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Department of History

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2021-22

FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

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POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

Annual Report 2021-22

Webinar

Conceptualizing the Nation in India: When Theory Meets History

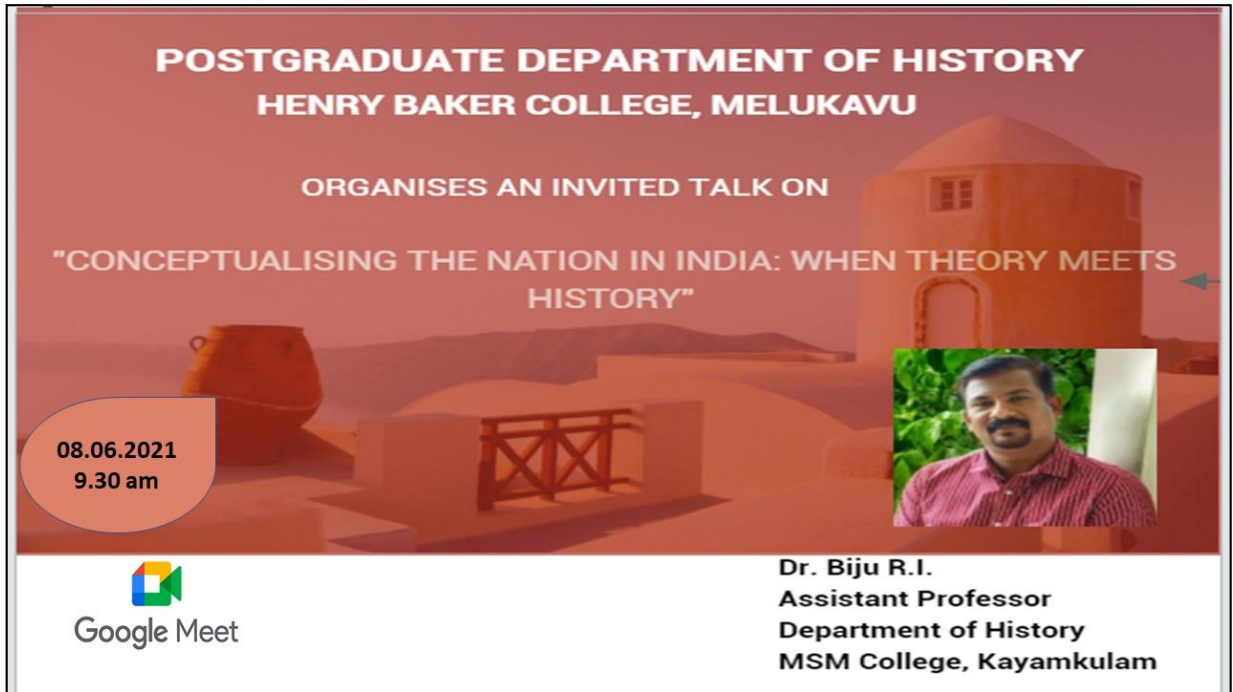
Objective

The objective of the program was to familiarize the students on various theories of nationalism and to give an understanding on the ongoing debate on Indian nationalism.

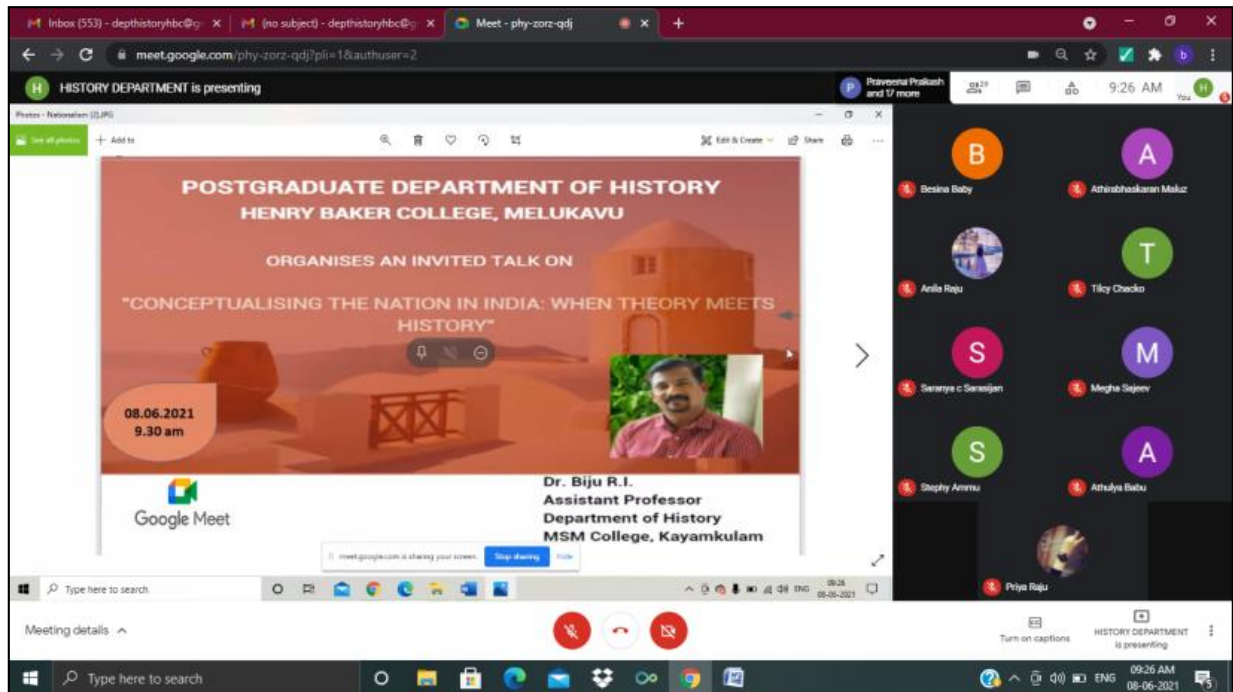
On 08/06/2021, Postgraduate department of History conducted a webinar on *Conceptualizing the Nation in India: When Theory Meets History*. The resource person of the meeting was Dr. Biju R I, Assistant Professor, MSM College Kayamkulam. The programme started at 9.30 am with the welcome speech of Dr. Beena Paul, HOD History. The resource person, Dr. Biju R. I, started his speech on, of and about the deliberations on nationalism. Writings on Nationalism from the period of nationalist movement down to the present were explained in detail. Various schools of historical thought were also discussed about. He also described the various facets of theoretical formulations in modern Indian historical writings and how the writings changed according to the need of the time. After the talk, the students interacted with the resource person and cleared the doubts. The meeting ended at 12.30pm with the vote of thanks by Dr. Nisha Joseph.

Outcome

The talk was very informative and the post graduate students benefitted the most. The students got the opportunity to clear their doubts about various theories on modern Indian nationalism. 90 students attended the meeting.



Brochure of Invited talk on 08/06/2021



Webinar on 08/06/2021

Workshop
Methods and Practices: Project Writing in History

24/06/2021

Objective:

A workshop on “Method and Practices: Project Writing in History” was organized on 24/06/2021 at 9.30 am in Google meet platform. The objective of the workshop was to provide information about the methods and practices of history writing and in particular to train the students in project writing in History.

