

**ANNUAL REPORT OF  
WALK WITH A SCHOLAR (WWS) BISHOP  
CHULAPARAMBIL MEMORIAL COLLEGE  
KOTTAYAM**



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## **WALK WITH A SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

Walk With a Scholar program started in the year 2014-15 is moved to second year from this academic year. Five internal mentors and thirty mentees continued the program from June onwards. Thirty mentees and five internal mentors were newly selected for this academic year. The internal mentors include

### **2014-17 Batch**

1. Dr. Annu Thomas – Chemistry
2. Prof. Liju Alex - Mathematics
3. Dr. Elizabeth Basil – Zoology
4. CA Reshma Rachel Kuruvilla – Commerce
5. Prof. Salini Thomas – Economics

### **2015-18 Batch**

1. Prof. Josephina Simon – Commerce
2. Prof. Phiona Elizabeth Joshy – English
3. Prof. Anu Varghese – Mathematics
4. Dr. Elizabeth V. John – Physics
5. Prof. Alphonsa Kurian – Sociology

Thirty mentees include mentees from the department of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English, Commerce, History, Economics and Sociology.

### **External Mentoring**

External mentoring session of this year was handled by Prof. Geevarghese, Prof. Rebecca George and Prof. Omana Jacob. , on 26.01.2016, 30.01.2016 and 06.02.2016.

### **Topics Handled**

Intensive hands-on training sessions designed to enhance teamwork and GD skills of candidates getting ready to face the real world. Teamwork sessions have various themes such as management games, planning

modules etc. The GD topics vary from case studies to general topics to current affairs. Presentation and Public Speaking skill development sessions are designed to enhance the confidence of participants step by step. Training begins with an individual presentation in front of micro groups and gradually the size of the group gets bigger along with the confidence level of the candidate. Interview training sessions are based on basics of personal interview, personality enhancement tips and practice (mock) interviews. Candidates have the opportunity to observe many mock interviews, evaluate the peer performance and compare that with own performance. Moreover, selected candidates experience the 'hot seat' and receive multi-dimensional feedback from peers as well as trainer.



## **Coordinators**

A meeting of second year mentees were conducted in the college visitors room. For the smooth conduct of the program, Ms. Nandini Ramesh, II DC Zoology was selected as the coordinator of the program.

Among the first year internal mentees, Ms. Amala Laurence, I DC Commerce was selected as the batch coordinator.

## **Report of Cluster Workshop for internal mentors and coordinators of WWS Program**

Department of collegiate education vide its e-mail dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, invited proposal for conducting cluster workshops for first year internal mentors and coordinators of Walk with a scholar program . The college council of BCM College discussed the topic and appointed Mr. Jipin V Jimmy, coordinator of WWS program to submit the proposal for the same.

Further to the email dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016, it was informed that, DCE has given sanction to conduct 33 cluster workshops all over the state including one at BCM College Kottayam.

The cluster colleges were

1. Baseliious College Kottayam
2. S D College Kanjirapally
3. St. Mary's College Manarcaud
4. SVR NSS College Vazhoor
5. K E College Mannanam
6. BCM College Kottayam.

As per the recommendation of the college council, we decided to conduct the workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Sr. Savio Hall, from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM.

All the Coordinators of the cluster colleges were informed about the program before 21<sup>st</sup> january

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January, it was informed from DCE that SVR NSS College is participating in the cluster workshop at CMS College Kottayam and we were asked to remove their names from the cluster list.

The detailed program sheet was sent to the colleges on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The principal of BCM College reminded the principals of all the cluster colleges via telephone on 25<sup>th</sup> January

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

The registration of internal mentors and coordinators started at 9.30 A.M.

The number of participants from the colleges were as follows:

1. Baseliious College Kottayam 6
2. S D College Kanjirapally 6
3. St. Mary's College Manarcaud 1
4. K E College Mannanam 3
5. BCM College Kottayam. 6

Total 22 participants registered for the program.

The official inaugural ceremony started with prayer song at 10 A.M. Dr. Elizabeth V John, internal mentor of WWS program introduced the program to the gathering. Mr. Jipin V Jimmy, workshop coordinator made the welcome speech. Prof. Sheela Cherian K, Principal BCM College, presided the function. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Kurias Kumbalakuzhi ( Former professor, School of letters, MG University & Former state information commissioner).

The first technical session on topic "Teacher – The real mentor" was lead by Dr. Kurias Kumbalakuzhi. The session came to end by 1.30 PM

The second technical session – Mentoring – An Evaluation - was taken by Dr. Jose Antony, Head of the Department of Social Work, Sanscrit University Kalady.

The valedictory function was started at 4.00 P.M. Dr. Elizabeth V John welcomed gathering and Mr. Jipin V Jimmy presided the function. The valedictory function was inaugurated and certificates were distributed to the participants by Dr. Jose Antony. The official function came to end by 4.30 PM.

## **REPORT ON MOTIVATIONAL VISIT**

### **Exploring the New Horizon**

Under the novel and flagship initiative, Walk With a Scholar (WWS) programme, a motivational visit was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016 by BCM College, Kottayam. A team comprising of the coordinator of the programme, Prof. Jipin V. Jimmy and other four faculties of the college Prof. Priya Thomas, Prof. Liju Alex, C.A. Reshma Rachel Kuruvilla and Prof. Gopeekrishnan C R and twenty eight students had been included in the trip. The team departed from the college by 7.30am of 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016, Thursday.

