

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
WALK WITH A SCHOLAR (WWS) BISHOP
CHULAPARAMBIL MEMORIAL COLLEGE
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Walk With a Scholar Programme is a novel and flagship initiative of the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala. It proposes to arrange specialized mentoring programs for students in Under Graduate Programs in Arts, Science and Commerce and to provide guidance for their future. The scheme introduces the idea of mentoring and builds on the concept of mentor as a 'Guide' and 'Friend'. The mentoring scheme for students will be purely voluntary in nature. It will be open for all students entering the first year of the Under Graduate Programme of Study. The Scheme aims at giving necessary orientation to needy students, to prepare them for employment and give them necessary guidance, motivation and necessary mental support to identify appropriate areas for higher study as well as employment. Under this scheme 30 first year students from the college was given specialized training through internal mentors and external mentors.

Selection of Coordinator of the Programme

The college council meeting under the Principal appointed Mr. Jipin V. Jimmy, Asst. Professor, Dept of Commerce as the coordinator of Walk with a Scholar Programme.

Mentees

Mentees were selected based on the following criteria.

1. Students of first year Degree Programme alone are included under the scheme.
2. Each department recommend the names of five students each having highest score in higher secondary/ plus two examination. (Since the maximum number of

students under the scheme is limited to 30 per college, the students recommended was again short listed)

3. Before recommending the names, willingness of students for joining the scheme was ensured. The neediest and genuinely interested students alone were recommended for the scheme.
4. The students should have secured at least 60% marks at the higher secondary/plus two level. This stipulation of minimum mark was not applicable for SC/ST students.
5. The scheme is not applicable for self financing courses.

Under the scheme, thirty first year students were selected from various departments and the same was approved by the Principal.

Internal Mentors

Principal, Dr. Sr. Karuna nominated the following as the internal mentors of the walk with a scholar program

1. Dr. Annu Thomas – Asst. Professor- Dept of Chemistry
2. Dr. Elizabeth Basil – Asst. Professor – Dept of Zoology
3. Mr. Liju Alex - Asst. Professor- Dept of Mathematics
4. Ms. Salini Joseph - Asst. Professor- Dept of Economics
5. CA Reshma Rachel Kuruvila - Asst. Professor- Dept of Commerce

Workshop for Internal Mentors and Coordinators of the WWS

Office of the new initiatives of Govt of Kerala conducted a one day workshop for internal mentors and coordinators on 25th October 2014 at CMS College Kottayam. The internal mentors and the coordinator from the college attended the workshop. The workshop provided the basic idea regarding walk with a scholar program and mentoring.

Internal Mentoring

Mentors and Mentees met together at frequent intervals and the sound relationship made the mentors as guide and friend to the mentees. It helped the mentees to identify the opportunities available for them, the areas suitable for them and the manner in which the scholars should proceed before them and evolve ways by which they can be achieved.

External Mentoring

External mentoring was arranged to the students on three Sundays of the month of January and February. The classes were handled by Prof. Rebeeca George and Prof. Annice Mathew. They took classes on various topics viz; Higher education in India, career guidance, Civil service – Challenges and Opportunities.

The general programs under the scheme was concluded by 15th March 2015.