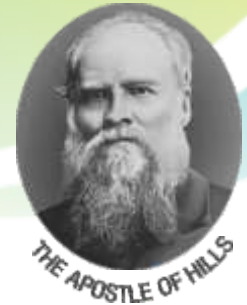




# CHRONICLE

A Calendar of events rippling down the memory lane  
**HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU**  
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## PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear colleagues, parents, students, alumni and well-wishers,

It gives me immense pleasure to pen a few words as prologue to our newsletter exclusively set as a chronicle of events happened in our college during the academic year 2017-18. When we take a stock of the campus activities of the forgoing year, it is gratifying to note that there were diverse value-added programs organized by the college in general and various sub-units and clubs in particular. I congratulate all the stakeholders for their invaluable support extended throughout the previous year in our race from better to the best.

Henry Baker College has been rendering yeoman service to the cause of Higher education for the past 37 years. A college established in 1981, named after CMS Missionary Rev. Henry Baker Jr, who is remembered as 'Apostle of the Hills', primarily to cater to the educational needs of the neglected sections of the society, has been instrumental in the social and cultural transformation of people in this part

of Kerala. We aim at holistic development of pupil to unleash their inherent potentials. Academic year 2017-18 was certainly a year of action and joy for all of us. Curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular activities in the campus were certainly enlightening and enriching.



There were myriad value added programmes conducted during the academic year by the Department of Commerce, History, Physics, and English. Notable personalities such as Sri. Kadakampally Surendran, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation, KM Mani MLA, Smt. Bijimol MLA, Dr KKN Kurup noted Historian and Former Vice Chancellor of Calicut University, Former Kerala Chief Secretary Gigi Thomson (IAS Rtd), Dronacharya Thomas KP, Transgender activist Sheethal Syam, musician Sooraj Kuruppu are some of the eminent



personalities visited the college for various programmes. Eminent academicians, trainers and researchers from outside campus led seminars and workshops organized in the campus. We were able to organize programs in partnership with ...

We made a big progress in the student's support and campus infrastructure. Efforts are taken to make Green Campus and to implement green protocol. Besides, campus beautification, various amenities were provided to students for their welfare. More ICT facilities, campus wi-fi, renovation of college canteen, CCTV coverage in the campus, modernization of computer lab, construction of air conditioned meeting hall 'Parlour', Gym facility etc were some of the added facilities.

Our college was recognized as a Continuing Education Centre of the Centre for Continuing Education Kerala (CCEK). During the year, a Folklore Club was started under Kerala State Folklore Academy. Many best practices were

introduced by various departments and clubs for the wholesome development of student's fraternity. Workshops, seminars, brainstorming discussions, invited lectures, camps, inter-collegiate competitions, 'campus to community' programs, extension activities, dialogue with celebrities are some of the programs organized by us.

My dear students, success is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent efforts. Walt Disney said "If you can dream it, you can do it". We aim at the all round development of students- intellectual, emotional, social and cultural. I remember with gratitude, the support and encouragement from all concerned in our march towards excellence.

This is only a small step towards a long journey. To achieve progress and to meet objectives we have to cross numerous milestones. This maiden issue of newsletter should inspire all of us for a new beginning enlightened with hope, confidence and faith in each other in the road ahead..... Happy Reading!





### **REV. HENRY BAKER JR.**

In 1848, Rev. Henry Baker Jr. came to Melukavu as the first CMS missionary to this area. The people from Melukavu who met him at Kottayam said, "You must know, we know nothing right. Will you teach us or not? We die like beasts and are buried like dogs! Ought you to neglect us? Cholera and fever carried off members of our family" (W.S. Hunt).

Rev. Henry Baker decided to move eastward and started the ministry of educating the people and bringing them out from the darkness of ignorance to the marvelous light of knowledge. Henry Baker College upholds this great vision and mission of liberation by educating the marginalized people.

## **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

Henry Baker College Melukavu, is a Christian Minority Educational Institution established, owned and administered by C.S.I East Kerala Diocese, registered as Henry Baker College Educational Society (Reg.No.K. 1056/99 dtd. 22-09-1999). The college is named after Rev. Henry Baker Jr., the pioneering CMS missionary.

### **OUR VISION**

To be a centre of higher education imparting qualitatively high, socially relevant and holistic education to all without discriminating anyone on the ground of caste, religion or gender.

### **MISSION**

To liberate young men and women from the darkness of ignorance to the dawn of knowledge and wisdom through value based education is our mission.

### **OUR MOTTO**

The motto of our college is "FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT". The college aims at imparting education so that people may be liberated from the darkness of ignorance to the dawn of knowledge.



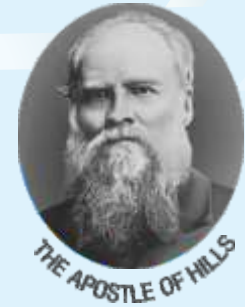
# Editorial

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural issue of our annual newsletter 2017-18. This is a harvest of the previous years' enterprises and a record of moments of hilarious jubilation. As we chronicle the year gone by, we dedicate this issue to the efforts of the Henry Baker Community in their pursuit of excellence in all fields, both curricular and extracurricular. A Venture of this nature would never have materialized, but for the good will and cooperation of our well wishers. This will be one of our main channels of communication with you and we hope that you will embrace it. We place on record our sincere gratitude to all those who helped us to make this venture a reality.