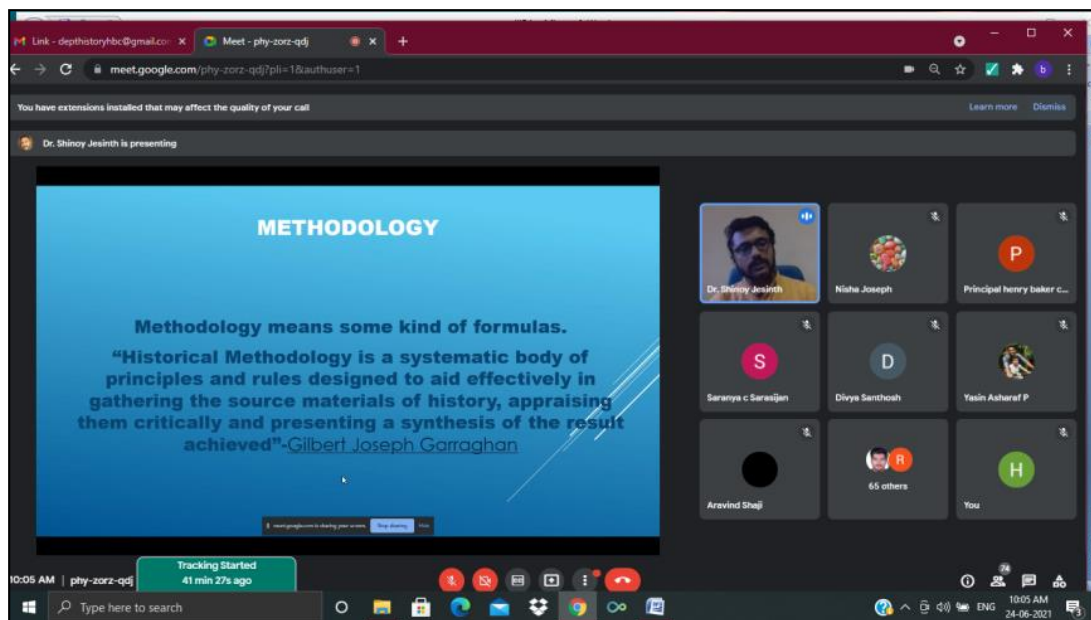
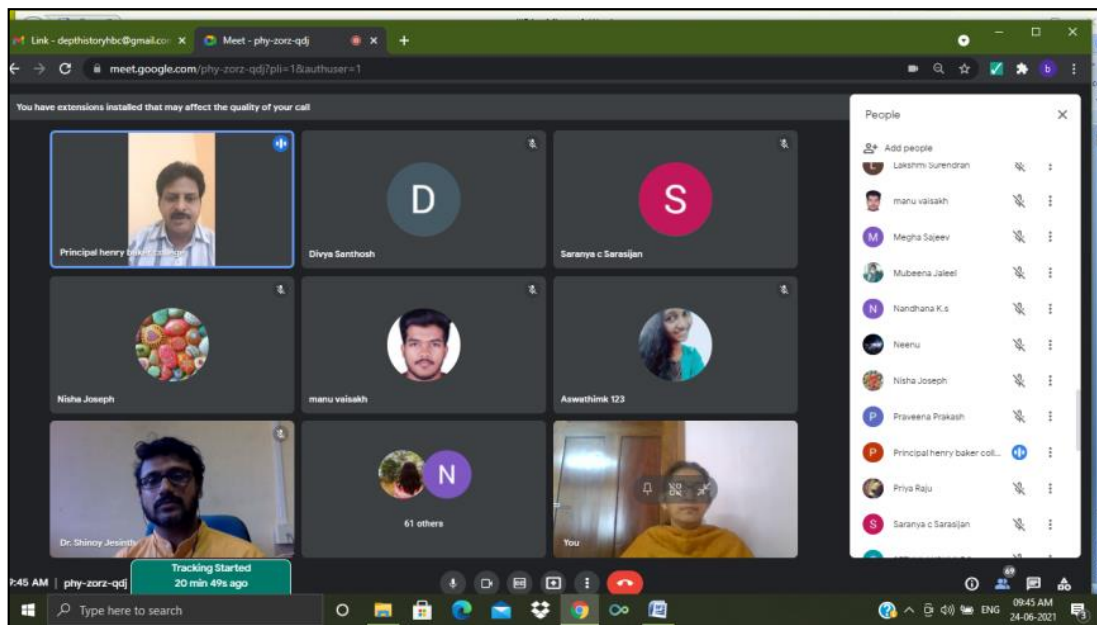
The program began with the welcome speech by the Head of the Department of History, Dr Beena Paul. Dr. Gireesh kumar G.S, the Principal of our institution presided over the function and in the key note address he summarized the actual aim and purpose behind the workshop. He also emphasized the need for scientific research and the importance of methodological practices of writing History.

The resource person of the meeting was Dr. Shinoy Jesinth, Assistant Professor of Malabar Christian College, Calicut. The class started with a brief introduction to project writing, the need to identify local historical events and to incorporate that into historical research. He oriented the students on finding a topic, identifying research gaps, techniques in identifying research gap, heuristics, hermeneutics, note making, footnotes, end notes, text notes, styles of footnoting and bibliography.

The workshop ended at 12.30 pm with the vote of thanks of Athira Sabu (II MA History). She thanked the chief guest and the participants for making the program a grand success. The entire program was coordinated by Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant professor Department of History.

Outcome

The workshop was very useful to the students as they have to prepare a project as part of requirements of the university exams. 83 students attended the workshop and benefitted from it.



Workshop via Google meet on 24/06/2021

**Postgraduate Department of History
Henry Baker College, Melukavu**

**Organises
Workshop on**



**“Methods and Practices:
Project Writing in History”**

**Dr. Shinoy Jesinth
Assistant Professor
Malabar Christian College
Calicut**

 **Google Meet**

[Meet. Google. Com/phy-zorz-qdj](https://meet.google.com/phy-zorz-qdj)

Date: 24/06/2021

Time: 9.30 am

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
DR.GIREESHKUMAR GS, PRINCIPAL**

Brochure of Workshop on 24/06/2021

Exploration

05/08/2021

Objective:

The intention of the visit to St. Mary's Forane Church, near Thodupuzha was to explore the local historical sites in the locale and to expose the students to various ways of archaeological exploration.

The Church is historically important as it was built in the 16th century and is a specimen of Christian migration. The place name Chungam itself denotes a place for collection of tax. It was the place where tax was collected during the reign of Travancore rulers. The church has a huge stone cross elevated in a platform. The pictures in the platform have faded over time. The most striking thing is burial tombs were also laden with inscriptions in *Vattezhuthu*, which is of 18th and 19th century. The church walls have colour paintings also.

Dr. Beena Paul, HOD History, Aravind Shaji, and Sethulakshmi IIMA, Athul Binoy and Sebin Juby IIBA got the opportunity to acquaint with the method of copying the inscriptions for further study and reading. Estampage system (an impression of an inscription made on inked paper) was used to copy the old writing in *Vattezhuthu*. The process was fully explained to our team by the ASI officer and the chief archaeologist of South India Dr. Krishnaraj K and Vimalkumar, Nibin and Binoj. The programme was arranged by Dr. Robinet Jacob, Director, Tourism Studies MG University and Rajeev Pallikonam, Secretary of Kottayam Nattukootam.

Outcome:

Students got a chance to experience the process of copying old inscriptions from the sites for further reading and study.



Exploration team at Chungam on 05/08/2021



At Chungam Church



Students with Archaeologist Krishnaraj K



Online Quiz competition on Hiroshima Nagasaki Day

09/08/2021

Objective

The purpose of the online quiz conducted on Hiroshima Nagasaki day was mainly to commemorate the event and to encourage students to look beyond the textual knowledge on the great catastrophic event that shook the world. It also helped the students to know what they know and don't know about the incident.

Post graduate department of History commemorated the 76th Hiroshima Nagasaki day by conducting an online quiz among the students. 59 persons participated in the quiz. There were 20 questions consisting of different aspects of the incident. Certificates of participation were also issued for those who successfully completed the quiz.

