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HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

ACADEMIC YEAR

FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu, a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Government- aided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade and An ISO 9001:2015 certified Institution.

POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

1. Reading club Inauguration and Reading Day celebration

20/06/2022

Objective

The objective of the Reading Day celebration was to boost the reading habits of the students as well as to introduce them to the world of books.

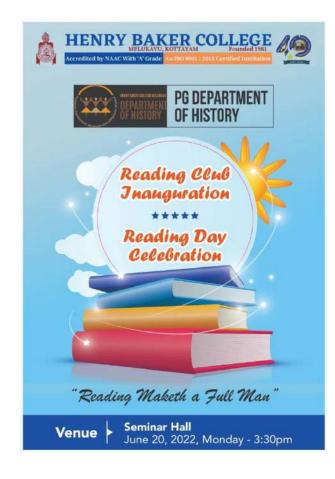
Inauguration of the Reading Club and Reading Day celebration of the Department of History was held on 20/6/2022 in the College Seminar Hall at 2.00 p.m. The programme was presided over by Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History. Smt. Sabitha Krishnan welcomed the gathering. Dr. Nisha Joseph and Lakshmi S also talked in the meeting. The meeting ended at 3.00 p.m. Around fifty students participated in the programme.

As part of the Reading Day celebration, a book review competition was conducted among the students. The students of the department actively participated in the competition. Ten students from different classes wrote the reviews and out of this best book review was selected. In the book review competition, Sultana Arshid of II MA History got first prize. She reviewed the work Agnisakshi by Lalithambhika Antharjam. All other participants who have participated in the programme were given consolation prizes.

Outcome

Students got the opportunity to participate in a competition that helped them to read as well as write. This helped them to enhance their reading and writing skills.





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2. Commemoration of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day- Signature Campaign

08/08/2022

Objective

To create an awareness among the students about the need for international peace and security.

Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, organized a signature campaign on 8th August, 2022 as a part of observing Hiroshima Nagasaki Day. The signature campaign was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S. He addressed the students and faculties on the importance of having peace and harmony between nations. He also stressed on the need to say a big no to the usage of nuclear weapons which even have the power to wipe out the entire human community from the face of the earth. Dr Beena Paul, Head of the Department, expressed thanks on behalf of the entire department to all the students, faculties, and non-teaching staff for their wholehearted cooperation in making the signature campaign with the message 'No to War, Yes to Peace' a big success.

Outcome

Through the campaign, the objective of creating awareness among the upcoming generation about the need to say no to war and nuclear weapons was achieved as we can see from the count of the signatures that were happily put.



Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar addressing the students and putting his signature

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Signatures Collected

3. Freedom Wall

Objective

To be part of the nationwide campaign called "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" launched by the Government of India to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence and in particular making of a "Freedom Wall" in Kerala

"Freedom Wall" is a public art installation that has been set up in various locations across Kerala to mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence. The wall is a canvas where people can express their thoughts, feelings, and aspirations about freedom, democracy, and the country's future through art, slogans, and messages. It is a way to involve people in the celebrations of India's independence and encourage them to reflect on the country's past, present, and future. A wall of 20,000 sq. feet was intended to be constructed.

As per the directions from the Government of Kerala and the Higher Education Department, the Postgraduate Department of History and the NSS unit of the college took the initiative to construct the Freedom Wall. The instruction given to us was to complete the canvas within 20 hours, starting from 10th August to 12th August continuously. Fifteen students of the college worked continuously for 20 hours and finished a canvas of 100 sq. feet. The student community was supported by teachers

and they could finish the work in time. They were encouraged to reflect on the country's past, present, and future.

Outcome

Students got a space to come together and express their creativity and patriotism. It was also a great experience for students to be part of a nationwide campaign called "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav".



Freedom wall in the making



Freedom Wall

4. Webinar on The National Movement: Consolidation and Representation of Myriad Voices 15/08/2022

Objective

The main objective of this webinar was to generate patriotism among the students and an understanding of the representation of myriad voices in the national struggle.

As India, celebrates 75th year of Independence, Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College organized a webinar on the topic, *The National Movement : Consolidation and Representation of Myriad Voices*, on 15th of August 2022. Webinar started at 10 am, through Google Meet platform. The Lecture in this webinar was given Dr. Biju R.I, Department of History, MSM College, Kayamkulam

The session was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar, who gave a small note on nation's independence. Dr. Nisha Joseph, faculty of History delivered the welcome address and introduced the resource person, Dr. Biju R I.

Dr. Biju R I's lecture was very informative and made students understand that the independence that we celebrate and enjoy today was made possible by the sacrifices of millions of people. He wonderfully articulated the contributing factors in the freedom struggle along with comparing the past and the present. He stressed on the fact that the need of the hour is to make an effort towards moulding India according to the visions our freedom fighters had.

Once the lecture got over, Dr Beena Paul, Head of the Department also addressed the students. With this webinar, the students got an overall understanding about the painful struggles our national leaders and others endured during the freedom movement. The program culminated with Mrs. Lakshmi S, faculty of History, thanking the speaker and the attendees.

Outcome

Students understood the need to honour the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and keep up the values and visions they behold.



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5. Visit to Kizhmalainadu Charitrarekha Pradarshanam 20/09/2022

Objective

To familiarize the students with rare and valuable objects from the past and also to promote an understanding and appreciation of the historical, cultural, and artistic heritage of the region. The visit is to give insight into the lives and times of past generations.

