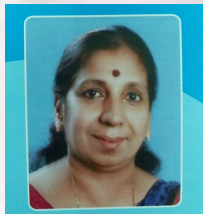


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The academic year 2017-18 was filled with curricular and co-curricular activities that fostered the talents of the students of Department of English. Dr. Reetha Ravi is in charge of the Department of English. The Department conducted programmes that were both literary and non-literary. Word presentation, Thought for the week, Field trips, excursions, camps, school induction programme, theatre visits were among the multiple programmes that were organised by the department. The main agenda of all the programmes were to ease the students' curricular stress and build a strong pre-service teaching foundation. The student teachers were moulded into the best framework of responsible individuals.

VERBIT

Verbit was a one-year vocabulary enriching programme arranged by the English club. As a part of the programme, the students of English department presented one new word a day in the assembly before the whole college. Its aim was particularly to increase the vocabulary of students from other departments. The word, its meaning, examples of usage and pronunciation were written in a single chart paper and presented. At the end of the academic year, all the words were filed together into an album.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Thought for the week is a programme that is conducted every day during the assembly session by each department in turns. English students presented the thought "World Englishes: Significance of English in Global context". The discussion lasted for two weeks. The student presenters were Deepa Babu, Chitra and Soumya Kamal. Two students each from other departments also participated and shared their inputs. The programme got winded up with an open discussion of teachers and students. In a nutshell, it gave an idea about the significance and the opportunities that English language is capable of providing to candidates seeking jobs over the world. It also stressed on the changes that the student teachers should bring in to teach the subject as a skill language

ONE DAY TOUR



Second year students (2016 -18 batch) of English, Physical science and Natural science went for a one day tour in September 2017. They visited Vizhinjam and Kovalam Beaches. They also visited a few places that serve as important sites to respective optional subjects. Physical science students and Natural science students went to ISRO and Thiruvananthapuram Medical College respectively. Students of English department along with Assistant Professor Reetha Ravi chose to analyse a newly released movie which was critically acclaimed.



The movie watched was "Parava" directed by Soubin Shahir. Students submitted a report on the journey as well as a review on the movie watched.

SCHOOL INDUCTION PROGRAMME



The sole purpose of Initiatory school experience is to provide the student-teacher an opportunity to have primary experiences with the functioning of the school. Students of SNTC were sent to 11 different schools in the locality from 6/8/2017 to 11/8/2017. This school attachment program was for a period of five continuous working days giving them an opportunity to acquaint with the school environment and their day-to-day functioning. Observation of lessons of senior teachers individually or in small groups (2 nos.) , meeting the students informally to learn their background and interest in learning, to see the learning facilities in the school, observing the social climate in the school, etc were some of the activities to be undertaken during this period. Deepa Babu, soumya Kamal, Renjitha of English department were selected as leaders of three different groups to guide and monitor the student teachers who accompanied them to respective schools.

DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Schools are an important venue for implementing drug prevention programmes. School-based programmes have been shown to be an efficacious and cost-effective method of reducing substance use disorders among youth.



Student teachers who visited Govt. H S S, Kappil conducted a awareness programme on drugs during their School induction programme. Aswathy V L, Jitha Binesh, Asha Suresh of English optional were part and parcel to the planning, coordination, organization of the programme. Student teachers took classes on drug abuse and held an interactive session to listen to students and clarify their doubts.

SCHOOL INTERNSHIP



Internship in Teaching/School Internship is for a period of 20 weeks divided into two Phases of 12 and 8 weeks, organized during the Third and Fourth Semesters of the Course. School Internship/Teaching Practice for Semester III was arranged as a single block program for a duration of 12 weeks (one week preparatory work at school/college, 10 weeks of teaching in schools, one week post practice-teaching practical work at school/college). 18 students of English department were sent to different schools in the locality including GHSS Kadaikkavoor, SSPBHSS Kadaikkavoor, SSV HSS Chirayankeezh, Sivagiri HSS etc. Internship lasted from July to September.



School Internship cum apprenticeship /Teaching Practice for Semester IV was arranged as a single block program for a duration of 8 weeks (one week preparatory work at school/college, 6 weeks of teaching in schools, one week post practice-teaching practical work at school/college). Student-teachers took classes for students of VII to IX and actively participated in all the activities of the school during this period.

ARTS DAY



Arts Day was conducted in the college for bringing out the creative spark in the students on the stage. Literary events like Story writing, Poetry writing, Essay writing were conducted. Painting and drawing competitions were also organised. The stage events were splendid including dance, music and recitation events. The competitions were held on the basis of Houses.

Students from English department bagged first prize in Thiruvathirakali, a traditional group dance of Kerala in which women dance to the tunes of Thiruvathirapaattu in a circle.

SUPW EXHIBITION



Socially useful productive work is defined as purposive, meaningful, manual work resulting in goods or services which is useful to the society.

All students of the college brought different handmade items that are useful and cost effective. A department wise exhibition was arranged. Students of English department participated in the exhibition and gained appreciation for many of their innovative ideas like bottle art, paper flowers and other origami art work.