Thank You...  
With Best regards,  
Editorial Board-  
Dr Nisha Joseph  
Prof. Elizabeth Joseph



# BEYOND CURRICULUM- ON AND OFF THE CAMPUS



## Rev. Henry Baker (Jr.) Memorial Lecture

Rev. Henry Baker Memorial Lecture series of this academic Year was organized on 28th November 2017. The Chief Guest of the programme was Mr. Jiji Thomson Rtd. IAS officer and our former Chief Secretary of Government of Kerala. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Thomas George (Bishop Commissary). Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S, College Principal welcomed the gathering. The lecture was on "Challenges for Evangelization in the Modern Era". He commemorated the pioneering efforts of Rev. Henry Baker to free lower castes from a state of servitude and shame. He talked about the tremendous task that was undertaken by Rev. Henry Baker (Jr.). Overcoming all the obstacles he came here to revive the young generation and fine tune them to the education system. He took initiative in reviving the unsophisticated sects. Mr. Jiji Thomson focussed on the challenges for evangelization. Youth should take the responsibility in disseminating the gospel. They should be daring enough to take courageously the challenges of evangelization.

Special Address was given by Rev. Dr. P T George (Treasurer, East Kerala Diocese). Rev. Biju Joseph and Adv. Mathew Joseph offered felicitations. Prof. Justin Jose, Convener of the programme, proposed the vote of thanks.



Dr. G S Gireesh Kumar has 24 years of teaching and research experience in various colleges in Kerala. He passed M.Com with Distinction and First Rank from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, M.Phil with 'A' Grade and Ph.D from University of Kerala. He also holds MBA with specialization in Human Resource Management. He passed NET with JRF of University Grants commission in 1994. Dr. G S Gireesh Kumar had served as the Director (On Deputation), Centre for Continuing Education Kerala, an autonomous body established by the Government of Kerala under the Department of Higher Education. He also held the position of State Director of Kerala State Civil Service Academy, Institute of Fashion Technology Kerala, Institute of Career Studies and Research and Controller of Examinations, CCEK.

He has authored books on various subjects like Business Environment, Computer Awareness and Applications, Value Added Tax, Business Communication and MIS, India and Global Financial Crisis, Internet Banking published by (New Age International, New Delhi), Turnaround in

Indian Railways(Published by Lambard Academic Publications, Germany)etc. He produced 11 PhDs and 25 M.Phil Degrees under his supervision and guidance, presented papers in more than 100 national and international conferences and published more than 125 research papers in national and International journals of repute including Global Business Review, Decision (IIM C), International Journal of Management research, International Journal of Commerce, Business and researcher, Management Accountant, International Journal of Business Administration and Management, Asia Pacific Journal of Research, Indian Commerce Bulletin, Professional Banker, Journal of Bank Management, Journal of Social Welfare and Management, Insurance Chronicle, Southern Economist, Management Review etc. Under his leadership, CCEK made tremendous achievements and bagged Excellence Award for Best Training and Test Preparatory Institution from Emerging Kerala and DC Media. He has to his credit maximum number of UPSC Civil Servants (51) produced from Kerala State Civil Service Academy



during his tenure as the Director.

When Mahatma Gandhi University started Civil Service Institute, he was appointed as Academic Consultant. He is also elected member of the Principal Council of Kerala. He has been associated in varying capacities as Board of Studies Member, Examiner, Chairman of Board of Examiners, Question Paper Setter, Question Paper Scrutiny Board Member, Research Guide, PhD Adjudicator, Academic Counsellor, Visiting faculty, Resource person, Consultant etc with a number of Universities/Institutions like Mahatma Gandhi University, Madurai Kamaraj university, Kerala University, Bharathiar University, Christ University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Kerala Public Service Commission, ICSI, ICFAI, IGNOU etc. He is also consultant to a number of government/non-government agencies.

He is the State General Secretary to Commerce Association of Kerala and State Executive Committee member of the Kerala Chapter of the Indian Accounting Association. Besides, he is Associate Member of the All India Management Association, Kerala Management Association, Micro-finance Research Foundation, Research Guides Forum, Global Consortium of Researchers etc. He has completed a number of research projects funded by University Grants Commission. He is the chief Editor / Editorial Committee Member of ISSN Numbered national/international research journals including Science and

Society, Indian Journal of Multidisciplinary Research, Indian Commerce Bulletin, Journal of Social Welfare and Management, Vision, Research Scholar, Business Orient, African Journal of Business and Management, APC International Journal etc.

He is the recipient of Bishop Vayalil Memorial award for Excellence and Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund Award for University topper. He won Rajiv Gandhi Gold Medal Award and Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Medal from Global Economic Progress and Research Association. He has presented a large number of research papers in national and international seminars/conferences abroad. He bagged Best Paper Award in National conference on Innovations in Banking at Coimbatore, International Conference at Phuket, Thailand, International Conference at Goa, International Conference at Jaipur etc. Also received various awards for best contributions in teaching, research, extension and consultancy. He chaired sessions in the international conference held in Thailand, World Finance Conference at Beijing, China, International conference at Goa and many other national and state level conferences. Countries visited and Research Papers Presented/Chaired sessions: other than International Conferences in India, Thailand, Malaysia, China, Singapore and United States.



# Bienvenue Salve

A Hearty Welcome to the New Principal, Teachers & Administrative Staff

Henry Baker College community has been further strengthened by the joining of the new Principal and Faculty.

A Warm Welcome to You all...  
Congratulations and Best wishes for a wonderful start in your career....

