# MEN'S FORUM



A Quality Assurance Venture of IQAC
Baselius College, Kottayam



# **Certificate Page**

This is to certify that the following is a bonafide record of activities and achievements of **Men's Forum** for the academic year 2020-21. Necessary supporting documents have been attached wherever possible.

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# Part – A

1.1 Name of the Club : Men's Forum

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Stjyf9HX- zag-MEoqeePQ

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### 1.2 **Executive Committee Details** N.A

No. of committee meetings held N.A :

#### 1.3 Plan of Action

Plan of Action	Proposed Date/ Month	Status of attainment at the year end
Starting a You Tube Channel		Started
Conducting an online Survey		Conducted

# Part – B

Part B – 2.1 Talks/Lectures/ Workshops Conducted		
2.2a Competitions Organised within the College		
2.2b- Inter-Collegiate Competitions Organised		
2.3- Cultural Programmes Organised		
2.4 – Extension and Outreach Programme Organised		
2.5- Skill Development Courses Organised		
2.6- Certificate Programme/ Diploma Organised		
2.7 Student Participation and Achievements outside		
2.8- Any Other activity/point worth mentioning		

### 2.1 Talks/Lectures/ Workshops Organised/ Conducted

**Summary**: N.A

2.2a Competition Organised within the college

**Summary:** N.A

2.2b Inter-Collegiate Competition Organised

**Summary**: N.A

Summary of Reports of each Activity

2.3 Cultural Programme Organised

**Summary**: N.A

2.4 Extension/Outreach Programme Organised

Summary: N.A

2.5 Skill Development Programme/ Courses Organised

**Summary: N.A** 

2.6 Certificate Course Conducted, if any

**Summary:** N.A.

2.7 Student Participation and Achievement – Outside College N.A

2.8 Any Other activity/point/ initiative worth mentioning (Attach supporting documents)

#### A RUNNING REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF MEN'S FORUM

### **BASELIUS COLLEGE KOTTAYAM 2020-21**

#### INTRODUCTION

Baselius College Kottayam has a fraternity of the male members of the Baselius College community, namely: Mens Forum. The forum aims at utilizing the talents of male community of Baselius College for conducting programmes that are beneficial to college community. But the forum conducts its activities due to whole hearted support from college community in general. The Baselius Premier League (BPL) – the Inter Departmental cricket tournament conducted every year is considered as the annual flagship event of Men's Forum.

As indicated by many, the global scenario is now divided into pre and post COVID scenarios. The COVID 19 pandemic pushed human race to unchartered waters. Almost all spheres of

human activity are affected by COVID, so are educational systems across the world. Due to COVID induced crisis and consequent shift of learning to online mode, it is difficult to conduct co curricular activities in educational institutions in the old fashion. Men's forum of Baselius College is also not an exception here. The Baselius Premier League (BPL) – the Inter Departmental cricket tournament conducted every year is considered as the annual flagship event of Men's Forum. But due to COVID pandemic and subsequent restrictions BPL was not conducted for 2020-21.

Given the trends and patterns of spread of COVID pandemic, it is unlikely that educational system can fully revert back to offline mode soon. So men's forum of Baselius College Kottayam also switched over to online mode to conduct its various activities in 2020-21. In order to facilitate the smooth conduct of programmes of men's forum in the current scenario, a Whats app group is launched. All male members of college community can become members of the Whats app group. Information regarding various activities of men's forum will be communicated to members through the whatsapp group.

