of the biggest problems in the world today. It is a system of cutting down and destroying trees without caring for anything for the next generation. Today, there is a worldwide movement against deforestation. We have to make sure that whenever a tree is being cut down, another tree is planted. There are a number of organizations today that are fighting against increasing environmental exploitation. Rising global warming, air pollution and the growth of industrial enterprises are the main reasons behind deforestation. Tree planting is one of the biggest ideas that we must pass on to the younger generation, especially the present generation. We are building the next generation by planting each tree. Every shade tree we cut down has grown over hundreds of years.

The outcome of the programme was that trees can bring people together. They can act as a landmark within a neighbourhood and encourage pride amongst people within that community. By planting more trees, it will contribute to global reforestation efforts, restoring lost forests, repairing damaged ecosystems and mitigating climate changes.

# FAREWELL MEETING

A Farewell meeting was organised for our beloved manager on 7th July 2019. Dr.Cyriac Thomas (Former Vice Chancellor) was the chief guest.Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S (Principal) in his speech said that , we are so grateful for the gift that you are to Henry Baker College,Melukavu. Most especially, Bishop, we are grateful for the ways that you have been such a loving father to us. Thank you for protecting and nurturing our charism as it has taken root and blossomed. I am happy that you have been able to retire and move on to a new phase of life. Thank you for serving us all these years as Bishop of our diocese and manager of the college. You did a wonderful job and you will certainly be missed. We wish you the best in your retirement. May you find peace, good health, and happiness in your retirement years.





## "Streaks of Fancy"

"Streaks of Fancy," an art and craft exhibition was organized by the Department of English on 5th & 6th of March 2020. The exhibition offered a platform for our students to showcase their artistic talents and creative abilities. Our Principal Dr.Gireeshkumar G.S inaugurated the exhibition and appreciated the artistry of the students. The Department lauded the efforts of Aneetta Biju, Thomas J Ajay(III B A English), Anjaly Babu, Annie Roy( II B A English),Mebin Thampi, Amina Kabeer and Cyril Johnson( I B A English) by giving away attractive prizes



Painting is silent poetry , and poetry is painting that speaks.  
Plutarch.



## "Streaks of Fancy"



## Readathon & Reading Club Inauguration

Reading club activities of the year were started on 19th June 2019 with the inauguration of Reading Club. The Day of Reading - Readathon - was observed by spending a full day for reading. Entire staff and students spent the day for reading.



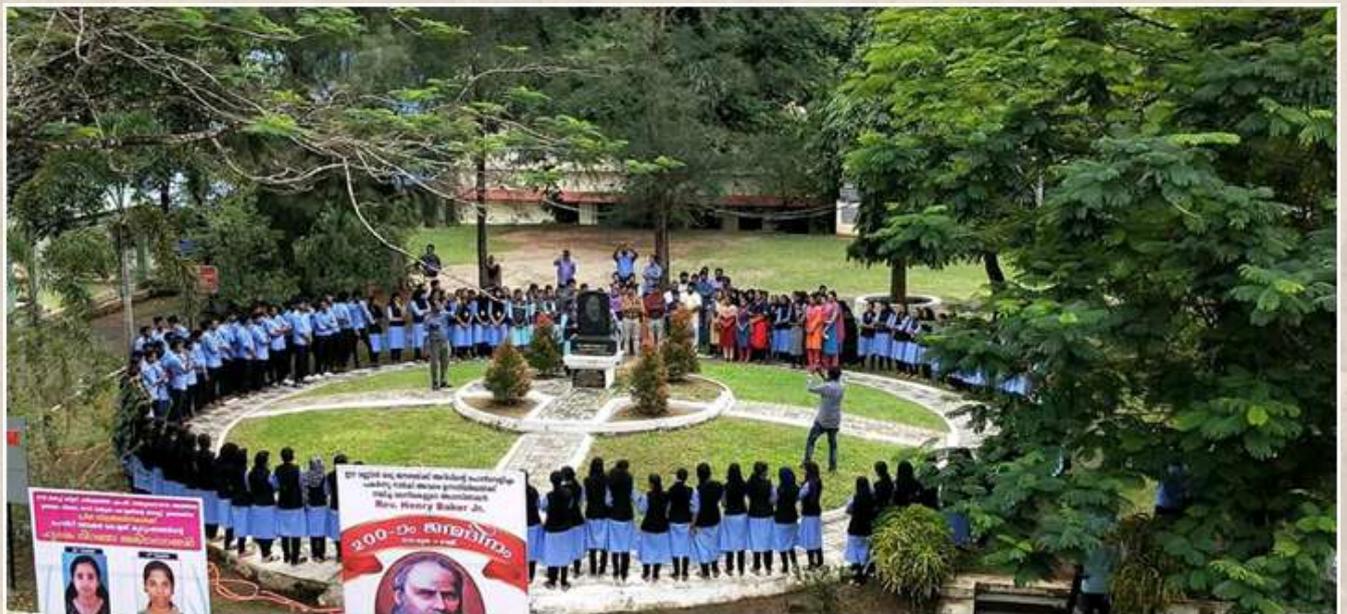
## History Association Inauguration

History Association Inauguration of the academic year 2019- 20 was conducted on 28th June 2019. Dr. Justin Mathew M.A, Ph. D., Assistant Professor, University of Delhi inaugurated the meeting and delivered a talk on 'Studying Contemporary History: A Critical Perspective'



## Commemoration of Bicentennial Birth Anniversary of Henry Baker Jr.

Bicentennial birth anniversary of Henry Baker Jr., the Apostle of Hill Aryans was celebrated in the college, under the auspices of History department on 26th July 2019, at 10 am on the college auditorium. Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering. Aravind Shaji III B.A History, recalled 'Baker Days' through a presentation "Remembering Rev. Henry Baker Jr." The principal of the college, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, delivered the presidential address. This function was formally inaugurated and made fabulous by the inaugural address of Rt. Rev. Dr. K.G. Daniel, former manager of the college and Bishop of East Kerala Diocese. Dr. P. Sanal Mohan, Director of Kerala Council for Historical Research, talked on Missionaries and Histories of Indigenous societies.



## Independence Day Celebration

Postgraduate Department of History celebrated India's 73rd Independence Day on 19th August 2019. On the occasion, re-enactment of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's most acclaimed speech 'TRYST WITH DESTINY' was made by Ms Annie Summer Andrews in English and Ms. Anu Sugunan in Malayalam. A Patriotic song was sung by Navya Jose and team. Different facets of Indian freedom movement were remembered by the students through brief presentations on 'Quit India Movement' by Archana.P, II MA; 'Remembering Gandhi' by Beema Subair II BA; 'Key Informations about India' by Sreelakshmi Satheeshan II MA and 'History of Vande Mataram' by Abin Jose IMA . A dance was performed by Ms Athulya Thomas and team, signifying the importance of our nation's freedom. The whole staff and students of the department actively participated in the programme. The celebration ended up with the National Anthem at 2.00 pm.