*Any job requires lots of patience and determination to face obstacles at every point and we hope you start off your career on a bright note. It's all the things we do together and all the things that we can do what make our college special.*



Dr. Jincy Devsiya  
Dept. of Physics



Prof. Elizabeth Joseph  
Dept. of English



Jomon K Joseph



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**TOGETHER  
WE CAN BE ANYTHING.....**

And so the adventure begins.....We hope that you will work up to the best of your skills and potentials to take this College to a new height....May we have a great time together...



## Au Revoir -A Fond Farewell to Dr. Babu Joseph



**Bon Voyage .....**  
**as you set out for a new journey.....**  
**Happy sailing on new seas of opportunities....**

Autumn is the season when trees shed their leaves, to allow new ones to sprout in the spring. An autumn season ended this march in the Department of Commerce, when Dr. Babu Joseph retired, after a commendable service of 25 years in Henry Baker College.

What strikes first in our mind about him is his overt simplicity and humility. We remember Babu Sir as a soft spoken and gentle teacher who is quick in recognizing talent and ability in his students. As a teacher he is very sincere and conscientious and ready to deliver much dedicated service to the student community. Being a silent worker he never comes to the limelight refusing to accept credit even when it is due to him.

The services he has rendered to the institution are numerous and he will chiefly be remembered on account of them. He has co-authored six books in Commerce and Management. He also penned several articles in different National and local journals. An outstanding academician and a teacher par excellence Dr. Babu Joseph had a sterling career to feel proud of as he retires from the college.

Throughout his tenure, he was an outstanding tutor and committed to promoting excellence in the education sector. He has established his unique personality in this college. His disciplined and committed works makes him different. He had the ability to stay

composed, ie to remain calm in every situation. No doubt he is open minded, generous, modest, knowledgeable and highly respected teacher. The College has benefitted from his dedicated years of service. Thank you Sir, for everything you did for us. Thank You for your endless patience, motivation and persistence.

We wish you a smooth sailing ahead and a path full of joy. Our well wishes are always with you as you bow out of this institution spending meritorious years of service here. Happy Post Retirement Life...Hope you will enjoy directing your energies into your special interests other than teaching.

*“May you always have walls for the winds., a roof for the rain., tea beside the fire., laughter to cheer you., those you love near you., and all your heart might desire...”*

May God bless you with everything that is nice in life and bestow energy and peace of mind to discharge further duties and capacities in the ensuing years.



# EXCELLENCE DAY

An Excellence day was celebrated on 8th August 2017 to felicitate the young talents who have made the day possible through their immense contribution to the almamater. College PTA organizes an award ceremony annually to honour the toppers of all batches. The motive behind this is to encourage the students and to inculcate a competitive spirit amongst them. Thanks to the generous support from PTA. The meeting was commenced by a prayer service offered by Rev. P.K. Sebastian, Bursar of the College. Prof. Paul Mathews Welcomed the gathering to the auspicious moments of the day. Sri. M.P. Lipin Raj IRPS (Divisional Personal Officer, Madurai Division of Southern Railway) was the guest of honour. In the keynote address Sri. Lipin Raj pinpointed the fact that the key to success in life is not to get ahead of other people but to get ahead of ourselves. He congratulated the laureates of Henry Baker College for their outstanding achievements. Adv. V.N. Sasidharan, PTA president delivered the presidential address and appreciated the top scorers who became the pride of HBC.

Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. K.G. Daniel (Manager and Bishop of CSI East Kerala Diocese) made a short speech and blessed the gathering. Bishop appreciated all the teachers for their strong efforts and support in promoting the complex personal development of the young people and preparing them for a future career.

Following the benediction speech, Mementos were awarded to the Winners. The recipients include:

1. **Ms. Vidya Vijayan** (1st Rank B.Com)
2. **Ms. Aparna Merin Mathew** (5th Rank M.Com)
3. **Ms. Ragi K.R** (6th Rank M.A. History)
4. **Ms. Annie V.M** (Topper B.A. English)
5. **Mr. Ananthkrishnan M.** (Topper B. Sc Physics)
6. **Ms. Fathima K.M** (Topper B.A. History)
7. **Ms. Vinsha P Sam** (UGC NET Dec.2016)
8. **Ms. Ashita Soman** (Full A+ B.Com).

Prof. Liza George, the then Principal in Charge offered Felicitations and congratulated the students on their academic excellence. Ms. Annie V.M., Batch topper of B.A. English delivered a reply speech on behalf of the achievers. She expressed her whole hearted gratitude to the College and faculty for their guidance and support. The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Ajitha V.R.

# German Team Visit

A group comprising of scholars and students from Germany visited our campus on 17th January 2018. The staff and students gave them a warm welcome in the college courtyard. Strategies and challenges of Indian education system, Best practices prevalent in educational institutions in India and Germany.. these were the topics of discussion.

After the formal meeting they made a brief introduction and following this, they interacted with

the faculty and students of institution. Eminent scholars from diverse fields exchanged their ideologies with us. Following the interactive session, they exhibited their talents and entertained us by playing musical instruments like flute and Violin. The students were animated and became live after this concert. The college community responded positively in this session. They reiterated the strengthening of the ties with Henry Baker College and Albert-Schweitzer-Schule Alsfeld School.



