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PRINCIPAL'S DESK



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The role of MES College Nedumkandam in reshaping the socio-economic life of the people of the high ranges is indelibly recorded in history. The college can claim its share in the material as well as spiritual well being of tens of thousands of students who have stepped into this seat of higher education through the years. The alumni who occupy various illustrious positions in different parts of the world are a living proof that the efforts of the founders of the college have not been in vain. We are very much particular about giving due importance to both the academic and the co-curricular progress of our students. No compromise on quality is our slogan

to equip our students to face life confidently. After 35 years of meaningful existence, the College is fully aware of the challenges that lie ahead in dealing with the opportunities and complexities of the day. As with all the other aided colleges in Kerala, a new generation of teachers has taken charge of academics with much youthful zest and vigour.

College Managing Committee



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NAAC Visit

A three-member NAAC peer team visited MES College Nedumkandam on 3-5 October 2016 as part of the second cycle of accreditation to evaluate the college based upon criteria like academic and research quality, infrastructure, curriculum, students' curricular and co-curricular achievements, student support programmes, innovative and best practices, administrative efficiency etc. The team led by Prof. Y Narasimhulu, Vice Chancellor of Rayalaseema University, Andhra Pradesh, had Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal of the Department of Commerce and Business Administration, Saurashtra University, Gujarat and Dr. Swapna H. Samel, Principal of Birla College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Kalyan, Mumbai, as the members. Over the course of the three

days, the team visited all the departments, laboratories, grounds and other facilities of the college and gave feedback and suggestions for further improvement. Separate meetings with the former teachers, alumni, parents and students of the college were also convened in connection with the NAAC visit. The visit ended with a grand cultural programme by the students on the evening of 5 October 2016, showcasing the unique culture, traditions and folk arts of Kerala, which was greatly appreciated by the NAAC peer team.





College Bus

A long-cherished dream of MES College Nedumkandam came to fruition this academic year as we began our first ever bus service from Kattappana and Nedumkandam. The inaugural run was flagged off by Jb. P S Abdul Shukkoor, Secretary, College Managing Committee in the presence of other members of the College Managing Committee including Er. P A Mohammed Salih (Chairman), Jb. P M Abdul Nassar (Joint Secretary), Jb. Faisal Kamal (Member), Jb. P H Abdul Razzak (Member) and Prof. A M Rasheed (Principal).



Campus Radio

MES College Nedumkandam proudly achieved another milestone in its history by launching a campus radio initiative by the name of Radio Elaichi. The word 'elaichi' means 'cardamom' in Hindi, Urdu and Persian and hints at the mission of the campus radio to broadcast programmes that reflect the ethos of this land nestled in the highlands of Kerala amid lush green cardamom plantations, besides capturing the vibrant hues of campus life. It also provides a platform to the students to showcase and nurture their talents.



Idukki Shelf

The Idukki Shelf is a special initiative of the Department of History which aims to record, preserve and showcase the unique local history and culture of Idukki through an exclusive section devoted to the same in the college library. It contains a vast and diverse array of resources on the history of Idukki ranging from church souvenirs, books on the early history of the district, works discussing the etymology of the names of places in Idukki and documents concerning the Mullaperiyar agreement to recent publications on the Western Ghats and doctoral dissertations on issues specific to Idukki. The Idukki Shelf is thus an invaluable resource for posterity and is also open to the public.



Extension Programmes

1. Creating awareness among the farmers, the Department of Chemistry conducted a seminar on "Good Agricultural Practice in Cardamom Cultivation with Special Emphasis on Organic Farming" on 28 July 2016. Dr. A.K. Vijayan, Scientist ICRI, Myladumpara delivered the awareness lecture.



2. As part of the Ozone Day celebration, the Department of Chemistry arranged an awareness class on Ozone Depletion for the students of nearby schools. A brochure on Ozone, its characteristics and importance, was distributed.

3. Scaffolding to the Abandoned- Students provide food to Akashaparava, a charitable institution at Nedumkandam for the destitute, on all Thursdays.



4.As part of the e-governance literacy mission of the Government of Kerala, the Department of Computer Science organised an awareness programme on e jaalakam for the Kudumbasree units of Udumbanchola on 14 July 2016. The programme comprised training sessions on e-jalakam, e-panchayath services, online registration, and a workshop on mobile applications.

5.In accordance with the Digital India initiative, the Department of Computer Science conducted a workshop on Cashless Transactions and e-wallet for the Kudumbasree Units of Udumbanchola on 23 February 2017.



6.The Department of Economics prepared a Directory of Social Welfare Programmes instituted by the Government of Kerala for the Kudumbasree units of Idukki.

7.The Department of Economics adopted the Single Teacher- Tribal School in Anchuruli near Kattappana. The Multi Grade Learning Centre (MGLC) is the sole access to education for the children of more than 40 tribal families in the area belonging to the Mannan community. The Department provided free coaching classes, nutritious food kits, study materials and books to set up a library.

