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2016-17

Walk with a Scholar

ACADEMIC YEAR

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.

WWS REPORT 2016-17

Walk With A Scholar is a programme initiated by the New Intiatives wing of the Department of Higher Education, Kerala. The ultimate aim of the programme is to provide extra support and guidance to a selected cream of the student community of both government and aided colleges across the state. The programme was introduced in aided colleges in 2014-15. Henry Baker College, Melukavu has been participating in WWS since the introduction of the programme.

In 2016-17, Prof. Paul Mathews continued as the coordinator of WWS in the college. As per directions from the Department of Higher Education, the IQAC Coordinator Prof. Korah Jacob monitored the activities of WWS. The internal mentors for the final year batch were:

- 1. Dr. Antony Joseph
- 2. Dr. Beena Paul
- 3. Prof. Korah Jacob
- 4. Prof. Shinu Thomas P.
- 5. Ms. Anisha Sam Merin

The internal mentors for the second year batch were:

- 1. Prof. Dona Sebastian
- 2. Dr. Santo Jose
- 3. Prof. Justin Jose
- 4. Dr. Nisha Joseph
- 5. Ms. Athira R. Nair

As soon as the admission to the first year degree course was completed, applications were invited from interested first year students and the selection procedure was over by August. The internal mentors chosen for the first year batch were:

- 1. Prof. Liza George
- 2. Prof. Ansa Andrews
- 3. Prof. Ashly Mereena Mathew
- 4. Ms. Kabani R.
- 5. Ms. Rejina Mary Joseph

A staff meeting of the college decided to conduct internal mentoring sessions on every first Saturdays besides the noon break and other convenient times. Teachers began to meet their mentees in September.

WORKSHOPS

Prof. Paul Mathews attended a two day capacity building residential workshop for WWS coordinators at Loyola Extension Services, Loyola College of Social Sciences, TVM, on 02.12.2016 and 03.12.2016. Prof. Ansa Andrews and Prof. Ashly Mereena Mathew attended the cluster workshop for the internal mentors at Newman College, Thodupuzha on 20.01.2017.

STATE MOTIVATION CAMP

Mr. Franklin Sam Francis of II year B. A. English attended the state motivation camp FOCUS 2017 at Chaithanya Camp Centre, Thellakom from 20.01.2017 through 22.01.2017.

EXTERNAL MENTORING

Five external mentors were invited to the college in the academic year to motivate and guide our WWS mentees. They were:

- 1. Mr. Anish Mohan
- 2. Mr. Alexander s.
- 3. Mr. Saju Thomas
- 4. Mr. Jayadeva Varma
- 5. Mr. Jobin Joseph

Mr. Anish Mohan, a well known motivational speaker, came to our college to interact with our students on 04.02.2017. Later in this year he was awarded with Kerala State Youth Icon Award. Mr. Alexander S. is an assistant professor of English at Mangalam College of Engineering and a Language trainer. He took three sessions on Communication Skills on 07.01.2017. Mr. Jayadeva Varma, Grandson of renowned Malayalam poet Ambalapuzha Rama Varma, is a trainer of competitive exams. Mr. Varma gave our students an orientation towards the successful mastering of general awareness for various competitive exams. Those sessions were taken on 14.01.2017 forenoon. Mr. Saju Thomas, a retired hand from the central sector engaged the afternoon sessions on How to Crack PSC Exams. He shared his knowledge in the career options in central government sector. His expertise in the field was exploited by our students. Mr. Jins Joseph, career guidance expert of Trinity Academy, Athirampuzha, gave an outline of career opportunities in public sector on 21.01.2017 Saturday. Altogether we conducted fourteen sessions (hours) of external mentoring for our students. The photos of the same are given below:



Sri. Anish Mohan talking to our students.



Sri.Alexander S.



Sri. Jins Joseph



Sri. Jayadeva Varma

As per the guidelines from the Department of Higher Education, Walk With A Scholar Programme of 2016-17 came to an end by June 2017. Dr. Antony Joseph, one of the internal mentors, resigned from his duty as an internal mentor of WWS in January 2017 because of his busy schedule. So we completed the programme with fourteen internal mentors. All the internal mentors except Dr. Antony Joseph submitted their Activity Reports and received remuneration. Guest lecturers did the same in March 2017 itself. In total, we spent 105650.00 rupees and refunded the balance amount 136850.00 rupees. The audited statement of account, refund receipt, vouchers, receipts, list of students and internal mentors and activity report is being sent along with this report. I regret the fact that I couldn't settle the accounts and send the report on time mentioned by the Department. I take this opportunity to apologise for the inconvenience caused.

I would like to thank the Officer in charge and staff of the New Initiatives for their support and sacrifices. The internal mentors and the principals in charge who assumed the office in the absence of a permanent principal too played a crucial role in making the programme a success. I thank them too. And I thank the external mentors who received our invitation and shared their expertise to our students.

> Paul Mathews Coordinator