# Winners Day Celebrations

Winners Day celebrations were conducted by the Department of Commerce on 27th July 2017 in order to appreciate the students for their outstanding performance in the university examinations. Smt. E.S Bijimol, MLA inaugurated the function, she appreciated the efforts taken by the staff and students for making the result a virtuous one. Rt. Rev. Dr. K.G Daniel, Bishop of East Kerala Diocese and Manager of the College presided over the function. The Bishop congratulated the students for their outstanding

triumph and appreciated the staff for their committed effort in shaping up a good result. Sri. Arjun Pandiyan IAS delivered the special address and congratulated the students for their remarkable results. He also advised them to maintain the same momentum throughout their academic journey. Mementoes were given to the winners; Miss. Vidhya Vijayan (First Rank B.Com), Miss. Ashitha Soman (Full A+ B.Com) Aparna Merin Mathew (Fifth Rank M.Com.), and Miss. Vinisha P Sam (UGC NET 2017).



Prizes were distributed by the dignitaries and they applauded the students for their splendid achievements. This event was a pride moment for our students and will surely be a motivation for their further studies.

# MILESTONES

## Regional Seminar: Last Sixty Years of Kerala: History and Culture

Department of History organized a one day regional seminar on **Last Sixty Years of Kerala: History and Culture** 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 Bishop of East Kerala Diocese and Manger of the College, 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". Dr. K. S. Pradeepkumar, Deputy Director (Training) KIRTADS, Kozhikode and Prof. T. M. Yesudasan, Asso. Prof. (Rtd.) CMS College Kottayam led the afternoon session. They talked on **Gothra Janatha Charithram Samskaram: Innu Innale and Sixty Years of Life on the Margins** respectively.

## Co-operative Meet -2017-2018

A Co-operative Meet was arranged by the commerce department on 15th January 2018. Sri. Kadakampally Surendren, Hon. Minister for Co-operation and Tourism, was the Chief guest of the day. The meeting was presided over by Sri.KM Mani, MLA, a veteran politician and former state Finance Minister. Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., principal of the institution welcomed the dignitaries on the Dias. Alumni of the department working in the co-operative sectors, especially in Co-operative Banks and Departments assembled together for the meeting. Currently more than 100 of our former students are employed in the co-operative sectors. Eminent personalities in the co-operative sectors were appreciated for their commendable achievements in the

field. The meeting concluded with an agreement to strengthen cooperation in various sectors. Following the formal meeting cultural programmes were arranged in the afternoon session that turned out to be a visual treat for the viewers.



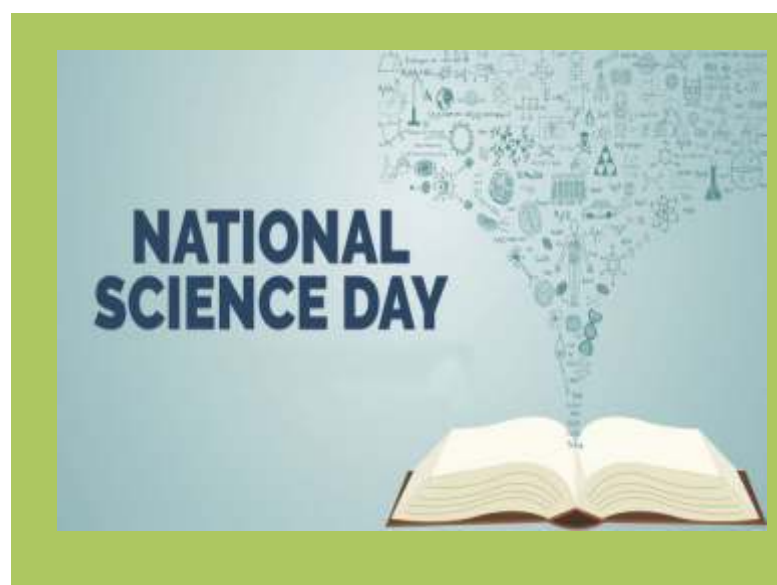
## Workshop on Oral History Archiving

On 3rd February 2017, department of History organized 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. This was a new endeavour. 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.



## National Science Day

National Science Day was celebrated on 28th February 2018. The celebrations were inaugurated by Professor T. N. Thankachen, Department of Electrical and Electronics, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology, Kottayam. Highlight of the programme was a Science lecture by the chief guest on 'Science in Ancient India- Myth & Reality'. Various competitions were held such as poster exhibition, science quiz competition and demonstration of physics experiments to higher secondary students.



# TIDINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

## Department of Commerce

To meet the challenges of emerging scenario in the 21st century and to optimally exploit the new opportunities in the field of commerce the department of commerce organized myriads of programmes during the academic year 2017-2018.

### Explore 2017

A Two Day Enrichment Programme for +2 Commerce Students was held on 26th & 27th October 2017. The meeting was inaugurated by Sri. Abin M. Abraham (General Manager, Meenichil East Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.). The main purpose of the programme was to equip the Higher Secondary Commerce students to explore the new areas in commerce. The Programme offered training for more than sixty five participants, from different Higher Secondary Schools. Rev. Dr P.T George, College Bursar presided over the valedictory session and gave away the certificates for the participants. Dr. Santo Jose, Co-ordinator of the programme proposed the vote of thanks.



