

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS 2023 - 2024

REPORT

- **World Environment Day**

5 June 2023

The Department of English and Media Studies commemorated *World Environment Day* on **5 June 2023** with a series of engaging activities. A **Poetry Writing Competition** encouraged students to express their environmental concerns creatively, while **Campus Cleaning** efforts promoted cleanliness and environmental stewardship. On June 6, an **Enviro Quiz** hosted by Smt. Melissa Hilary, faculty of the BEAMS department, tested students' knowledge of environmental issues. Additionally, a Trees for the Future initiative saw students participating in **tree planting** to contribute to green spaces. The event culminated with an **Invited Lecture** by Arun Prasad R, Assistant Professor at Sree Narayana College, on “*Perceiving Eco-criticism: Re-reading Nature in English Poetry*”, emphasizing the role of literature in understanding environmental issues. The celebration fostered awareness and action toward environmental conservation among students.

- **World Food Safety Day**

7 June 2023

Food Safety and Hygiene -A Talk

The Department of English and Media Studies observed **World Food Safety Day** on 7 June 2023, under the theme “**Food Standards Save Lives**”. The event featured a talk on **Food Safety and Hygiene** by Mack Dcruz, a student from the Department of Malayalam and Mass Communication. The informative session, held in the Lecture Hall at 9:45 am, focused on the importance of food safety and hygiene practices, emphasizing the role of food standards in ensuring a healthy and safe diet. He provided practical insights into everyday food items, contributing to a better understanding of safe food practices among the college community.

- **World Ocean Day**

8 June 2023

OCEANA - Quiz Competition

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **World Ocean Day** on 8 June 2023, with **the Quiz Competition ‘OCEANA’** held in the Lecture Hall at 11:45 pm. It was conducted by Ms. Jency James, a faculty member from the Department of English and Media Studies. Three enthusiastic teams participated in the competition, each representing a significant ocean—Team Indian Ocean, Team Arctic Ocean, and Team Atlantic Ocean. In a competitive atmosphere, Team Indian Ocean bagged the first prize. The event not only tested oceanic knowledge but also fostered awareness about the importance of ocean conservation.

- **World Day Against Child Labour**

12 June 2023

NO to Child Labour - YES to Quality Education - Essay Writing Competition

The Department of English and Media Studies observed World Day Against Child Labour on 12 June 2023, with an Essay Writing Competition at the Arnos Padiri Library, at 11:00 am, centered around the theme: “NO to Child Labour - YES to Quality Education.” The event aimed to raise awareness about eradicating child labour through education. Grashma Lopez of second year won the first prize for her outstanding writing style. The event successfully conveyed the importance of combating child labour and promoting quality education as a collective responsibility.

- **National Reading Day**

19 June 2023

“Your Voice: Sharing Reading Experiences”

The Department of English and Media Studies observed **National Reading Day** on June 19, 2023. The event titled **“Your Voice: Sharing Reading Experiences,”** took place at 11:00 am in Lecture Hall, Room No: 223. The session featured the unique reading experiences shared by Amalendu, first year student of the Physics Department, along with Fathima and Akash, first year students of the Chemistry Department. They conveyed their unique perspective on the joy of reading. The event aimed to foster a love

for reading and create a platform for students to exchange their literary journeys. It successfully encouraged a diverse community of readers within the college.

- **International Yoga Day & World Music Day**

21 JUNE 2023

Sound and Silence: Music as a Tool for Yoga

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **International Yoga Day and World Music Day** on 21 June 2023. An engaging talk titled “**Sound and Silence: Music as a Tool for Yoga**” was delivered by Anoop P K, a faculty member in the department. The insightful session held at 11:45 AM in the lecture hall, explored the connection between music and yoga. The resource person shared valuable insights, emphasizing how music is a transformative tool in enhancing the yoga experience. Students and faculty members gathered to learn about the harmonious relationship between sound and silence in the context of enhancing the yoga experience. The talk successfully blended the essence of International Yoga Day and World Music Day, contributing to a culturally enriched atmosphere.