Outcome

Once again everyone was reminded of the most disastrous incident in human history. Students were made aware of the atrocities generated from war. The commemoration hailed the idea of a peaceful world.





HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

(Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam, Kerala)

Certificate of Appreciation

This is to certify that Dr. Beena Paul of Henry Baker College Melukavu has Successfully completed"- online quiz Competition with a score of 55, conducted by PG Department of History on 09-08-2021.

Dr. Beena Paul
HOD - Dept. of History

Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S
Principal

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Copy of certificate issued for National Quiz Competition on 09/08/2021

Independence Day celebration

Invited talk

“The Mass Ignited Indian Independence Struggle: A Kerala Experience”

15/08/2021

Objectives:

Independence Day celebration of the year 2021 was organized on 15th August 2021, with the intention to commemorate the Independence Day, by memorizing the long struggle for freedom by our freedom fighters, nationalist leaders and the patriots. The aim of the program was also to instill in the young minds, love for our nation and to remind what we owe to our nation.

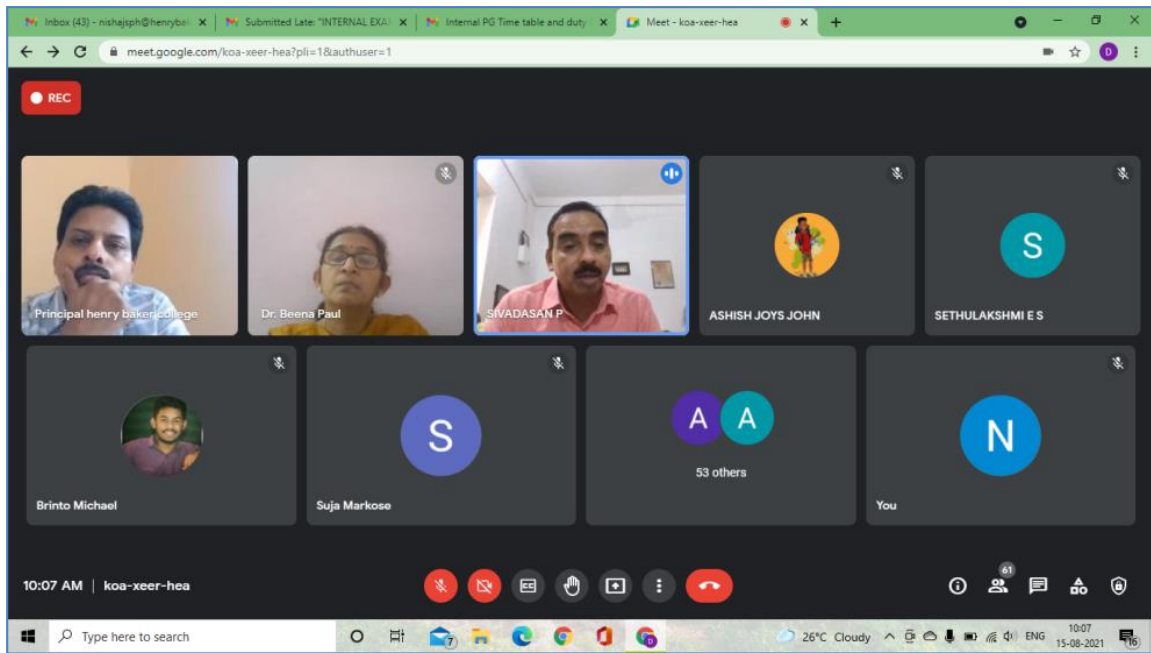
Independence Day was commemorated with an invited talk via Google meet platform. The meeting started at 10.am with the welcome speech by the Head of the department of History, Dr. Beena Paul. Our principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S presided over the meeting and paid tribute to our freedom fighters. The chief guest of the day was Prof. P. Sivadasan from the Department of History, University of Calicut. He talked on “The Mass Ignited Indian Independence Struggle: A Kerala Experience”. The talk focused on the role of common people in the Indian freedom struggle and how their role went unnoticed in the historical writings. Students very actively participated in the interactive session after the talk. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant Professor, Department of History. Anchoring of the program was done by Sethulakshmi of II MA History. The meeting ended at 11.30pm.

Outcome

The talk was beneficial, informative and inspiring. The students got information about the untold stories in Indian freedom struggle. The talk was insightful as it unraveled the role of the mass in the Indian freedom struggle.



Brochure- Independence day Talk on 15/08/2022



Talk by Dr. Sivadas P

Gandhi Jayanthi Day - National Level Quiz Competition

02/10/2021

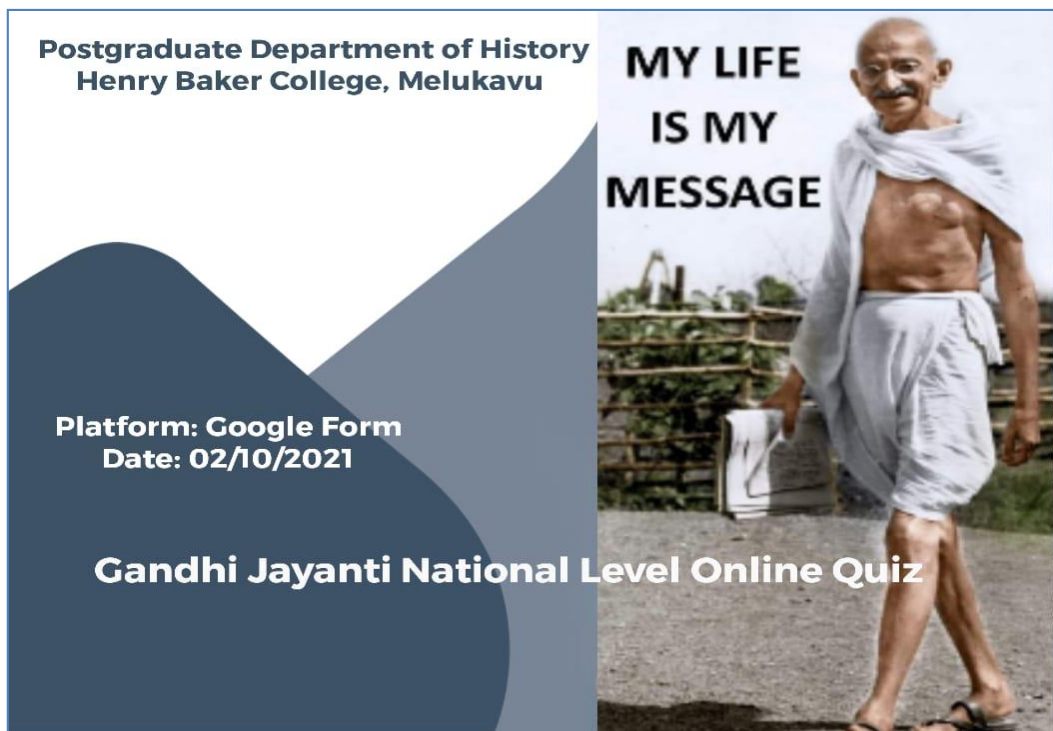
Objective:

The objective of the national level quiz conducted on the Gandhi Jayanthi day of 2021 was to give the students an insight into different phases of Gandhian Life.

