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HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

Department of History

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

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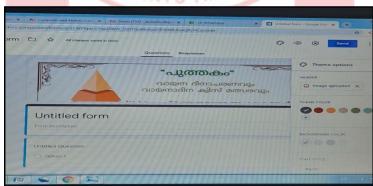
1. Reading Day Celebration- *Puthakam* 19/6/20.

Reading maketh a full man.

Francis Bacon

Postgraduate Department of History along with Reading club of the college celebrated reading day on 19/6/20. The programme was titled PUTHAKAM. A Quiz was conducted and around 60 persons participated in this programme. On the same day a webinar was also organized. Dr.Mujeeb Rahman , Associate Professor, Department of History, Calicut University talked on the topic Vayanayude Akasangal. The talk emphasized about the need for reading, different types of reading and re-reading of texts.



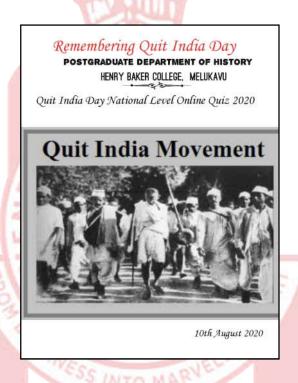


2. QUIT INDIA DAY QUIZ

10/8/20

Quit India movement is an unforgettable event in the history of Indian freedom movement. Many people became martyrs and many leaders were imprisoned. But Indians were no longer ready to suffer the dominance of the Europeans. So Indians made the clarion call for Quit India.

Department of History commemorated the event on 10th August by conducting an online national quiz on Quit India Day. There were 116 responses for the online quiz.



3. Gandhi Jayanthi Day - Essay Competition

<u>2/10/20</u>

Gandhian thoughts and principals are always relevant and it influences and inspires the entire humanity. 151th birth anniversary of the father of our nation was commemorated on 2nd October 2020 by conducting an essay competition for the entire students of the college. The topic for the competition was *Gandhijiyude Samakalika Prasakthi* (Contemprary Relevance of Gandhi).

20 students participated in the competition. Suja Markose, I MA History & Ummufazila, I MA History won the first and second prize respectively. A cash prize of Rs.501 and Rs.251 was distributed to the winners in a meeting held on 23rd January 2021 at 1.30 pm in the seminar hall.

The meeting started with a silent prayer. Dr. Nisha Joseph welcomed the gathering. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the department of History. Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S principal of the college delivered the keynote address. In the address,he recalled the Gandhian principles and ideologies and how it is becoming more and more relevant today. The meeting ended at 2.00pm.









4. Annual Alumni Meet 26/1/21

Annual alumni meet of the postgraduate department of history was held on 26/1/21 in the college campus. Alumni members met in the campus. The meeting started with a silent prayer. Dr. Beena Paul welcomed the gathering. The meeting was presided over by Adv.V.A.Nazer, President Alumni Association. Key note address was delivered by Dr.Gireeshkumar G.S, Principal of the college.50 members participated in the meeting. Family members of the alumni were also present in the meeting.

In the meeting memories were recollected and shared. Following the custom, the meeting honoured the BA History topper and MA topper. Also they honoured the special achiver, Tom Jose, who won the state award for best Idukki district NSS programme officer and Dr. Anwar KA, Ph.D awardee. Another speciality of the gathering was the celebration of silver jubilee of the

second batch students. The meeting was made memorable by cultural activities. The meetingstarted at 10.30 and ended at 3.00pm.











Mementos for the winners







5. Meet the Historian 3/2/21

To familiarize and converse the students with historians of the time, a meeting was arranged in the conference hall of the college on 3rd February 2021. Students got the chance to meet Dr. Michael Tharakan, Chairman KCHR and famous economic historian of Kerala. He was also the former Vice-chancellor of Kannur University.

He talked about the future of historical studies and the opportunities for the history students. Querries raised by our students Vipina N.P, Abin A.J, Anjana Sadanandan and Abhirami Kailaswere answered. He also prompted students to do research and contribute to historical studies.







