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PG Department of English & Research Centre

College Day Report 2020-2021

Faculty of the department of English worked tirelessly throughout the lockdown period and quickly responded to the pandemic situation by holding support chat sessions with students. Each faculty member continued to be considerate, checking up on the academic as well as co-curricular progress of students.

During the lockdown, faculty members were actively involved in various online activities like online teaching and mentoring sessions, assignment preparation and evaluation, preparation of presentations, preparation of MCQ assignments, conduction of online quizzes etc

1. Kahoot quizzes were conducted for students and alumni of the department during the lockdown period.
2. Department Instagram Account 'engsxc' was created during the lockdown period to boost the morale and motivate students during the lockdown period.
3. 'Health quotient' – Lockdown activity where Students and faculty were required to shoot short video of their workout/yoga/dance sessions during the lockdown period and post in the Instagram page.
4. 'Nurture connection' –lockdown creativity challenge - students as well as faculty were encouraged to shoot videos/pics of craft , DIY projects, recipes, gardening tips and post in the Instagram account.
5. Hello Habitat –An Online quiz competition based on biodiversity was organised to create awareness and sensitize students on the importance of protecting biodiversity.
6. Department of English observed on June 5th 2020 World Environment Day with a awareness video made by the students of the department during the lockdown period.
7. Webinar on 'Hygiene and Immunity during Lockdown: Challenges and Opportunities' on 11th May 2020 was organised with the intention of preparing students understand the pandemic situation.
8. An International Webinar on 'Mental Illness in Indian Cinema: Stigma and Stereotypes' was organised by the department on June 26th 2020 with Dr. Badr Ratnakaran (chief resident in Psychiatry, Carillion School of Medicine, USA) as the Resource person.

9. The department also paid Homage to the departed soul of the former retired faculty Ms. Cicily Grey on 11th September 2020
10. As part of 'Ensemble'-Alumnae talks webinar series, Ms. Dhanya K.N , a prominent alumni addressed the students of the department on the topic 'dare to be different' on 12th
11. On 19th June, as part of reading day celebration, "Off track bookies", a book review competition was conducted and Ms. Haritha Jayan of 2nd BA Lit was declared the winner.
12. From 21st to 28th June a wide range of events were organised for the students like Music day, yoga day, father's day and salim ali day were observed in the department
 - a. Music Day was observed with a "fusion premier" in which students sang different songs and clubbed it into a single video.
 - b. Yoga day Observances, "yogi vibez" was conducted in which both our staff and students sent their videos of yoga demonstration.
 - c. On father's day, students created a video of their nostalgic moments with their father.
 - d. On salim Ali's birth anniversary, a photography competition, "Shutterbug" was conducted and Rameeza Latheef 2 BA Comm. Eng secured 1st place, Nikitha Sebastian 2 BA Comm. Eng secured 2nd place and Aiswarya Vijayan 2 BA Lit secured 3rd place.
 - e. A drawing competition "Pretty Plumes" was conducted in which Fathima, Harsha and Rameeza of 2nd Comm. Eng secured 1,2 and 3 prizes respectively.
13. Anti drug day was observed on 26th June, with slogan making competition, and poster making competitions.
14. On 27th June Helen Keller's birth anniversary was celebrated with a poetry writing competition.
15. SPECTRA 2020 – A National level webinar series in Literature was organised by the department from July 13th to July 16th.
16. A four day e-workshop on Research Methodology and Academic Writing was organised by the department of English in collaboration with Kerala State Higher Education Council, Trivandrum from 21st -24th July 2020.
17. The month of July, was also observed as JK Rowling month. Several competitions were organised by the department during this period.
 - a. In the Harry Potter quiz conducted, Ms. Jismary Jose (2nd Lit), Rameeza and Sruthy Sabu (IInd Communicative English) won first prize and Nia Varghese (2nd Lit) won second prize
 - b. In the Harry Potter Character drawing competition Ms. Fathima (2^{comm}.Eng) won the first prize and Jismary of 2nd BA Lit won the second prize.