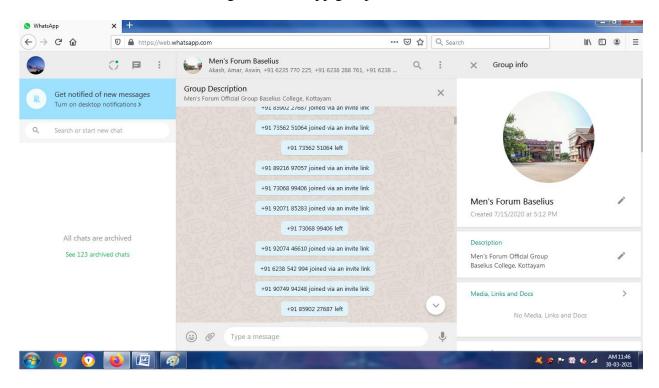


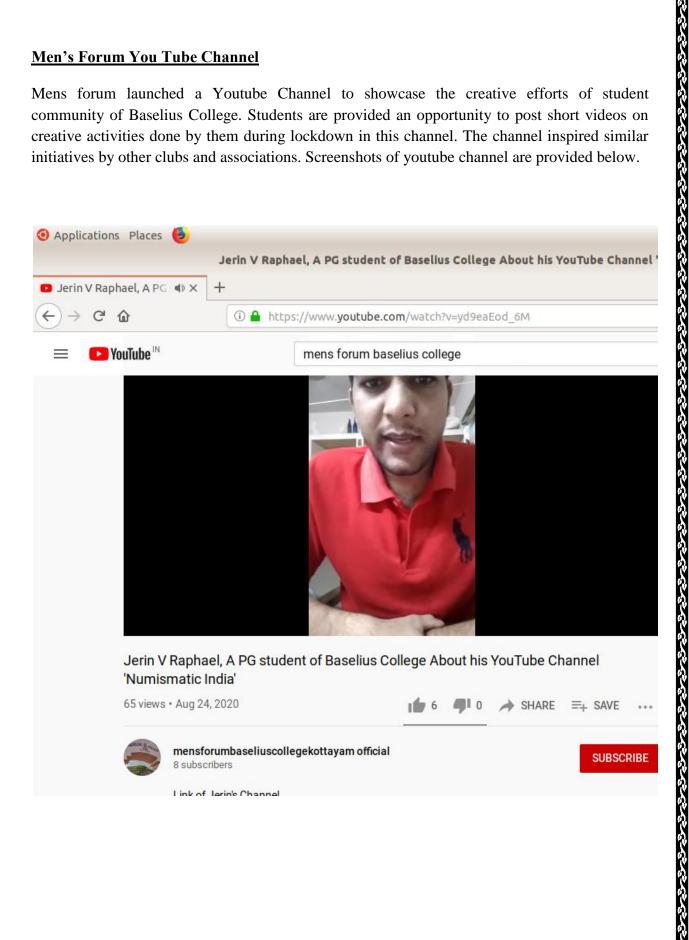
Image 1: Screen Shot of description page of Whats App Group of Baselius College Men's Forum

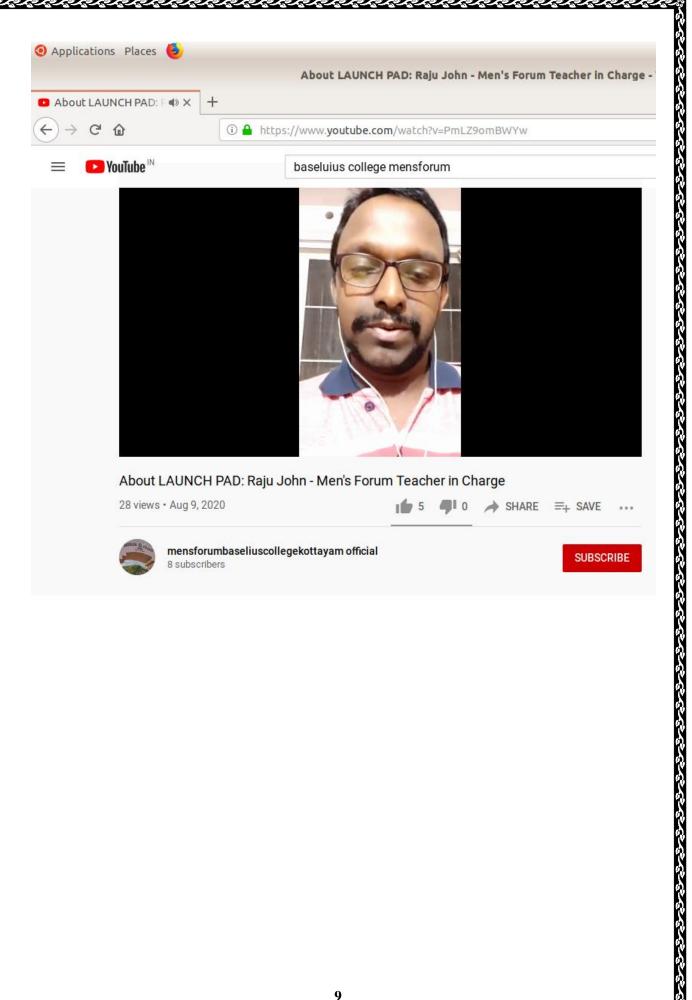
Among the members of mens forum, Mr.Amar Nath M.P of D3 Economics was selected as the student secretary for 2020-21.

For the academic year 2020-21, men's forum conducted programmes by relying more on online platforms so that programmes that are beneficial to the college community can be conducted by enabling the participation online. The following programmes were conducted this year. First – Men's Forum Launched a You tube channel to serve as a platform for students to showcase their talents. It also conducted an online survey on 'Friendships and Relationships during COVID/Lockdown. A brief description of both the activities follows.