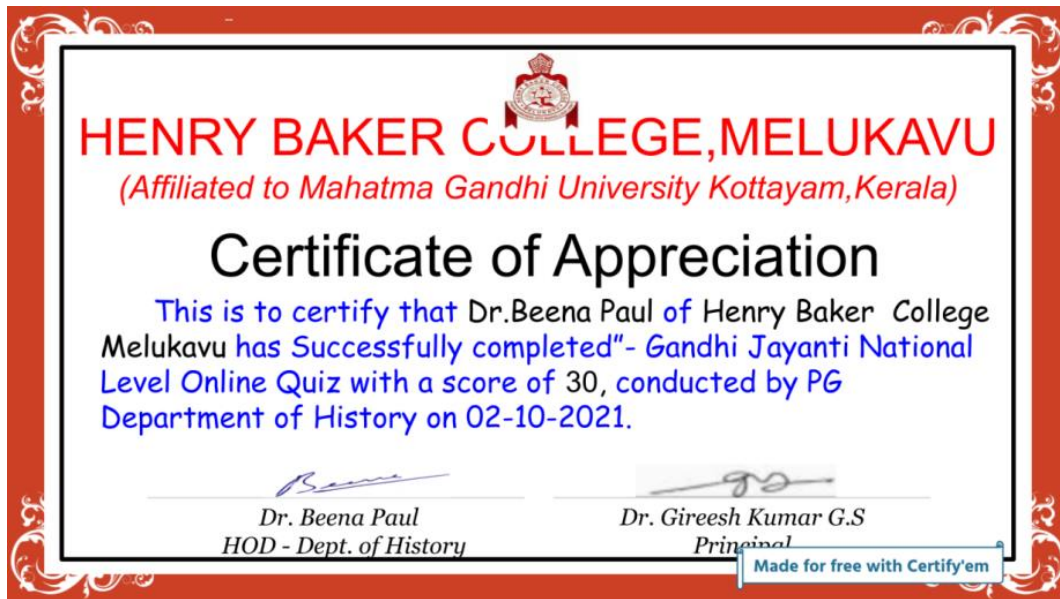
Post Graduate Department of History commemorated the 62nd Gandhi Jayanthi day by conducting a national online quiz among the students. 71 persons participated in the quiz. There were 15 questions consisting of different facets of Gandhian life. Certificate of participation were also issued for those who successfully completed the quiz.

Outcome

Participants were familiarized with the various phases in Gandhiji's life. It also helped them to remember the Gandhian ideas and values. Moreover participants got the opportunity to remember the great saga of freedom fighters.



**Brochure-Gandhi Jayanthi Day National
Level Quiz Competition 02/10/2021**



Certificate-Gandhi Jayanthi Day National Level Quiz Competition 02/10/2021

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR I MA

17/11/2021

Objective

The objective of the program was to give a general awareness about the MA History program and also the code of conduct of students.

The orientation program for 1st year PG students was conducted on 17th November 2021. The program started at 11.00 am with the welcome speech of Dr. Beena Paul, Head, Department of History. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal, who is also an eminent research guide gave an insightful orientation to the new PG students of the History department. While speaking to them he reiterated the importance of reading as well as referring journals and books in PG curriculum. Moreover he talked about the necessity to publish papers and articles in reputed journals. He also gave a message of responsible studentship, responsible citizenship and professional and moral ethics of students. The session prolonged for two hour and ended with the vote of thanks of Dr. Nisha Joseph. Annie Summer Andrews and Riya Sojan commented about the session and the feedbacks from the students were very positive.

Outcome

The program was helpful and motivated students.



Orientation for I MA on 17/11/2021

Association Inauguration & Seminar

Historical Writings and Methodological Probing into the Cultural History of Meenachil River Basin

23/11/2021

Objective

The purpose of the program was to introduce the students on various academic and co-curricular activities of the department and to inform them how important these activities are in molding them.

The association inauguration of the department was held on 23rd November 2021. The program started by invoking the blessings of God. Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History welcomed the gathering. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal of our College delivered the presidential address. The activities of the association were inaugurated by Sri. Pallikonam Rajeev, Secretary of Kottayam Nattukoottam. In the meeting, Sri Rajeev reminded the students, the importance of the study of history as well as the possibilities of the subject in the contemporary world. Dr. Nisha Joseph and Manu Vaisakh also spoke on the occasion. Kannan M S, association secretary proposed vote of thanks.

After the formal function, Sri. Pallikonam Rajeev gave a talk on the topic titled “Historical Writings and Methodological Probing into the Cultural History of Meenachil River Basin”. As a person who is interested in local history and enquiry into the cultural history of the Meenachil river basin, he was excited to share the history of the Meenachil culture with the students of our department. With the help of a map drawn by him, entire river basin was shown and he explained about important places in and around Meenachil river and the forms of exchange and contacts with

other cultures. The methods to explore the cultural past of the river basin were also dealt with. The seminar ended at 1.30pm.

Outcome

The seminar was significant because Meenachil river flows through the region of our students and majority of them live beside the river. So a talk related to their life and culture was interesting, informative and useful. Students got an idea about the river valley cultures and particularly about Meenachil river basin and its culture.




**POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU**

**Association
Inauguration**

 23 November 2021
11.30 AM
@ Seminar Hall

Chief Guest:
Sri **PALLIKONAM RAJEEV**
Secretary of Kottayam Nattukoottam society

TALK ON :

**"മിനച്ചിൽ നദീതടപ്രദേശത്തിന്റെ
സാംസ്കാരികചരിത്ര രചനാസാധ്യതകൾ"**


**DEPARTMENT
OF HISTORY**



Association Inauguration and talk on 23/11/2021





Talk by Sri. Pallikonam Rajeev

CONSTITUTION DAY COMMEMORATION

PREAMBLE RECITATION COMPETITION

Objectives

The preamble recitation competition was organized by the Department of History in order to revamp the spirit behind the framing of Indian Constitution and also to remind the staff and students the key concepts of Indian constitution. It was also to instill the spirit of patriotism and also to feel proud of being an Indian.

Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu organized a Preamble recitation competition on 26th November as a part of the Constitution Day Celebration. The competition was held in the presence of the College Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, staff and other students. 10 students participated in the competition. Each participant had to recite the Preamble in one minute, without referring to text with voice modulation. Teachers from other departments were invited as judges to have a fair and an unbiased result.

The participants enthralled the audience with their articulation and memory skills while reciting preamble. It was a splendid opportunity for them to gain confidence through stage exposure.

Judges appreciated and applauded the performances of the participants and two best performers were selected as winners.

The winners of the competition were:

1st Prize: Riyamol Rojan, I MA History

2nd Prize: Kannan M S, I MA History

Prizes to the winners were distributed by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal, Henry Baker College, Melukavu. The program concluded with the recitation of Preamble by Mrs. Sabitha Krishnan (Assistant Professor, Political Science). All those who gathered in the meeting recited the preamble along with her.

Outcome

This program created a feeling of patriotism and filled the air with affection and respect for the motherland.