ONAM 2017



Onam is one of the most gleeful festivals celebrated in Kerala in the month of Chingam. English Dept. was active in organising Onam Fest of 2017. The students were divided into three houses for conducting events. Competitions were conducted based on the traditions of the state like Malayalimanka. Namavi of Dept. of English won the Malayalimanka title. English students like Deepa, Navami and Chitra performed a group dance. A magnificent Athapookalam, floral carpet was laid by the students. An Onam Feast was also given to the students. The students embraced the message of living happily in the community sharing the bread of hardwork.

VISIT TO SIVAGIRI



As part of the field trip of second semester B. Ed programme, the students of English Department in the month of September visited one of the most popular and venerated pilgrim destinations of Kerala - The Sivagiri Mutt.

It is also the headquarters of the Sree Narayana Dharma Sangham, an organization run by the disciples of Sree Narayana Guru, a highly revered spiritual and social reformer, who is a sacred figure in the minds of millions.

The center is also the place where Guru build the Sarada Temple dedicated to Sarada Devi, the Goddess of Knowledge. The tomb of Sree Narayana Guru is also safeguarded in the premises of the Mutt. The student teachers got special invitation to the Seminars and discussions held during the days of the visit on themes of modern life ranging from industrialisation to women's emancipation.

XMAS 2017



Xmas was celebrated in the college. The students of the department made an elegant crib for the celebration. They sang many Xmas songs and danced to the tunes of music that reverbrated the message of hope. The students also shared wine and cake as a symbol of tradition.

ENROUTE TO ALAPPUZHA



Students of English optional visited different places in Alappuzha district as part of the Field trip prescribed for the second semester BEd curriculum in February. Dr. Reetha Ravi, Dr. Sangeetha N. R. and Ms. Chitra S., Assistant professors of the college accompanied the students. It was a one-day trip covering historical and cultural sites like Krishnapuram Palace, International Coir Museum, and Revi Karunakaran Memorial Museum. They also visited Alleppey Beach and light house. Students enjoyed as well as understood the history and importance of each site and submitted report to the optional teacher

REPUBLIC DAY

Republic Day was commemorated in the college. The teachers and students witnessed the ceremony. Principal Dr Rany S hoisted the flag.



The students were divided into three Houses and the leaders of the houses took the oath of the Republic Day. The students paraded on the grounds of the college. Competitions like Poster Making was organised to make the student teachers get acquainted with the spirit of nationality.

ENRICH YOUR VOCABULARY



Talking about the importance of vocabulary, the linguist David Wilkins argued that, "without grammar little can be conveyed, without vocabulary nothing can be conveyed". The students of English optional made a repository of new words with the title " ENRICH YOUR VOCABULARY". It is an album of new words with its meaning, pronunciation, usage, synonyms and associated words. This vocabulary collection was revealed by Shri. Pramod G Nair, HOD of Social Science, in the assembly.

SPORTS MEET



Annual Sports Meet of 2017-18 was on 6th March. All students were divided into three houses under the guidance of physical education teacher Mr. Amjith S. The programme started with the flag off ceremony by the Principal Dr. Rani S. There were many athletic events like shot put, discus throw, relay, 100m, 50m race. A cricket match was also organised. Students of English department also participated in different events and bagged prizes. The students worked incredibly hard and demonstrated fantastic house spirit and sportsmanship throughout the events. In 100m race Nikhitha and Chitra of English Department won second and third prize respectively.

5-DAY COMMUNITY LIVING CAMP

A five day community living camp was organised for the second year students under the guidance of Physical Education teacher Shri. Amjith S.



The students lived in the college and learned the motto of shared living. All the teachers accompanied and guided them in acquiring different skills like Leadership.

The teachers worked in shifts accompanying the students during morning and night sessions. The students were assigned with different duties like cooking and cleaning based on the department. There were outdoor and indoor sessions. They visited Kanwashrama during the stay. They also went for a movie named Ankamali Diaries in a theatre in Varkala. They also enjoyed the sands and waves of Anjuthengu Beach.

Morning sessions were made useful with early morning walks and exercises under the guidance of Shri. Amjith sir. The camp reminded the students about the importance of physical exercise and yoga.

The night sessions were filled with music and other cultural activities. The students gathered around camp fire and performed many interesting activities. Some of the programmes were set in college Auditorium.

The students used to sleep together in college auditorium and seminar hall.

Certificates were handed over to students in the closing ceremony.

EXCURSION



An excursion is not just a pleasure trip; it enhances the knowledge of students beyond four walls of the classroom. To provide such an enriching experience to students college organized three day trip for second year BEd students from December 27 to December 29. Students were escorted by assistant professors Chithra, ratheesh, amjith.it was a three day trip to Kodaikkanal, Munnar and Ooty

ADIEU SENIORS



Adieu Seniors was a programme organised to bid a lively and joyful farewell to the second year students of English department on 20 March 2018. Students shared their memories and optional teachers appreciated the students of passing out batch for smoothly taking on responsibilities and setting a remarkable example for their junior batch. The college also arranged a joined farewell for the second year students of all departments.

Achievements 2017-18



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