6. Thamper Documentation -24/2/21

Thamper is the traditional percussion art form of Melukavu. In order to record and preserve this extinguishing art form, department of History with the support of Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, the Principal of our college, visited Ellapuram St. Mathias CSI Church on 24th February 2021, to watch the thamper performance. Three teachers and four students along with principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S watched the performance and had an interview with them.Thedrummers talked about the tradition, performance and the process of making of the drum .

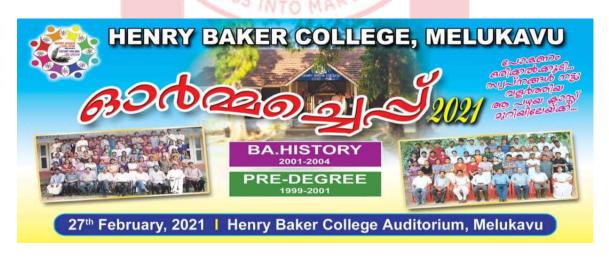




7. Alumni Meet - 27/2/21

Students of 1999-2001 Pre degree batch and 2001-2004 BA degree batch met in the campus on 27th February 2021. After long years, they came to the campus to see their teachers and friends. Many of them were accompanied by their family.

The meeting started with a silent prayer.Rasmin Chellappan welcomed the gathering. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Beena Paul, HOD of the Department of History.Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S, Principal of the College inaugurated the meeting by lightening the lamp. In the gathering titled, *ORMACHEPPU*, Dr. Nisha Joseph and Davison Thomas felicitated over the programme and Anoop proposed vote of thanks. On the occasion a cake was cut and shared among the participants. Total participants were 31. After the meeting, Anwar KM, the PH.D awardee of the batch was also honoured with memento.









8. Alumni Meet - March 11 2021

History students of 1998-2001 batch met on 11thMarch 2021 in the college campus. After 20 years, they came back to their campus. The programme started with a formal gathering. Dr. GireeshKumar G.S inaugurated the programme and Dr. Beena Paul presided over the meeting. They shared the memories and in remembrance shared the cake. The alumni ate the *Pothichor* together and rejoiced. The meet ended at 3-00pm. Total participants were 25.









9. Alumni Meet - 30 March 2021

Department of History is always ready to host alumni gatherings and the fourth Alumni meet of the year was conducted on 30th March 2021. 1996-98 Pre-degree, III B batch met in the college after a long time. Luis Paul took the initiative to arrange the meeting. The meeting was formally inaugurated by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal of the college. Retired teachers, Rev. P. D. Joseph, Dr. Raju .D. Krishnapuram,Sri.Sebastian Joseph, Alumni President Adv. Nazer V.P and Dr. Beena Paul , Head of the department of History have been present in the meeting. The alumni members cut the cake and shared the sweet remembrances of the college days. 24 students and 5teachers participated in the meeting.







10. Release of Historica21

Every year a manuscript magazine titled Historica is prepared and released by the students of History department. Tenth Volume of the Historicatitled *Ruptures* was released on 18th March 2021. This Volume contains articles on various human rights issues in global, national and regional levels. The contributors were encouraged to think and identify various human rights issues in and around them. The articles are mainly contributed by PG students.

The meeting was arranged in the seminar hall at 1.30PM. While releasing the manuscript magazine, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, the principal of the college, urged the students to initiate more and more activities, which will enhance awareness about the issues of contemporary world as well as their capacity building. The meeting ended at 2.00PM.23 students and 5 teachers participated in the programme.





11. Pride-21

*Pride 21*was a programme arranged by the department of History, to honour the students who had excelled in the academics. The topperof BA Degree examinationAravind Shaji and MA Degree Jolsna Thomas during the academic year 2019-20 and MAstudents, Kavya Wilson , Archana P and Reshma Jayan who secured 4th, 5th and 7thranks respectively in the in the MG University MA examination held in 2020 were invited and honoured in the meeting. Dr.Anwar K.M, the first alumni who was awarded PH.D degreeand Mr. James M.J ,Village Officer VelliamattomPanchyath,who has donated 68 rare books to the department were also invited to the function.

The meeting started at 10.00am with a silent prayer.Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, the principal of the college inaugurated the meeting and deliveredthe keynote address. He told that this achievement will be an inspiration to future batches. Prizes were distributed to the winners and each one of them made the reply speech. Parents and siblings of the rank holders were also present in the occasion.