`Kizhmalainadu Charitrarekha Pradarshanam was organized by the Travancore Cochin Heritage Society in the Press Club Auditorium on 19th and 20th September 2022. 17 MA students of the Postgraduate Department of History visited the exhibition on 20th September 2022. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dileep Rama Varma of the Poonjar royal family. The objects in the exhibition were rare and typical of the Kizhmalainadu Kingdom. The exhibition consisted of historical documents related to the Kizhmalainadu kingdom as well as objects like coins, potteries, jewelry, household items, weapons, manuscripts, clocks, furniture, glass wares, weights and measures, mirrors, utensils, toys, etc. were the items displayed in the exhibition. Miniature models of ancient temples and palaces were also displayed.

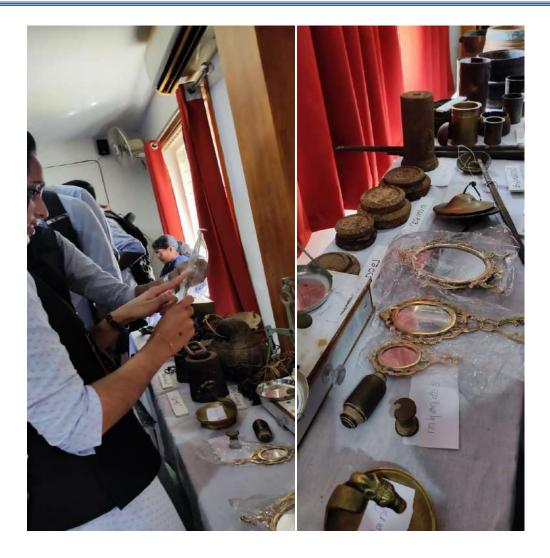
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The visit was a great experience for the history students as they could personally experience and see the various objects used by the past generation. They were exposed to the past history, especially the Kizhmalanadu, the kingdom that ruled in Kerala with Karikode (present-day Thodupuzha) as its capital during the early modern period.





Kizhmalainadu Charitrarekha Exhibition





Exhibition

List of students

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1.	AISHAMOL SIYAD	II M A HISTORY
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4.	ANNIE SUMMER ANDREWS	II M A HISTORY
5.	ASWATHY M JEEV	II M A HISTORY
6.	ATHIRA BALAKRISHNAN	II M A HISTORY
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13.	KATHREENA PAULOSE	II M A HISTORY
14.	NELBIN PRAKASH	II M A HISTORY
15.	RIYAMOL ROJAN	II M A HISTORY
16.	TINU MARIYA THOMAS	II M A HISTORY
17.	MUBEENA M	I M A HISTORY
18.	RANJANA C.P	I M A HISTORY

6. Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration: Exploring the Gandhian Footprints

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The objective of the exploration visit was to provide lived experience at the historic locations of Vaikom Satyagraha to our Postgraduate students.

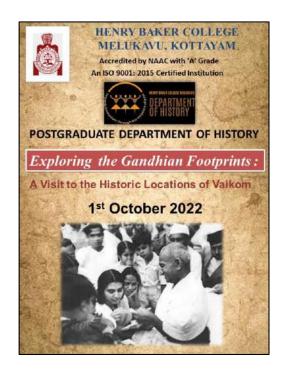
In connection with the Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration, the department conducted an exploration walk at Vaikom, titled "Exploring the Gandhian Footprints". The visit happened on October 1st, 2022. Dr. Beena Paul (Head of History Department), Dr. Jibin Mathew, Mithy K M, Sheebamol M M and Anjana Aby joined the 23 students of 2nd year MA History. Love Shore Travels from Thodupuzha was chosen for the travel. The journey crossed Pala at 8 a.m. and reached Vaikom at 11 a.m. after breakfast on the way. Vaikom Sree Mahadeva Temple, Vaikom Sathyagraha Smaraka Gandhi Museum, Indamthuruthi Mana, and Thanthai Periyar Memorial were visited. Experienced

Museum curators of Gandhi Smaraka Museum detailed the History of Vaikom Sathyagraha and its protest against untouchability.

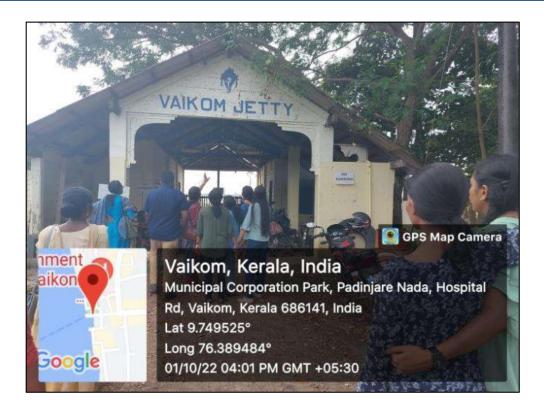
The team was thrilled to encounter the historic Travancore post box (The Anchal Petti) in front of the Vaikom Post Office. After our lunch in spite of the heat, we headed towards Indamthuruthi Mana, the Illam who denied entry to Gandhiji when he arrived at Vaikom. Currently, the building is an office of the Chethuthozhilali Union. The Thanthai Periyor Memorial was also an opportunity to learn about Periyor. To and fro boat journey through the backwaters from Vaikom Boat Jetty added fun and color to the journey. The team clicked photos and enjoyed the evening at Vaikom Lake Beach. After evening tea from Vaikom, we reached college by 7.15 pm.