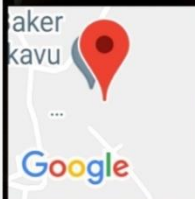
Brochure - 72nd Constitution Day Celebration on 26/11/2021



Dr. Beena Paul addressing the gathering on Constitution Day - 26/11/2021



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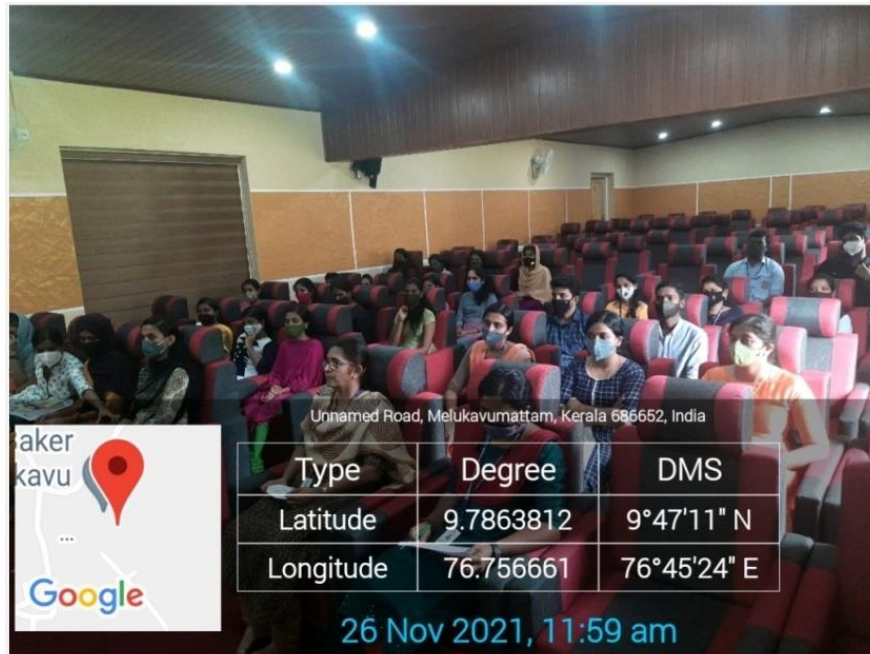
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Contestant Kum. Annie Summer Andrews on the stage at the Preamble recitation competition on 26/11/2021



Staff and students taking pledge on Constitution Day on 26/11/2021



Participants of the Constitution Day Celebration on 26/11/21



Staff with Indian Constitution on Constitution Day- 26/11/2021

Expert lectures under Sharing Resources for Expertise and Excellence (SREE)

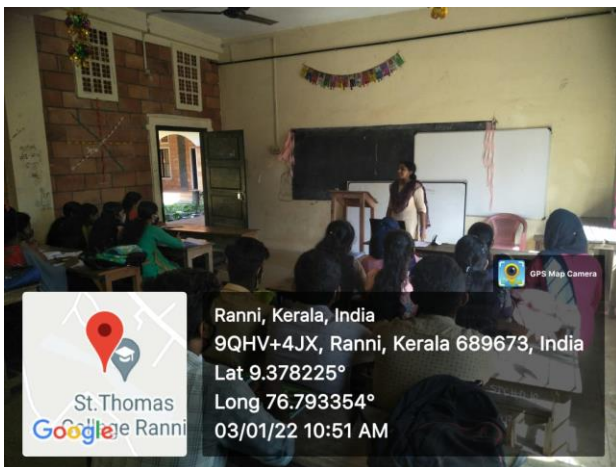
A Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Collaboration in Sharing Resources and Expertise for Excellence (SREE) among St Thomas College Palai, St Dominic's College Kanjirapally, St Thomas College Ranni, Alphonsa College Palai and Henry Baker College Melukavu was made on 19th November 2019. Accordingly, the Departments of History of these five colleges has agreed to extend their resources and expertise and organize and conduct four academic lectures on selected topics from syllabi in each of the five colleges every year. The colleges have also agreed to the free usage of the resources of their respective Departments for the benefit of the other four. The teachers and students of the Departments of History in these five colleges get the opportunity to come together to discuss the emerging trends and new developments in the subject and update their knowledge.

During the academic year, the Post Graduate Department of History delivered three lectures in other three colleges. Dr. Beena Paul delivered a talk on *Gender in India: Past and Present* at S.D. College, Kanjirapally and Lakshmi S. Nair delivered her expert lecture on *Aikya Kerala Movement* at Alphonsa College, Pala and Archana P extended her expertise on Gender Studies at St. Thomas College, Ranni.

Our students also benefited by the expert lectures from other history departments. Sri. Bino P Jose (Asst Prof S.D. College, Kanjirapally) delivered an excellent lecture on *Nationalist Movement: A Comprehensive View* and Mrs. Monisha George (Alphonsa College, Pala) delivered the lecture on *Industrial Revolution and Social Change*. The collaboration was very effective and both students and teachers benefitted through the sharing and interaction.



Dr. Beena Paul at S. D. College, Kanjirapally



Archana P at St. Thomas College, Ranni



Lakshmi S Nair at Alphonsa College, Pala

Alumni Meet

26/01/2022

Objectives:

Annual alumni meet of the history students was organized for the reunion of the old students and also to share their memories and achievements with their teachers and students.

11th annual alumni meet of the Postgraduate Department of History was conducted on 26/01/2022 via Google meet platform. The program started at 11.am with the welcome speech of the Alumni Association Secretary Subhish Ramankutty. In the welcome speech, he said how enthusiastic and eager they were to come back to their Alma matter. Every year they look forward to this day. The meeting was presided over by the Association President Adv. Nazer VP and Key note addressed was delivered by the Head of the Department of History Dr. Beena Paul. Adv. Nazer talked about the college days and how the college has molded him. All participants were excited to see their friends and to hear from them. There were 117 participants. The meeting also appreciated the various achievements of the college and History Department during the last one year. They appreciated the college team for achieving A Grade in the NAAC accreditation, New Heritage Museum and the architects behind the museum and rank holders of the departments

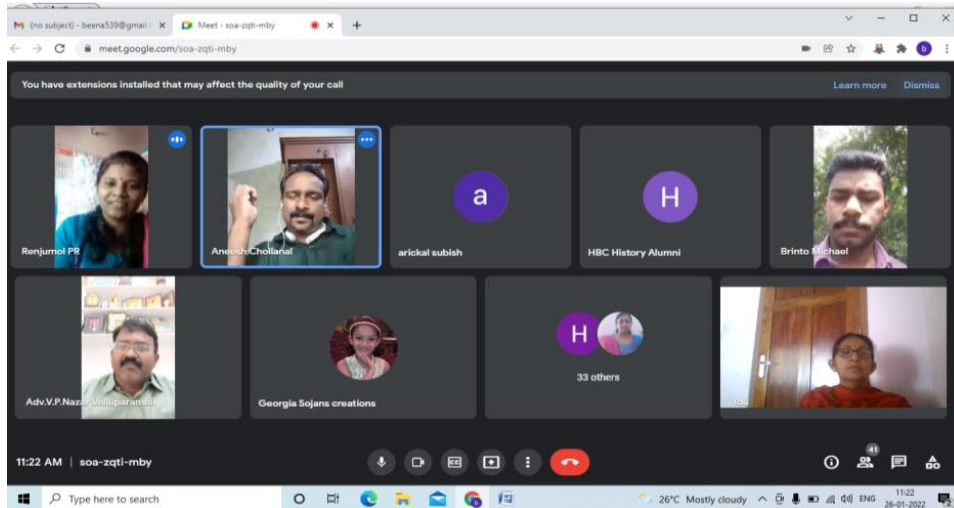
The meeting ended at 1.30pm with the words of gratitude by Dr. Nisha Joseph.

Outcome

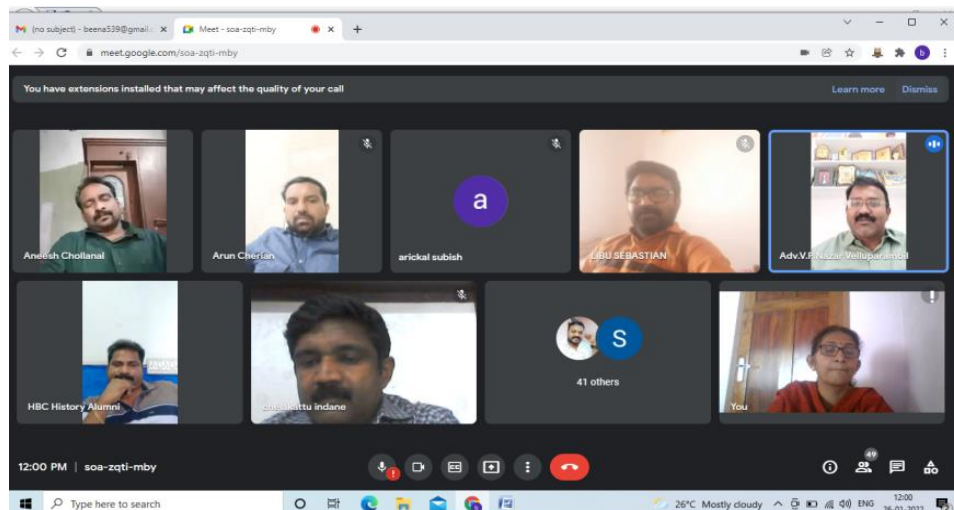
The meeting was not mere a reunion rather it exhibited their strong bond with the department as well as the college. The alumni of the department get to know about the development of the department and college and they assured their support for all future ventures.



