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# HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

**HBC Cloud** 

# ACADEMIC YEAR

2019-20

### FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu is a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Governmentaided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.



# HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU HBC CLOUD- REPORT



**HBC CLOUD- A TREE PLANTATION DRIVE (16th October 2019)** 

Henry Baker College, Melukavu launched a tree plantation drive on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The

objective of the program was to generate awareness among the students and public about the

necessity of ecological balance of nature and environmental protection.

About the event

Educational institutions form the most suitable agency for creating and

developing environment awareness among children and the general public.

Environmental studies help to maintain ecological balance by providing a basic

operating knowledge of environment systems and processes. Protection of the

environment will be possible only if one has a concern for the environment in

our every action. This program will be an ability to emotionally understand the

surrounding world, with the ultimate objective of preserving them for future

generations thus, the event contains many phases. The primary aim of HBC

Cloud is to make the public aware of the formidable consequences of the

environmental degradation. Increasing population, urbanization and poverty

have generated pressure on the natural resources and lead to a degradation of the

environment. So, HBC CLOUD will be a greater initiative for the successful

protection of the environment.

**Event Highlight** 

Date of Launching: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Time: 8.30 Am to 4.00 Pm

Venue: Henry Baker College, Campus.

**Event Coordinator** 

Dennis Cherian

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#### **Objectives of the program**

- Building community spirit and unity for the protection of the environment.
- Encouraging the student's mental health and wellbeing. Thereby reducing stress and encouraging outdoor activities.
- Educates society about the benefits of planting trees and protecting nature.

#### **Event Outcome**

The team coordinators, students and representatives of the public actively participated in this great venture. They planted saplings, fenced and watered manually.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

1. Report on HBC Cloud- Second Phase of the programme commenced at Bishop's House (C.S.I East Kerala Diocese, Melukavumattom)

HBC CLOUD- A Tree Plantation Drive, the second phase of the programme was held in the premises of Bishop House, CSI East Kerala Diocese 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 at 8:45am. The student's representatives and Staff coordinators actively participated and planted various species of plants, some of them were Divi Divi, Ficus religiosa (Pipal) and Azadirachta indica (Neem). Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S explained about the provided trees and the importance of tree plantation. The Bishop Rt. Rev. V.S Francis (C.S.I East Kerala Diocese, Melukavumattom) gave a brief account on plants and its medicinal value. The programme was concluded with a photograph session with Bishop Rt.Rev. V.S Francis, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S (Principal), Rev. Liju Abraham, Prof. Justin Jose, Dr. Jincy Devasia, Prof. Dennis Cherian, Prof. George Thomas P.V and students.



## 2. Report on HBC Cloud- A Tree Plantation Drive at HBC Girls Hostel, Melukavumattom

In order to sensitize students towards the need to preserve our environment and ecology, HBC Cloud- A tree plantation drive planted sapling of Bullet-Wood tree around the premises of HBC Girls Hostel on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal of Henry Baker College Melukavu planted the saplings with Miss. Soosamma George (Hostel Warden, HBC Girls Hostel, Melukavu). Jennifer Carlose Hossanna, Prof. Sojan Thomas, Prof. Jithin Thomas, Prof. Dennis Cherian and Prof. George Thomas P.V delivered an outline of HBC Cloud and its importance in our college.



### 3. Report on HBC Cloud- A Tree Plantation Drive at C.S.I Christ Cathedral Melukavu.

HBC Cloud- A Tree Plantation Drive was taken with all seriousness to restore the ecological balance of nature .On 12th February 2020, Rev. Johny Joseph (Vicar, Christ Cathedral, Melukavu) and Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal (Henry Baker College, Melukavu) planted Red SandalWood sapling in front of CSI Christ Cathedral Church, Melukavu. Each step of the programme was well appreciated and promoted by the representatives of the administration and the local Self-government.



## **4.** A Report on the Tree Plantation Drive at the Industrial Training Institute Campus, Muttom

The ITI, Muttom has had a long-standing tradition of preservation of culture, its natural heritage including flora and fauna of the campus. In order to sensitize students

towards the need for preserving our environment and ecology, Ecological Protection Day has been celebrated in the ITI from time to time. As a part of Ecological Protection Day, trees were planted around the wide areas of ITI, Muttom on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. The saplings of Azadirachta indica (Neem), Noni and Miracle Fruit were handed over by Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal, Henry Baker College, Melukavu to Mr. Enose Sam John, Principal, Industrial Training Institute, Muttom along with Eco-friendly bags made by the students of Henry Baker College. The programme created a great stir among the general public too.



#### 5. Report on HBC CLOUD- Tree Plantation on C.M.S H. S Melukavu

On 10th March 2020, Henry Baker College, Melukavu organized a sapling planting event under the banner of HBC Cloud. The Representatives from both the institutions arrived at the school garden and Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal, Henry

Baker College, Melukavu handed over saplings to Smt. Mariyamma Thomas, Headmistress, C.M.S H. S Melukavu. HBC CLOUD had an epic strategy of the generation by providing three fruit plants to other institutions rather than ornamental trees. It will make students take care of its growing stage and will be attractive for them to watch fruit-eating birds around. All the teachers, non-teaching staff, and non-students were indulged in the process of plantation. Robin Ninanson, the student's coordinator gave a vote of thanks to the gathering.



#### 6. HBC Cloud- 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase- Massive Tree Saplings Distribution Programme.

Henry Baker College, Melukavu conceived a Massive Tree Planting Programme named HBC CLOUD with an aim to increase green cover and to mitigate the adverse effects of various environmental pollutants. Till now, HBC Cloud shared an incredible

journey driven by an overwhelming love for plants and trees. During the third phase of this programme, college representatives were given the saplings to the public people by visiting their houses. With the long vision of planting trees to prevent climate change, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal Henry Baker College, Melukavu. handed over saplings to Sir. Manoj T. Benjamin, Teacher, Government Higher Secondary School, Chathamattom.



7. HBC Cloud -4<sup>th</sup> Phase- (April-22, World Earth Day Celebration)- The students planted saplings in their own homes.

As a part of World Earth Day on April 22, Students of Henry Baker College planted a tree in their own houses. A good number of students, teachers and non-teaching staff participated in this programme which attracted public attention and got responses

from the media. HBC Cloud gave the message for every citizen to plant trees in their own backyard and other residential areas for sustaining life and helping the earth heal.



Get in the Mud: HBC Cloud, Home tree planting while in Lockdown.