## KCHR Public Interface Programme

As part of One Day KCHR Public Interface Programme, 55 students and five staff of the postgraduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu visited Kerala Council for Historical Research, Trivandrum on 27th September 2019. The team reached KCHR complex at Vyloppilly Samskriti Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram at 9.30 am. In the morning itself students got the opportunity to use the KCHR library for an hour and had a glance on new arrivals.



Students also got the chance to visit the Kerala State Archives, which is located nearby KCHR. Our team was welcomed to the Archives with a meeting arranged in the Research Hall of State Archives. Shri. J. Rejikumar, Director, Directorate of Archives, addressed the gathering. Sri. Shibu. J. Assistant Conservator, delivered a lecture on the department of archives, different types of sources, how to collect sources from archives, the importance of archival sources for the reconstruction of history etc. Department of Archives also provided a valuable session on conservation and preservation techniques and methods of archival sources. Signature museum was another attraction in the archival complex. Learning from the source was a great experience for our students.



### Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration- Imprint

Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth anniversary celebrations, were inaugurated by the college Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, in the Bishop Michael John memorial hall on 4th October 2019 at 11.00 am. As part of the commemoration of Gandhi Jayanthi, Mr. Nithin Jose, Assistant Professor, Post Graduate Department of Political Science, St. Thomas College Pala, delivered a talk on Relevance of Gandhian Principles in Contemporary India. Major attraction of the programme was "IMPRINT", a photo exhibition on the various facets of Mahatma's life. More than two hundred, rare photographs were exhibited in the exhibition. The photo exhibition 'IMPRINT' was widely viewed and appreciated by the staff and students of the college. A Quiz competition, based on Mahatma Gandhi's life and activities were also conducted on the occasion. The whole students of the department vigorously participated in the Quiz and Ms. Arya Suresh of II M.A won First prize in the competition. The celebration ended up with the National anthem.



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## Sharing Resources for Expertise and Excellence (SREE)

An MoU was signed in collaboration with four colleges affiliated under MG University to Share resources for expertise and excellence on 19th November 2019. The parties of the collaboration are St. Thomas College Palai, St. Dominic's College Kanjirapally, St. Thomas College Ranni, Alphonsa College Palai and Henry Baker College Melukavu. According to this agreement each college has to give four lectures in other four colleges free of cost. Moreover joint seminars, workshops and training programmes under SREE are also envisioned.



## 70th Constitution Day Celebration.

Postgraduate department of History commemorated India's 70th constitution day as SAMVIDHAN DIVAS in the Bishop Michael John memorial hall on 26-11-2019. The presidential Address was delivered by Dr. Gireeshkumar.G.S, Principal of the college. Reading out the preamble of the constitution was done by Dona Joseph of III B.A History. On the occasion, an invited talk on 'Indian Constitution: Making and Spirit' was delivered by Prof. Bino.P. Jose, Assistant professor, Department of History, St. Dominic College, Kanjirappally. A Quiz competition was also conducted on the theme of Indian Constitution. All the students actively participated in the competition and Abin Jose of I M.A won the prize. The celebration ended up with National Anthem.



## Heritage walk

First MA students and teachers of the department conducted a Heritage walk through Karikode (present day Thodupuzha), capital of Kizhmalainadu on 10th December 2019.



## Certificate Courses

The Department of history offers five certificate courses. They are, An Introduction to the Cultural Heritage of Kerala, Theory and Practice of Oral History, Stress Management, IT application in History, Archival studies.

## Study Tour

The study tour for the year 2019-2020 was conducted from 1-1-2020 to 5-1-2020. III BA and IIMA students jointly went to the study tour. Thirty three students and two accompanying staff visited places like Mysore and Coorg.



## Extension Lecture

Sixth extension lecture of the department was held on 4th February 2020. Sri. Vinil Paul, Research scholar JNU, delivered the lecture, Colonialism and Christianity: A History of Evangelical Mission Work among the Travancore Hill Tribes.



## Local History Methodology

A workshop on local History was organized by the Department of History on 4th February 2020. Resource person of the programme was Sri. Vinil Paul, Research scholar JNU.



## Tribal Visit

MA students and teachers of the department visited the tribal settlement at Methotty, near Poochapra on 21st February 2010. The team got the opportunity to attend the Sivaratri festival of the Muthuvans as well as to see their various art forms. Moreover they met many elderly people and had interview with them.

## Alumni Meeting

Alumni's meeting of the year 2019-20, was held on 26th January 2020. 150 alumni members and their family were present on the occasion. Silver Jubilee of the Department of History was celebrated on the day. Moreover Net holders of the dept. were honoured. Alumni members also honoured the retiring teacher Prof. Ajitha V.R, Department of Hindi, on the occasion.



## Webinar

Lockdown days were made fruitful by arranging a webinar on “Online Plagiarism Checking an Easy approach” on 21st May 2020. The programme was arranged in association with Research and Postgraduate Department of Commerce and IQAC. The programme was mainly for PG History and Commerce students.

**HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU**  
(Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)

**21 MAY 2020**  
11 am

**WEBINAR SERIES - 1**

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Resource Person  
Ms. JYOTHI MARIA JOHNY  
(M.Com, Mphil, Research Scholar -Kerala University)

Google Meet

## Kazhcha 2020

Kazhcha 2020 is a History Department initiative to collect the experiences and feedback on the lockdown period. It also intended to collect and preserve the traditional knowledge system and preserve for the posterity. The materials collected through Kazhcha will enrich the Oral History Archive of the college.

POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

**കാഴ്ച 2020**

ലോകവ്യാപനം അനുഭവങ്ങൾ... ഓർമ്മകൾ... പാഠങ്ങൾ... അനുഭവപ്പെടുത്തൽ

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2. ഓർമ്മകൾ/അനുഭവങ്ങൾ  
3. അധിഷ്ഠിതപാഠങ്ങൾ (VIDEO)

Prizes will be given for best entries  
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## B.Voc Tourism & Hospitality Management

### MONSOON MARATHON

As part of the Environment Day, a marathon was conducted by the department on 10 June 2019. The motto of the program was 'Heal the Earth, Heal the Future' by preserving the Environment. The marathon was officially inaugurated by the college principal Dr.G.S. Gireesh Kumar by giving a meaningful message about our responsibility towards the environment and the need to preserve it. 25 students from different colleges participated in this programme as part of responsible tourism. The first and second prize was secured by Christ College, Irinjalikuda and Alphonsa College, Pala.