Outcome

Faculties and students experienced Vaikom from a historical point of view. Students became capable of sharing about Vaikom Sathyagraha and the events attached to it with a layman. The museum visit provided an understanding of the scope of museology courses. Students enjoyed the experiential learning in Vaikom and encountered a new geographical terrain and culture.



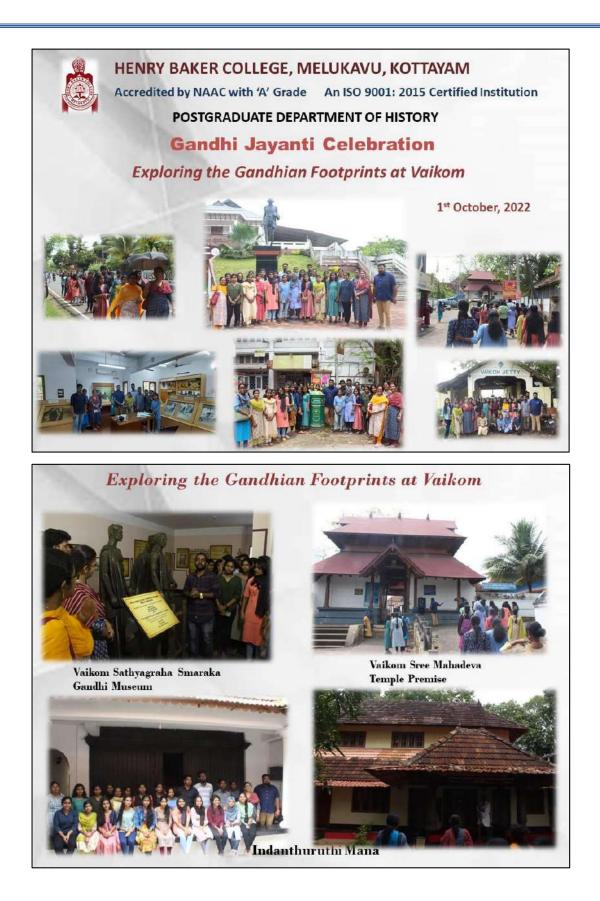
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@Vaikom Boat Jetty



Class @Vaikom Sathyagraha Smaraka Museum



7. Research Methodology Workshop A Cup of Tea, An Image and Memory: On Developing History Dissertations 15/10/2022

Objective

Main objective of the workshop was to prepare students on finding out research problem and writing dissertations.

Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, hosted a methodology workshop titled "A Cup of Tea, An Image And Memory: On Developing History Dissertations" on 15th October 2022 at 10.00 a.m. at the college seminar hall. Dr. Jibin Mathew, Assistant Professor of History, gave the welcome speech and introduced Dr. Sebastian Joseph, a noted film and environmental historian. The presidential address was given by Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant Professor of History.

Dr. Sebastian Joseph then presented the workshop on how to write history dissertations. The event provided students with new perspectives and suggestions for choosing a research topic for their Postgraduate dissertations. He advised the students to bring in new topics and explore the unattended and unexplored areas. Students also had their questions answered about how to choose a new topic, how to curate research problems, where to find research materials, and so on. The session was on fire, with both the resource person and the students constantly engaging in doubts, questions, and answers.

The session was designed primarily for Postgraduate Students, who must complete their dissertations by the end of their term. The workshop drew 33 students from M A History classes. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks by Kannan. M.S, second year M A History student.

Outcome

Unquestionably, the students gained fresh insights and outlooks on how to convert a research subject into a well-knitted dissertation.



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Dr. Sebastian Joseph explains a scene



Dr. Sebastian Joseph clearing doubts



Faculty and Students with Dr. Sebastian Joseph

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8. Seminar on Researching Folklores and Writing History 26/10/2022

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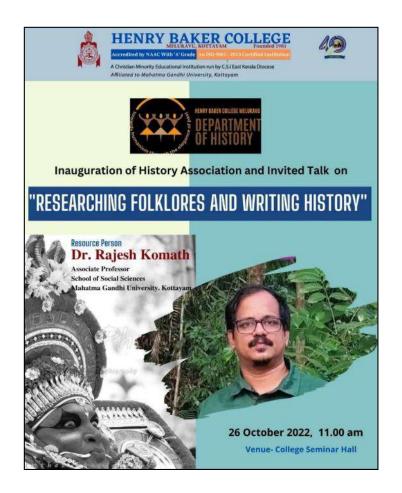
The talk intended to introduce the students to folklore and to understand how folkloric materials are important for the study of the history of a society at present.

Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, organised the History Association's inaugural ceremony on October 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the college seminar hall. As part of the ceremony's opening, Dr. Rajesh Komath, an Associate professor in the School of Social Sciences at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, gave an invited talk. The event started with a silent prayer. Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department gave the welcome address. Dr. Rajesh Komath lit the lamp to officially launch the 2022-2023 History Association initiatives. After that, he delivered the much-awaited talk on "Researching Folklores and Writing History". The presentation introduced us to myths, stories, and folklore that transported us back in time to the lives of our forefathers. The session was a reminiscence of the good old days, which Dr. Rajesh Komath enhanced with folk songs.

Both the students and the faculties thoroughly enjoyed the session. About 96 students participated in the event. Nelbin Prakash of M.A. History performed a solo after the session which was also a folk tune. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks by History Association Secretary, Kannan. M.S.

Outcome

Students got a basic understanding of Folklores. They also understood the relation between history and folklore and how useful it is in the writing of history.



