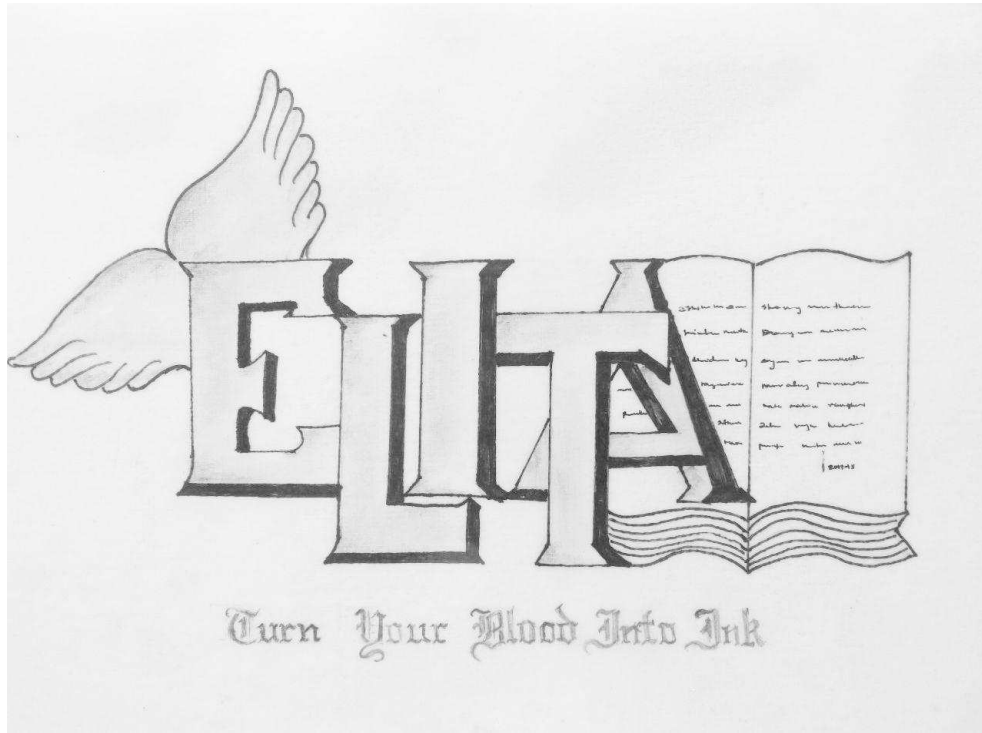


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ELITA is the official association of the English Department of Baselius College, Kottayam. The faculty co-ordinator of ELITA, 2017-18 was Mr. Viju Kurian, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Baselius College, Kottayam. The student co-ordinators were Mr. Dony Mathew Kurian and Ms. Haripriya Harikumar of D3 English. The following events were conducted as part of the Association in the academic year 2017-18.

1.Discourse

Discourse is a platform for intellectual and creative discussions on different contemporary texts and issues. It mainly involves creative input from students. Discourse was inaugurated in June 2017 and 10/1/18, an exclusive Poetry Reading Eve was held on where two students and two teachers recited poems. Teachers and Students actively participated in the Event. Ragasree. KP, Anila VS, Dr. Jyothimol.P, Jithin John recited poems.



2. Dialectics

Dialectics is a platform for intellectual and creative discussions on different contemporary texts and issues. Being a research department, academic discussions are essential. Dialectics was formally inaugurated on 25 July 2017. Dr. Lata Marina Varghese presided over the session. Prof. Meera Elizabeth James welcomed the gathering and Dr. Dona Elizabeth Sam inaugurated and presented her research paper on the Afghan film, *The Patience Stone*. In the second session of Dialectics, Ms. NanduParvathy Pradeep presented her paper, “Academics As an Exclusive Discourse: Heterosexism in Academic Space.” Both the sessions were venues of intellectual discourse where teachers and students contributed their share of wisdom.



3. Orientation for D1 Students

On 30/8/17 Sharaf and Arun Mathew of SLI Institute, Kottayam gave an orientation class to the students of DI English. It served to allay the fears of the students and to motivate them towards the course and its possibilities.