## Department of English

### Expert Lecture

The second lecture of the Expert Lecture Series, which began in 2016, was conducted on 14 December 2017. Sri. Subin Varghese, Assistant Professor, Research and Postgraduate Department of English, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad, and Member, the Board of Studies (U. G) in English, Mahatma Gandhi University, was the speaker. The topic of the lecture was "Eclectic Reading: Author, Reader, Text and Context in Question." The programme began at 10. 30am at the Seminar Hall. Following the welcome speech and introduction of the speaker, the Principal Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S. made a brief



address of felicitation. The lecture began at 10.45 and ended at 12 noon. It was followed by an interactive session where the queries made by the students led to brief explanations by the speaker and comments from the audience. The discussion came to a close by 12. 30pm. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Sri Paul Mathews, Assistant Professor of the Dept. of English. Smt. Dona Sebastian, Associate Professor of the Dept. of English presented the speaker a memento as a token of our love and gratitude.

## Department of History

### 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 and Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History welcomed the gathering. Dr. Joseph Augustine MA, LLM, Ph.D (Rtd. HoD, Newman College, Thodupuzha) inaugurated the meeting and delivered a talk on 'Kerala Coinage and Medieval Economy'. Prof. Korah Jacob, Staff Secretary of the college offered felicitations in the meeting. Miss. Arabhi Raju, History Association Secretary, proposed vote of thanks. This session enriched the perception of students in the specific topic.

### Commemoration of Quit India Day and Hiroshima Nagasaki Day

Postgraduate Department of History observed 75th Quit India Day and 70th Hiroshima Nagasaki day on 9th October 2017. A Peace Rally in the campus with lighted candles was held in the campus. Students made a board with Sadako paper cranes and the banyan tree of the campus was decorated with Sadako cranes. The staff and students of the department volunteered the event and thereby extended their solidarity to the victims of that brutal massacre.





### 3. Inauguration of Reading Club

Reading maketh a full man said Francis Bacon. Reading nourishes the intellect and nurtures the imagination. By reading one is able to fill the mind with knowledge pertaining to a variety of topics. So the department offers a platform for the students to enlarge their reading spectrum.

Reading Club inauguration of the academic year 2017-18 was held on 13th October 2017, at 1.10 pm. The meeting was commenced with a prayer. Association secretary Arabhi Raju, welcomed the gathering. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Beena Paul, Head of the Department of History. Dr. Gireesh Kumar.G.S , Principal of the college inaugurated the reading club and delivered the Keynote address. Smt. Elizabeth Joseph, Assi. Prof., Department of English delivered a talk on Cyber writing and Creativity. The talk emphasised the need for creating a cyberspace to voice out our opinions on social issues. Awareness was created on the benefits of blogs. Aravind Shaji, I BA History, proposed vote of thanks. The meeting ended at 2.00pm. Forty students participated in the meeting.

### 4. Reading Club- Book Review Meetings.

1. First book –review meeting of this academic year was held on 8th December 2017 at 3.30 pm. Kum. Ancy K.B., I MA History reviewed the work Aammara theyum Marannu Marannu Njan by K.R.

Meera. Fifty students attended the meeting.

2. Second book review presentation was held on 18th December 2017 at 3.30pm. Review was made by Kum.Asha Venu, IMA on M.T.Vasudevan Nair's Nalukettu. Fifty three students attended the meeting.

3. Kum. Asya Nizar presented the book review of Thendivargham by Thakazhi Sivasankarapilla. The meeting was held at 3.30 on 5th January 2018.Thirty nine students attended the programme.

4. The fourth meeting was held on 1st February 2018 at 3.30 pm. Kum. Mary Angel, IMA presented the review on Aham- Vihanga by Dr. Thomas Abraham. The book is a translation of Jonathan Livingstone Seagull by Richard Bagh. Fifteen students attended the Meeting.

5. The fifth book review meeting was held on 23rd March 2018 at 3.30 pm. Kum. Chinju George, IMA presented the review on Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. Seventeen students attended the Meeting.

The reviews were quite interesting and instructive.It captured the attention of students and provided an insight to them.

### 5. Study Tour MA History Students

A study tour was organized on 26th & 27th October 2017 for the MA students of the department. A team of

9 students accompanied by 2 teachers embarked on a study tour as per the curriculum. It was an exposure trip to places of educational and historical importance. They visited historical sites including Beppur, Kappad, Chirangal, Lokanarkavu Temple Vadamkara, Handicrafts Village, Mahi, Thalasseri Fort, Kannur Fort, Parassinikadu Temple and Bakel Fort. It was an exciting and rewarding journey for all.

#### **6. Regional Seminar - Last Sixty Years of Kerala: History and Culture**

The Department organised a one day regional seminar on Last Sixty Years of Kerala: History and Culture on 20th November 2017. The seminar overviewed 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 delivered a lecture on "Impact of Land Reforms on Kerala Society". Afternoon sessions were led by Dr. K. S. Pradeepkumar, Deputy Director (Training) KIRTADS, Kozhikode and Prof. T. M. Yesudasan, Asso. Prof. (Rtd.) CMS College Kottayam. Lectures were delivered by them on the topic Sixty Years of Life on the Margins. There were altogether 119 participants and the seminar was a great success.

#### **7. Study Tour BA Final Year History Students**

A study tour was conducted to the Final year degree students. There were 21 students and 2 teachers went to Wayanad and Ooty from 14th to 17th November 2017. They visited Historical places like Edackal caves, Jain temples and Pazhassi memorial. It was an enjoyable and enriching experience. The trip offered opportunities that facilitated learning.

#### **Annual Alumni Meeting**

The Sixth Alumni meeting of the department was held on January 26, 2018. The meeting was presided over by Adv. V.P. Nazer, Alumni Association President, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G. S., Principal of the college addressed the gathering.