### **College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthi, Thrissur**

We reached the College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Mannuthi, Thrissur by 11.15 A.M. The college is a consistent of Kerala Veterinary and

Animal Sciences University and it spans over 195 hectares which includes, the administrative and academic wing, Animal Science block, Institutional farms, new clinical complex, Veterinary hospital, Meat Technology unit, Dairy plant, various project offices, Remount and Veterinary corps (NCC equestrian center), staff clubs, hostels, staff quarters, playgrounds and sports pavilion. It acts as a source of high quality germ-plasm and animal products to the farmers and general public respectively. We visited the dissection and anatomy lab where the preserved specimens of animals and their various stages of development, their internal organs and skeletal structures were displayed. In the Dairy plant, Prof. Anitha introduced and described the various machines and their functioning and the various products. We were given a chance to taste two of their products. The visit to the Veterinary and Animal Sciences College was really informative. After that we had meals and started our journey to Bangalore. Movies, songs and lights made our journey more delightful. At 8.00 PM, we had our supper in Kongu Hotel. We reached Bangalore by evening and resided in Upasana, a religious organization located at Balaji Nagar.

### **ISRO Bangalore**

After having breakfast, we departed to ISAC by 8.30 AM and reached there at ISRO Satellite Centre by 9.45 AM. With about 2500 highly trained and skilled manpower, ISAC today is home to a host of advanced, cutting edge satellite technologies that feeds into the Indian Space Programme. The center also houses ultra modern design, development, fabrication and testing facilities for satellites. In overall visit we first went to the museum accompanied by the senior scientist Dr. Sreeram. There we saw various models of satellites like Aryabhata, Rohini, Apple, etc., rocket fuel propellant, astronomical 3D images of India and satellite communication model. Then we were shown the restricted area from first gallery through glasses which was a laboratory where various scientists were working in special dresses on satellite launch vehicles. After that we had given a chance to watch a video of space recovery experiment and the launching of Chandrayan 1. Then we had an interaction with Dr. Sreeram as we asked various questions out of curiosity that made our visit successful one. Also he mentioned about the job opportunities available in ISAC. Every student was highly fascinated and deeply intrigued by looking at those engineered marvel. After lunch, we returned from ISAC and got divided into two groups, Science and Arts teams. The Science team headed to IISc, Bangalore and Arts team towards IIM Bangalore.

### **Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore.**

The Arts team comprising of seven students led by two faculties got into IIMB for motivational visit. Seeing the entrance of IIMB with its name engraved in big golden letters was overwhelming. One of the security officers became our guide for the visit, after checking our identity. The campus was beautiful, eco friendly, serene and calm. We were guided to the

Management Development Center, Director's bungalow and an IPS officer's bungalow who is in charge of the whole institution. Moving on we saw hostels, playgrounds, Executive block, classroom block etc. The scene was picturesque. Then we had been led to the library where there was huge collection of books with latest publications, auditorium, classrooms with facilities for power point presentations and at last NSR-GIV center where placements held. IIMB builds leaders through holistic, transformative and innovative education programmes and specialized courses in areas such as entrepreneurship and public policy.

### **IISc Bangalore**

The Science team comprising of 23 students and 3 faculties reached IISc, the College of Indian Institute of Science, the brainchild of well-known industrialist Jemsetji Tata, by 2.15 PM. It has a sprawling campus. It extends to over 400 acres and is an oasis of green. The campus is located about 4 kms away from the railway station in North Bangalore and is extremely self sufficient. There are shopping centres, restaurants, playgrounds, beauty saloons, hostels, six canteens and a gym. The institute has 6 divisions and over 40 departments. The team headed to Physics department at first. Various advanced labs and equipments had been displayed. The scientist accompanied team to different labs and explained about Raman spectroscopy and molecular structure. In the next lab, the instruments used to find the resistivity at low temperature were shown. He explained about nanotechnology, crystal formation, x-ray diffraction method and sputtering and the related instruments. Then the team headed towards Mathematics department. The scientists were excited to meet the inquisitive students, answer the questions and to talk about new horizons. The scientist kicked off the evening with a moving speech, which encouraged the students to take every opportunity possible to learn more.

### **Kerala Agricultural University**

After having dinner from Bangalore city, we started our journey back to Kerala. We reached Veterinary college hostel, Thrissur and after having breakfast from there, we headed towards Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur. It's the primary and the principal instrumentality of Kerala state in providing human resources and skills and technology, required for the sustainable activities based on water and land, including crop production and forestry through conducting, interfering and integrating education, research and extension in these spheres of economic endeavor. Prof. Mercykutty given us a brief description of the college and the various courses and their achievements. Then we visited the College of Horticulture, a constituent college of Kerala Agricultural University. The department of Olericulture is one of the active departments and is nationally recognized as a major center for higher education and research in vegetable science. The department has so far developed and released 35 improved varieties of different vegetable crops at state level, out of which 6 at



national level also. The bacterial wilt resistant varieties, Surya, Swetha, Haritha, Neelima, Ujwala, Anugraha, Sakthi, Mukthi and Anagha are well accepted nationally. Large scale production of breeder, foundation and truthfully labelled seeds of different vegetable varieties and their distribution is another important activity of the department. The students made a visit to their crop fields also. They practice the cultivation of disease resistant crop varieties including seedless cucumber, tomato, watermelon etc. Some of the students bought seeds from their outlet. Then we had our lunch at 1pm from a hotel near Olericulture department, that uses the organic vegetables from the field. We returned from KAU by 2.30pm and reached BCM College, Kottayam by 5.30pm.

The episodic memories created in our minds by the motivational visit organized as part of WWS programme would help us to retain information for longer periods. The informative educational trip helped us to know about new educational environments, exotic wildlife, rare plants and presented new experiences.

The activities for the academic year officially came to end by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.