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HENRY BAKER COLLEGE MELUKAVU

Women Cell

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

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.

WOMEN CELL HENRY BAKER COLLEGE, MELUKAVU

Coordinators

Dr. Disha V. J. Associate Professor in Chemistry Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph Assistant Professor in English

"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see the beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead."

----Louisa May Alcott.

The Women Cell (Avnika) of Henry Baker College, Melukavu is committed to enrich a conducive environment for girl students by empowering them.

Motto

Educate, Respect, Empower and Honour women to bring in a developmental revolution for an enlightened future.

Vision

The Cell visualizes a world where women are clothed in strength, dignity, equality and self-confidence so that they could lead a life without fear of the future.

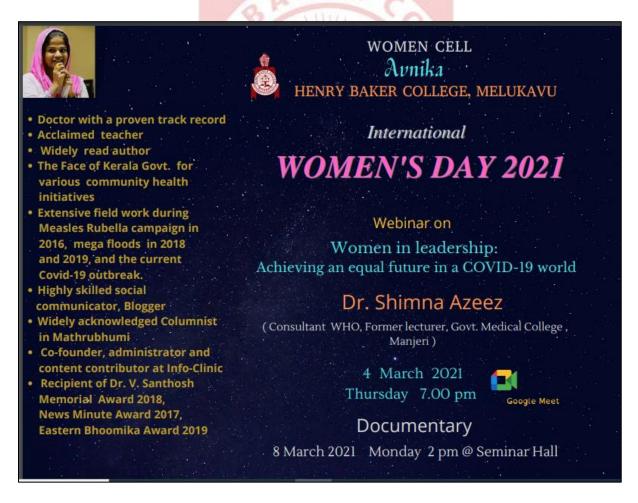
Mission

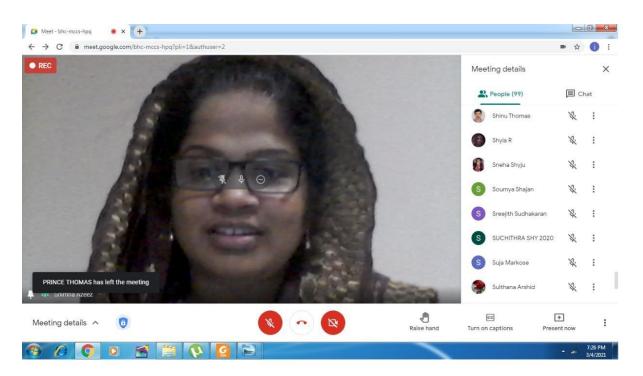
- The Cell celebrates the elegance of womanhood by enhancing self-esteem and self-confidence of girl students, women faculty and staff in the college.
- Proclaims intellectual and social upliftment of women students so that they can live and work in an environment free from violence and discrimination.
- Promotes women empowerment in all spheres of life through awareness programmes .
- Strives to create a better and just society by empowering women.
- Ensures the safety of womanhood and supports them to explore their potential to the fullest.

Report of the Activities of Women Cell (Avnika) for the Year 2020-2021

I. Webinar on 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world.

The Cell embarked its journey for the academic year 2020-21 with a Webinar on 4/3/2020. Dr.Shimna Azeez, Consultant WHO and Former Lecturer, Govt. Medical College, Manjeri was the resource person. She expressed her views on the topic *Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world*. The talk also focused on women, achieving sustainable development, peace, security and full respect for human rights. The session was highly interesting and informative. The students actively interacted with the resource person through the online platform, Google Meet. The talk was really impressive as the resource person deciphered the topic simply and precisely. The event witnessed a grand success with the presence of cent percent spectators.







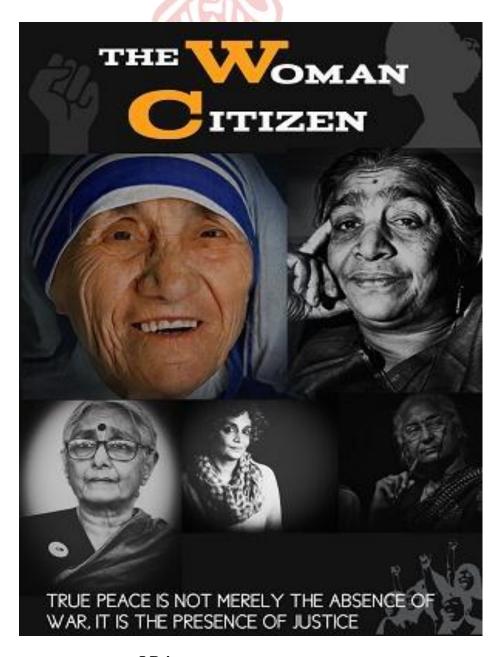
II. Online Contests

As part of the International Women's Day Celebrations, the Cell organized an array of online contests. Participation was opened to all students. Students actively participated in the competitions and won prizes. It was actually a relief for many of the students from the stress and strain they faced during this pandemic period. The contests unleashed creativity and enthusiasm among the students.