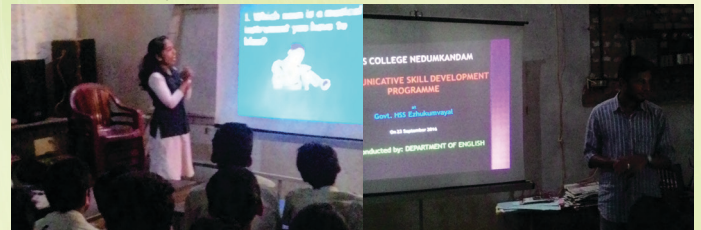


8.The Department of Mathematics conducted an interactive class on Basic Mathematics for the primary students of Panchayat Tamil/Malayalam L.P. School, Pampadumpara on 21 February 2017.



9.Scarcity of water is the biggest challenge that the farmers are facing now in Udumbanchola in particular and Idukki in general. To resolve the issue of water scarcity the Department of Statistics started a project on “Optimization of Water and Fertilizer Use in Cardamom Plantation” as an alternative model to use rain water throughout the year in cardamom plantation and keep the soil moisture at the optimum level, resulting in better yield.

10.The Department of English conducted Communicative Skill Development programme as part of its extension programme, ASPIRATIO, for the High School students at Govt. High School, Ezhukumvayal on 23 September 2016.



11.The Department of Languages distributed books to nearby schools.



12.In association with EMC, Trivandrum and KSEB, the Department of Physics conducted an awareness programme on “Energy Management and Conservation” for the High School students and Kudumbasree units.



13.The Palliative Care Unit distributed wheel chairs free of cost to the differently abled people from impoverished families in the vicinity of the college. Smt. Mini Tomy Kariyilakulam, President, Grama Panchayat, Pampadumpara inaugurated the programme.



Orientation/Motivation Programmes

1. The Department of Chemistry arranged a motivation class on “Youth: Challenges of the Day and Chemistry of Motivation” by Mr. Joseph Dost, Assistant Manager, H R division, TCL.
2. The Department of Computer Science organized a motivational programme for the students on 10 January 2017. The sessions were engaged by Mr. Deepak and Mr. Jaison, Trainers, Success Mind, Muvattupuzha.
3. The Department of History conducted an orientation session on innovative study methods. Dr. Hashim Rifae was the key speaker.
4. The Department of English conducted an orientation Programme on English Speaking Skills on 04 August 2016.



Science Day Celebration

National Science Day was celebrated under the auspices of the Departments of Physics and Chemistry. Dr. Dhanya, Scientist, Cardamom Research Centre, Pampadumpara was the chief guest. She delivered a talk on “New Trends in Cultivation.”



A Tree for Peace

The Department of Commerce initiated planting of trees in the college premises as part of the World Environment Day. Principal Prof. A M Rasheed inaugurated the programme.



Book Bank Scheme

By lending a helping hand to the needy, the Department of Commerce introduced the Book Bank Scheme. The Department distributes books to the deserving by collecting it from the former students. The students have to return the books at the end of the academic year.



Entrepreneurial Development Training

The Entrepreneurship Development Club of the College conducted Entrepreneurial Development Training Programme for the members of Kudumbasree Units on 28 February 2017. The Programme was inaugurated by Smt. Mini Tomy Kariyilakkulam, President, Pambadumpara Grama Panchayath. The Club provided training on making Bouquets, Cotton Carpets, Ornaments, Paper Bags and Paper Stars.

Olympics Road Show

The College Health Club conducted a Road Show in connection with the Rio Olympics-2016.



IT Fest

The Department of Computer Science organised an intercollegiate IT fest- ASTHRA 2K16 on 7 September 2016. IT Exhibition, Debugging, Blind coding, IT Quiz, Paper Presentation and Network Gaming were the major events.

Mannan koothu

As part of its extension activities, the Department of History organized a performance of Mannan Koothu, the traditional ritual art form of the Mannan tribe. The Mannan people are one of the Scheduled Tribes of Idukki, and are the only community still led by a hereditary king. The programme was inaugurated by the Honorable King of the Mannan tribe, Raman Raja Mannan of Kovil Mala, the chief Mannan settlement in Idukki. The Mannan Koothu was performed based on the story of the Tamil epic heroes Kannaki and Kovilan.



Documentary

The Department of History prepared a documentary on the history of Idukki titled *Kalathinte Kaalpadukal*. It stands out for its vivid coverage of the megalithic remains of Marayoor, the history of migration to Idukki and the formation of Pattom Colony, dams, temples, churches, plantations etc. in the district.

Medical Camp

The College Health Club organised a medical camp for the students and staff in association with the Taluk Hospital, Nedumkandam.

Seminars

1. In association with the Merchant Association Nedumkandam, Dept. of Commerce organized a one day seminar on “GST Bill in India - One Step towards Simplifying the Muddled Up Tax System” on 30 August 2016. Adv. Aji Dev, Asst. Commissioner(Rtd), Commercial Taxes, Government of Kerala inaugurated the seminar. Sri. James Mathew, Secretary, Merchant Association, Sri Sajeev S. Nair, Executive member and other members of the association participated in it. Central GST, state GST and interstate GST were the main topics discussed in the seminar.