- **World Paper Bag Day**

12 JULY 2023

TAKE & MAKE - Paper Bag Making Training

The Department of English and Media Studies organized an event on **World Paper Bag Day**, 12 July 2023, with a hands-on training session titled “**Take & Make**” on **Paper Bag Making** which was conducted by Denna Roy, a student from the Department of Mathematics. The event took place in the Lecture Hall at 11:45 am and the program aimed to promote eco-friendly practices by imparting practical skills in paper bag creation. Denna Roy’s expertise added a unique perspective to the training.

- **124th Birth Anniversary of Ernest Hemingway**

21 July 2023

Sailing with Hemingway

The Department of English and Media Studies commemorated **the 124th Birth Anniversary of Ernest Hemingway** on **21 July 2023**, with an enlightening event titled “**Sailing with Hemingway**” held at Lecture Hall, Room No. 169. The program featured readings from Hemingway's iconic works, including *The Sun Also Rises*, *The Old Man and the Sea* and *Across the River and Into the Trees*, which immersed students in the evocative prose of Hemingway, experiencing the adventure, tragedy, and beauty of his storytelling. The event provided a platform to appreciate Hemingway’s literary legacy and his contributions to literature. It was a fitting tribute to one of the most renowned writers of the 20th century.

- **167th Birth Anniversary of George Bernard Shaw**

26 July 2023

A Man & His Words

The Department of English and Media Studies commemorated **the 167th Birth Anniversary of George Bernard Shaw** on **26 July 2023**, with an illuminating event titled “**A Man & His Words**” held in Lecture Hall, Room No: 169, a tribute to the renowned playwright's brilliance and wit. The program showcased readings from Shaw's iconic works, including “Arms and the Man”, “Caesar and Cleopatra”, and “Man and Superman”, which deepened the students' understanding of Shaw’s insightful prose, exploring themes of societal norms and human nature. The event provided a platform to appreciate Shaw’s enduring literary legacy and his contributions to theater and literature.

- **Friendship Day**

7 August 2023

Friend: The Best Counsellor - Letter Writing Competition

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **Friendship Day** on 7 August 2023, with a **Letter Writing Competition** titled “**Friend: The Best Counsellor.**” Students penned heartfelt letters to their best friends, identifying strengths and offering encouragement to overcome weaknesses. Ameena Sha, a First-year B. Com

student, emerged as the winner. The competition fostered friendship and reflection on the importance of friendship, highlighting the supportive bonds among the students

- **BOOK LOVER'S DAY**

- Library Orientation Program**

- 9 AUGUST 2023**

- The Department of English and Media Studies conducted a **Library Orientation Program** for First Year BEAMS Students on **Book Lover's Day**, 9 August 2023. The event, led by Smt. Sheeba Johnson, the librarian of Arnos Padiri Library, aimed to introduce new students to library resources. The program covered the library layout and borrowing procedures, highlighting the joy of reading on Book Lover's Day. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment where students had the opportunity to clarify doubts and seek guidance on utilizing library resources effectively.

- **World Photography Day**

- 19 August 2023**

- Unveiling Hidden Frames - Photography Competition**

- The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **World Photography Day** on **19 August 2023**, with a mesmerizing photography competition titled “**Unveiling Hidden Frames**”, centered around the theme of “**Patterns**”. Participants revealed their creativity and skill in capturing hidden patterns through the lens of their cameras. Hareesh (3rd Year, Beams) won the first prize, followed by Prapanj R Sekhar (1st year BEAMS) in second place, and Muhammed Fariz Mirza (1st year BEAMS) secured the third prize. The competition provided a platform for students to explore their passion for photography while appreciating the beauty of patterns in the world around us.