1. Papiro (Poster Making Competition)

Papiro was a tribute to the women leaders who voiced out their views and made a revolutionary change in the society. *Women as Social Reformers* was the theme. Students designed eye-catchy and informative posters based on the theme. Adikiran Johny (I B. Sc. Physics) won the first prize.



I Prize

2. Delineare (Pencil Drawing Competition)

Delineare intended to enhance self esteem and confidence among girl students. The theme of the competition was *Every Woman is Beautiful*. Every woman is amazing in her own way. Real beauty comes from inside. It is the strength of the character, the progressiveness of thoughts, concern for humanity, self esteem and love that create the exact beauty. The competition motivated the students to think over the fact that the real beauty that a woman holds inside the heart will never fade. Adikiran Johny (I B. Sc. Physics) secured the first prize and Bibin Tomy (I B. A. English) secured the second prize.



I Prize II Prize

3. *Jingles* (Versification Competition)

The students were encouraged to creatively express their ideas through short poems of not more than five lines. They were free to use either English or Malayalam as a medium to share their perspectives. Prizes were given for both English and Malayalam versification. *Suffering in Silence* was the topic given. The students were able to realize the hidden potential in them and they were aware of the fact that they should react against abuse instead of remaining as a silent sufferer. The following students bagged first and second prizes in the competition.

Versification Competition (English)

I Prize: Ajisha George, II B. A. English

Versification Competition (Malayalam)

I Prize: Laya Maria Lal, II B. A. English

II Prize: Amina Kabeer, II B. A. English

4. Illumina (PowerPoint Presentation Competition)

A PowerPoint Competition was conducted in the online mode. *Women in Leadership* was the theme. Students prepared slides which reflected the progress made by women in all spheres of life. The event celebrated the contributions of women in our society during the past and the present. Albert Jacob, II B. Com. (Co-operation) won the first prize and Sultana Arshid, I M. A History won the second prize.

III. International Women's Day Celebrations

Women are the real architects of society...

International Women's Day was celebrated with much gusto in our college. On the occasion various events were conducted by the Cell in order to acknowledge, appreciate and honour the most powerful gender with a plethora of attributes.



A grand celebration was organized by the Women Cell to mark the International Women's Day on March 8, 2021, in the seminar hall. The programme started with a silent prayer. The inaugural note was delivered by our Principal Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar. He accented the importance of the day by highlighting the necessity of women empowerment in the current

scenario. He emphasised the fact that girl students should be career conscious and economically independent. They must raise their voice against all sorts of assaults against them. Women cell coordinator, Elizabeth Joseph delivered the welcome speech and pointed out the need to honour and respect women for a gender-balanced future. Prior to Women's Day the Cell conducted lots of competitions and Sultana Arshid of I M. A. History won the second prize in the PowerPoint competition. She was selected to present the PPT on the occasion. The limelight was on the tireless activities of women who worked extraordinarily in their fields. A short film entitled 'Women's Day' was displayed in the seminar hall. The short film explored various nuances of unequal relationships where the women frequently lose identity to keep peace in a marriage. It created a sensation that a woman is powerful and should be aware of her potential by taking charge of her life instead of being a doormat. A Personality Contest was also conducted and Sultana Arshid (I M. A.) was selected as the Princess of the day. Abitha Babu (II B.A. English) and Athira Sabu (I M. A. History) were the Runner-ups of the contest. Principal Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar gave away the prizes of the online contests. Candies were also distributed for refreshment. The programme winded up with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Laya Mariya Lal (II B. A. English). The Celebration brought fun, happiness, entertainment, awakening and a sense of unity among all. 65 students participated in the programme.

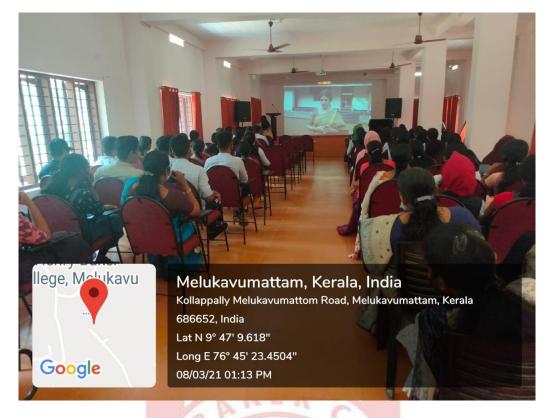


Keynote address by Principal, Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar



Welcome speech by Women cell Coordinator, Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph





Short film Presentation 'Women's Day'



PowerPoint Presentation on 'Women in Leadership'- Sulthana Arshid, I M. A. History



Personality Contest Winners and Judges