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Inaugural Ceremony



Dr. Rajesh Komath addressing the students



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9. Impactful Approach for Plagiarism Free Research 27/10/2022 Objectives

To provide knowledge about plagiarism and the ways to avoid plagiarism in research was the main objective of the talk.

Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, conducted a webinar on the topic "Impactful Approach for Plagiarism Free Research" on 27th October 2022 at 2.00 p.m. through Google Meet. Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History gave the welcome note and introduced the resource person, Dr. Vinod V.M, Research Desk, CHMK University Library, University of Calicut. Dr. Girish Kumar G.S, Principal, Henry Baker College, delivered the presidential address.

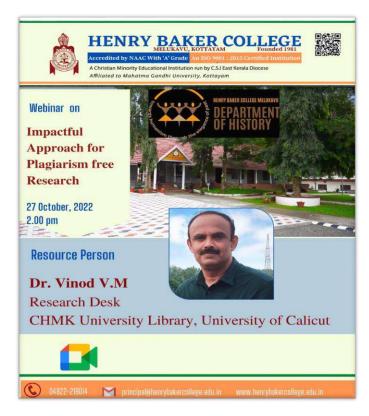
Dr. Vinod V.M. began his presentation by explaining the various types of plagiarism and how, as aspiring researchers, they can do it both consciously and inadvertently. He discussed with them the efficiency of various types of plagiarism-detection software, such as Orkund, Viper, and Plagscan. Additionally, he gave introductions to several websites and magazines for research that the students may use. Overall, it can be said that the workshop was quite educational and interesting. The meeting came to an end by 4.30 pm with the vote of thanks by Ms. Josna Sebastian, second year M A History student.

Outcome

The session provided the students with a thorough insight into how to develop plagiarism-free research and complete it successfully without any kinds of errors.



Webinar by Dr. Vinod V. M.



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10. TALK SHOW

Human Rights Violations against Women

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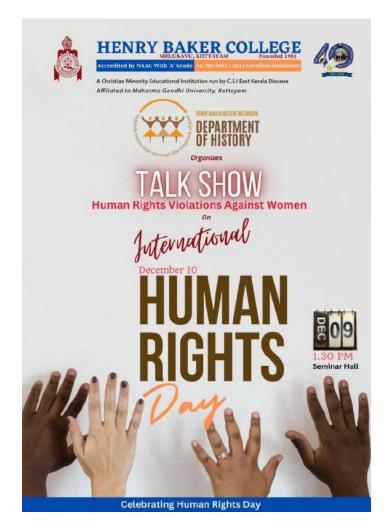
The goal of the talk show was to raise awareness among students about how women suffer and are exploited in our society. In this situation, there is an urgent need to educate the next generation about the rights guaranteed by our constitution and how to safeguard and advocate for them.

Celebrating International Human Rights Day, Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, organized a Talk Show on the topic "Human Rights Violations Against Women" on 9th December 2022, at the college seminar hall. Dr Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History, gave the welcome address. As a person with strong feminist perspective, she enthusiastically supported the cause and motivated the girl students to be strong and ambitious. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, principal of Henry Baker College, delivered the presidential address. He, too emphasised the need of understanding and being aware of our rights

Ms. Lakshmi S, Assistant Professor was the moderator of the talk show, who handled the session very actively. About 15 students participated in the show. Each one gave their viewpoints about how violations and violence happen to women. They were having strong opinions about the happenings to women in Indian society. They also proposed several measures to empower women. Even the audience too had their opinions and participated actively in the talk show. As a token of appreciation for their efforts, Paul Mathew, Assistant Professor, Department of English, handed each participant a modest gift. The show came to end by 3.30 pm with the concluding remarks by the moderator.

Outcome

As a new experience, students without hesitation came forward to express their views on human rights violations as well as how women rights are violated. They could identify many issues related to women and suggestions were proposed to overcome the problem.



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Presidential address by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G S, Principal



Midhila (M A Student)



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11. Digitizing the Home Diaries of Mathai Joseph Poovathunkal

Objective

To collect, record and document the Diaries of Mathai Joseph Poovathunkal.

Conventional sources alone will not provide a holistic picture of the past. Moreover everyday life of the ordinary people needs to be included in the historical writings. So Postgraduate Department of History started to digitize the diaries of Mathai Joseph Poovathunkal, a migrant farmer who lived in Thudanganad, near Thodupuzha. 90 diaries, starting from 1933 is kept in Poovathumkal house by his son Prof. K.J. Kurian. The diaries are written in Malyalam with blue ink. It is written in date wise order in diaries published by the Travancore rulers annually. The diary published by the Travancore rulers itself is worthy of study, as it gives details of many accounts. The matter written in the diary is very significant as it gives information mainly about the economic deeds of the period as well as the prices of various objects, expenses incurred on different occasions, daily expenses, land deeds etc. It is also an important source for the study of Christian migrations of Kerala.

Prof. K.J Kurian, who is the custodian of the diary now, permitted the Postgraduate department of history to digitize the document as well as to keep it in the digital library of our college. For that purpose, two Technical Assistants were appointed from 10th October to 8th December 2022. They completed the work successfully.

Outcome

Department got the opportunity to collect and digitize one of the rarest of the document regarding the everyday life of a rich farmer and his economic deeds as well as the socio- economic context of the 20th century Kerala.



Technical assistant @ work

12. Student's Participation in Two day State level Methodology Workshop on Writing Dissertations in History: Methods and Methodologies 8-9 November 2022

Objective

To enhance the research aptitude of the students and also to orient them in writing history dissertations, first year PG students of the department were directed to attend the two day workshop on Writing Dissertations in History organized by St. Mary's College Manarcadu, on 8th and 9th November 2022.