- c. In the JK Rowling portrait drawing competition , Ms. Fathima of 2nd Comm. and Rameeza of 2nd Comm. Won the first and second prizes respectively.
18. The department also observed the birth anniversary of Earnest Hemmingway and conducted a poetry slam competition in which Sruthy Sabu of 2nd Comm. Eng won the first prize.
19. In the month of August, friendship day was observed on August 1st by the department where students made friendship bands and also shared small videos on their friendship story.
- a. An Open Talent show and book review writing, "Beauty of the Book" was conducted and many students took part in it.
 - b. An ambidextrous writing competition "Hand War " was also conducted and in the department.
20. August 15th Independence day was observed by conducting slogan writing, drawing and article writing competitions for the students.
21. ECLECTICS 2020 – International Webinar Series in Literature (18-21 Aug 2020)
22. The college union celebrated Onam by conducting several competitions like Malayali Manka, onapatt, pookalam and Message to Maveli. Students of the department bagged many prizes.
- a. Malavika B Kartha of 2nd BA Lit secured 1st Prize in Malayali Manka Competition.
 - b. Adheena S of 2nd BA Lit secured 1st place for Onapatt.
 - c. For Pookalam, Akshaya Babu of 3rd lit secured 1st prize and Ashna Judson of 2nd BA Lit secured 2nd prize.
23. In the month of September, the birth anniversary of Sir Johnson was observed on 18th of September with an English word quiz
- a. Ms Anjaly Kumar, Ms. Rameeza, Ms. Fathima of 2nd Comm. Eng and Ms. Amrutha of 2nd BA Lit won the first prize.
 - b. Ms. Nanda Roy, Susan Shibu 3 comm. Eng and Ann Varghese of 2nd Comm. Eng bagged the 2nd prize.
 - c. Ms. Akshaya Indu 3 Comm. Eng and Ms. Athulya Tampi (2 comm eng) won the 3rd prize.
24. Sakhi – Gender Sensitization Programme was organised by the department on 27-09-2020 with the eminent writer and critic Thanuja Bhattathiri as the resource person.
25. In the month of October, Gandhi Jayanthi was observed on second of October by initiating a cleaning drive, portrait making competition as well as a collage making competition.
26. Green Periods, Webinar on Menstrual Health & Hygiene on Oct 3 2020

27. EBSB club of St.Xavier's College for Women, Aluva and St.Bede's College ,Shimla along with the Pg Department of English& Research Centre and the Department of Communicative English of St.Xaviers College for Women organised a 'Literary meet' on October 6th 2020 where students of St.Xavier's College and St.Bede's Institute converged online to muse over the rich literary heritage of their respective states.
28. Prof. Rebecca Grace Memorial Webinar was organised on 7th October 2020 on the topic "*The Human Experiment and the Cyberpunk Fiction*".
29. Halloween Week was celebrated from 31 October by conducting several competitions like Haloween costume party in which Ananya of 1 BA com. Eng secured 1st place and Asha Hendry got 2nd place.For Ghostly Haloween workshop, Fathima Noureen of 1 BA Lit secured first place and Parvathy Nanda Shibu of 2nd Com.. Eng got 2nd prize. Scary story writing and Haloween spell creation were also conducted.
30. On Kerala piravi day –November 1st Several competitions were organised for the students
 - a. photo contest "Glam Up" was conducted in which Arya N Nair of 3 BA Lit bagged 1st price, Laxmi KS of 1 comm eng got 2nd prize and Kavya Robin of 1 comm. Eng got third prize.
 - b. An Essay writing competition was conducted in which Kavya Robin of 1 comm. Eng secured 1st place.
31. A Webinar on 'Online Tools and Platforms for Academic Writing and Publishing in English Literature and Allied Areas' was organised on 13th November 2020 with Dr. Surendran Cherukodan (asst. Librarian CUSAT) as the resource person.
32. On World Aids day an awareness video on Aids was created by the first year UG students of the department.
33. On December 10th, Human rights day, an awareness video was created by the students of the department.
34. Academic Week Talks
 - a. The Department of English organised Oracle - An Expert talk by Dr. Siju A. Joseph (Nodal Officer for Covid-19 Infection Control Quality Head –PS Mission Hospital) on 12th January 2021 on the topic "Covid 19 : Transcending to the New Normal".
 - b. INTERACT - Miss Anna Joy of third B.A English Literature addressed the students of the twinning department, department of Chemistry on the topic 'Healthy Lifestyle = Happy Environment' on 12th January 2021.

35. Le Eccellenza – On February 18th the Department of English honoured Ms. Donna John and Ms. Maria Josephine Varghese for securing the second and the tenth ranks respectively at the M.G university M.A English Examinations 2020.
36. An Online Alumni Meet' FESTA' was organised by the department on February 27 2021.
37. Students of the department attended the workshop 'Art from Waste' and also created and exhibited their products at the exhibition.

Achievements

1. Aleena Varghese 3rd prize in RJ Hunt contest conducted by dept of English, St. Albert's college.
- 2 Adheena S secured 1st place for Hamsadhwani Intercollege semi classical competition
3. Ms. Joshna Biju bagged the third prize at the Book Review Competition organised by the Pg Dept of English MES Asmabi College during May-June 2020.

New Courses in the Department

- 1 . UGC Approved Certificate Course in Graphic Designing
2. Certificate course in Life Skill enhancement & Personality Development.