### DESTINATION VISIT- MUNNAR & VATTAVADA

As Part of the curriculum, the department has set its first academic outdoor activity for the 2019- 2022 batch on 6th September 2019 - A Destination Visit to Munnar and Vattavada. Munnar, a hill station and former resort for the British Raj elite, it's surrounded by rolling hills dotted with tea plantations established in the late 19th century. Vattavada, a virtually rain shadow village, lying in the eastern side of the Western Ghats near to Marayur and north side of Munnar. This place is fondly known as the market of Kerala. The views were breath taking. The students were able to walk well with the nature by admiring its beauty



## TOURISM-HANDBOOK- LIGHTNING CIRCUIT

A handbook named 'Lightning Circuit-കിഴക്കൻ കോട്ടയത്തിന്റെ സൗന്ദര്യ ഭൂപടം' was prepared by the students of Tourism department. The purpose of the book is to give a record about the scenic beauty of the nearby tourist spots in Melukavu. This book was released by Shri.S Rajendran, MLA Devikulam on 19th September 2019.



## WORLD TOURISM DAY CELEBRATIONS

Since 1980, the United Nations World Tourism Organization has celebrated World Tourism Day as International observances on 27th September 2019.

The purpose of the day was to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide.

The World Tourism Day was inaugurated by Rev.Biju Joseph, the College Bursar and the special message was delivered by Mr. Bijoy John, Tourism 4x4 Off-Road Entrepreneur.

As part of the celebration an Inter College Quiz competition was held on that day. Students from 15 different colleges participated in this program.

The first prize was shared by Newman College, Thodupuzha and Malayalam University, Thirur with a cash award of Rs 5000 and the second prize was secured by St. Thomas College, Pala with a cash award of Rs 2500.



## CYCLOTHON – ANTI DRUG AWARENESS CYCLING

As part of the social responsibility, a cycling was conducted by the department on 18th October 2019 from Melukavu to Kodanad. This cycling was flagged off by the Sub Inspector of Police, Melukavu.



## RESPONSIBLE TOURISM (WARD ADOPTION)

The department initiated a project based on Responsible Tourism in order to make each individual aware about the fact of being responsible towards the society and tourism.

The aim of the program was - To educate the people of the area on responsible tourism and take necessary steps to promote responsible tourism in the region in cooperation with the people. For that, on 29th October 2019 with the cooperation of the College Management and Melukavu Grama Panchayat, a Ward (Ward No 12) was adopted by the students of Tourism department to transform the chosen area into a fully self-sufficient area with clean ambience and thereby make the people aware about the environmental responsibility that each individual have. It's all about making better places for people to live in and better places for peoples to visit.



## CERTIFICATE COURSE

The B.Voc department conducted two certificate courses for students on 13th December 2019. The department organized the certification program in association with Skills India. The course was structured as a 30 hours certificate course for the students of the Department of History and the curriculum covered TOUR GUIDING and IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM LAWS.

## PIONERO 2K20

PIONERO 2K20 a Tourism Fest was organized by the staffs and students of the department on 31st January and 2nd and 3rd February. The fest was inaugurated by Dr. Robinet Jacob, Director, Tourism studies, MG University. The tourism fest was organized to evoke the talents and skills of each individual, so that they withstand themselves in this competitive era.



## WATER POTS FOR BIRDS

It is said that, we don't own the planet earth, we belong to it, and we must share it with our wildlife. As part of the World Wildlife Day on 3rd March 2020, our department has initiated the act of keeping water pots in our college for the beautiful birds out there to quench its thirst. Our beloved principal Dr. G S Gireesh Kumar sir inaugurated this humanitarian act by keeping the water pots. The aim of the programme was to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits of wildlife to people and thereby to conserve the flora and fauna.



## NATIONAL WEBINAR

As part of the lock down series of COVID 19, our department conducted a National Webinar on the topic 'Challenges and Opportunities in Tourism after COVID 19' on 22nd May 2020. The Resource person was Dr. Joseph P D, Faculty of Commerce, Mangalore University. The Webinar was a success and it deal with current topics and issues that are affecting the Tourism field. The programme also discussed about the opportunities, scope and challenges in and of Tourism. All the participants were provided with an E-certificate as part of their participation.

**HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU**  
DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM



**NATIONAL WEBINAR ON  
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
IN TOURISM AFTER COVID 19**

**11:00 AM**  
**22 MAY 2020**

**RESOURCE PERSON  
DR. JOSEPH PD**  
[ Faculty Of Commerce, Mangalore University ]

Google meet Webinar platform.

**Organizing Committee**

- ▶ Dr. G S GIREESH KUMAR [ Principal ]
- ▶ Mr. ANISH THANIKKAL [HOD]
- ▶ Mr. JOSHY SAM JOHNSON [Asst. Prof. ]
- ▶ Smt. ANEETTA ELIZABETH MANUEL [ Asst. Prof. ]
- ▶ Smt. RENI MOL SIMON [Asst. Prof.]
- ▶ Mr. SHIJIN MATHEW
- ▶ Mr. SACHU MON OS

- ▶ Free Registration
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IN ASSOCIATION WITH IQAC  
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ON TOURISM**



**DATE  
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# NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

**HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU**

**UNIT NO. 054**

## MAZHAKKALA POORVA CLEANING PROGRAMME [Pre-Monsoon Cleaning Drive]

Melukavu Grama Panchayath and NSS unit of Henry Baker College, jointly organized a pre-monsoon cleaning drive on 11th May 2019. NSS programme officers and volunteers participated in the program.



## NSS ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

One day orientation for the first year NSS volunteers held on 21st June 2019. Every 120 NSS volunteers participated in this programme.



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

“World Environment Day aims to inspire everyone to make their voices heard — citizens need to urge their governments to deliver on their commitments to safeguard nature, end pollution and ensure that environmental laws are upheld.”

NSS unit organized an Environmental Day Programme on 5th June 2019, this year also we planted fruit trees around the college and as an epilogue to this, college staff and students took Suchithwa Prathinja (Cleanliness Pledge). Every year on World Environmental Day we took an oath to assure ourselves for maintaining our surroundings clean. The programme has been entrusted to every NSS Unit under MG university by the Swachht Pakhwada Programmes of Prime Minister.



## VALICHERIYAL MUKTHA CAMPUS-NAGARAM PROGRAMME

Based on the direction from MG University, Kottayam, our NSS unit organized Valicheriyal Muktha Campus-Nagaram Programme on 22nd June 2019. Purpose of the programme was to make the pupil aware of the need for cleanliness; else it will damage our environment and future. Seventy-eight volunteers very actively participated in the programme. On this day students distributed awareness notices to the public and shopkeepers at Melukavumattom. This was a continuation of the Swachhat Pakhwada programme of Central government.



## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Breast cancer is by far the most common cancer in women worldwide irrespective of the status of the country viz. developed, developing, least-developed, or heavily indebted. In low income and middle-income countries, the incidence has been rising steadily in the last few years due to increase in life expectancy, increase in urbanization and westernization.

In Association with Govt. Medical College, Kottayam and NSS Unit of Henry Baker College organized a programme on Breast Cancer Awareness on 24th June 2019, named SAKHI. This was a very useful programme for all the student volunteers and Kudumbashree members. 42 students and 15 Kudumbashree members participated in this programme.



