

# **Report of Walk With a Scholar (WWS)**

**2019-2020**

Walk with a scholar (WWS) is a noble initiative by the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala. The scheme has been designed to arrange specialized mentoring programs for students in undergraduate Programs in Arts, Science and Commerce streams. The scheme originally introduced the idea of mentoring, building on the concept of Mentor as a “Guide and Friend”.

## **Rationale and Philosophy**

There are several successive models that apply to teaching-learning processes in higher education. One of the most prominent themes in these models is to develop students into scholars. A scholar is one who engages in critical thinking, takes an active role in the learning process, understands multiple perspectives, is internally motivated to learn, and is socially conscious. Keeping in mind these aspects and the perceived needs of our college students, WWS aims to nurture a scholarly attitude among selected bright college students in all disciplines, provide them with learning opportunities to help sharpen their academic and critical thinking skills, help them confidently pursue their personal and academic goals, and guide them to develop into socially responsible citizens. The program’s emphasis is on nurturing bright students to transform into scholars in their respective disciplines and providing them with a perspective to apply knowledge related to their disciplines in socially useful ways.

## **Internal Management of WWS at Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam**

### **Coordinator**

The Walk With a Scholar program at Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam is coordinated by Mr. Jipin V. Jimmy, Asst. Professor in Commerce.

### **Monitoring Committee**

The scheme is monitored by a monitoring committee consisting of the following members

- Dr. Annu Thomas – Vice Principal
- Dr. Stephy Thomas – IQAC Coordinator
- Dr. Neethu Joseph – Senior Faculty
- Dr. Reeja P.S. – Senior Faculty
- Ms. Jeeja Joseph – Head Accountant in charge of Superintendent
- Ms. Swekha Sara Jacob – College Union Representative

The monitoring committee meets regularly and suggests recommendations to the coordinator. Coordinator functions in accordance with the instructions of the monitoring committee.

### **Selection of Departments for WWS**

Further to the recommendation from the monitoring committee, an introduction of Walk With a Scholar program was given to the first year students by the coordinator Mr. Jipin V Jimmy during their induction program organized by the college. Further to the introduction to the program, applications were invited from students which include their resume along with the copy of plus two mark lists. Students had to mention their aim of joining the program mandatorily. As per the modified instruction from collegiate education, only five departments of six students each can alone be selected for the program. Among the applications received from the departments, six applications each were received from the department of Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Commerce, Sociology and Mathematics. Since one department had to be excluded, the existing number of students from the above departments were counted and found that the department of Mathematics has the highest number of students among second and third year mentees (14 out of 60). Hence the department of Mathematics was excluded from the list and the remaining 5 departments were selected. Applications from the five departments were shortlisted based on their plus two marks and six students each were selected.

### **Internal Mentors**

Internal mentor is a person who is able to mentor and support the scholar and act as a guide in building his/her career. The internal mentors were suggested by the monitoring committee and the consent of them were sought after getting the approval from the Principal. They include

### **First Year Internal Mentors**

1. Dr. Radhika S –Asst. Professor in Department of Chemistry
2. Ms. Ashly Sunny – Asst. Professor in Department of Physics
3. Ms. Anna Thomas- Asst. Professor in Department of Sociology
4. Ms. Arathy A R - Asst. Professor in Department of Zoology
5. Ms. Anju P Tom- Asst. Professor in Department of Commerce

### **Second Year Internal Mentors**

1. Ms. Ancy Cyriac, , Asst Professor, Dept of English
2. Dr. Reeja PS, Asst Professor, Dept of Sociology
3. Miss. Shalini Thomas, Asst Professor, Dept of Economics
4. Miss. Ann Johns, Asst Professor, Dept of Mathematics
5. Miss. Elizabeth Johny, Asst Professor, Dept of Commerce

### **Second Year Internal Mentors**

1. Mr. Liju Alex, Asst Professor, Dept of Mathematics
2. Dr. Elizabeth V John, Asst Professor, Dept of Physics
3. Miss Alphonsa Kurian, Asst Professor, Dept of Sociology
4. Miss. Jaisy Joy, Asst. Professor, Dept of Chemistry
5. Miss. Neethu Varghese, Asst Professor, Dept of English

The internal mentors frequently visited the mentees and discussed the matters relating to academics and others.