4. Prof. Rajaram Menon Memorial Lecture 2017

The tenth edition of Prof. Rajaram Menon Memorial Lecture was held on 9 October 2017 at A.P. Mani Media Centre. Sri. Unni R., renowned short story writer and script writer, illuminated the minds of the audience on the topic “The Art of Writing”. The memorial speech was rendered by Prof. Jacob Kurian Onattu. The meeting started at 10.30 am with a prayer song by Ms. Helena Philip of M1 English. Dr. Jyothimol P., HOD of English, welcomed the gathering. Dr. Jancey Thomas, principal in charge of Baselius College, had done the floral tributes. The meeting was attended by several retired teachers, former students of Prof. Rajaram, students and teachers from nearby colleges and the students of our college. The audience actively participated in the intellectual discourse lead by the chief speaker, Sri. Unni R. The students of Prof. Rajaram also shared their memories about their great teacher. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Prof. Meera Elizabeth James.



5. 11th edition of Prof. Manju Mathews Memorial Lecture

The 11th edition of Prof. Manju Mathews Memorial Lecture was held on Friday, 10th November 2017 at A. P. Mani Media Centre, Baselius College, Kottayam. The program began at 10.30 a.m. by invoking the blessings of God Almighty with a song by Helena Philip (M1 English). Prof. Elsa C. Maria Sebastian welcomed the invitees to the memorial lecture. Principal Dr. Jancey Thomas delivered the Presidential address. Reminiscences on Prof. Manju Mathews were by Prof. TissyEruthickal, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Baselius College. She was a former student of Prof. Manju Mathews and she took the audience to the days of her dear teacher. It was followed by a melodious song by Reshma Shajan (M11 English). Sri N. S. Madhavan, the well-known litterateur delivered the keynote address on the topic **“Ways of Writing in the Digital Era”**. The curiosity of the audience (UG/ PG students and teachers of Baselius College, from colleges around Kottayam and retired staff of Baselius College) poured down in the form of questions. After this fruitful interactive session, Prof. Susanna Thomas expressed gratitude and indebtedness of the department to the invitees and the gathering.

Dr. Dona Elizabeth Sam and Ms. Aneka Avraham served as the comperes of the session. The session ended by noon.



6. P. G. Students' Seminar and Paper Presentation Competition PRAJNA 2K17-18

On Travel Narratives

The P. G. Students' Seminar and Paper Presentation Competition PRAJNA 2K17-18 was organized by the Post Graduate Department of English and Centre for Research, Baselius College, Kottayam on 17th January 2018 at A.P Mani Media Centre. The session began at 10 a. m. with a silent prayer. Prof. Susanna Thomas offered words of welcome. Dr. Shyla Abraham, Asso. Prof. & H. O. D of the Dept. of Malayalam delivered the Presidential address. It was followed by the H. O. D's remark in which Dr. Jyothimol P. introduced the topic "Travel Narratives". **Dr. Laly Mathew, Assoc. Professor and H. O. D of the Dept. of English** and Vice Principal of Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakkara delivered the keynote address. Jishnu K, a student coordinator of M11 English proposed the vote of thanks.

In the forenoon Paper presentation session (session 1) six students presented their papers (Meera M of Amrita School of Arts and Science, DiyonaBennichan & Della Maria Mathew of J. P. M Arts and Science College, Arya C. A of NSS College, Tvm, Manasa U of Bharata Mata College, and Devika B of Amrita ViswaVidyapeetham).

After the lunch break, session 2 began at 2.00 pm. Anurag N. T. of St. Thomas College, Pala, Parvathy N & Rajeesh Rajkumar of Maharajas College, Divya Manikuttan & Roselyn Alex of Bharata Mata College and Jishnu K of Baselius College presented their papers.

The paper presentation sessions were ably judged by **Dr. Nithya Mariam John**, Asst. Prof, Dept of English, B. C. M College, Kottayam, **Prof. Kavitha Gopalakrishnan**, Asst. Prof, Dept. of English, Baselius College, Kottayam and **Mr. Vishnu N**, Research Scholar, Post Graduate Dept. of English and Centre for Research, Baselius College, Kottayam.

