

MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE ERNAKULAM

REPORT OF WALK WITH A SCHOLAR PROGRAMME 2016-2017

The preparatory works for the official commencement of the Walk With A Scholar Programme such as the selection of the Internal mentors and the mentees for the academic year have begun in the month of October, 2016. The Programme of the College officially began on October 22nd Saturday, 2016 at 9.30 am in the Mahalanobis Hall of Maharaja's College. The WWS activities were inaugurated by Sri.P.C.Cyriac IAS, Former Chief Secretary of TamilNadu in the presence of Dr.T.P.Sasikumar, Educationalist and Former Deputy Director, Security Wing, Cabinet Secretariat, Dr.S.Rajookrishnan, Officer of the New Initiatives in Higher Education, Dr.K.P.Jaikiran, Programme Director of WWS and FLAIR, Dr.George Mathew, Vice-Principal of the College, Dr.M.S.Murali, Syndicate Member, M.G.University and Prof.Harikumar T G, IQAC Co-ordinator of the College. The function was presided over by the Principal of the College, Prof.N.L.Beena and the Principal has done the Official Announcement of FLAIR Research Skill Development Centre in the College in the function, which is proposed to be a step forward in the research excellence of the College through imparting research skills among the post graduate students of the College.

The function was followed by the **first External Mentoring session** of WWS '**Motivational Talk**' in the campus and the **Scholar of the day was Dr.T.P.Sasikumar**. He is currently running Shiksha-An Academy for motivating and training Civil Service Aspirants, Hyderabad. The Motivational Talk delivered by the scholar for the five hours of the day was an apt beginning for the mentees and each person in the scholarly exercise still cherishes the moments spent with the real motivator and guide. Some of the cherishing moments of the day.....



The **second external mentoring session** of WWS in the College was a full day Health Fitness Program titled as '**Yoga and Counselling: An Activity**

Oriented Session for Healthy Life' on 5th November 2016 guided by **Sri.Sudheesh Acharya** who is an officially trained Yoga guru currently serving as the Director of Adishesha Patanjali Yoga Centre, Pathanamthitta. The idea of the program emerged from the feeling that a healthy mind can exist only in a healthy body. The mentees participated in the program with great interest and there was a good interaction by the mentees with the scholar.



The **third external mentoring session of WWS** in the College was on 3rd December 2016, on the topic '**Film Direction: Orientation and Experiences**' and the stakeholders of the program were very lucky to have the **famous film director Sri.Jeethu Joseph as the Scholar of the day**. As Maharaja's College is home to many of the famous personalities in the field, the presence of Sri.Jeethu and his patient listening and responses was a real inspiration to the mentees. Thanks to Almighty for giving such a fabulous opportunity for imparting such a session to the mentees of the program. I would like to mention here the name of one of the mentees of the program Mr.Akshay who has is awaiting his story to be screened as a film shortly.

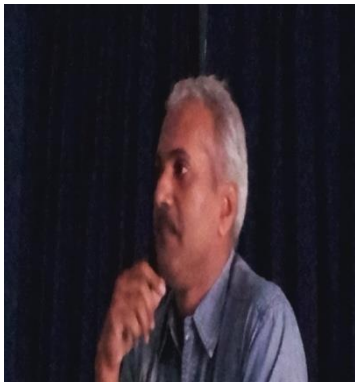


The **fourth external mentoring session of WWS** in the Campus was held on **17th December 2016** in '**Ethics of Journalism**'. The WWS team of the College could bring yet another great personality of the field **Dr. Sebastian Paul, Advocate, Ex-MP and Media Critic as the Scholar of the day**. The session was highly interactive and there was heated discussion over the role of media in a democratic society and its ethics in the same.



The subject of the **fifth external mentoring session of WWS** in the

college was a slight deviation from the general topics. The session was on **'Introduction to International Relations'** held on **21st June, 2017** and the Scholar of the day was **Dr.Pramod C R, Assistant Professor of Thrissur Kerala Varma College**. The selection of the topic was on the basis of the criterion that many of the mentees of the College are Civil Service aspirants and International relations of our country will be one area that is very much needed for the same.



The **sixth external mentoring session** was handled by **Mr.Arun Shyamnath, Civil Service Trainer** on the topic **'Approach to Civil Service Exam'** on 28th January, 2017. The session was arranged as a result of the demand from the part of students.



The **seventh external mentoring session** was also related to the Civil Service preparation and it was held on **29th January 2017** Sunday. The session was on '**Introduction to topics and Civil Service Exam**'. The scholar of the day was **Mr.Hari Kallikkatt** and he mainly introduces the topics that will be covered in Civil Service Exam and the weightage associated with each of the topics and how different topics are to be approached for study. It is worth mentioning that Mr.Hari Kallikkatt apart from a Civil Service trainer, is an aspirant and he was awaiting his Civil Service final interview at the time of his presentation in the College. The WWS team is highly satisfied with the two sessions as the mentees could get a most updated and first hand information regarding the selection procedures of one of the most aspired professions.



The **WWS Team of Co-ordinator and two internal mentors** along with **twenty seven mentees of the Second Year** have gone for a **Motivational visit** for three days to **Bangalore**. The team visited many of the famous educational institutions in Bangalore such as IIM, Bangalore, Bannerghatta National Park on ecological grounds, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Indian Institute of Science, Christ University and Visweswaraya Science and Technological Museum. The team started journey on **15th February, 2017** and reached back

on **19th February, 2017**. The detailed report of the visit has been submitted to the office earlier.