2. Considering the importance of understanding the economic aspects in the global scenario, the Department of Economics conducted a seminar on “Economics for Total Quality of People” on 19 December 2016. Prof. M J Mathew, Principal, MES College, Erattupetta was the resource person.

3. The Department of Political Science organized a one day seminar on “Human Rights and Identity Politics: Indian Experience” on 28 February 2017. Dr. Stany Thomas (Associate Professor, St. Thomas College, Pala, Kottayam), Sri. K.K Baburaj (Dalit activist and Writer) and Sri. K.P Sethunath (Senior Editor, Deccan Chronicle) presented their views on human rights and identity politics in India.



4. A Seminar on “Inactive Life Style-Wide Use of Alcohol and Drugs” was conducted by the College Health Club. The key note speech was delivered by Dr. Sambhu, Junior Superintendent, Taluk Hospital, Nedumkandam.

Invited Talks

1. In connection with the inauguration of the History Association, the Department of History conducted a lecture on “When History Comes Applied: The Text in Memory / Memory in Text” on 20 February 2017. In his lecture Dr. Sebastian Joseph, Associate professor, Union Christian College, Aluva critiqued how oral memory competes with textual memory and its place in history.



Achievements

1. Wrestling Championship- District level



2. Kho-Kho Championship- District level

3. Anathakrishnan (Second BA History) Bronze, Wrestling (State level)

4. Gokul P Jayan (Second B.Sc. Chemistry) Bronze, Archery (State level)

5. Athira Augustine (Second year BCA) A Grade-Short story writing (Malayalam), M G University.

6. Ms. Jinju S., Assistant Professor, Department of English, was awarded the Doctoral degree in English Literature from the English and Foreign Languages University(EFLU), Hyderabad, for her work on the politics and ethics of post-9/11 fiction.



Campus Placements



Ashna Haneefa
(Third BCA)



Jasmine Mary Pappachan
(Third B.Sc. Mathematics)



Nayana Joseph
(Third B.Sc. Mathematics)



Aryalakshmi
(Third B.Sc. Mathematics)



Nchamol M S
(Third B.Sc. Mathematics)

at INFOSYS

Women's Forum

1. Organized Self-defence class by a three-member team of the Nedumkandam Police Department in which 363 girl students participated.

2. The Women's Forum of MES College Nedumkandam organised a Food Fest offering a wide array of traditional and modern dishes prepared by the students. The proceeds from the sales were given to charity.

2. The Department of Political Science organized a special talk on “ Democracy and Police” by Dr. T.H Ansar, Research Officer, Academy of Prisons and Correctional Administration, Vellore, Tamil Nadu on 12 August 2016.

3. The Department of Political Science organized a talk on “Ambedkar and Contemporary Politics in India” by Sri Sunny M Kapikkad (Dalit Activist) on 19 August 2016. He spoke comprehensively on Indian politics and Dalit lives in India and how they are systematically excluded from the nation and state building process of India. His address focused on the significant role of Dr. B.R Ambedkar in the advent of modern India.



4. The Department of English conducted a seminar on “Weapons of Mass Propaganda: Cultural Stereotypes in Media and Literature” on 05 September 2016. Mr. J S Jahangir, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Iqbal College, Thiruvananthapuram engaged the session.



5. The Department of Physics organized a talk on “Bio-materials from Vegetable Oil” by Athira Mohanan, Scientist, Trent University, Canada on 22 August 2016.





3.As part of the 'Campus Doctor' initiative of the Women's Forum, Dr. Rahul Krishna, a gynaecologist of Medical Trust Hospital, Nedumkandam, spoke to the students about women's health issues and offered free consultation on the campus.



4.Organised a talk on Women's Rights by Dr. Prameela Devi, Member, Kerala State Women's Commission.



Students' Union

1.The College Union was inaugurated by the renowned Transgender Activist Sheetal Shyam on 21 January 2017.



2.College Day was inaugurated by Cine Artist Sri. Arjun Nandakumar on 15 March 2017. Human Right Activist Sri. Nadeer was also present.



3.College Arts festival was held on 16 February 2017.



4. Annual Sports Day



NSS

1.An exhaustive Blood Donor's Directory was compiled.



2.As part of the Swacch Bharat Pakhwada initiative of the government of India, the Unit participated in the cleaning activities at Nedumkandam from 1 to 15 August 2016. The Unit secured the Best Participant award for their service.



3.Organized a free eye-care camp in association with Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Theni on 7 February 2017



4.Organic farming at Valiyakandam, Kattappana.



5.International Yoga Day -21 June 2016



6.Nature camp at Salim Ali Bird sanctuary, Thattekkad from 21- 23 January 2017



7.Independence Day rally



8.Green Nedumkandam Project- planting of trees



NCC

1.MESTRACK- Traffic awareness campaign in association with Motor vehicles Department, Government of Kerala.



In Media