- **International Literacy Day**

- 8 September 2023**

- Spelling Bee Competition**

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **International Literacy Day** on 8 September 2023 with a thrilling **Spelling Bee Competition** held at Lecture Hall, Room No. 169. The event was hosted by faculty members, Franshine F and Jency James of the English and Media Studies Department. Among the talented participants, Prapanj R Sekhar of first year BEAMS emerged victorious, showcasing exceptional spelling skills. The competition not only highlighted the importance of literacy but also demonstrated the dedication and talent of the students.

- **World Post Day**

9 October, 2023

From Pen to Post: Exploring Postal Wonders

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **World Post Day** on 9 October 2023, with a special event called “**From Pen to Post: Exploring Postal Wonders**”, a post office tour to the St. Xavier's College Post Office by students. They learned about how mail works and the different ways people send letters and packages. The visit showcased the history and technology behind postal services. It was a learning experience that helped students understand the importance of postal services in our daily lives, the significance of communication, and staying connected with others. They were also enlightened about the job opportunities in postal service.

- **World Mental Health Day**

10 October 2023

Bridging Minds: A Journey to Mental Well-being

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **World Mental Health Day** on **10 October 2023**, with a thought-provoking talk titled “**Bridging Minds: A Journey to Mental Well-being**” in Lecture Room 169, conducted by Athira Ajith, a Consultant Psychologist from Jeevani Centre for Student's Well-being (Government of Kerala Undertaking). The session aimed to raise awareness about mental health. She eloquently guided students on strategies for enhancing mental wellness, emphasizing self-care, and seeking support when needed. It was a significant initiative in promoting mental well-being among students and fostering a supportive community.

- **Kerala Formation Day**

1 November 2023

Malayala Peruma – Cultural Events

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **Kerala Formation Day** on **1 November 2023**, with a vibrant array of activities at 11:00 a.m. in Room Number 169. Faculty member Jency James, from the BEAMS department, delivered an insightful talk on the History of Kerala, enlightening students about the rich cultural heritage of the state. Malayalam language games added a fun and interactive element to the celebration, engaging participants in linguistic exploration. The atmosphere was further enlivened by folk songs that highlighted the traditional music of Kerala. Additionally, Malayalam recitations captivated the audience, highlighting the literary prowess of the language. The celebration served as a meaningful tribute to Kerala's cultural heritage and historical significance, fostering pride and appreciation among students for their home state.

- **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict**

6 November, 2023

“Voices of Nature ‘n’ Sounds of War” -A documentary screening

The Department of English and Media Studies marked the **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict** on 6 November 2023, with a poignant event titled **“Voices of Nature ‘n’ Sounds of War”** held at Lecture Hall Room No: 169 at 11:00 AM. The program featured a screening of a UN documentary addressing environmental issues during warfare. Through compelling visuals and narratives, students gained insight into the devastating impact of conflict on our planet. The screening aimed to raise awareness about environmental preservation in times of war, advocating for a more sustainable and peaceful future.

- **KANIV**

13 November 2023

Food Packets Distribution

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- **BE A SECRET SANTA**
- **Christmas Celebration**
22 December 2023
- **National Youth Day**
12 January 2024
Podcast Competition

The Department of English and Media Studies marked National Youth Day on 12 January 2024, with a Podcast Competition centered on the theme “Youth Icon.” Sereena Ivin and the team (first year BEAMS) won the cash prize for their insightful portrayal of influential youth figures. Their podcast captured the essence of youthfulness and celebrated inspiring role models. The competition not only highlighted the creativity and talent of the participants but also highlighted the significance of youth voices in shaping our society's narrative.

- **KANIV**
23 February 2024
- **World Radio Day**
27 February 2024
Radio Station Visit

The Department of English and Media Studies celebrated **World Radio Day** on 27 February 2024, with a visit to Club FM 94.3 in Thiruvananthapuram at 11:00 AM. The first year explored the world of radio broadcasting and learned about on-air frequency. They experienced how radio programs are produced and broadcasted. The visit provided valuable insights into the importance of radio in communication and entertainment. Students enjoyed the opportunity to see behind the scenes of a radio station and appreciated the role of radio in connecting people and sharing stories. It was an informative and enjoyable event for everyone involved.