The **eighth external mentoring session of WWS** in the College was on 'Creative Thinking' on **25th February, 2017**. The Scholar of the day was **Dr.K.J.Gasper, Assistant Professor, Government College for Women ,Thiruvananthapuram**. The resource person is currently pursuing his **Post Doctoral programme in IIT, Delhi**. There was a good discussion on how to bring the dreams to reality in the midst of hardships in life and the mentees were trying to grasp the maximum on the topic from a philosophical base.



Maharaja's College WWS team has got a rare opportunity to have a **review meeting with Dr.S.Rajookrishnan, Officer of the New Initiatives in Higher Education on 1st March, 2017**. The Officer was there in the College for a feedback from the mentees on Motivational Visit and the general activities of the programme in the College. He was also keen in taking suggestions for improvements in the programme from the side of the beneficiaries of the program.

The **ninth external mentoring session of WWS** in the College was held on 4th March 2017 and the session was handled by **Dr.Mary Matilda, Former Principal of Maharaja's College and a personality trainer**. The full day session was titled as '**Mathematics for Competitive Exams**'. Logical mathematical questions are always a part of all competitive exams and as all mentees will be job seekers in the near future, no doubt, they will be facing such questions. Therefore, it is towards the preparation of a perfect competitor, such a session was arranged.



The **tenth external mentoring session of WWS** in the College was on a Psychological topic titled '**Attitudinal Changes of the Young Generation**'. The session was held on **11th March 2017** and the session was handled by **Dr.Gincy Mathew, a Clinical Psychologist**. The session was arranged as there seems a large attitudinal change among the teen agers which comes in confrontation with the attitudes of the elder generation leading to a feeling of hatred and impatience among the youngsters. This can cause a disturbance even in their academic matters too. A consensus needs to be reached among the both attitudes and it was the topic of discussion of the session.

The study materials worth Rs.27000, has been distributed among the students. The materials include India 2017, a government publication, Civil Service General studies book, CAT preparation books, Bank Clerical preparation

book, LDC Rankfile and previous question papers book. The study kit worth Rs.3600 including pen, highlighter and pencils has also been circulated among the mentees of the program.

A **series of mock tests, mock interview and group discussion** were done on various dates of April and May in the campus as part of the WWS Programme. The agency that has helped in conducting the mock test series and other mock sessions of interview and group discussion is Smart Skills Academy, Marine Drive, Cochin.

The **eleventh external mentoring session** of WWS in the College was held on **20th May, 2017**. The session was on '**Kavitha-A Way of Expressing Knowledge**'. The mentees of the program was again blessed with the presence of the **famous poet of Malyalam Dr.S.Joseph, the winner of Odakkuzhal Award** and many other prestigious literary awards. The scholar of the day spoke on poems in post modern era and how writers are responding to social issues. He spoke also on the risks of life associated with the lives of writers while responding to social issues especially outside the state of Kerala.



The **twelfth and thirteenth external mentoring sessions were held on 3rd June, 2017 Saturday and 4th June, 2017 Sunday**. The sessions were activity oriented sessions on '**Theatre Arts**' and the Scholar of the days was **Mr.Devendranath Sankaranarayanan, a theatre artist, mini screen artist, and the visiting faculty of Pune Film Institute**. The mentees participated in the sessions with great enthusiasm and such an activity oriented session was a refreshing experience to the mentees of the College.



The **fourteenth external mentoring session of WWS** in the campus was on '**Soft Skills and Selection Procedures in the Placement Mechanism**'. The session was held on **10th June, 2017** and it was handled by **Mrs. Betty**, a trainer in the field. With the session, the external mentoring sessions of the academic year has come to an end.

The **Internal mentors of the College** were active in extending support to the students as intended by the Walk With A Scholar programme and each of them have engaged ten sessions for the selected mentees under their mentorship. The activity reports of the mentors are attached herewith the report.

To conclude, the WWS team of the College worked to their best possible level to take the spirit of the programme among the mentees of the College

and we believe that the programme has positive visible effects among the students of the College.

WALK WITH A SCHOLAR PROGRAMME (WWS) 2016-17

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Name of the College :

Name of Co-ordinator :

Voucher No.	Bill/Receipt Details	Rate/Unit	Amount	Remarks
	Form C	1500/hour	105000	14*5 sessions
	Form E	500/hour	75000	5000*15 mentors
	Form G	12500	12500	
Train Tickets to Bangalore	75537240,15/2/2017	210	1260	210*6 persons
	75537241,15/2/2017	210	1260	210*6 persons
	75537242, 15/2/2017	210	1260	210*6 persons
	75537243, 15/2/2017	210	1260	210*6 persons
	75537244, 15/2/2017	210	1260	210*6 persons
	Total		6300	
Train	75537245, 18/2/2017	185	1110	185*6

tickets to Ernakulam				persons
	75537246, 18/2/2017	185	1110	185*6 persons
	75537247, 18/2/2017	185	1110	185*6 persons
	75537248, 18/2/2017	185	1110	185*6 persons
	75537249, 18/2/2017	185	1110	185*6 persons
	Total		5550	
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	RedChilli A/CRestaurant, Bill No.9864, 16/2/2017	370 489	9990 13200	370*27 persons 489*27 persons
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	Winfield Computer Centre,Bill No.4440, 19/4/2017		503	Print, Copy, Spiral

				binding of WWS Visit report
	Canteen, Maharaja's College, Bill Nos.429, 430, 431		1500	
	Kairali Snack bar 22/10/2016, 5/11/2016, 3/12/2016,7/12/2016/21/1/2017/28/1/2016,29/1 /2017,25/2/2017,4/3/2017,11/3/2017		800	
	ASAD BOOK CENTRE, Inv.No.41, 12/6/2017		27000	