As PG students, who are entering into the higher education scenario need to be oriented towards research methodology so as to enhance their research aptitude. Moreover attending such workshops in other institutions will expose them to yet another educational culture and enhance their potential and capabilities. Accordingly, Seventeen I MA students attended the two day workshop. In the last session, students were given time for the selection of the topic. Our student got the opportunity to present his topic and got suggestions for the same.

Outcome

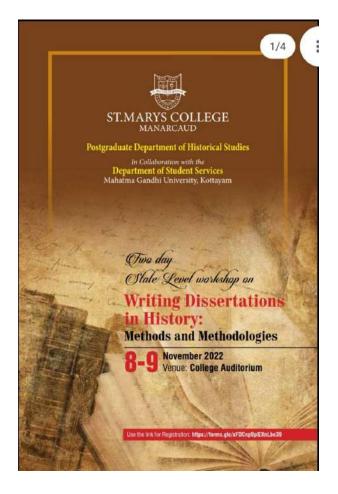
They got the chance to hear excellent lectures and understood the process of selecting the topic, identifying of research problem, framing research questions, and the method of writing dissertations. The workshop was a new experience for the students.



Students @ St. Mary's College, Manarcadu



Presentation by Abhijith Vijayan



Programme Brochure

13. Study Tour - III BA History

Objective

To visit places of historical and environmental importance and to give exposure to students.

Postgraduate Department of History conducted a study tour for III BA students on 3rd February 2023. Students and teachers visited Parunthumpara, Kambam, Kodaikkanal, etc. At Kambam, we have visited historical sites and an Astrophysics Museum which was constructed by Britishers during the time of their rule. Students got the opportunity to know more about the universe. The students also got the opportunity to see the vineyards and wine making, which was also a good experience for them. 23 students and 3 teachers participated in it.

Outcome

The visit to places of environmental significance and natural beauty, gave the students an awareness about environmental protection and also exposed them to new challenges in the environmental protection. It also exposed them to landscapes that were tamed by the British for their colonial interests.



@ Astrophysics Museum, Kodaikanal



14. Study Tour - II MA

Objectives

The aim of this study trip was to acquaint the students with the geographical peculiarities of the place, the climatic variations of the Nilgiri mountains, to enjoy the serenity of the lush green tea plantations, to enjoy the botanical garden and the museums of Ooty.

The Post Graduate Department of History, Henry Baker College, has organised a two days study tour for the II PG History students from 10-02-2023 to 12-02-2023. The trip was to Udhagamandal in the state of Tamil Nadu. There were 19 students from the second year class. The faculties who accompanied the students on this educational trip were Lakshmi .S and Mithy.K.M..

The journey started at 4am with Loveshore Holidays bus services and reached Palakkad around 9.30 am. After fresh up and breakfast, the travel was continued. Our next destination was Kunoor Railway museum, and we reached their before noon.Towards the evening we reached the Tea factory at Kodappamund near Ooty. The tea factory had a Tea Museum as well. Students could understand the history of tree plantations in India and about the colonial penetration into the uplands of Nilgiri mountains. There the students could directly witness the processing of tea powder through various stages. It was a really good and new experience to the students. We also tasted different flavours of tea from there. A chocolate factory also was adjacent to it. Manufacturing of chocolate was also described to us by the factory officials. After that we visited the famous rose garden of Ooty.

The next day locations included the Govt. Museum at Ooty, Doddabetta Peak, and the most famous Botanical Garden of Ooty. The peak view provided great astonishment to the students. The peak point provides a whole view of Ooty and the valleys of Nilgiris. The most striking of all these were the Botannical Garden. The wide variety of trees and plants, the way of preserving the varieties and conservation were all new to them. After boating in the Ooty lake we returned to our homestay around 7.00 pm and enjoyed the campfire. Towards 10.00pm we returned. On 12.2023 morning 6.00 am 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 enjoy the tranquil nature, its beauty and varieties of geographical formations, and also to know about the growth and spread of tea plantations etc. Moreover they could enjoy togetherness and discipline throughout the jouney.





@Ootty



@ Govt. Museum Udhagamandalam

15. Participation in Innovics

Objective

To be part of the activities of the entrepreneurial club of the college which promotes entrepreneurship, encourages innovation, and develops the entrepreneurial skills of the students.

Innovics organized by the Entrepreneurship Club of the college on 2/03/2023 was an attempt to exhibit the entrepreneurial skills and talents of the students. The seminar and exhibition were the main highlights of the programme. Students exhibited their products like, LED Bulbs, soaps, pickles, and handicrafts. Stalls for the sale of food items were also arranged as part of Innovics.

II MA students of the Postgraduate Department of History had also arranged a stall to sell their handicraft items and also the sale of soft drinks. Paper crafts were the attraction of the stall. Fruit juice, *Morumvellam*(Butter-milk), fruit salad, and one of the traditional food items of Kerala *Avilum Pazhavum* (riceflakes and banana) were sold in the stall. All the items had great demand among the teachers and students. Student initiative was successful and they got profit from the sale.

Outcome

Got the opportunity to develop and improve their skills in areas such as idea generation, business planning and financial management. They learned from experience and practical skills and knowledge were acquired.