*Release of Historical*

### **FENESTRA**

*Seventh Volume of Historica, a manuscript Magazine by the students of the department was released on 26th March 2018. Volume entitled FENESTRA is an eye-opener to the various social issues in India. Articles to the volume 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 Malayalam Competition.*



### **Visit to Valppara Tribal Settlement**

Annual visit to the tribal settlement was conducted on 21st April 2018. Staff and students of the Department visited Valpara, an Urali Settlement at Vannapuram Grama Panchayath, Idukki district. The intention of the visit was to have a better understanding of the Urali tribes and their developmental issues. Students visited many Kudis and conducted

interviews. The visit provided an opportunity to live, talk and walk with the traditional owners of the settlement and experience their culture. The trip explored the unseen and unheard facets of indigenous people of that locality. The visit was exhilarating and it explored the authentic and raw culture of the place.

### **Extension Lecture**

Fourth extension lecture of the department was held on 14th May 2018. Dr. Bibin Kuriakose, Asst. Professor, Marthoma College for Women, Perumbavoor delivered the lecture on Evangelical Ethnography and the question of Religion in Kerala. Dr. Gireesh Kumar .G.S, Principal of the college presided over the meeting. Thirty Six students and five teachers participated in the meeting.



## **Department of Physics**

### **Association Inauguration and Invited lecture**

The Inauguration of the activities of Physics Association was held by Dr. Joe Jacob, Associate Professor,

Department of Physics, Newman College, Thodupuzha on 8th November. Principal Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S presided over the function. Dr. Joe Jacob delivered a talk on 'Hierarchical

## Department of English

structures in the Universe'. The session was factual and highly informative.



### Industrial Visit

An industrial visit was carried out by the Department to Indian Space Research Organisation, Thumba on 8th December 2017. The students were accompanied by three teachers. This visit promoted scientific taste among the students and helped them to explore infinity of new possibilities in the area of research.

### 'Curios'

A presentation series was organised by the Department on Recent Advances in Physics. It was conducted on 14th December 2017 at Physics Lab. Final year students took initiative in organizing the first serial presentation of Curios.



### 'Curios-2'

Curios second was organised and presented effectively by II year students on 15th February 2018. It was on the t o p i c Gravitational Waves. Forty five students participated in b o t h t h e presentations.



### Super Blue Blood Moon

An awareness programme on Super Blue Blood Moon was held in the college seminar hall on 31st January 2018. An oration on Blue Blood Super Moon by Professor Liza George, Head of the Department of Physics, launched the obscurity with regard to these phenomena



## HB Nature Club

*The nature club has restarted its functioning for the year with a meeting of the general body on 5th July 2017. The meeting was presided over by the coordinator Prof. Paul Mathews. The meeting sustained Ms. Amala Maria George (IIBA English) as the student secretary of the club. Mr. Amal Sam Zen (IIBA English) was elected as the joint secretary.*

### The Kirby Garden and the Bench

Members of the nature club volunteered to assist the gardening experts from outside to replant and reorganize the Kirby Garden. The Kirby Garden is constructed in memory of our patron saint Rev. Henry Baker Jr., since his ancestors were from Kirby, England. A beautiful bench too had been constructed



### Nature-walk at Thommankuthu Forest

On 11th January 2018, Nature Club conducted a one-day Nature-walk in Thommankuth forest area. The programme was sponsored and organised by the Kothamangalm Division of the Department of Forest and Wildlife, Kerala. After trekking along the Thommankuthu River for four kilometres, the students cleaned the walkway in the ecotourism area.



### Into the wild: Intercollegiate Nature Photography Contest

The club conducted an intercollegiate nature photography contest on 25th January, 2018. Twenty participants from various colleges participated in the contest. The theme of the contest was 'Seasonal Change in Leaves'. Abijith Biju, St. George College, Aruvithura won the first prize (Rs. 5000); Abhishek S.T., St. Joseph's College, Changanacherry won the second prize (Rs. 3000); and Geo Thomas, St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom won the third prize (Rs. 2000). Mr. Aby Lizy Abraham, research scholar in the department of English and Comparative literature, CUK, Prof. Akhlnath K.S., assistant Professor of Media Studies, SIAS, Malappuram, and Prof. Korah Jacob, Assistant Professor of

Economics, Henry Baker College, Melukavu were the judges of the contest. Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S. distributed the prizes on the same day.



First Prize



Second Prize



Third Prize



# Women's Day Celebrations

## *Nainika*

The Women's Cell of Henry Baker College started the programmes of 2017-2018 with a meeting in the seminar hall, at 1.25pm, on 4th August 2017. Miss Ashmin VS and Miss Vasundhara KV were elected as the President and Secretary respectively. At the behest of the new Principal, Dr. Gireesh Kumar G.S., a meeting was held to discuss with girls students on their immediate needs and necessities in the college. The discussion opened up a platform for the students to voice their grievances and needs. On Keralappiravi Day, in association with the College Union, Nainika conducted a Megathiruvathira. In this spectacular event, 62 girls of our college participated.



As cyber crime has become the order of the day, Nainika conducted a seminar on Cybercrime and the pitfalls on the 7th December 2017 in the college auditorium. A group of four members from Kairos, Thodupuzha conducted the seminar. Jacob Mathew led the very informative and eye-opening lecture. All the students, both girls and boys participated in this programme.



## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME



### Jaivam 2017



As part of our NSS activities, college organized three day and seven day camps respectively. The three day NSS Orientation camp was held from 18th to 20th August 2017.

Seven day camp was held from August 31st to September 6th 2017; around hundred students attended the camp. Theme of the programme was "JAIVAM 2017", which is specially meant for making awareness about organic farming among the people of Kottayam district.

- Prof. Joseph Thomas, former head of the department of Mathematics, visited the camp and took classes on "Organic Farming and sustainable Development"
- Adv. Micheal, member of the Jaiva Karshakasamithy, visited the camp and interacted with the students and delivered a lecture on "Jaivakrishiude Avasyakatha Oru Avalokanam."
- Prof. Tomichen Joseph, Syndicate member and Prof. Joji Alex, Senate member Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam visited the camp, interacted with the students on their survey experiences.
- Anurag K. R., Melukavu Gramapanchayth Member, visited the camp and talked to the students on "Jaiva Jeevanamvum Ayurvedavum."
- Jaiva Krashakasamithy member Mr. Baby, Mr. Joy and some of the active members of the Samithy visited the camp.

Melukavu Gramapanchayth President, Kum. Sheebamol Joseph formally inaugurated the closing ceremony of the seven day camp and all the Seven Ward Members of the Gramapanchayth delivered felicitations.

### *Swachathahi Sevaadin*

October 2nd 2017 was observed as Swachathahi Sevaadin and around hundred and fifty students and twenty teachers attended the programme. We took an oath which assured that we would keep our public places and institutions clean and tidy. On this day we cleared the premises of our college and planted new saplings.



## "GRAMAVEEDHIYIL"

### HENRY BAKER COLLEGE & RIT, PAMPADY JOINT NSS CAMP

NSS volunteers of Henry Baker College, Melukavu and RIT Pampady jointly conducted a regional camp of both NSS units. Students from our college and hundred and twenty students from RIT Pampady did many activities including cleaning of Public Health Center, Edamaruk and arranged provisional materials for the house construction. It was a glorious moment for us.







# Youth Red Cross

The Meeting of the YRC was held on 3-1-2018. The meeting was presided over by the YRC director Dr. Beena Paul. Sumi K.S of III B.com welcomed the gathering. Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S, Principal, Henry Baker College delivered the key note address. Co-Director Dr. Jincy Devasia, Asst. Professor, Department of Physics felicitated the meeting. Jithin Johnson of I B.com proposed Vote of Thanks. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the activities of Youth Red Cross to first year students. The meeting ended at 4.00 pm. Decisions were made to visit Visrandhinilayam on 4-1-2018 and an executive meeting on 5-1-2018 at 3.30 pm.

## Programmes

- YRC visited Visrandhinilayam, a nearby old age home on 4-1-2018. The purpose of the visit was to celebrate New Year along with the inmates of the

old age home. 20 YRC volunteers visited the old age home, cut the cake and sang songs for them. YRC also contributed Rs. 2000 to Visrandhi Nilayam. Dr. Beena Paul and Dr. Jincy Devasia accompanied the students in their visit.

- A meeting to welcome 1st year students who joined the YRC was held on 9/1/18. The meeting welcomed the 1st years to the HBC YRC unit. The meeting was presided over by the Director Dr. Beena Paul.

- As part of extension activities YRC decided to collect unused but good dresses, soaps, pastes, pen etc from the students and to hand over the materials to the MDCMS High school boarding, where the inmates need help and support. YRC also decided to hand over the materials by the third week of February. 42 students attended the meeting.

## Malayala Samajam

The activities of Malayala Samajam of the Department of Malayalam successfully came to an end with a cluster of programmes. The activities were officially inaugurated by Principal Dr. Gireeshkumar G.S. on Nov.2 2017. Dr. Disha V.J offered felicitations.





The Samajam organized Vaikhari, a Poster Writing Competition and commemoration of the literary contributions of Vayalar Ramavarma, Punathil Kunjabdullah, I.V Sasi and V.C. Harris. Members of the Samajam made efforts to familiarize these personalities. Final Year B.Com Students won I Prize in the Competition. Dr. Beena Paul addressed the gathering and rendered homage to the great masters in Art and Literature. She appreciated the ventures undertaken by the Samajam.

In association with the Mathrudivas, Samajam conducted various literal competitions like Story Writing, Versification, Essay Writing etc... To augment the creativity and to ignite the literal talents among the students, the Samajam took initiative in publishing a magazine titled Ezhuthola. On March 26 the magazine was



officially released by the Principal and handed over to the student Secretary Kumari Shilpa Santhosh of I year B.Com. It was a commendable effort from the part of Samajam.

**ED CLUB**  
Henry Baker College  
Reg.No.-: EDC/KTM/16

The activities of ED Club was under the guidance of Professor Justin Jose. The club was set up in the college to nurture the talents of youth by encouraging them on various aspects of industrial activities. Motto of the club is to enhance the entrepreneurial abilities of the students. Two programmes were conducted in this academic year.



In association with the Taluk Industrial Centre the club organized a Skill Development Programme and an Entrepreneurship development Programme only for girl students. More than 50 members participated in the event. Both the programme ended up successfully. The skills that are required to run a business successfully can be developed through this programme.

# From the tracks

## SPORTS PROFILE



Sports have never been a priority at Henry Baker College in the Past years. Although the college, through its chess players, has accomplished some laurels in the past, no major part was played by sports in the history of Henry Baker College. There was a turn around this year as Dr. Gireesh Kumar GS, who took over as principal,

has given immense support to sports. Though there is no physical education teacher at present, Korah Jacob of Economics department was given charge of sports.

