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HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

Department of History

ACADEMIC
YEAR

2017-18

FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

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

HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU
POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
Department activities 2017-18

1. History Association Inauguration

History Association Inauguration of the academic year 2017-18 was conducted on 24th July 2017. The Meeting was presided over by Prof. Liza George, Principal -in - Charge. Dr. Beena Paul Head of the Department of History welcomed the gathering. Dr. Joseph Augustine MA, LL.M, Ph.D (Rtd. HoD, Newman College, Thodupuzha) inaugurated the meeting and lectured on the topic '**Kerala Coinage and Medieval Economy**'. Prof. Korah Jacob, Staff Secretary of the college felicitated the meeting. Arabhi Raju, Association Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. Eighty students attended the programme.



2. Commemoration of Quit India Day and Hiroshima Nagasaki Day

Postgraduate department of History commemorated 75th Quit India Day and 70th Hiroshima Nagasaki day on 9th October 2017. Staff and students of the department of history conducted a **Peace Rally** in the campus with lighted candles. The rally ended in front of the Principal's office, with a message by Dr. Beena Paul, HoD Postgraduate

Department of History. Students made a board with Sadako paper cranes and the banyan tree of the campus was decorated with Sadako cranes. The programme ended at 2.00pm.



3. Orientation for MA students

One day orientation programme for IMA students were arranged in the Seminar hall on 1st November 2017. Forenoon session was common for MA and M.Com students. In the afternoon session students were given an introduction to the programme and syllabus. Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S, Principal of the college, welcomed the students to the College. Dr. Antony Kallampally, HOD Commerce Department and Dr. Beena Paul, HOD History Department led the session.



4. Study Tour - MA History Students

MA students of the department conducted a study tour to North Kerala on 26th & 27th October 2017. A team consisting of 2 staff and 9 students visited historical sites like Beppur, Kappad, Chirangal, Lokanarkavu Temple Vadakara, Handicrafts Village, Mahi, Thalasseri Fort, Kannur Fort, Parassinikadu Temple and Bakel Fort. Major historical sites in North Kerala were visited by them. It provided a first-hand experience of the incredible historical landmarks of Kerala.



5. Regional Seminar - Last Sixty Years of Kerala: History and Culture

Department organised a one day regional seminar on **Researching Last Sixty Years of Kerala: Changing Methodologies** on 20th November 2017. The purpose was to have an overview of Kerala History and culture over the last sixty years. Rt. Rev.Dr. K.G. Daniel presided over the meeting. Dr. K. K. N. Kurup, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Calicut inaugurated the seminar and talked on **“Impact of Land Reforms on Kerala Society”**. In the afternoon session, Dr. K. S. Pradeepkumar, Deputy Director (Training) KIRTADS, Kozhikode talked on **Trajectories of Tribal Development** and Prof. T. M. Yesudasan, Asso. Prof. (Rtd.) CMS College Kottayam delivered a talk on **Sixty Years of Life on the Margins** respectively. There were altogether 119 participants.



Henry Baker College

Henry Baker College, ever since its inception in 1981, with the motto "From darkness into marvelous light", has been playing a leading role in the spread of modern education and quality education to disadvantaged young people living in Melukavu and surrounding areas of Kottayam and Idukki districts. The strength of the college lies on a blend of programmes in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences as well as the hard work of dedicated teachers.

Postgraduate Department of History

Established in 1995, the Department of History of the college has been contributing to the keep of the college vibrant with academic and non academic activities. It has always in the front of spreading the culture of critical inquiring spirit among students. Department also provides postgraduate course since 2014. The thrust of the department is on tribal studies and tribal development.