Brochure Innovics



History food counter



Handicrafts stall

16. Training on Effective Public Speaking

04/03/2023

Objectives

To help the students to reduce stage fright and to enhance the organizational skills among the students

Career Guidance and Placement cell and Postgraduate Department of History in association with JCI Plassanal organised one day workshop on 'A Training on Effective Public Speaking' on 4/3/2023, from 10.30 am to 4 pm at the Seminar hall. Dr. Jibin Mathew, Co-ordinator, of the career guidance and placement cell welcomed the meeting. Dr. Nisha Joseph, IQAC Co-ordinator of the college presided over the meeting. Jc. Simi Peter, President JCI Plassanal inaugurated the meeting. In her speech, she emphasized on the significance of public speaking among the students. Jc. Jino M Scaria, resource person of the programme also addressed the gathering. Shemi Paul delivered the vote of thanks.

After the completion of the official meeting, Jc. Jino M Scaria started the training workshop. The training session focused on the importance of eye contact, how to correct body language, tips to avoid stage fright, and how to conduct a public meeting. The active participation of students was the main highlight of this workshop.

Outcome

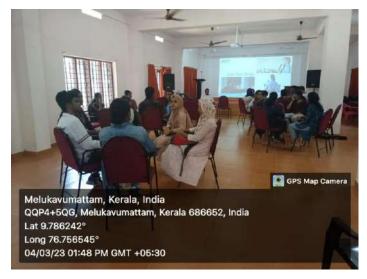
The interactive sessions in the programme were very effective and that itself helped the students to come out of the shell. Students who participated in this workshop gained the ability to speak without stage fright. Along with that, they got an understanding of how to organize an event.



Inauguration by Simi Peter, JCI



Presidential address by Dr. Nisha Joseph, IQAC Coordinator



Students @ workshop



Students with the Trainer



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17. Cross Age Teaching

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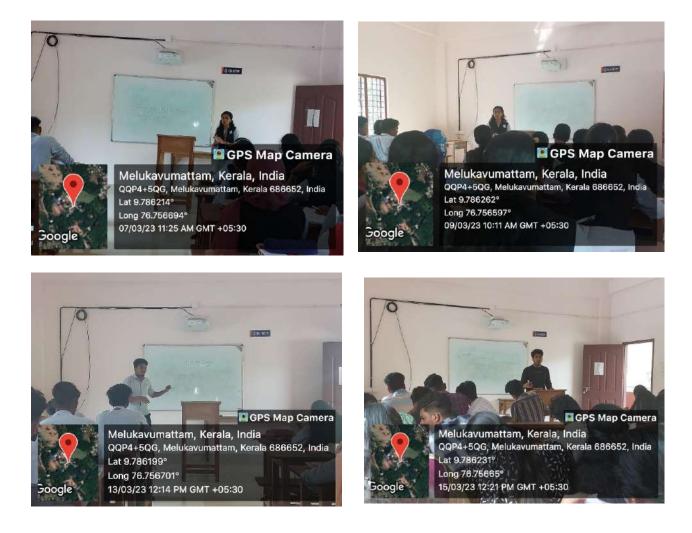
To enhance the confidence and teaching skills of senior students and also to utilize the ability of the students to reach the students beyond what the staff alone can.

This was a new initiative by the department to reach the junior students through senior students. Toppers of the II MA History class were chosen to take classes for II BA students. Advanced students were given an opportunity to teach the junior students. This was also to boost their confidence and skills. Annie Summer Andrews took classes on Causation on 7th and 9th of March. Kannan M.S. took Class on Objectivity on 13th & 15th March 2022.

II BA students were curious to learn from their seniors and they interacted with their teen teachers better than with their teachers.

Outcome

`Advanced students got opportunity to exhibit their teaching skill and talents. This also helped to promote interest in history teaching.



18. Merit Day 2023

21/03/2023

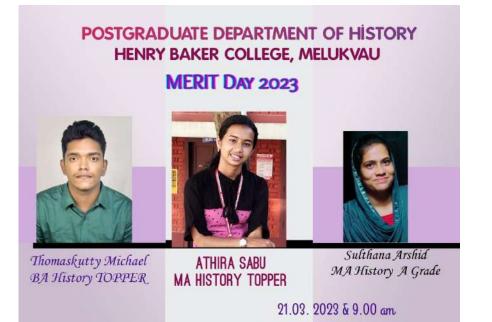
Objective:

Objective of the merit day is to congratulate the achievers as well as it is a motivation for the coming batches.

The merit day 2023 of department of History was held on 21.3.2023 at 9.00am in the college seminar hall. The day was memorable, as our winners were invited to the college and they were rewarded for their special achievement. The programme started with a silent prayer. Dr. Nisha Joseph welcomed the gathering. The meeting was presided over by the History department HOD Dr. Beena Paul. MA Topper Athira Sabu with A grade and Sultana Arshid with A grade was honoured in the meeting. BA topper Thomaskutty Michael was also given the prizes for his enchanting performance.

Outcome

It helped to boost the self confidence of the achievers as well as their speeches motivated the upcoming batches to work hard and achieve more.



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Bishop Michael John Memorial Seminar Hall



Prize distribution

19. SEMINAR - Vaikom Sathyagraha @100

30/03/2023

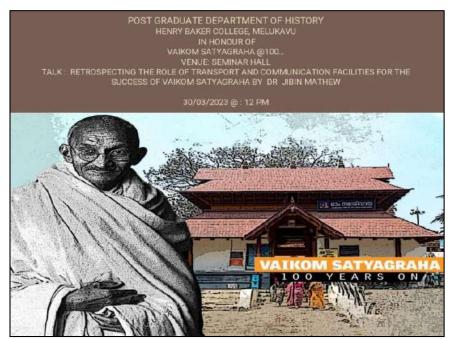
Objective

To make the students aware of the long-drawn struggles of the freedom fighters against the social evils that hampered the equal status of the individuals in the past centuries.