## International Day of Yoga

We have been celebrating the International Day of Yoga on 21 June since 2015, following its inception by the United Nations General Assembly of 2014. Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual practice which is originated in our country.

We practiced Yoga on 21 June 2019 as part of Yoga Day. All the NSS volunteers actively participated. Our faculty Krishnadas Chinnappan quoted the words of our honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi: “Yoga enhances our quest for a healthier planet. It has emerged as a force for unity and deepens the bonds of humanity. It does not discriminate against people. It goes beyond race, colour, gender, faith and nations. Anybody can embrace yoga.”

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Independence Day of India, which we celebrated on every 15th of August, holds tremendous ground in the list of national days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S (Principal) gave the Independence Day message and commemorated the events and struggles. He quoted, "it was on 15th August 1947 that India was declared independent from British colonialism, and the reins of control were handed over to the leaders of our Country. India's gaining of independence was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line." 70 students participated in the programme and were ignited with spirit and love towards our nation.

## FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES

NSS volunteers of our college collected and distributed provisional items and food materials for flood affected areas of Kottayam district on 15 August 2019. It was a great relief to the people staying in the flood rehabilitation camps.



## Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration

Gandhi Jayanthi Day was celebrated on 2 October 2019 along with the ongoing cleaning and crap collection camps. 62 NSS volunteers started organic farming on campus and cleaned Melukavumattom town and CHC Edamaruku.



## National Service Scheme at 50 [NSS@50]

NSS Golden Jubilee was celebrated on 24th September 2019, as part of it we organized a public meeting at Melukavumattom town and organised a rally from Melukavumattom to college. 210 students participated in the programme with great enthusiasm and coordination.



## NSS BLOOD DONATION CAMP



The NSS unit of Henry Baker College Melukavu organized a Blood Donation Camp in collaboration with Lions Club of Pala Spice Valley on 2nd November 2019. The camp began at 10.00 a.m. with an inaugural function wherein Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, College Principal, delivered the welcome speech. The Camp was inaugurated by Sri. Mani C .Kappen MLA and presidential address was given by Rt. Rev. V.S Francis, Manager of the college and Bishop of East Kerala Diocese. MJF Ln. Mr Babu Vadakkemuri expressed his gratitude to NSS unit of the college, for its continuous endeavor in this regard. MJF Lion KJ Thomas IPS (Rtd.), Lion. Prof. Renjith Sebastian and Lion Remy Babu proposed the vote of thanks. 40 NSS volunteers came forward to donate blood including students, teaching & non-teaching staff and kind hearted people from nearby locality.



# SUARNAM 2019

The National Service Scheme Special Camp for the Academic Year 2019-2020 SUARNAM 2019 (COLOURS 2019) was held at MDCMS High School Erumapramattom. Dr. Nisha Joseph, Programme Officer, welcomed the gathering. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, principal and inaugurated by Ms. Nisha Joseph (President, Melukavu Grama Panchayath). This was organized in association with Haritha Kerala Mission for cleaning the Meenachil Riverbed, Bio-diversity Park, and survey of ANERT. The felicitations were given by Sri. Anurag Pandikattu (Ward Member), and Sri. Anshad Ismail (Haritha Kerala Mission). The camp was concluded by a vote of thanks by Mr. Justin Jose (Programme officer).



## CLEANING OF MEENACHIL RIVERBED

Cleaning of Meenachil Riverbed was the main activity for the camp, in association with Melukavu Grama Panchayath and Haritha Kerala Mission. This was inaugurated by Ms. Nisha Joseph (President, Melukavu Grama Panchayath). About 3 km of riverbed was cleaned by the volunteers, Panchayath Members, Panchayath staff, and the Kudumbasree.





### VRIKSHAYURVEDA SEMINAR

The afternoon session was handled by Sri. K. Binu, a 51-year-old conservationist who has been doubling up as a tree doctor for many years. He is a schoolteacher by profession, studied about what is going on underground and beneath the bark of a tree. Also a practitioner of Vriksha (Tree) Ayurveda, a rare branch of knowledge that finds mention in ancient books, he has been on a mission to save trees ravaged by different diseases. “Just as you cannot kill a man because he suffers from an illness, you are not supposed to cut down a tree for the same reason. Trees too have a character, scream with pain, feel loneliness and crave for affection,” said Mr. Binu, who is also a member of the State Forest and Wildlife Board. Inspired by the environmentalist S Seetharaman, Sri Binu has been conserving, preserving and treating trees (like a doctor treating his/her patient) for several years. The session was an interesting experience for the volunteers who participated. He also inaugurated the Climate Action Group of Henry Baker College.



## PACHATHURUTH

Works for the preparations of Pachathuruth (Biodiversity Park) at school premises were commenced under the NSS unit of our college. The volunteers jointly participated in making the land suitable for this park. Biodiversity Park is nothing but the effort to make balance between nature and mankind. Conserving biodiversity is concerned with restoring the equilibrium between humans and atmosphere.



Fire and Rescue team from Erattupetta handled a session on the topic “The Kerala Fire and Rescue Services”. They mentioned about the Service Department of the Government of Kerala whose duty is to fight with fire when people and property are at the risk of fire and provide relief measures in times of calamities and disasters in Kerala. It is responsible for the provision of fire protection as well as responding to building collapses, drowning, gas leakage, oil spillage, road and rail accidents, bird and animal rescues, fallen trees and taking appropriate action during disasters. They explained these things with various role plays.



# Palliative Care Program

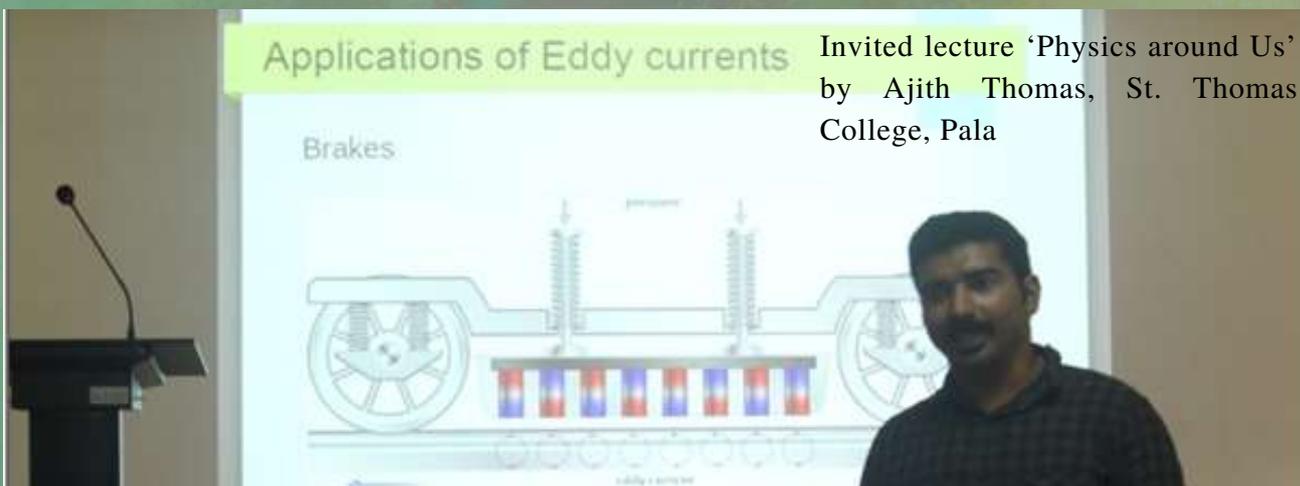
A social service programme called "Palliative Care Kudumba Sangamam" was organized for patients and caretakers in the Community Health Centre, Edamaruk and Melukavu Grama Panchayath. They invited NSS volunteers to the centre, for engaging them with love and care. The programme was a memorable moment for volunteers to receive such hearty responses from them as they really enjoyed our company. Nineteen NSS volunteers actively participated in the programme.



# DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

## Association inauguration and commemoration of Hiroshima Day

The Physics association for the year 2019-2020 was inaugurated on 6th August 2019 by Sri. Ajith Thomas, Department of Physics, St. Thomas College, Pala. The meeting began with a prayer song. Dr. Disha V. J welcomed the gathering which was followed by the presidential address by our Principal, Dr. G. S Gireesh Kumar. Sri. Ajith Thomas delivered an invited lecture on the topic 'Physics around Us'. The lecture mainly focussed on the applications of physics in our daily life through experimental demonstrations. 40 students participated in the meeting.



To commemorate Hiroshima day, the inaugural session was followed by a poster exhibition organized in association with Breakthrough Science Society, Kottayam from 10 am to 3 pm. The poster exhibition depicted the horrifying scenes of first nuclear bomb blast at the city of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The exhibition was open to entire students of the college



## Ozone day celebration 2019

To create awareness about the preservation of ozone layer and the need for adopting an eco-friendly lifestyle among students, the Department of Physics, Henry Baker College organized a one day programme on 25th September 2019 with the financial support from Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) based on this year's focal theme "32 Years and Healing".

The programme was organized in three sessions. The meeting commenced with the inaugural session, followed by an invited lecture and an intercollegiate science quiz competition. More than 90 UG students participated in the event.

In the inaugural session, Dr. Disha V. J., coordinator of the programme welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, Principal, Henry Baker College, presided over the function wherein he highlighted the main objectives of the programme. The function was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by chief guest, Dr. Ajith James Jose, Assistant Prof. in Chemistry, St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry. Session-I was concluded by delivering vote of thanks by Dr. Prince Thomas.

In session II, Dr. Ajith James Jose delivered a lecture on '32 years and Healing'. In his scientific lecture, various topics related to ozone layer depletion, its causes, impacts and the efforts made by international community for the preservation of ozone layer were highlighted. He also pointed out various ways for keeping our environment and atmosphere clean so that not only humans, but also the plants and animals can live a healthy life in future.

Session-III started at 12 pm with the preliminary round of Intercollegiate Science Quiz Competition. The preliminary round was a written test comprising of 30 questions based on Environmental Science and Basic Science. Twenty one teams from nearby colleges participated in the event. After the preliminary round five teams were selected for the final round. Dr. Jobin Job Mathen, Department of Physics, St. Thomas College, Pala presided as the Quiz master. Final round started at 1.30 pm.



# NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



National Science Day 2020 was observed by Department of Physics, Henry Baker College on 2nd March 2020. National Science Day 2020 was celebrated based on a particular theme 'Women in Science'. The meeting commenced with a silent prayer followed by welcome address by Dr. Jincy Devasia highlighting the importance of National Science Day. Principal Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar delivered the presidential address. He detailed the role of students and teachers in popularizing science and technology. An invited lecture was conducted at seminar hall around 10 am.



## BREAK THE CHAIN CAMPAIGN

As WHO declared Covid-19 as pandemic, Kerala State Govt. is taking important measures to stop corona virus spread. In order to meet the increasing demand of hand sanitizers locally, the teachers and students of Department of Physics, Henry Baker College, came forward to produce alcohol based hand sanitizers and distributed among the general public. The production is more significant at this time as there is scarcity of hand sanitizer in the market and hand washing is suggested as the most efficient measure to prevent the spread of the Covid 19.



### QUIZ CLUB

The quiz club of our college successfully conducted a quiz competition for our students on 26 February 2020. The contest was held in the seminar hall at 1.20pm. Respected principal Dr. Gireeshkumar G S inaugurated the contest and delivered a speech on the benefits of student-centred activities like quiz competitions. A total of 17 teams participated and the quiz club coordinator Prof. Paul Mathews was the quiz master. Ms. Anie Roy and Ms. Sruthy R. Nair of IV Semester B A English bagged the first prize. Ms. Nithyamol Mathews and Mr. Nandu K Surendran of IV Semester B. Sc. Physics won the second prize defeating Mr. Athul Dev Murali and Mr. Saju of II Semester B. Com. in the tiebreaker. Principal Dr. Gireeshkumar G S awarded the winners cash prizes.



## Scholar Support Programme



The SSP report graphically portrays all significant activities of 2019-2020 academic year. This document also attempts to provide a crystal clear picture of the effort by the SSP teams to implement SSP in Henry Baker College, Melukavu. First Year and Second Year Students were selected to the SSP from department of Commerce, English, History and Physics. Everything was done as per the rules and regulations of the programme and with the consent of the SSP committee members. This is a turning point where attention is focused on teachers as flag holders.

Scholar Support Programme has helped us in recognising our student's strengths and challenges. The needy and weaker students get additional attention and they get an opportunity to learn the concepts and ideas again which are difficult for them. We envisage extending support to students in the undergraduate programme with timely assistance in terms of tutorials, additional lectures, study materials and solved question papers. We, the team here in turn gain strength out of this encouragement and remain ready to serve to the satisfaction of our students. The programme was successfully completed in our college during the academic year 2019-2020.



# Women Cell

Talk by Prof. Mathew John on 'Table Etiquettes'



One day skill development programme



Legal awareness class was arranged on 12/02/2020 in collaboration with district legal service society, Kottayam. Sri. Ullas P Scaria, district level coordinator led the class. The programme aims to empower girls with the knowledge of their legal rights and duties and students were made aware of various legal procedures which they have to face in day today life



Three day self defence programme for girls was arranged on 12 – 14 February 2020



Awareness class on Health and hygiene was conducted in association with Community Health Centre, Edamaruku on 4/3/2020. Dr. Sainudeen E. M., medical officer of Community Health Centre interacted with the students on health issues faced by the youth nowadays. Topics of prime importance like personal hygiene, drug abuse, moral ethics etc were brought up and students were enlightened on these issues.