Brochure -Aumni Meet on 26/1/2022



Sri Anish C.G Speaking in Alumni Gathering on 26/01/2022



Adv. Nazer V.P Speaking in Alumni Gathering on 26/01/2022

Study Tour

Objectives

The Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, has organised a study tour for two days for the III B.A History students from 11/03/2022 to 14/03/2022. The faculties who accompanied the students on this educational trip were Dr. Nisha Joseph and Manu Vaisakh. The aim of this study trip was to make the students aware about the need for sustainable development, to learn about the various cycles in the evolution process and to understand the lives of tribes and their peaceful coexistences with mother nature

All the students were directed to gather at the college ground on 11/03/2022 as to start the journey. Principal of the college, Dr Gireesh Kumar and Head of the Department, Dr Beena Paul wished the students a best and safe journey.

The journey started at 7 pm with Nila Travels bus services and reached Wayanad in the early morning around 5.30 am. After breakfast, the first spot visited was Pookodu lake. The students were astonished to see this freshwater lake which resembles the map of India. After enjoying boating and the peaceful serenity of the place, we left for Edakkal Caves.

These caves are among the oldest pre-historic human settlements ever discovered in Kerala. Students were awestruck in seeing the pictorial drawings and engravings which belong to the Neolithic age. Both the faculties explained to the students about the significance of these Neolithic Petroglyphs and about the stages of human evolution

The next locations visited were Cheengeri mala, Karapuzha dam and Muthanga which were en route. At Muthanga we met few tribal population and students were able to learn about their life and cultural practices. Moreover our students were curious about their primitive ways of living even in this 21st century

The final destinations of the trip were Banasura dam and Calicut beach. Students thoroughly enjoyed shopping in the streets of Calicut and also they relished the flavors of Malabar cuisine.

On 14th of march 2022, we reached back college safe and sound with the satisfaction that the aims of this study trip was successfully accomplished.

Outcome

The students were able to appreciate the evolution of humans and the various stages associated with it. They came to realize that humans can still live in harmony with the nature as is evident from the lives of the tribes. They were also able to understand the need for sustainable development



Wayanad



Edakkal Caves



Muthanga

STUDY TOUR

One day educational trip was organized by the Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu on 19th of March 2022. The tour comprised of 21 students of fourth semester M.A History accompanied by faculty members, Asst. Prof Lakshmi S and Jithin Abraham Thomas. All the students were directed to gather at the college ground by 9.00 pm on 19th March 2022, as to start the journey. Principal of the College , Dr. Gireesh Kumar and Head of the Department , Dr Beena Paul wished all the students best and safe journey.

The Journey started on time by 9 pm with Travel Beatz bus service and reached Kodaikanal by 5.30 am in the morning on 20th March 2022. After fresh up and having breakfast, the tour kick started with sight-seeing. Comprised of densely wooded jungles, undulating hill slopes, meandering rivers, cascading waterfalls and verdure valley-Kodaikanal's scenic beauty made students mesmerize and at the same time made them aware of the need to conserve nature at its best.



Kodaikanal

Then we visited Guna caves also called as the Devil's Kitchen due to its depth. It is located between three gigantic boulder rock formations called as the Pillar Rocks. These are unusual rock formations and they stand almost vertical looming high and almost

piercing the sky at a height of 400 feet. These geological formations made the students to wonder about the natural processes which makes our earth ethereal.



@ Pine forest

The next location was Pine forest which attracts a multitude of tourists from all over. Needless to say, that the very sight of umpteen number of pine trees standing tall makes an amazing sight and students got to know that special ecosystem and about the wide varieties of living organisms depending on it.



Our last location was the Kodaikanal lake. This star shaped artificial lake is located at an elevation of 2285 meters above the sea level. Students enjoyed boating in the lake and they were happy as they got an opportunity to study about this man-made lake.

The tour wined up with a camp fire and dinner thereafter.



Camp fire

On 21st March morning, we safely reached back college campus by early morning 6.00 am with the satisfaction and happiness that our students got an opportunity to know and experience more about nature, study different cultures and understand the need for effective co-existence between man and nature.

Outcome:

With this educational trip, the aim to aid the students acquire knowledge about the nature, ecosystems and equip them with the experience about various cultures so as to imbibe and enhance one's reach plus impact in society was successfully accomplished.



Students and teachers at the Suicide point

Merit Day Celebration 2021-2022

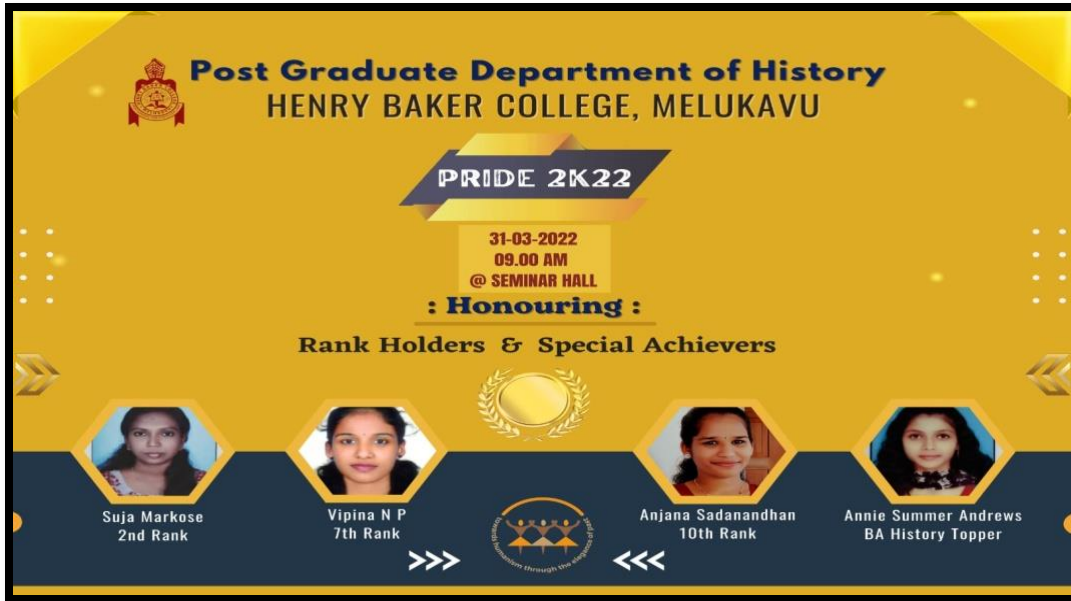
Objectives

The Post Graduate Department of History celebrates Merit Day, every year to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of students for their academic performance as well as excellence in extracurricular activities like cultural events, sports etc.

