

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES 2020-21

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

WEBINAR ON HUMAN RIGHTS

‘Environmental studies and Human Rights’ is a common paper for all the final year students of Mahatma Gandhi University. So to give an introduction to the topic the Department organized a Webinar for the final year students of our College on the Theme ‘Human Rights’ on 22/9/2020. The webinar was presided over by College Principal Dr. Aleyamma Kuruvila. Dr Deepa Roselin Joseph, HOD History welcomed the audience. The Resource person was Dr George Alex, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St Thomas College Kozhencherry. He discussed about the meaning and concept of Human Rights. Further he concentrated his discussion on Human Rights in India-the Fundamental Rights and Indian Constitution, Rights for children and women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Castes and Minorities. It was an interactive session and students got opportunities to ask questions and clear their doubts. Student representative Devika Gopalakrishnan proposed vote of Thanks.

KERALA PIRAVI QUIZ FOR HIGHER SECONDARY STUDENTS

November 1 is celebrated as the date of Kerala State Formation or Keralapiravi. To enhance the historical knowledge about Kerala, the Department of History in combination with the Department of Malayalam organized an online Kerala piravi Quiz competition for the Higher Secondary School Students of Kerala on Nov 1, 2020, The online quiz programme was titled as *Ente Keralam*. 113 students from various parts of Kerala participated. E Certificates were provided for the winners.

First prize- Ananya K.P Seethi Sahib Higher Secondary School

Second prize- Elsa Biji MS HSS Rannvi, Hiba Praveen, St Josephs HSS Peravoor
Lekshmi R Nair MSHSS Ranny.

Third prize- (1) Akhil R Nair, MS HSS Ranni, (2) Agness Mathew NSS HSS Alakode, (3) Christa Maria Babu, St Thomas HSS Thomapuram, (4) Rosepriya Johnson St Joseph's HSS Vayattuparamba, (5) Aparna R, GHSS Ramanthali, (6) Diya Ann Salu, MSHSS Ranni

KERALA PIRAVI VIDEO

The students of the Department of History created a Video on Kerala piravi Day (November 1). The video deals with the history of state formation and the various steps adopted by the governments to fulfill the dream of Aikya Kerala Movement. It also described the culture of Kerala in brief.

WOMEN'S DAY INTER COLLEGIATE POSTER DESIGNING COMPETITION

International Women's Day 2021 was celebrated by the Department by organizing an Intercollegiate Poster designing Competition on the Theme: Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID 19 world ". The winners were given cash prizes.

NATIONAL SEMINAR

The Department of History organized a webinar on the Theme **Changing democratic perceptions and practices in contemporary India** on 24/3/2021. The Resource Person was Dr Ansuman Rabboni (Head and Associate Professor in Dept of Public Administration, Madras Christian College Chennai. The webinar was presided over by HOD, Dr Deepa Roselin Joseph. Anish M Abraham, Assistant Professor, Department of History welcomed the audience. The Resource person started her discussion with the historic aspects of democracy and pointed out that both the procedures as well as the values that form Indian democracy have developed over the long years of India's anti-colonial struggle. But in modern India it has to face many challenges --social and economic inequalities, poverty and unemployment, Illiteracy and ignorance, casteism, communalism, population explosion, regionalism, corruption and terrorism, etc that need to be tackled in order to ensure true democracy. After giving a detailed list of challenges she later interacted about the current scenario and the changing perceptions in contemporary India.