International Women's day celebration an invited talk was arranged on 6/3/2020. Dr. Mues Mary George, U C College, Aluva, delivered a lecture on the topic 'Gender Justice- Various Dimensions and Reality'



## WALK WITH A SCHOLAR (WWS)

Walk with a Scholar (WWS) scheme proposes to arrange specialized mentoring programmes for students in Undergraduate Programmes in Arts, Science and Commerce and to provide guidelines for their future career. The scheme introduces the idea of mentoring and builds on the concept of mentor as a “Guide and Friend”. As in the past years, this academic year also we could complete this programme propitiously .Ninety students from all degree classes attended this programme .

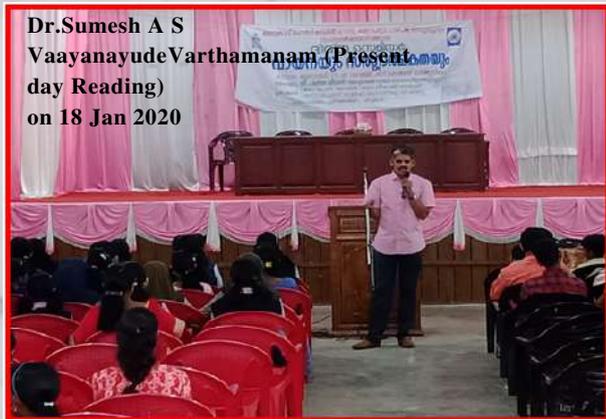


We could bring in many eminent personalities who proved their mettle in their respective fields to take classes in external mentoring. To name a few, we have Dr. Brijesh from Marian college kuttikkanam for personality skills, Dr Mathew Kanamala of St.Joseph's college for Career Development , Dr. Sumesh from St. George College Aruvithura for scientific inquisitiveness, Dr. Jinson Thomas of St Thomas college Pala and Dr .Sonia from Alphonsa College Pala for gender sensitization.The internal mentors ,who are our faculty members were really supportive to these students in their journey towards excellence in studies. The entire programme was coordinated by Prof.Korah Jacob a faculty member of economics, under the guidance of Principal Dr.Gireesh Kumar G.S and IQAC of Henry Baker College.





Dr. Paul Manalil inaugurated two day seminar. Dr.Gireesh Kumar G S (Principal), Prof. Ajitha V R (Seminar Convenor), Prof. Ansa Andrews(Staff Secretary), and Prof. Soumya Paul (Seminar Coordinator)



Dr.Sumesh A S Vaayanayude Varthamanam (Presenting day Reading) on 18 Jan 2020



A school student receiving Participation Certificate

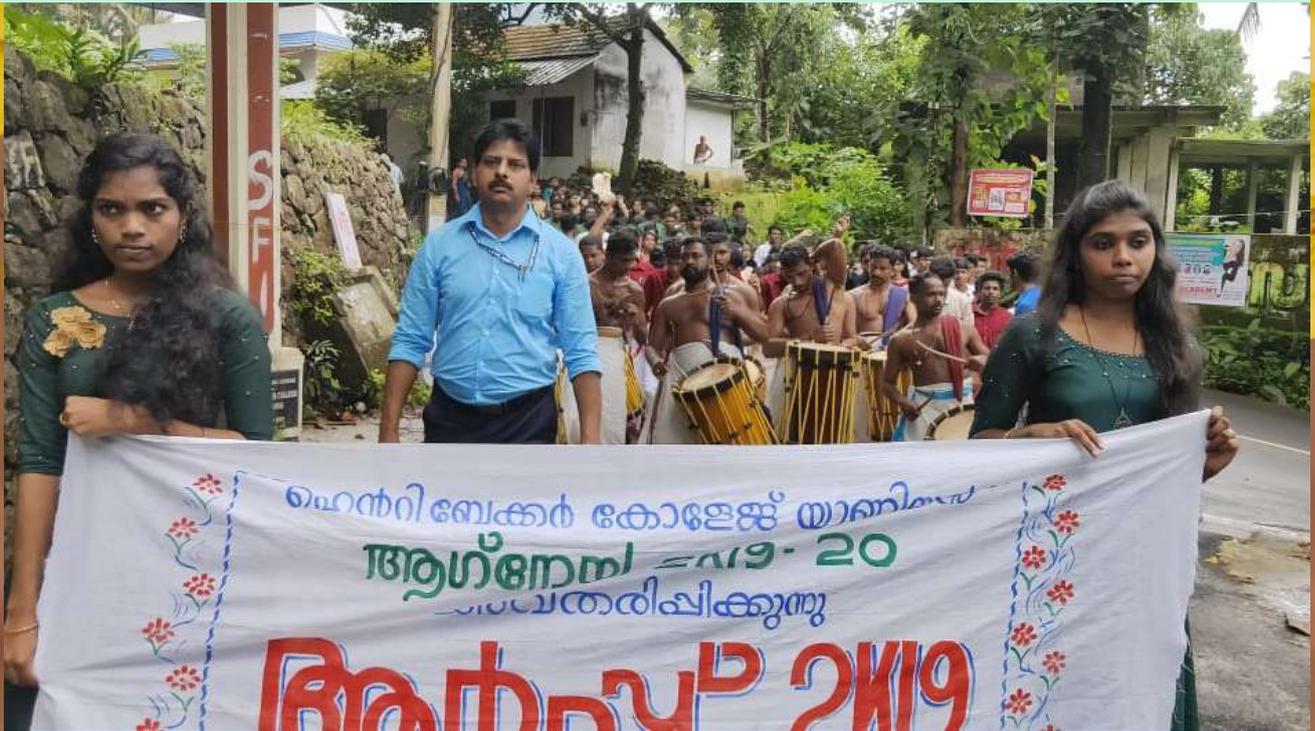


**Documentary Presentation: "Basheer The Man" for degree students**  
 Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, fondly known as Bepore Sultan, was an Indian independence activist and writer of Malayalam literature. He was a writer, humanist, freedom fighter, novelist and short story writer, noted for his path-breaking, down-to-earth style of writing that made him equally popular among literary critics as well as the common man.

In connection with reading week celebrations of Department of Malayalam, we, offered the presentation of book reviews of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer by students and teachers.

# ONAM CELEBRATION AARP 2019

Onam celebration of students of Henry Baker College, Melukavu, held on 6th September 2019, Friday was an event to remember. Various competitions including Athappokkalam, Tiruvathira, Onappattu, Maveli and Malayali Manka were conducted as part of the celebration. Students of various Departments actively participated in all the competitions and gathered several prizes.



# Christmas Celebration



Christmas is the season of joy, holiday greetings exchanged, gift-giving, and families getting united. The Christmas celebrations took place in the college campus on 19th December 2019. The celebrations included a rhythmic performance from the college choir and an add-on surprise package by Santa Claus. The staff and students were completely spellbound with the Christmas gratification and the day was called off with a hearty lunch.