The first event was the "one million goal Programme" initiated by Kerala government to promote the FIFA under seventeen world cup football which is to be held in India. The event was on 27th October.



Around 80 students and teachers participated in this programme.

The college annual sports were held on December 11th and 12th. Dronacharya K P Thomasmash inaugurated the annual sports and received the salute. The entire student community participated in the march Past.



Although there were limited

participants for track and field events, it kindled the interest in the minds of students for sports. The Games were held on 12th December. The students were enthusiastic to participate in the games. Dr Santo Jose of commerce department coordinated the track and field and games. It was a great awakening for teachers and students as for the past years there were no sports activities in the college.



The college in association with Melukavu Grama Panchayath conducted a seven's football tournament during the Christmas holidays.



# AIACHE meeting

Meeting of the All India Christian Higher Education organisation for the academic year 2017-2018 was held at Christ College, Bangalore on 29th January 2018. AIACHE aims at improving the quality of higher education in Christian institution. An annual get-together of members of institutions at national level was organised on the same day. Discussions were carried out on the challenges faced by the minority institutions and the means to overcome these hurdles in the changing scenario. The meeting analysed the pros and cons of current educational system. The meeting recapitulated the necessity of protecting minority rights in higher education.



*Congratulations*



**Prof. Korah Jacob**  
[Dept. of Economics,  
Member Board of studies]



**Dr. Nisha Joseph**  
[Dept. of History,  
Member Board of studies]

# COLLEGE UNION

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College Union elections were successfully held as per the guidance issued by the university. The office bearers who took charge were EbinJoseph-Chairman, Athira KS-Vice Chairman, Abin Antony- UUC, Jelitta Babu- Arts Club Secretary, Vishak Raju- Editor, Febin Asiya Vandhara KV, Midhun Chandrababu, Arabhi Raju and Krishnaraj (Class Representatives).

The College Union inaugurations were conducted on 10th October 2017 by University Union Chairman Mr. Arun KA. In his address he focused the duties and responsibilities of Union in fulfilling the hope and aspirations of students.

Renowned transgender activist Sheethal Syam was the chief guest of the day. She inaugurated the activities of College Arts Club on the same day. She gave an account of the troubled life led by transgenders. Sheethal also expressed her happiness for the fact that currently Kerala is moving forward with renowned thoughts and hence Transgender rights are promoted to a great extend.

Lali-Gala 2017, College Day was organized under the auspices of Union. It was celebrated with a lot of pomp and grandeur. Union took the leadership to conduct Annual Sports meet and Arts fest. Sports meet was organized on 11th and 12th of December. It was inaugurated by Dronacharya Sri. K.P.Thomasmash. it was a spectacular event which witnessed student participation in all track and field events. Arts fest was conducted on 13th December. It displayed a spirit of fair sportsmanship and zeal amongst the students.



# ARTS FEST

It ensured maximum participation from every student. Cultural events showcased the talents of our students in various competitions. Young energetic talents took the stage and delivered a host of performances.



## SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

Around hundred students put their signature and joined in solidarity to protest against the violence against women which is a crucial issue in the contemporary Indian society.

Keralapiravi celebrations were organized by the Union with a mega thiruvathira in which 52 of the graceful dances performed exceptionally.

## Parent Teacher Association [PTA]

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of the College provides a remarkable support to the activities of the institution. PTA assists the overall development of students by extending financial and other supports to the curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities of students.

A dedicated Parent Teacher Association with Adv. V.N. Sasidharan and Dr. Santo Jose as the President and Secretary functioned effectively during the academic year 17-18. Prof. Ajitha V.R and Prof. Paul Mathews served as the conveners of the PTA. PTA executive committee comprises of parent representatives from each class and department heads who provide valuable support and suggestions to the

staff council for planning and implementing the programmes.

PTA arranged a Welcome function and an orientation class to the first year students and their parents on the day of commencement of the first year classes.

In order to ensure better participation of parents, students, and teachers, PTA suggested the idea of convening class wise PTA meetings once in a semester immediately after the Terminal /Model examination instead of general meetings. Parent -Teacher -Student Meet is conducted individually to evaluate their performance and monitoring.

Excellence Day is celebrated every year under the auspices of PTA to congratulate the toppers of final year classes and teachers with special achievements. This year Excellence day was celebrated on 7th August 2017 and Sri. Lipin Raj IRPS was the Chief Guest.

The 2017-18 academic year was a fruitful and positive year for PTA. We had remarkable progress and we were able to streamline our operations such as Executive Committee meetings, General Meetings and Orientation programmes which paved a way for the development of the Institution.

## Reaping Laurels



*Secured 1 prize in Intercollegiate Quiz Competition*

**Intercollegiate  
Weight Lifting Championship**

Mr. Riyas A A of commerce department received a bronze medal in Mahatma Gandhi university weight lifting championship held at Maharajas college on 29th November 2018.



**Prizes**

1. Second Prize in the Intercollegiate Photography Contest at BCM College Kottayam
2. Second Prize in the Intercollegiate Photography Contest organised by the Department of Commerce (Self Financing) at CMS College, Kottayam.
3. Second Prize in the Intercollegiate Photography Contest conducted at Newman College, Thodupuzha.



*Albin CJ*

**Governing Body  
Members**



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[Manager]



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