### **Workshop on Master Mentor training program for WWS**

WWS scheme hopes to provide students with opportunities for learning to achieve the following main outcomes: Academic Excellence, Personal Growth and Social Orientation. These represented the 3 main domains that were covered in the program. In this connection the Directorate of Collegiate Education planned a one day training program to mentors of WWS to familiarize the new guidelines and mentoring process to mentees is planned. The

following faculty members attended the same at Govt. Women's College Thiruvananthapuram on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

1. Dr. Annu Thomas, Asst. Professor in Department of Chemistry
2. Ms. Elizabeth Johny, Asst. Professor in the Department of Commerce.

### **WWS Coordinators Meet**

An urgent meeting is called by the Director, DCE to provide clarity regarding the fund transfer procedure of WWS at 10 am on 11/6/2019 at Loyola College, Sreekaryam. Also the general outline of the programme for the academic year (2019-2020) was given in the meeting. Dr. Neethu Varghese, Asst. Professor in the Department of English attended the meeting.

In connection with the Guidelines of 1st Year Walk With Scholar(WWS) Program, a meeting of coordinators were scheduled on 22nd August 2019 (22/08/2019) at Govt. Women's College, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram. Mr. Jipin V Jimmy, the program coordinator of WWS program attended the meeting.



Talk on “Art and self-development (Theater and/or other expressive art forms as medium of self-expression)” - Prof Babu Kuruvilla, Guest Professor, St. Joseph College of Communication, Changanacherry



Talk on “Understanding the Constitution and Democratic Values' ' – Dr. Ajis Ben Mathews, Asst. Professor in History, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.



Orientation programme to WWS Mentees by Mr. Jipin V. Jimmy, WWS Co-ordinator



Talk on “Developing Scientific Temper; Essential aspects of Research in Contemporary Society” – Dr. Ipe Varghese, Associate. Professor in Social Work, Bishop Chulaparambil

Memorial College Kottayam.

## **External Mentoring**

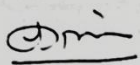
External Mentoring sessions were taken by the following resource persons. Specific topics were allotted by the Department of Collegiate Education. The sessions were handled by the following resource persons.

### First year External Mentoring

1. How to read and review academic book – Dr. Nithya Mariam John, Asst. Professor in English, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.
2. Developing Scientific Temper; Essential aspects of Research in Contemporary Society – Dr. Ipe Varghese, Associate. Professor in Social Work, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.
3. Self-awareness – SWOT analysis, Making Personal Development Plan (PDP) - Prof Babu Kuruvilla, Guest Professor, St. Joseph College of Communication, Changanacherry
4. Goal Setting – Setting realistic Goals, Making Action plans to achieve goals – Mr. Bijo Parasseril, Asst. Professor in Social Work, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.
5. Meet two experts – Adv. Anil D Kartha, Member, Kottayam Bar Council & Dr. Ison V. Vanchipurackal, Asst. Professor in Physics, St. Thomas College Pala.
6. Art and self-development (Theatre and/or other expressive art forms as medium of self-expression) - Prof Babu Kuruvilla, Guest Professor, St. Joseph College of Communication, Changanacherry
7. Understanding the Constitution and Democratic Values – Dr. Ajis Ben Mathews, Asst. Professor in History, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.

### Second Year External Mentoring

1. Learn how to review a journal article – Dr. Nithya Mariam John, Asst. Professor in English, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.
2. Learn Soft Skills, Presentation Skills etc. - Mr. Bijo Parasseril, Asst. Professor in Social Work, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.
3. Session on Gender Sensitization - Ms. Anna Mathew, Asst. Professor in Sociology, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.
4. Session on Environment Sensitization - Mr. Bijo Parasseril, Asst. Professor in Social Work, Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College Kottayam.

  
Jipin V Jimmy  
WWS Co-ordinator