The best paper award with cash prize of Rs 3000/- was won by Mr. Anurag N. T. of St. Thomas College, Palai. Students from across Kerala participated in the Seminar.



7. Class on Research Methodology for D3 and M2

As part of the department's attempts to familiarize the students with the writing of their Research projects, a WORKSHOP ON Research Methodology was conducted by Prof. Bipin Thomas, Asst. Professor of English, Mar Baselius Engineering College, Peerumedu on 27 November 2017. It provided them enough resources for project preparation based on MLA 8.



8.Festivelita 2018

ELITA is the English Literary Association and Festivelita is the annual fest organized by ELITA for the year 2017-18. The highlights of the FEST are two landmark events running for the past 37 years, the All Kerala Quiz and Elocution Competition. The fest was conducted in 3 venues on the 2 and 3 of March 2018. It had more than 100 participants for 7 competitions worth a prize money of rupees 40,000. The Valedictory session of Festivelita also saw the release of the handwritten magazine of Elita, **INCESSANT**, edited by Milu Ann Sojan (D3 English) and Amrutha S. (D3 English). The magazine was released by HOD of English, Dr. Jyothimol P. and Teacher-in-charge, ELITA, Prof. Viju Kurian



The Voice – 37th All Kerala Intercollegiate Elocution Competition

Festivelita 2K18 started off with the 37th Edition of the Elocution competition. Around 10 participants from across Kerala participated. The topic given was “Challenges Faced by Ethnic Communities”. Each participant was given 5 minutes to prepare their extempore speech. The competition was held at Dr. A.P. Mani Hall and the judges were:

Reba Varghese, Faculty of Vocational Commerce, Baselius College

Mishel Maria Varghese, Faculty of Management, Baselius College

Elsa C. Maria Sebastian, Faculty of English, Baselius College

The event started at 11AM and concluded by 12.30.

The winners were:

First Prize: Anu Augustine, Alphonsa College, Pala (Ever Rolling Trophy, Rs. 2500 Cash Prize and Certificate)

Second Prize: Parvathy S. Nair, Assumption College, Changancherry (Rs. 1500 Cash Prize and Certificate)



Time's Up - 37th All Kerala Intercollegiate Quiz Competition

The annual All Kerala Intercollegiate Quiz competition is held for the 37th year and the quiz master of this year was Adithyan S., a former student of the Department of English. The preliminaries was conducted at 11.30AM at Mrs. MammenMappila Hall and 20 teams from

across Kerala took part in it. Of this, five teams were selected for the finals conducted at Dr. A. P. Mani Hall at 2PM. The quiz concluded by 3.30 PM and the two winners were:

First Prize: Murali Krishnan and MahendraBalu, CET Trivandrum (Ever Rolling Trophy, Rs. 3000 Cash Prize and Certificate)

Second Prize: Alex David and Amal A., Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum (Rs. 2000 Cash Prize and Certificate)



Painting the Face Red – Face Painting Competition

A face painting competition was held at the college open area before the auditorium and 10 teams participated. The participants were given the theme: Ethnic Patterns

The winner of the competition was

First Prize: AtulAjayakumar Nair and AparnaPrathapan, GIAL Kottayam (Rs. 1000 Cash Prize and Certificate)

The judges of the competition were

Sany Mary Benjamin, Faculty of Zoology, Baselius College

Niranjana Marian George, Faculty of English, Baselius College

Dona Elsa Sam, Faculty of English, Baselius College



Better than Autocorrect – Word Games

This programme was conducted at Room No. 205 at 11.00 AM and the programme was conducted by Ragasree K. P. of D3 English and Prof. Abiya of Faculty of English. The event had three rounds; a crossword, a word scramble and the finals, spelling bee competition.