Researching Last Sixty Years of Kerala: Changing Methodologies

REGIONAL SEMINAR

Organized by

**POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU**



20 November 2017
Venue: College Auditorium

<u>20 November 2017</u>	
<u>Programme</u>	
Registration	9.30 - 10.00
Inaugural Session	10.00 - 11.15am
Prayer	
Welcome	: Dr. Beena Paul (HoD, Department of History)
Presidential address	: Rt. Rev. Dr. K. G. Daniel (Bishop, CSI East Kerala Diocese & College Manager)
Inauguration & Keynote address	: Dr. K. K. N Kurup (Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Calicut)
Principal's address	: Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S. (Principal)
Felicitation	: Rev. Dr. P. T. George (Treasurer, CSI East Kerala Diocese)
Vote of Thanks	: Dr. Nisha Joseph (Asst.Prof. Department of History)
Session 2	
11.30 - 1.00 pm	
Chair	: Prof. P. G. Haridas (Former Principal S.S.V. College, Valayanchirangara)
Presentations	: Dr. K.K.N Kurup <i>Impact of Land Reforms on Kerala Society</i>
1.00 pm - 1.45 pm	: Lunch break
Session 3	
1.45 - 4.00 pm	
Chair	: Prof. Korah Jacob (Asso.Prof. Department of Economics)
Presentations	: Dr. K. S. Pradeepkumar (Deputy Director (Training) KIRTADS, Kazhikode) <i>Trajectories of Tribal Development</i>
1.45 - 2.45 pm	: Prof. T. M. Yesudas (Asso. Prof. (Rtd.) CMS College Kottayam) <i>Sixty Years of Life on the Margins</i>
2.45 - 3.45 pm	
Valedictory Function	4.00 - 4.30 pm



6. Study Tour BA Final Year History Students.

The department conducted a study tour to Wayanad and Ootty from 14th to 17th November 2017 with 2 staff and 21 students. They visited historical spots such as Edackal caves, Jain temples and Pazhassi Memorial



7. Exhibition on Industrial Revolution

In order to comprehend the various facets of industrial revolution, a poster exhibition was organized by the department of history on 12th January 2018. All the innovations that led to the revolution and its description were exhibited. On the same day, a movie by Charlie Chaplain titled **Modern Times** was displayed. The initiative for the exhibition was taken by the final year BA students.



8. Annual Alumni Meeting

The Sixth Alumni meeting of the department was held on January 26, 2018 at 10.30 am. The meeting was presided over by Alumni Association President, Adv.V.P. Nazer and Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, Principal of the college addressed the gathering. Dr. Beena Paul, HOD History, Dr. Nisha Joseph, Asst. Professor and Shri. Krishnadas Chinnappan, were present in the meeting.



9. Workshop on Oral History Archiving

On 3rd February 2017, the department organised a **Workshop on Oral History Archiving**. The purpose of the seminar was to equip the students of the department to record and preserve the oral memories of the people in and around Melukavu. Along with this, the department started a new venture, **Henry Baker College Oral History Archives (HBCOHA)**. Dr. Sebastian Joseph, HOD, Dept. of History, U.C. College, Aluva and Smt. Manjusha K.A, Asst. Prof. School of Gandhian Thought & Development Studies, M. G. University, were the resource persons of the workshop. Twenty Eight students participated in the workshop.

The poster features a parchment-like background with a red border. At the top center is the logo of the Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu. Below the logo, the text reads: "Postgraduate Department of History Henry Baker College, Melukavu Organizes Workshop on Oral History Archiving". The resource persons listed are Dr. Sebastian Joseph (HoD History, U.C. College, Aluva) and Smt. Manjusha K.A (Ass.Prof., School of Gandhian Thought & Development Studies, MGU). The event is scheduled for 3rd February 2018 at 11.00 AM at the College Seminar Hall.

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ON
3RD FEBRUARY 2018 AT 11.00 AM
VENUE : COLLEGE SEMINAR HALL



10. Release of Historica Vol. VII.

Seventh Volume of *Historica*, a manuscript Magazine by the students of the department was released on **26th** March 2018. Volume titled **FENESTRA** is an eye-opener to the various social issues in India. Articles to the vol. are contributed by the students of the Department. The volume was released by Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S. Principal and it was handed over to Kum. Ancy K.B, I MA and Johny Guruswamy I BA, the winners of *Ente Malayam* Competition. 45 students participated in the programme.



11. Visit to Valpara Tribal Settlement

Annual visit of the tribal settlement was conducted on 21st April 2018. 2 Staff and 12 students of the Department visited, Valpara, an Urali Settlement in Idukki district. The intention of the visit was to have a better understanding of the Urali tribal culture and life and issues regarding their developmental needs. Students visited many *Kudis* and conducted interviews.


