

Report of Walk with a Scholar Programme 2017-18

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Under the “New Initiatives in Higher Education” of the department of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala, a specialized mentoring programme called Walk With a Scholar started. It has been observed that the students in Arts, Science and Commerce Colleges do not get necessary orientation to prepare them for employment or guidance necessary to select areas for higher study. Walk With a Scholar (WWS) scheme 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 is purely voluntary in nature. 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. Thirty students from First year of the UG programme will be selected to this scheme and divided into groups. For the purpose of mentoring, two categories of mentors are identified: ‘Internal Mentors’ and External Mentors’. Internal Mentors are faculty from the College itself and they are persons who are able to do mentoring and support the scholars and act as a guide in building their career. External Mentors are reputed persons outside the College and from various professions. Their experience and expertise will help the students to identify a better career option.

The students were chosen in two rounds . the first set was selected by the class tutors based on their plus two score and the recognized students was asked to take an interview to check their interests and background. The activities and the visits conducted were based on the needs and interests of the scholars.

ICE BREAKING SESSION

The scholars had an ice breaking session and an orientation programme on Personality & Skill Development by Dr.Swapna Gopinath on 09/06/2017. It was an one day program where the students from different streams interacted and associated with each other through various games and puzzles.





SOFT SKILLS TRAINING BY SENTHIL KUMAR

Renowned soft skills and life skills management trainer Senthil Kumar gave a one day orientation class on the importance of public speaking on 03/02/2018 and the afternoon session was allotted for the students speak in a public forum which was recorded and showed to the students.







EXTERNAL VISIT TO VARKALA

Scholars with their respective mentors visited Varkala the holy land of Sivagiri and Papanasham and had a one on one interaction with the mentors.

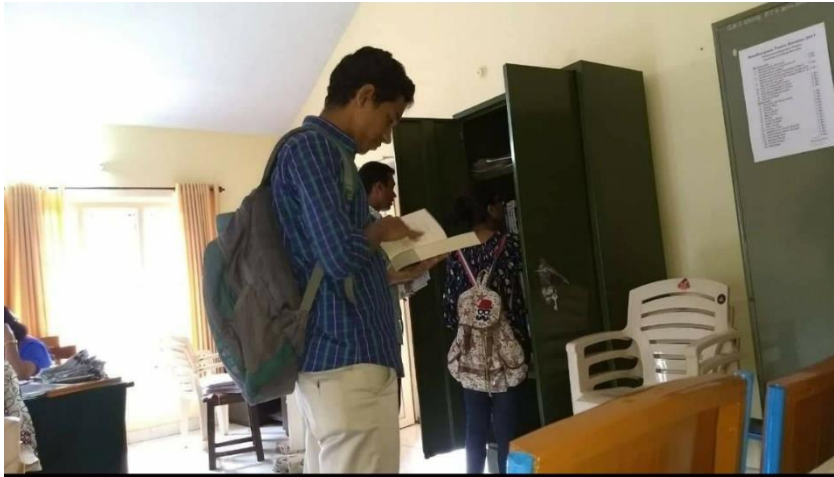






READING BOOKS

Students were given fiction/non-fiction to enhance their reading skills.



THREE DAY THEATRE WORKSHOP BY NIREEKSHA

The session was conducted by Sudhi Devayani and Raaraeshari Easwaran of Nireeksha Womens group and the at the end of the session the students performed a small drama in college. The mentoring session came to a fruitful end with the distribution of notebooks and pens to the scholars .