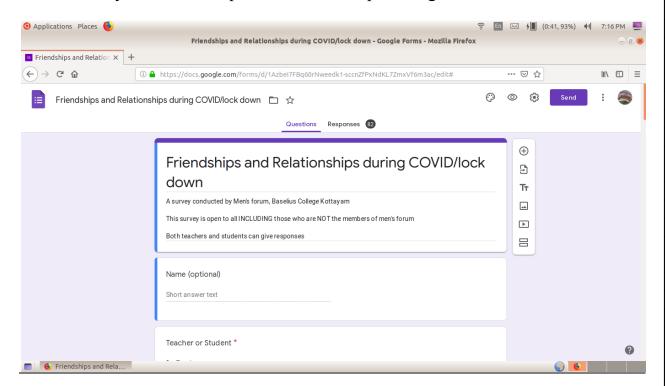
#### Men's Forum You Tube Channel

Mens forum launched a Youtube Channel to showcase the creative efforts of student community of Baselius College. Students are provided an opportunity to post short videos on creative activities done by them during lockdown in this channel. The channel inspired similar initiatives by other clubs and associations. Screenshots of youtube channel are provided below.





### Online survey on 'Friendships and Relationships during COVID/Lockdown



Mens forum conducted an online survey about Friendships and Relationships during COVID/lock down. Faculty members and students of the college we asked to answer the questions about the manner in which COVID and lock down affected their interpersonal relationships. A Google form was created and circulated to collect relevant information. There were 82 respondents out of which 94% are students. Thus findings of the survey will help us to comment on the general nature of interpersonal relationships of the student community.

The questions of the survey and responses to them follow.

The first question was - Did you frequently communicated with your friends and relatives before the spread of COVID?

85.4% of respondents said yes and remaining said no

This means the level of interpersonal communication was high before COVID. However it also suggests that about 15% of students were not active in interpersonal communications.

The Second Question was - After the spread of COVID, do you think your communication with friends and relatives decreased?

42.7% of respondents said Yes and 57.3% said No.

Thus for majority of the respondents, COVID and lockdowns do not lead to decrease in communications with friends and relatives. However we cannot ignore the fact that for a significant section of students, lockdown lead to a decline in communication with friends and relatives.

The third question was - After COVID, Did you tried to use electronic modes of communication (whatsapp, face book, mobile phone etc) MORE to communicate with your friends and relatives?

84.1% of respondents said Yes and 15.9% said No.

Thus most of the respondents tried to compensate for the decline in face to face communication by adopting electronic means.

About 16% cannot do so. The reason for the same can be either lack of technological knowledge or financial factors.

The fourth question was - Did the number of whatsapp groups you became a member increased after the spread of COVID?

82.9% said Yes and 17.1% said No.

Regarding the nature of these Whatsapp groups (groups hereafter), 67.1% were official groups (including classroom groups), 19.5% were groups comprising of one's friends, 4.9% of the groups comprised of family members. 8.5% of respondents did not become member of any groups.

59.8% of relatives of the respondents formed whats app groups before lockdown. 32.9% did not formed whats app groups before and during lockdown. Only 7.3% formed groups during lockdown.

48.8% of the respondents felt that interactions in family whatsapp groups increased during lockdown and remaining felt otherwise.

In the case of whatsapp groups comprising of friends, 57.3% of respondents said that such groups existed before lockdown. 22% said new groups were not formed during lockdown and 20.7% stated the opposite.

45.1% of the respondents said they maintained their interactions at pre lockdown level by electronic means. 39% said their interactions during lockdown were higher than pre lockdown level. 15.9% said their interactions declined during lockdown.

Regarding the reason for decline in interactions (if any), 24.4% of respondents said the reason was lack of interest to make online interactions. Only 8.5% cited poor connectivity as a reason here.

The average amount of money spent on mobile telephony/internet majority of respondents in the pre lock down and lockdown period remain more or less the same.

57.3% of respondents said that reduction in costs of using mobile telephony/internet do not play any role in increasing their interactions with friends/relatives. 42.7% opined otherwise.

But 63.7% said if the quality of mobile/internet connectivity improves, it will lead to an increase in their interactions with friends/relatives. 36.3% opined otherwise.

The findings of the survey can be interpreted in multiple ways, according to perception of those who try to interpret them. Men's forum does not want to take any particular perception here as it feels that readers must be given the liberty to interpret the survey result in a diverse and pluralistic manner.

## **Conclusion**

Men's forum wish to thank the College Principal, Vice Principal, College Bursar, Management, Teaching/Non Teaching staff and student community for all support showered upon. The year 2020-21 was exceptional in terms of COVID induced challenges, but also showed that there are possibilities for resilience. Let us hope that this spirit will enable Men's forum to conduct more meaningful activities in 2021-22.

We are hereby submitting report of activities of Men's Forum for 2020-21

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