The Merit day for the year 2021-2022 “**PRIDE 2K22**” was held on 31/03/2022. The program started by invoking the blessings of God. Dr. Nisha Joseph welcomed the gathering. Head of the Department, Dr. Beena Paul presided over the meeting. The chief guest of honour was none other than our pillar of strength, Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar. The motivational talk given by Principal inspired students to identify their hidden passions and work towards fulfilling their dreams. He stressed the point that in every step of life, one should constantly compete with oneself to achieve greater heights and always dream big. After the talk, he honoured the achievers of the department Ms.Suja Markose, Ms Vipina N.P, Ms Anjana Sadanadhan, who secured second, seventh and tenth rank respectively in the Post Graduate examination conducted by the Mahatma Gandhi University. Ms Annie Summer Andrews, who was the department topper in B.A History was also honoured. The Principal also appreciated Ms Annie Summer Andrews and Ms Riya Rojan for securing 2nd prize in Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition and Ms Aswathy Pushpan and Ms Ann Mariya Joseph for securing 2nd prize in ECOFIESTA, a national group dance competition organized by St. Thomas College, Pala. After the distribution of the token of appreciation by the Principal, each of the rank holders and achievers were called upon to share their experience regarding their academic life at the Post Graduate Department of History and inspire their juniors to aspire for much more outstanding positions. The anchoring for the meeting was done by Ms Sabitha Krishnan and there were about twenty nine participants who joined in the happy moments of Merit Day celebrations. The whole program came to an end with the vote of thanks by Assistant Professor Lakshmi S.

Outcome

The entire program was blissful and inspiring. The junior students were inspired by the academic achievements of the students as well as department.



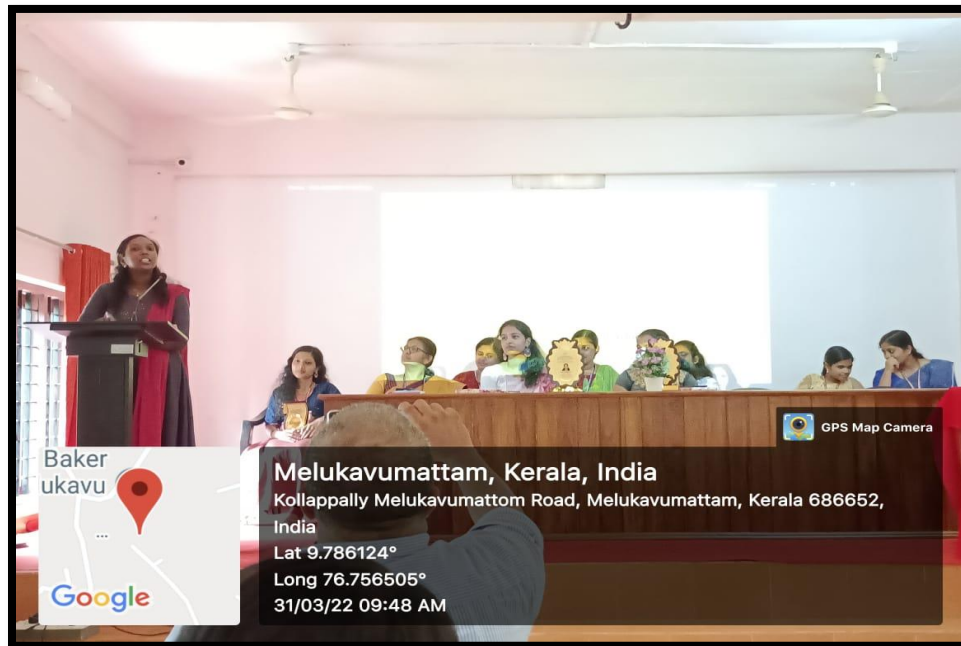
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Seeking the blessings of Almighty- 31/03/2022



Dr. Beena Paul addressing the gathering-31/03/2022



Ms. Suja Markose sharing her experience-31/03/2022

ONLINE WORKSHOP
ON
PRESEERVING HISTORY IN THE DIGITAL AGE: METHODS AND PRACTICES
&
LAUNCH OF HBC-DHA

Objectives:

The purpose of the workshop was to orient the students on the significance of digitizing historical documents as well as to train the students on the methods and practices of digitizing documents.

Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, organised an online workshop on “*Preserving History In the Digital Age : Methods and Practices*”, on May 20th,2022 at 3 pm. The workshop focused on the importance and the need for digitizing and preserving the historical documents and materials. During the event, in the presence of the dignitaries, History department launched its digital archives, which is named HBC-DHA [Henry Baker College Digital History Archives]. Through HBC-DHA, the department aims to digitize and make documents available to a wide range of audience.

The program started at 3 pm with the welcome note by Head of the Department, Dr. Beena Paul. The dignitaries present were Dr. P Sivadasan (Professor, Dept. of History, Calicut University), Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S (Principal, Henry Baker College) and Sri. Vinod P (Aksharam Museum, SPCS, Kottayam).

The Presidential address was given by Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S. He spoke about how digitization has made human life faster, easier and efficient by saving our time and efforts. He also stressed the need for digitizing historical data's in order to save them from perishing in the course of time and also for making it available to the future generations to know more about their roots.

Thereafter, Principal together with Dr. P Sivadasan and Dr. Beena Paul launched “ Henry Baker College Digital History Archives”[HBC-DHA]. It was indeed a proud moment or all the staffs and students.

Dr. P Sivadasan, then delivered his keynote address. He gave lots of advises on how to move forward successfully with the digital archives and gave suggestions for starting a photo archives in association with the department museum.

After keynote address, Sri. Vinod P, the resource person was called upon for handling the most awaited session on the topic “*Preserving History in the Digital Age : Methods and Practices*”. He engaged the audience with his brilliant expertise and provided information’s on various methods, techniques and what all apparatus are to be used for preserving and digitizing historical documents and materials. For example, he gave an excellent presentation on different types of cameras, scanners and other tools which are required for the digital storage of the data’s. After the session, both students and teachers were equally enlightened about the various steps that is involved in digitization like how to identify records, prepare records, scan with tools, maintain quality and to store without any errors. It can be said without any doubts that the workshop ended fruitfully. It also encouraged students and teachers alike for their upcoming endeavors like “Digitizing Memories based on the diaries of Mr. Mathai Joseph”, which the department planned to conduct soon.

Ms. Karthika anchored and Dr. Nisha Joseph proposed the vote of thanks.

Outcome

Conducting of this workshop gave a whole new understanding about the possibilities of digitization and the importance of having a digital archives. With the launching of HBC-DHA, the Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, proudly entered in to a new phase of digital progression which is an utmost necessity in this digital era.

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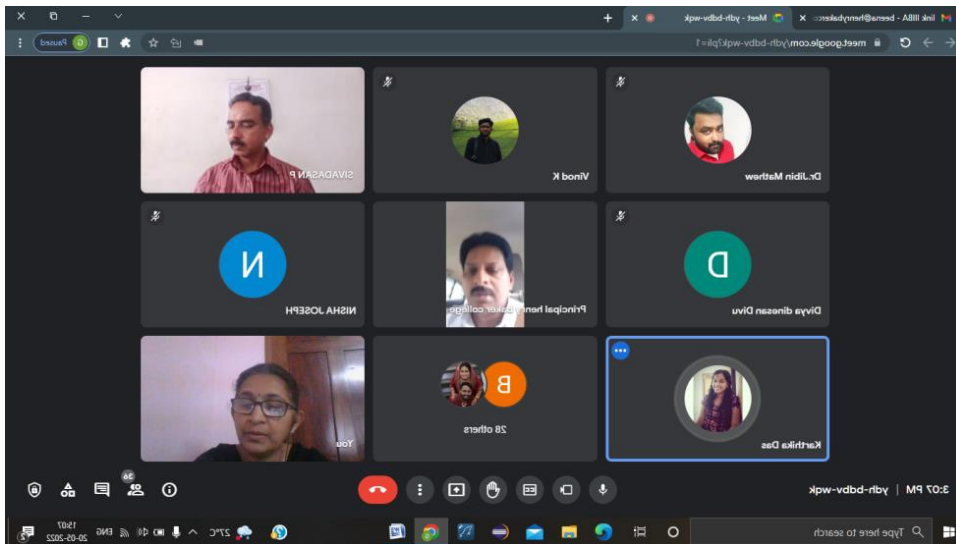
Keynote Address
Dr. P. Sivadasan
(Professor, Department of History, University of Calicut)
Possibilities of Digital History

