

RAJAGIRI VISWAJYOTHI COLLEGE OF ARTS & APPLIED SCIENCES

Department of English

Annual Report about Major Events: 2022-23

Beginning of Word Power Programme:

13th June 2022: The Department of English initiated this programme with the aim of enriching English language vocabulary and pronunciation of the students and staff alike. A new word would be learned every day.

Beginning of the Daily Two Minutes English Class:

15th June 2022: This activity is done as an extension of the Word Power Programme, and continued the good work done by the earlier programme for students and teachers. A two-minute-long announcement is made daily to help the students and staff improve their English Language skills.

Visit to UC College Centennial Vista:

11th November 2022: First Year BA English students from RVCAS visited the centenary exhibition held at UC College, Aluva, one of the most perfectly organized events in any college under MG University. It proved to be a remarkable experience of learning, starting from a journey through Modernism set by the Department of English, and going through a huge number of exhibitions set by the other departments of the college. The exhibits at the Department of Psychology also requires special mention, and a certain relation to literature was maintained.

The other language departments of Hindi and Malayalam also served the purpose well. Department of History had some of those colonial and medieval exhibits along with some early works which would qualify as literature. It also had a side exploring the cultural heritage that has been long forgotten in history. There were further stalls of interest added, and exciting programmes also made it to list. The students were accompanied by Asst. Prof. Mr. Tennyson Thomas and Asst. Prof. Ms. Anila Roshan Joy.

History and Heritage Walk at Calicut:

13th February 2023: First Year BA English students had an exciting trip to Kozhikode, with special focus on Vasco da Gama Memorial at Kappad and other places of relevance. The history of modern colonialism which began during what's also known as the Age of Discovery was completed for Portugal as the new trade route through sea was discovered by Vasco da Gama who landed in Calicut in 1498. The colonial and post-colonial literature which followed in the Indian subcontinent can have this event as the moment which led to the series of colonial captures and struggles which followed in the area.

The Kappad beach is also one of eight beaches in India that have been awarded the International Blue Flag certification, and the only one of its kind in Kerala, a step ahead in the conservation of environment. There was focus on the vibrant cultural heritage and history of Kozhikode from the time of Zamorin, and through the British rule, as Calicut as a port city has maintained a special place for all rulers of the region. The local flavours of Calicut had something special embedded in them. The students were accompanied by Asst. Prof. Mr. Tennyson Thomas and Asst. Prof. Ms. Ashly Paul. The trip was a one-day venture by train.

Literary Competitions:

20th January 2023: The literary competitions were conducted from 20th onwards including essay, poetry and short story writing among others. The competitions saw a huge participation among the students.

Annual Class Tour:

28th January 2023: The students of BA English had a trip to Goa, accompanied by Asst. Prof. Mr. Tennyson Thomas and Asst. Prof. Ms. Arundhathi G. The trip would remain a source of nostalgia for them during the years to come.

On the Job Training and Internship Opportunity:

9th February 2023: Students of BA English as a part of their curriculum completed one-month internships from 9th February 2023 to 9th March 2023 under reputed media houses including Zee Keralam among others. The students were able to gain some valuable

knowledge from these internships which they can continue to use for the best advantage in future life.

Social for Final Year BA English Students

16th March 2023: The social function of final year BA English students was arranged with a touch of nostalgia. These were the moments which they would cherish forever, as some of the most beautiful memories were shared.

Paper Presentations:

Faculty Name: Tennyson Thomas

Paper Name: The Alliance of Science Fiction and Horror: A Journey of Togetherness Towards *I Am Legend* and Beyond

Event: International Conference on Emerging Trends in Language and Literature

Venue: Karpagam University, Coimbatore

Date: 11/05/2022.

Paper Name: Vaccination against the Pandemic of Vampirism: Vampires and the Proposed Medical Cure in *I Am Legend*

Event: International Conference on Emerging Vistas in English Language and Literature

Venue: Karpagam University, Coimbatore

Date: 30/03/2023.