

HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

GIRLS HOSTEL

Annual Report 2019-20

Our residence Hall, Amelia, has always been an integral part of the college. The Hall is named after Amelia, mother of Rev. Henry Baker Jr., who is well known for her heroic and selfless work in uplifting women.

Hostel Governance

A stakeholder 'committee ensures the smooth functioning of the Hostel. The committee for the year 2019-20 includes of the college principal Dr. G.S. GireeshKumar, Staff Warden Ms. Ashly Mereena Mathew, Warden Ms. Susamma M. S., Secretary Surya Devy, and teachers representing various departments. Dr. Jincy Devasya, Dr. Nisha Joseph, Prof. Ansa Andrews.

Admission

Normally, admission is given to the girl's students who come from distant places. Application form is available in the college office. After scrutinising application forms received, admission is granted to deserving students. A total of 37 new students were given admission in 2019-20.

Amelia Family

Amelia hosted 58 girl students in 2019-20. Most of them were natives of the High Ranges. Some teachers also had been residing in Amelia. These teachers used to help and monitor students in academic activities.

Student Scholarships

The college makes sure that all deserving students are receiving scholarships. ABLC is the major scholarship available for inmates. Students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/OEC received an amount of 3500 in addition to the pocket money of 190 rupees. Total 36 students received this scholarship.

First Meeting on the first day of academic year

The first general meeting of the inmates was held on June 6. The meeting was chaired by the college Principal Dr. G.S. Gireesh Kumar, Staff warden Ashly Mereena Mathew and hostel warden Ms. Susamma M.S were also there in the meeting. Principal delivered the presidential address and gave general instructions to the inmates and their parents.

Parents' Meeting

Amelia keeps up the tradition of conducting parents' meeting, twice in every academic year. We had the meeting on July 19, Dec 4, 2019-20. Parents shared their views and remarks on the functioning of Amelia.

Visits of Faculties

Faculties from various departments visited the Hall very often. Such visits encouraged the warm relationships between teachers and inmates. Dr. Santo Jose, HOD of Commerce visited the Hostel on 7 December 2019; Dr. Nisha Joseph, Assistant Professor, Department of History visited on 20 June 2019; Ms. Ansa Andrews, Assistant professor, Department of English paid a visit on 7 January 2020; Dr. Jincy Devassia, HOD of Physics visited on 5 March 2020.

Mess Committee

A mess committee was constituted including the Warden, main chef, student Secretary and representatives from each Department. The committee met with the entrusted responsibility to prepare menu and make necessary changes in accordance with the situation.

Warden: Ms.Susamma M. S.

Secretary: Ms.Suryadevi M. Madhu, II B. A. English

Members: Ms.ShilpaSanthosh, III B. Com.

Ms.Saneesha, History

Ms. Mark Ebeena, III B.Sc.Physics

Medical Facilities

If an inmate gets ill, she is in no time taken to the nearby Edamaruku PHC and Assumption Hospital. In case of emergency, the warden accompanies the sick person and ensures that she receives good treatment. We also take the sick person to the hospitals at Pala, Thodupuzha as per the gravity of illness. In the last academic year, we gave medical care to five students.

Cultural Activities /Indoor Games

We believe in the adage 'all work and no play make Jack a dull boy'. Therefore, along with ensuring the standard of their academic performance, we organise non-academic activities also. It is indeed helpful for inciting the spirit of sisterhood and cooperation among our inmates. Indoor Games, cultural programs, observation of important days, and celebration of national festivals are some of them.

Onam Celebration- Inmates celebrated Onam on 5 September 2019. Ms.Soumya Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of Malayalam was the chief guest. She delivered a meaningful speech describing the significance of Onam and its mythical background. Several fun-filled competitions like *MalayaliManka*, *NadanPattu* etc. were organised. A delicious *Onasadya* was also served.



Christmas Celebration- Christmas celebrations of the hostel were held on 20 December 2019. Students decorated a Christmas tree, arranged a crib, sang carol songs, cut Christmas cake and spend time together conveying the message of Christmas.



Sports--As usual, we organised friendly matches of caroms, chess, cricket and badminton.

Gardening and vegetable farming

The Hostel has a well-maintained garden and vegetable farm. During leisure time, inmates had been engaging in gardening and vegetable farming.

Safety Measures

The management installed CCTV cameras to ensure 24×7 surveillance of the vicinity of the residence hall. It ensures cent per cent protection of our inmates.

Thus, all the activities in 2019-20 were undertaken with immense support from the management helped to improve the academic excellence of the college and students. I would like to place on record my heartfelt gratitude for the management, principal, faculty, non-teaching staff, hostel warden, hostel staff, parents and students for the smooth functioning of the hostel.