Resource Person
Sri. Vinod K
(Aksharam Museum, SPCS, Kottayam)
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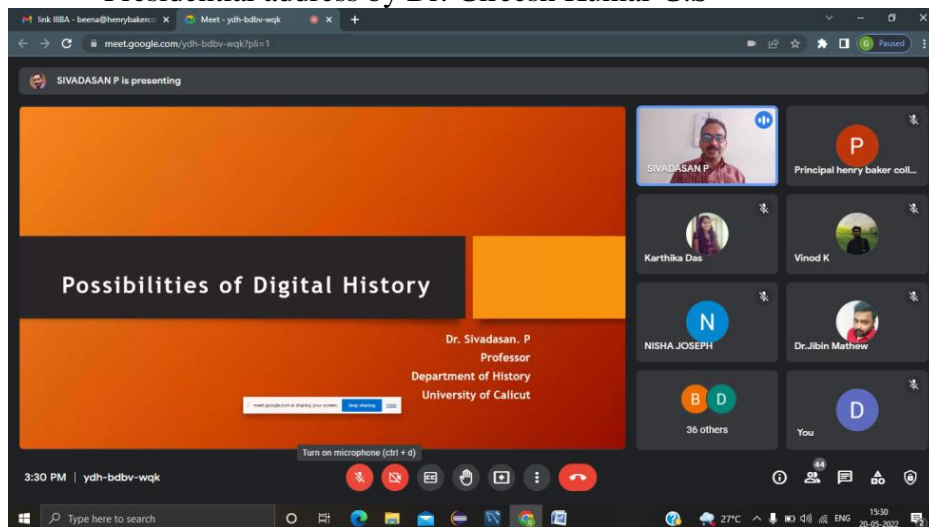
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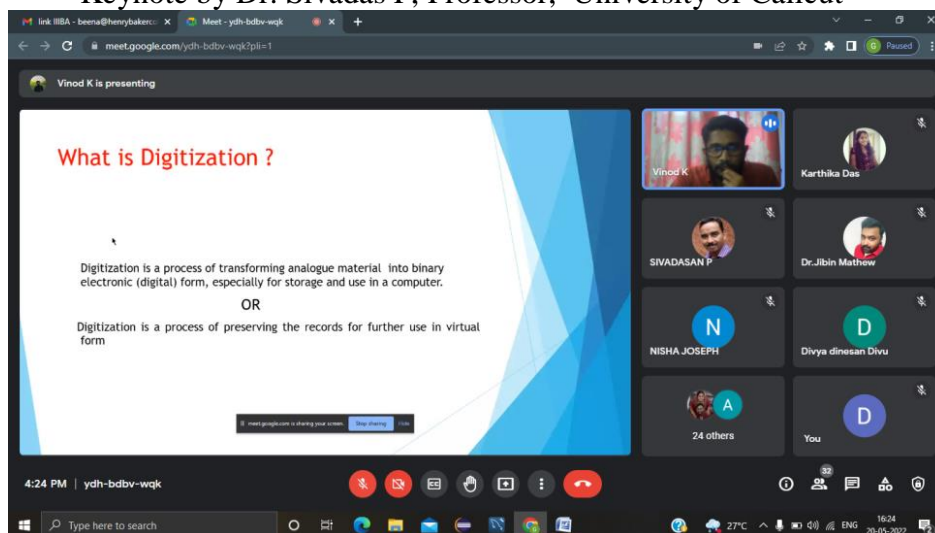
Brochure of online workshop on 20/05/2022



Presidential address by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S



Keynote by Dr. Sivadas P, Professor, University of Calicut



Workshop by Sri. Vinod. K (Aksharam Museum)

Report of Digitizing Memories: Home Diaries of Mr. Mathai Joseph Poovathunkal

Objectives:

Digitization of data has become inevitable in the present hi-tech world. Digitization of old documents will change the way historical study and data preservation is done.

The Digital History Archives of Henry Baker College, Melukavu was launched on May 20, 2022. As the first step of the process it was decided to digitize the home diaries of Sri. Mathai Joseph Poovathunkal, an ordinary civilian of Thudanganadu region Thodupuzha, born to an agricultural background. Sri Mathai Joseph was an ordinary person who started the habit of writing diaries at the age of 14, which lasted until his death at the age of 107. His lifespan covered the last decades of 19th and the early years of 20th centuries. He noted each day to day activities of his life which has now become a beacon to the source material of the past and his times. The local history of the region, the daily life activities, culture of the period, the economic conditions of the time, lifestyle everything can be analyzed from his memoirs. Even the language, the script and the style of writing he resorted to itself is a matter of study. The whole corpus includes almost 90 diaries which are preserved by his son Prof. K. J. Kurian (Retd Professor, Newman College Thodupuzha). A selected group from the Department of History, visited Poovathunkal House (the residence of Prof. K.J. Kurian) on May 21, 2022, Saturday. The group included four teachers and eight students. This group was guided and supported by Sri. Pallikonam Rajeev, State Co-ordinator of Kerala Pradeshika Charitra Samiti and Secretary of Kottayam Nattukoottam.

We started the digitization process by scanning the diaries and transferred the data to specific files. It is a laborious task to be completed very systematically. But the initiation proved successful and the process is to be continued. It is like preserving the reminiscence of the past for the coming generations.

Outcome

The students and researchers can rely on these digital sources as it is the testimony of the time and space. This initiative will help them to analyze and find various source materials. The preservation will be helpful for the generations to come.

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Digitising Memories : Home Diaries of Mathai Joseph Poovanthunkal
21 May 2022, 10.00 am
Venue- at Poovanthunkal House, Thudanganad

Resource Person
Sri. Rajeev Pallikonam
(Kottayam Nattukootam)
Memories in Reconstructing Local Histories

Resource Person
Prof. K. J. Kurian
(Rtd. Prof. Newman College, Thodupuzha)
Reminiscences of Late. Mathai Joseph Poovanthunkal

Presidential Address
Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S.
(Principal)

Brochure of Digitizing Home Diaries on 21/05/2022



Beena Paul speaking on the project 21/05/2022

Dr.



Sri Pallikonam Rajeev speaking on “Memories in Reconstructing Local Histories”



Prof. K. J Kurian speaking on “Reminiscences on Late Mathai Joseph Poovathunkal”

Release of *Historica* 2022

Objectives

The magazine is an initiative of students of history department to develop their writing, analytical and critical skills.

Department manuscript magazine *Historica* Vol. XI, titled *Pandemics* was released on 31st May 2022. First year MA students took the initiative to collect the articles as well as to prepare the manuscript magazine. During the age of covid pandemic, department of history found it imperative to inquire into the history of the pandemics in the past years. So articles about the pandemics all over the world, India and Kerala were studied and collected. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, Principal of the college released the magazine in his office by handing it over to Annie Summer Andrews, I MA History student. The teachers of the department of History, office staff of the college as well as the student representatives were present on the occasion.

Outcome

The preparation of manuscript magazine gave the students an experiential knowledge in writing, editing and researching about pandemics. This also was a training to students to prepare publications.



Release of *Historica*

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