# MEGA JOB FAIR

7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019



## CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL

Mega job fair was conducted at Henry Baker college in Association with G-Tec Computer Education on 7th December 2019. The event witnessed a huge registration of 1600 candidates mainly from varied colleges in Kottayam and Idduki and other parts of Kerala. Institute was elected to view such a great number interested to attend the event. It was made sure that all the students get a fair chance to get inter-viewed from the companies present at the fair. The major companies participated in this event was myg- my generation digital hub, asianet satellite communications ltd, edelweiss tokio life insurance co ltd, oxygen the digital shop, transorze solutions, jnj web solutions, fitmelive healthcare llp, navodaya institute of educational research (nier), waves group of companies, malabar group, g-tec computer education, primetech solutions, hdfc life, aabasoft technologies pvt ltd, winter vale green stay, ensign, reliance capital, axis bank, icici bank, inspire max, samasta microfinance ltd, xerophyte, fortun, swiggy, edakkattukudy resorts pvt ltd etc.





## Orientation Programme for Resume Writing and Interview Skill

In order to meet day to day challenges facing in interviews, Henry Baker College in association with G-Tec Computer Education organized an orientation programme for resume writing and interview skill by Anwar Sadath, Marketing Manager, G-Tec Computer Education and more than 420 were participants attended.



## Best Manager Contest

The aim of this event is to identify the student with the traits of a good manager. It also aims to find out how he demonstrates the skills, knowledge and talents of a good manager. It further tests him on how he uses the strategies to solve the problems. Henry Baker College also conducts All Kerala Best Manager contest season five, in association with Global Institute of Integral Management Studies on 28/01/2020 at seminar hall for B.com students. The winner of the contest was Fouthima Kareem of II M.Com.com .The total participants in the session were 115.



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## Research and Postgraduate Department of Commerce



Commerce Association is a platform creating a multitude of opportunities to commerce students for their overall development. The association organized a huge number of vibrant programmes during the Academic Year 2019-2020. The official inauguration of Commerce Association Activities 2019-20 on 4th September 2019 by an eminent Commerce and Management Accountant, CMA George Mathew, (Deputy Director of Finance, Rubber Board, Govt. of India), Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., Principal of the College, Presided over the meeting.



Budget Discussion: Union Budget- 2020-21 Government of India ( 6th February 2020)  
Department of Commerce organized a Budget Discussion about Government of India Budget- 2020 among First and Second year M.Com. Students. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., Principal inaugurated the programme. on 6th February 2020. 30 M.Com Students and all faculty members of the department were participated the programme.

# Study Tour to GOA



## One Day Seminar : How can you become a Good Entrepreneur

The Department of Commerce organized a one day seminar for commerce students on the topic “ How can you become Good Entrepreneur” on 13th January 2020. The Resource Person of the programme was Mr. George Mathew, Managing Director, Starline Academy Monippally. The programme was welcomed by Dr. Santo Jose, Head of the Department of Commerce and Inaugurated by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S. Principal. The main objective of the programme was to develop an entrepreneurial habits among students. Total number of Participants of the programme was 34. The Seminar in Final Year B.Com Co-operation Class Room from 10.Am came to an end by 3,00 Pm. with the vote of thanks by Prof. Dennis Cherian.



**LIVE WEBINAR**



# AATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT ABHIYAN

11 am | Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Organised by:  
Research and Post Graduate Department of Commerce and IQAC  
Henry Baker College, Melukavu  
Affiliated to M G University.



**Dr. S. Muraleedharan**  
Associate Professor (Etd),  
Maharaja's College, Ernakulam,  
Visiting Faculty, KN Raj Center  
MG University



**Dr. G.S. Gireesh Kumar**  
Principal, Henry Baker College  
Melukavu

Organising Committee:  
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Prof. Shinu Thomas P. (Webinar Co. Ordnator),  
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Prof. Justin Jose, Prof. Dennis Cherian, Prof. Anamol Sam, Prof. Lenittamol  
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## National Webinar on “AATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT ABHIYAN” (28th May 2020)

This is a webinar conducted during whole India covid lock down period for educating commerce students about new initiatives taken by Government of India. Dr. S. Muraleedharan, Retired Professor, Maharajas College was the Resource Person. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., Principal, who inaugurated the programme. Total number of participants of this programme was 110.

## UGC NET HOLDERS (DECEMBER 2019)

### M.COM. 2018-2020



**Ms. SHERIN JOSEPH**



**Ms. RIFNA V SUBAIR**

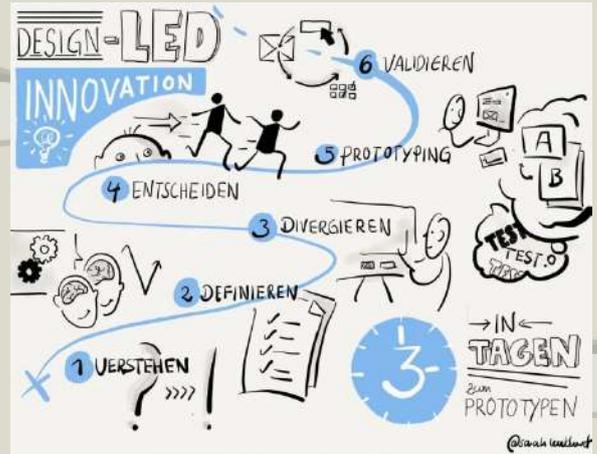
# One Day Seminar “ Next Generation Book Keeping”

Department organized a One Day Seminar “ Next Generation Book Keeping” in association with G. Tec Computer Education Erattupetta on 29th August 2019. All students and faculty members were actively participated the programme. Formal inauguration of this programmedone by our Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S.



# ED CLUB

**Industrial Visit to Titanium-** Trivandrum, (24 JANUARY 2020) enriched our students with immeasurable knowledge regarding the functioning of an enterprise. They inquired and were answered properly about the day to day activities in a grand enterprise such as Titanium. Thirty-one students utilised the opportunity to its maximum and two teachers accompanied the group



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**RURAL INDIA EXHIBITION**

**March 9, 2020**



The Rural India Exhibition, aiming to familiarise our students with challenging marketing strategies, showcased the entrepreneurial extravaganza of our students. They collected raw materials from the local community and produced various value-added products satisfying the demand of the market. The exhibits were for sale also. The items exhibited and sold in the exhibition are shown in the table below.



