

Baselius College, Kottayam

Report

Laurels Day 2019-20

The Laurels' Day 2019 -20 was a new initiative by combining the Laurels Day (Day of Appreciating Rank Holders) and Merit Day and Prathibha Sangamam (Day of Appreciating Exemplary achievers in Academic and co-curricular activities and Distribution of endowments and scholarships). The Meeting was planned to organise on 13th March 2020. But due to Covid-19 issue, meeting could not be conducted as planned. Under the new circumstances, by strictly following the covid-19 protocol, the meeting was conducted online mode by using google-meet as platform on 13th July 2020. 129 participants were presented in the meeting including teachers.

Some of the major changes brought about in the meeting were as follows:

1. Clubbing of laurels day and merit day and prathibhasangamam, which was previously celebrated as separate events.
2. The whole list of recipients were categorised in to two: first category belongs to exemplary achievements and second belongs to endowments and college level achievements.
3. Only certificates were issued to the MG University Arts Festival (Article-14) winners and winners of inter-collegiate competitions (student won at least three intercollegiate competition prizes) due to fund paucity as large number of winners compared to yesteryears.
4. Merit Cum Means scholarships recipients were not included in the programme and payments to them were given separately (using common account) as per the Government Order.
5. Two new Endowments were instituted:
 - a. Prof. P.C Alias Memorial Endowment, Instituted by the family of Late Prof. P.C Alias, the former Principal of Baselius College and former HoD of Economics Department. Recipients were categorised in to five. Four of these are included in general category and one included in the department level, ie; Economics Dept.
 - b. James Babychen Endowments were instituted by the family of Late. James Babychen, who was a student of MCom(SF) First Year, to be awarded to the meritorious student of MCom(SF) and BCom(SF).
6. It was customary to issue Joseph Chandy Scholarships separately by the sponsors to the Chemistry Department Students. But this year, it was also come under the merit cum means scholarship.
7. Scholarships, Endowments and certificates were submitted to the corresponding Depts of the students for ease of giving payments to them and a separate register is opened showing the name of the recipients, category of achievement and amount they received.

Report of the Programme

The meeting started with a silent prayer at 9.0am .Principle Dr. Biju Thomas addressed the gatherings . Smt. Mercy Kuriakose (PTA Vice- President)gave felicitation address. The name of achievers and category of achievement were announced in the meeting as a token of appreciation by Prof . Thara Thomas,Asst.Professor, Department Of Economics. Reply speech was delivered by Ms. Bilin Baby Elizebethu, second Rank holder of Mcom. Prof. Ashly Thomas gave the official welcome speech(convener, Laurels Day), and Dr. Selvi Xavier(Secretary, PTA) proposed vote of Thanks. Prof. Neha P.R. co-ordinated the events.

14/7/2020.

Ashly Thomas