The winners of the competition were

First Prize: Sandra Maria Baby and Sneha Susan Sujoy, Saintgits College of Applied Sciences
(Rs. 3000 Cash Prize and Certificate)

Second Prize: Parvathy S. Nair, Assumption College, Changancherry (Rs. 1500 Cash Prize and Certificate)



Prop Choreo – Spot Dance with Props

This was a spot dance competition with a surprise prop which the dancer had to use during one of the songs. The event was held at College Auditorium at 11.30 AM. Props ranging from umbrella to brooms were given to around ten participants from across Kerala and the event attracted lots of audience.

The judges of the competition were

Sany Mary Benjamin, Faculty of Zoology, Baselius College

Niranjana Marian George, Faculty of English, Baselius College

Dona Elsa Sam, Faculty of English, Baselius College

First Prize: Tibin Joseph, MACFAST Thiruvalla (Rs. 5000 Cash Prize and Certificate)

Second Prize: Sreelesh V.M. ,Baselius College, Kottayam (Rs. 3000 Cash Prize and Certificate)



Ethusion 2K18 – Ethnic Representation

The highlight programme of Festivalita 2K18, Ethusion 2K18 was an ethnic fusion representation of costumes of different ethnic communities across India. Participants were asked to present costumes of particular ethnic communities and answer questions based on the culture. Three teams participated in the event which was held at the College Auditorium at 2 PM.

The judges were

Jijo Joy, Cucumba Beauty Salon, Kottayam

Unnikrishnan, Senski Boutique, Kottayam.

Meera Elizabeth James, Faculty of English, Baselius College

The winners of the event were:

First Prize: Anu S. Nair and Team, Alphonsa College, Pala (Rs. 10000 Cash Prize and Certificate)

Second Prize: Shilpa Suresh and Team, BCM College, Kottayam (Rs. 7000 Cash Prize and Certificate)



There were two online competitions as well

Groupfie: A group photo competition.

First Prize(s): Alex Mathew (Rs. 500 Cash Prize and Certificate) &

Ragarjun S, Baselius College, Kottayam (Rs. 500 Cash Prize and Certificate)

Tiny Tales – Micro Story competition

First Prize Riya Clare Paul - (Rs. 500 Cash Prize and Certificate)



9. Incessant – Student Manuscript Magazine

A manuscript magazine with the title *Incessant* was released during the valedictory function of Festivalita on March 3, 2018. The magazine took upon the interests of the theme *Incessant*, which means ‘unending’ and the theme was extrapolated into many realms by the students. The students editors in-charge were Milu Ann Sojan and Amrutha S. of D3 English. Extremely innovative in its design, which consisted of an unending and continuous page that is only folded reflecting the nature of the theme itself. It was the brainchild of all the D3 English students who participated in its production and execution.



Student Achievements

Students bagged prizes for various interdepartmental and inter collegiate events.

1. George VS of D3 English was part of the team that became the runners up in Reliance Trophy
2. Helena Philip M1 English, Chris Oommen Jacob won Second Place in Literary quiz organized by GIAL
3. Akshay Suresh, D2 ENGLISH First prize winner in FOOT SAL 3X3 ORGANIZED BY GIAL.
4. Joel Joseph D1 English made it to the 2 round of Speak for India
5. Anju Suresh, First Prize in Vocabuzz, Spelling Bee competition at Diferenza, inter-collegiate festival organized by Dept. of English, CMS College

In Summary - From Present to Future

The English Department of Baselius College initiates a number of college-level and intercollegiate activities under the aegis of the Association, ELITA. This year too saw a slew of activities involving huge participation from students across colleges in Kerala. The highlight of the year was the 2-day long Festivalita 2K18 which brought diverse students from many colleges in Kerala in multiple events. The academic side of the Association is seen through the activities like the monthly Dialectics, student seminar as well as two memorial talks. There are also activities involving students exhibiting their literary and artistic abilities like Discourse held monthly once. Orientation of students to enhance their adaptability to the college system, research capabilities and awareness about future careers and placement are conducted periodically for all the students through workshops and seminars. The enthusiastic participation of the students enabled by the active responsiveness of teachers give ELITA the impetus to be an influential force in the English Department. It is with this inspiration that ELITA looks towards a brighter future full of excellent activities and enabling experiences.



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