In order to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Vaikom Satyagraha, teachers and students of the Postgraduate Department of History, assembled in the College Seminar Hall on 30/3/2023 at 12.00pm. Vaikom Satyagraha was one of the memorable struggles organized in Kerala against the evil practices existing in Kerala, particularly to open the roads around the Vaikom Temple to all castes. The meeting started with the welcome speech of Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History. Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S., principal of our college, presided over the meeting and delivered the keynote address. The main focus of the seminar was the talk by Dr. Jibin Mathew, Assistant Professor, Department of History on **Retrospecting the Role of Transport and Communication Facilities for the Success of Vaikom Satyagraha**. Dr. Jibin summarised the course of the struggle and explained how transport and communication helped the success of the struggle. The session was very fruitful and students all throughout actively interacted in the session. The meeting ended at 1.15 p.m.

Outcome

The programme was an eye-opener to many. Students got a clear idea about the Satyagraha.



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Welcome by HOD History

Key note by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., Principal



Paper presentation by Dr. Jibin Mathew

20. History Seminar - Meenachil Nadeethadathinte Charitram

23/04/2023

Objective

To be part of the Local History Collective and also to lead the academic discussions related to the history of the Meenachil River.

Postgraduate Department of History, along with Kottayam Nattukoottam, Meenachil Nadheesamrakshanasamithi, Bhoomika Poonjar and Kerala Pradesika Charitra Samithi oraganised a History seminar on "Meenachil Nadheethadathinte Charitram" in Bhoomika Centre, Poonjar on 23rd April 2023 at 2.00 pm. For the last few decades, environmentalists and activists have been very much concerned about the protection of the Meenachil River which is an important river flowing through the Meenachil Taluk and serves as the nerve centre of the region. Parallel to this Kottayam Nattukoottam and Keralapradesika Charitrasamithi are interested in the history of the Meenachil

riverbed. As a higher education institution, the Postgraduate Department of History was associated with the team in order to enhance their historical knowledge about the Meenachil riverbed.

The programme started with the welcome speech of Dr. S. Ramachandran, President, Meenachil Nadheesamrakshanasamiti. Sri. George Mathew Adhyalil, Panchayath President of Poonjar Thekekkara, presided over the meeting. The major attraction of the programme was the honouring of Sri. Thomas Kunnickal, a native of Poonjar reported many megalithic findings from the region. After the honouring, he talked about the various artifacts he had found from the places as well as the negligence of the people and the government regarding the protection of megalithic monuments and the sites that prove the prehistoric inhabitance in the region. The History Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Beena Paul, HOD, Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu. She first of all appreciated the people who were assembled there to hear about the history of the Meenachil River. She also summarized the history of the people who lived around the river from the past to the present. The main presentation in the Seminar was by

Pallikonam Rajeev, Coordinator, Kerala Pradeshika Charitra Samithi. He talked about Meenachil **Nadheethadathinte Charitram.** Another talk in the session was by Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant Professor, Department of History, HBC, Melukavu. She talked on the subject "Paristhithika Veenduvicharathinte Charitravum Sangalpanagalum". The seminar ended at 6.00 pm.

Outcome

Local people who are interested in the protection of the Meenachil River got the opportunity to learn about the history of Meenchil River and the two teachers of the Postgraduate department were part of the programme to impart the history of the river basin to the natives.



Dr. Beena Paul Inaugurating the Seminar



Dr. Nisha Joseph delivering the talk



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21. Workshop for History Teachers - DOING HISTORY IN CONTEMPORARY AGE 03/05/2023

Objective

The workshop was to enrich History teachers in doing History in the contemporary age.

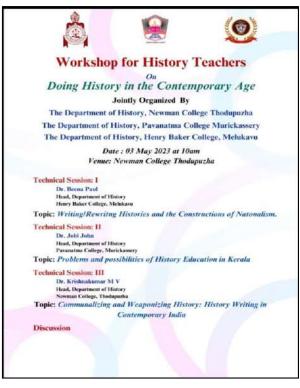
The programme was jointly organized under Collaboration Agreement entered into between the Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu, Department of History, Newman College, Thodupuzha, and the Department of History, Pavanatma College, Murickassery on 7th October, 2022. The bond of cooperation helps the three departments to work together to foster the growth of students, researchers, and faculty for the promotion and development of their respective fields of interest. In order to fulfill the objectives of the collaboration, three departments jointly organized a workshop for History Teachers on Doing History in Contemporary Age at Newman College Thodupuzha on 03/05/2023. The programme was attended by the history teachers of three colleges. The workshop had three sessions. In the first session Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu delivered the lecture on Writing/ Rewriting Histories: Constructions of Nationalisms. In the second session, Dr. Joby John, Head of the Department of History, Pavanatma College, Murikkasserry talked about the Problems and Possibilities of History Education in Kerala. Dr. Krishnakumar MV, Head of the Department of History, Newman College, Thodupuzha handled the third session of the workshop titled Communalizing and Weaponizing History: History Writing in Contemporary India. The sessions were wonderful and the discussions in the workshop were focused on the communalization of history writing as well as the problems and prospects of history education in the present scenario. Moreover the politics behind the writing of history was also analysed. The workshop also suggested that the students should also be made aware of the communal tendencies in the writing of History.

