

SREE NARAYANA COLLEGE , CHEMPAZHANTHY

WALK WITH A SCHOLAR REPORT 2018-2019

WWS program at SN College Chempazhantny is being conducted with two batches of students, one for 1st and 2nd sem and the second for 3rd and 4th sem. It has been continuing successfully since its inception in the university system. We began some of the highly successful programs –theatre workshops, manuscript magazines and so on.

During the year 2018-19 WWS program is being spearheaded by Ms Lakshmi AJ, Asst. Prof, Dept of Commerce. The program has a total of 10 mentors who were selected after circulating a consent form among the members of the faculty. This democratic process was to ensure that mentors are truly committed to the programme.

Mentors were selected after a careful screening process that happened at two levels. Class tutors were asked to give a list and students were then asked to go through a screening process. Final selection was done after this **regorios** process to ensure that the best of the candidates get the opportunity to be part of the process.

Mentor –Mentee interaction is ensured and an informal meeting schedule is maintained. External mentors were selected after discussion with the mentees. There were brainstorming sessions with the mentees to design a plan of action for the year ahead. It was decided to conduct the following programs.

As part of the introduction section our mentees from our passed out batch who are currently doing their post graduation in TIS Mumbai, shared their experience and they also motivated their juniors.

External mentoring sessions began with sessions by Deepa Ananthapadmanabhan, a social entrepreneur based in Trivandrum, spearheading the organization called SARSAS, Save a Rupee, Spread a Smile. She held sessions for both bathes on 03/11/2018. Her session focused on being socially responsible individuals and also extended her support and guidance to students in building their social leadership skills.

The next session was conducted by Avaneesh, who runs the organization Mantastic in Trivandrum. He conducted Calligraphy workshops for both batches on 01/12/2018. We provided the participants with required pens and other stationery. As per request of the mentees Mr Avaneesh was invited for another motivational and interactive session on 09/02/2018 which were activity oriented.

Pran of Prancare conducted workshops for the participants of both the batches on 08/12/2018. This was conducted for our second year mentees. Separate sessions were conducted for self improvement. His sessions were informative and self-reflective.

Another interesting programme was the 3-day Theatre Workshop conducted by Nireeksha, a theatre group headed by Rajarajeswari and Sudhi, based in Trivandrum. They conducted separate sessions for the two batches on 4th of January to 6th of January for the 2nd

year mentees and from 15th February to 17th February for the First year mentees. which helped the students become better equipped at communication and body imaging.

Mentees had several informal group sessions where they were encouraged to come up with new ideas about programmes to be conducted for them as well as programs which will help inculcate qualities of leadership in them. So as per their suggestions, they started a news magazine which was released by Mr. Sambath, Member of Parliament, on 27/02/2019. A campaign named “Life Matters” was also inaugurated by the MP on the occasion. This campaign was the response of our mentees to the increasing number of suicides among the students of our college.

The whole campaign is designed by the mentees and it includes class campaigns, short plays, poster designing and similar programmes. Internal mentoring happened at three levels, as a formal big group, as smaller mentor-mentee formal groups and informal small groups. Formal big group meetings were held with most of the mentors and mentees present, along with the coordinator. Formal mentor-mentee meetings were conducted and discussions done on improving their social skills. Tasks were assigned to the mentees and feedback on programmes conducted were collected orally.

Informal meetings, mostly between a mentor and a mentee was also an important component of this programme. It was mostly personal in nature and helped create a stronger bond between the mentor and the mentee. Another aspect of the mentoring programme to be mentioned in this report is the manner in which we have been selecting students for camps held in other colleges. It is a democratic process where mentees are encouraged to play an active role in the selection, thereby learning to make responsible decisions and choices in life.

Two programmes scheduled to be conducted for this year are the following: A workshop on film making followed by a competition to encourage mentees to capture videos of their alma mater. Another programme will be on March 8th, International Women's day. Mentees have decided to organize an awareness campaign which will be creatively done, under the leadership of the mentees. WWS programme has seen active participation and involvement from both the mentors and mentees throughout the academic year.

Workshop on Calligraphy