**A grade (Poetry writing Hindi)  
MG University**



**Amina Kabeer**

**A grade (Classical Music & Light Music)  
MG University**



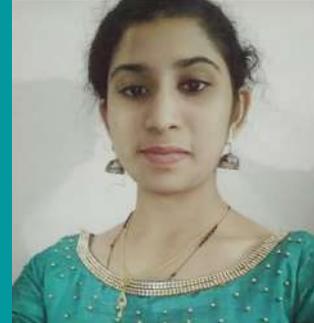
**Lakshmi Priya P.S**

**Third Place -Weight Lifting 67 kg  
Kerala State Weightlifting Association**



**Akbarsha Ansari**

**A grade (poetry writing english)  
MG University**



**Laya Mariya Lal**

**Bronze 57 kg Wrestling  
MG University Sports**



**Vijay P Biju**

**Bronze Medal 98Kg Wrestling  
MG University Sports**



**Prince Francis**

# ACHIEVERS

# SPORTS MEET



On the 10th of February 2020, Henry Baker College, Melukavu hosted the Annual Sports Meet, a day filled with great zeal, fervor, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere. The chief guest for the day was Sri Abheesh P Dominic, Guinness World Record holder. The day started off with the lovely rendition by the choir to pay salutations to the Lord Almighty. The Physical Education teacher Mr. Jithin Thomas Abraham welcomed the esteemed gathering by emphasizing about the importance of sports in day today life. The Presidential address was delivered by Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S and the Felicitation by Dr. Santo Jose, Staff Advisor, Students union.

The programme started its events by the Inter-House March Past, a highly competitive event where the six houses eyed for the first place. The chief guest Sri Abheesh P Dominic took the salute of the impressive march past led by the six different houses namely- Herculeans, Spartans, Athenians, Gladiators, Olympians and last but not the least the Romans, coupled with some stirring marching music. The displays made way for the highly awaited athletic events where competitiveness among the song students soared through the roof. The students entered into the spirit of the occasion in a grand way with the oath being administered by the sports secretary by the lighting of the torch by the four sports person who set the tone for the competition. The chief guest Sri Abheesh P Dominic declared the meet open track event starts with 1500 meter races for men and women respectively. At the end of the day, students departed with a clear smile on their faces as the Herculeans emerged as champions and the Romans as the runners. The prize distribution was held by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S. It was a day compiled of sportsmanship, enthusiasm and memories to cherish. Ms Nithyamol Mathews, Lady Representative thanked all for the cooperation, support and asked all the students to keep up their sportsman spirit. The meet finally closed with the rendition of the National Anthem.





# Yoga Club



Yoga is a path of spiritual enquiry directed to an objective understanding of life and living. Over the years, yoga has also evolved into a science of Health and Healing.

Yoga club conducts programmes to staff and students to understand the importance of maintaining good health both physically and mentally. In the beginning of every academic year an awareness programme was conducted to first year students.

The trained teachers teach simple exercises and meditation. Exercises to maintain physical health, Yoga makes them fit mentally and to understand the inner life.

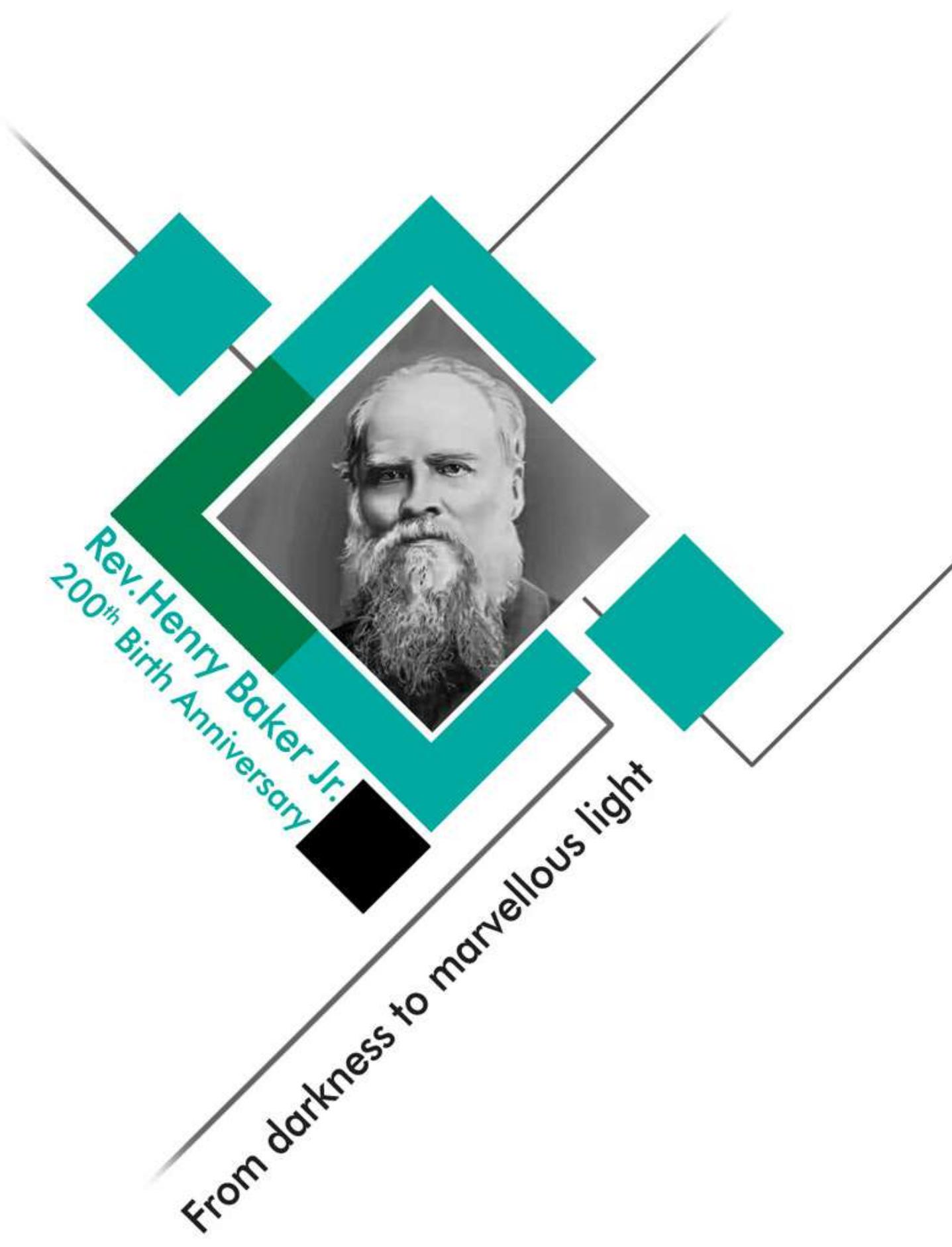


# College Day



The college day for the academic year 2019-20 was celebrated on 27th Feb 2020. Sri. Shiyas Kareem, Cini Artist, was the chief guest of the event. College General Secretary Melvin presented the annual report showcasing the laurels and academics, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of students and faculty during the academic year 2019-20. Felicitations and distribution of certificates of merits were presented in due acknowledgement to the students, faculty and staff of the college for their exemplary performance in different academic pursuits. A spectacular cultural programme was presented by our college dance team.





Rev. Henry Baker Jr.  
200<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary

From darkness to marvellous light