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# HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

Debate Club

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2016-17

## FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

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## DEBATE CLUB

### Annual Report 2016-2017

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**Teacher Co-ordinators:** **Dr. Santo Jose**, Department of Commerce  
**Prof. Ansa Andrews**, Department of English

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The Debate club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu plays a vital role in developing the critical thinking skills of the students. The club provides the students an insight to think out of the box and analyze the particular subject matter with logical consistency and factual accuracy. It also enhances the communication skills of the students. The club organized two debates during the academic year 2016-17.

The Debate Club inaugurated its activities of the year 2016-17, by conducting a debate on the topic “Euthanasia Should Be Banned” on 2 August 2016 in the Auditorium at 1.00 p.m. Prof. Korah Jacob, Assistant professor, Department of Economics, Henry Baker College Melukavu, served as the Moderator of the debate. The Judges were Prof. Paul Mathews, Department of English, Prof. Beena Paul, Department of History and Prof. Ashley Mereena Mathew, Department of Commerce. There were ten participants. The participants put forward valid arguments in favour and against mercy killing. There were discussions on voluntary euthanasia, involuntary euthanasia and non- voluntary euthanasia and active and passive euthanasia. The main argument of the proponents of euthanasia is that as some diseases are incurable, it is better to relieve the patient from the disease and pain. But the opposing side

argued that the right to live is a natural and fundamental right of human beings. If euthanasia is legalized, it provides someone the power to end some others life. The students of the Department of History and the Department of English bagged the first and second prizes respectively.

A debate on another interesting topic “Are Men stronger Than Women?”was held on 13 February 2017 at the Seminar Hall at 4.00 p.m. Prof. Paul Mathews, Assistant professor, Department of English, Henry Baker College was the moderator. Prof. Korah Jacob, Department of Economics, Prof. Dona Sebastain, Department of English and Prof. Jennipher Carlos Hossanna, Department of Commerce were the judges. Twelve students participated in the debate. They proposed the arguments that men are physically stronger than women, while women are mentally stronger than men. The students of the Department of Physics and the Department of English, won the first and second prizes respectively.

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