Outcome

Teachers came to know about the perversions in history writing and the possible methods to overcome the issue.



Collaboration agreement between three departments



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Inauguration of the programme



Presentation by Dr. Beena Paul

22. Tribal Visit 05/05/2023

Objective

The visit was to get first-hand information about the tribal culture and life.

On 5th May 2023, I & II MA students and a teacher of the department visited the Kurathikudy tribal settlement. The students were excited to see Odayon Suryan Kani, the head of the Muthuvan tribes of Kurathikudy settlement. Meeting with Mr. Alampilla was also very informative for the students about life and struggles in the jungle. It actually enriched their knowledge about tribal life, culture, customs, beliefs, and practices. Students also visited Megalithic monuments like Cists in the settlement, which remain unexplored even today. ST promoter Mr. Binu explained more about the settlement and its geographical features and their life struggles in the forests.

Outcome

The students got an opportunity to visit a tribal settlement and understand their everyday life. They also got the chance to see the megalithic monuments scattered over the region.



With Odayon Suryan Kani, the head of the Muthuvan tribes



A Muthuvan Kudi



In front of a Megalithic Cist

23. Expert lectures under the MOU - Sharing Resources for Expertise and Excellence (SREE) A Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Collaboration in Sharing Resources and Expertise for Excellence (SREE) was signed by History departments of five Colleges viz., St. Thomas College Palai, St. Dominic's College Kanjirappally, St. Thomas College Ranni, Alphonsa College Palai and Henry Baker College Melukavu on 19th November 2019. Therefore, the Departments of History of these five colleges have 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 of these five colleges get the opportunity to come together to discuss the emerging trends and new developments in the subject and update their knowledge.

Workshop on Methods & Techniques of Designing Projects in History

SREE organized a one day workshop on **Methods & Techniques of Designing Projects in History**, at St. Thomas College, Palai on 23.06.2022. After the inauguration by Principal Dr. James John, the technical sessions started. First session was handled by Dr. Jojy Thomas, Assistant Professor, SD College, Kanjirappaly. He delivered a talk on *Preliminary Operations in Historical Writing*. Second session was on *Analytical Operations in Historical Writing* taken by Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant Professor, Henry Baker College, Melukavu. Third session was delivered by Dr. Alphonse George, Assistant Professor, Alphonsa College, Pala. The session was on *Synthetic Operations in Historical Writing*. Thus the whole session went through the selection of topic to writing part of the dissertation. The workshop was very effective for the fifth semester students who are intending to do their dissertation. 28 students of our department participated in the workshop.



Inaugural function



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Talk by Dr. Nisha Joseph



@Workshop

24. HBC Teachers Delivering Lectures in Other Institutions

During the academic year, teachers of Postgraduate Department of History delivered four lectures in other four colleges. Dr. Nisha Joseph, delivered a talk on **Colonial Morality and Various Responses** at St. Thomas College, Ranni and **Lakshmi S** delivered her expert lecture on **A Peek into the Age of Pandemics** at St. Thomas College, Pala. Also **Mithy K.M** extended her expertise on **Notions of Gender and Women in Mughal India** at Alphonsa College, Pala. Ms. Anjana Aby delivered a lecture on **An Introduction to Temple Architecture** at SD College, Kanjirappaly.



Lakshmi S. at St. Thomas College, Pala

Mithy K.M, at Alphonsa College, Pala

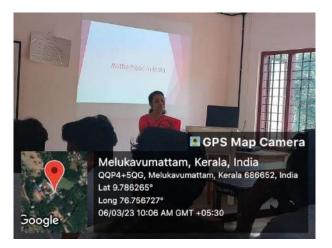


Dr. Nisha Joseph, St. Thomas College, Ranny

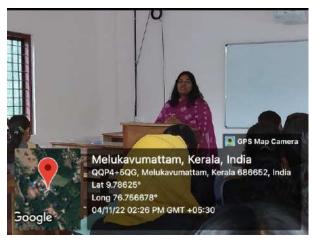
Anjana Aby, SD College, Kanjirappally

25. Teachers from Other Colleges in HBC

Our student has also been benefited by the expert lectures from other history departments. Mrs. Sunitha Santhan, Assistant Professor, Alphonsa College, Pala delivered an invited talk on **Motherhood in India** and Ms. Carmel John, Assistant Professor on contract SD College, Kanjirappaly delivered an invited talk on **Objectivity.** The collaboration was very useful and both students and teachers benefitted through the sharing and interaction.



Smt. Sunitha Santhan Alphonsa College, Pala



Kum. Carmel John, SD College, Kanjirappaly

26. Workshop on Research Methods in Local History

SREE also organized a one day workshop on **Research Methods in Local History** at SD College, Kanjirappaly on 29th March 2023. Dr. Seemon Thomas, Principal, SD College, Kanjirappaly, inaugurated the workshop. In its technical session Mr. Bino P Jose, Assistant Professor SD College, Kanjirappaly delivered a talk on Projects in Local History: An Introduction. In the second session Dr. Alphons George, Assistant Professor, Alphonsa College, Pala delivered a talk on *Methodology of Writing Local History. Reporting Local History* was the last session which was delivered by Dr. Ginu George, Assistant Professor, St. Thomas College, Pala. The workshop was very effective for both the students and teachers. Forty students from our department attended the programme.



Dr.Deepa Roslin, St.Thomas Ranni

Sri.Bino Jose, SD College, Kanjirappaly



Audience @ workshop

Dr. Alphons George, Alphonsa College Pala



HBC students @ Workshop