

Report of the Women's Forum Baselius College for the Year 2016-2017

Women form half the world population. They make invaluable contributions to the well being of humanity. The adage 'the hands that rock the cradle rules the nation' is worth remembering. But most of their contributions remain unrecognised and unapplauded. Moreover they remain suppressed at home and in the society as well. Their varied talents go wasted. Things are not very different in our state which claims total literacy. Baselius College feels that there should be a change. Women should be empowered. Their voice should be heard. The Women's Forum makes valiant efforts for women emancipation and development. This report is presented with the great satisfaction that we could conduct several programmes this year also with this objective.

Prof. Shetal Elizabeth Thomas (Department of Chemistry) and Prof. Thara Thomas (Department of Economics) were leading the forum in 2016-2017. Ms. Samaja Krishna (Dept. of Physics) and Ms. Kavya S (Dept. of Chemistry) were representing the students in the supporting role as Secretary and Joint Secretary.

During 2016-2017 the forum conducted following programmes like:

- Preliminary round of Vanitha cover girl competition on 3-8-2016. Cine Artist Ms. Prayaga Martin inaugurated the function. About 30 students from various departments participated in the competition.
- Conducted preliminary round of Callista 2016, the beauty contest, to find out the most beautiful and talented girl among the college students of Kottayam District on 26-8-2016. Selected 5 students from our college and they participated in Miss Callista contest conducted at Assumption College, Changanacherry. Athira Sam of D1 V.B. Com reached the final round.
- Seminar on 'Changes in girls during Adolescence' by Mrs. Nisha Surendran, Lecturer, University college of Nursing, Thalappady, Kottayam in association with Spirituality Life and mental Health Movement, Kottayam on October 5, 2016
- Fevicryl Painting Workshop in association with Fine Arts Club on 03-03-2017. Mrs Usha Kamal a soft skill trainer conducted classes for Fabric painting, Liquid embroidery, Glass Painting and Pottery making. 49 students from various departments participated in the workshop.
- Women's Forum conducted driving classes for the girl students-two wheeler and four wheeler-in association with the Anugraha Driving school, Kottayam.

We know that the process of women development has to be a continuous one. One has to be ever watchful of the forces of bondage and has to fight against these forces whenever situation demands. Forums like ours stand for this objective and remain successful to a great extent.

Prof. Shetal Elizabeth Thomas