

## **Annual Report of Scholar Support Programme**

**2017-2018**

Sree Narayana College, Kollam decided to continue with the Scholar Support Programme for the academic year 2017-2018 and Ms. Radhika B, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sree Narayana College, Kollam was elected as the coordinator.

The college council decided to impart classes for Scholar Support Programme to the following subjects based on result evaluation and the need of the students. For the first and second semesters the subjects chosen were Malayalam, Hindi, Sanskrit, Commerce and the General Paper English and the resource persons for conducting the first and second semester classes were Sri. U. Adheesh, Assistant Professor of Malayalam, Dr. Sreechithra V.S., Assistant Professor of Hindi, Dr. Yamuna T.P., Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, Ms. Dhanya R. Assistant Professor of Commerce and Dr. Parvathy U. Assistant Professor of English respectively.

For the third and fourth semesters the subjects chosen were History, Mathematics, Chemistry, Botany and the General Paper English and the resource persons for conducting the third and fourth semester classes were Ms. Jayanthi, Assistant Professor of History, Sri. Vivek P.V., Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Sri. Abhilash S., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Preetha P.S. Assistant Professor of Botany and Ms. Roshni Shree, Assistant Professor of English respectively.

For the fifth and sixth semesters the subjects chosen were English, Politics, Economics, Physics and Zoology and the resource persons for conducting the fifth and sixth semester classes were Ms.Chinnu Chandran, Assistant Professor of English, Sri. Abhilash T., Assistant Professor of Politics, Sri. Vincent Vijayan, Assistant Professor of Economics, Dr. S. Prasanth, Assistant Professor of Physics and Dr. Babitha G.S. Assistant Professor of Zoology respectively.

A meeting of the resource persons was held and the important suggestions of the meeting held by the Higher Education Department at Sree Narayana College for Women on the implementation of various programs of the New Initiatives in Higher Education for the Co-coordinators of SSP were discussed and the changes brought forth in the Scholar Support Programme for the academic year 2017-2018 were intimated to the resource persons. Fifty students each from first, second and third degree classes were enrolled in the programme, thus

making a total of one hundred and fifty students. The SSP forms and diaries were distributed to the resource persons and the stationery kit for the students were entrusted with the resource persons of the respective classes to distribute among the students.

The coordinator, Ms. Radhika B, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sree Narayana College, Kollam attended a two-day residential workshop on Scholar Support Programme, held at Loyola Campus, Thiruvananthapuram. Six resource persons attended the “One Day SSP Cluster Workshop” held at Sree Narayana College, Punalur. The six resource persons are:

1. Sri. U. Adheesh, Assistant Professor of Malayalam.
2. Sri. Abhilash S., Assistant Professor of Chemistry.
3. Ms. Roshni Shree, Assistant Professor of English.
4. Ms. Chinnu Chandran, Assistant Professor of English.
5. Dr. S. Prashanth, Assistant Professor of Physics.
6. Sri. Vincent Vijayan, Assistant Professor of Economics.

Two general mentoring sessions were conducted of three and two-hour duration respectively. The first general mentoring session on “Goal Setting “of three hours’ duration was conducted by Psychologist and Special Educator, Johns K. Lukose, Director, Life Skills Counselling and Psychological Services, Kollam and Faculty in Psychology at C.H.M.M. College, Varkala; Upasana Nursing College, Kollam and Forest Training Institute, Arippa & Walayar on 25/2/2018 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. It was a very good programme as it helped the students to identify their short and long term goals and how to prioritise their time and talent to achieve the same. It was a highly interactive class and the students were motivated to share their goals and ambitions with the entire students who were present for the class.

The second general mentoring session was for improving the Communicative Skills and it was held on 25/3/2018 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. The topic of the second general mentoring session was “English: The Need of the Hour”. The session which was of two hours’ duration was conducted by Claudette Lambert, Director of LAMBERT’S Spoken English Centre Thangassery, Kollam, who is also a resource person for English at Benziger Nursing College, Kollam. It was a highly interactive class and all the students were inspired and motivated, that they tried to

communicate in English without any mental barriers. Both the general mentoring sessions were highly fruitful as it helped the students to come out of their cocoon and interact freely with more confidence and assertiveness. The power point presentations and other teaching learning aids used by the external mentors helped the students to get a better idea of the topic.

Of the total 45000/- rupees sanctioned for buying study materials Rs.44107/- was spent on purchasing books. The actual cost of the books came up to Rs.51776/- and as we purchased it from shops from where the college used to purchase books regularly, they provided a discount of fifteen percent and it helped us to buy more books. The remaining amount was used for taking Xerox of notes and question papers for providing it to the students.

All the resource persons conducted ten classes each in the odd and even semesters and some teachers conducted more than the usual hours (10 hours) prescribed for conducting the programme and all the resource persons successfully completed their classes by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and all of them submitted their activity reports for the two semesters. Due to the unpredicted demonetization by the RBI, there caused some hardships in running the programmes related to SSP. It was of course not deliberate or inordinate and it was rather due to the fiscal policy adopted by RBI and the Central government. The total 2,25,500 rupees allotted for our college for Scholar Support Programme for the academic year 2017-2018 was utilized effectively.

## **Feedback**

The programme proved to be very effective as it helped the slow learners and academically poor students to score better marks and it also helped to boost their self-confidence and self-esteem. The external mentoring sessions introduced this academic year is highly appreciative as it helped the students to overcome the inferiority complex that at least some of them had being poor in academics and these external mentoring sessions motivated the students a lot. The programme also helped the resource persons to know the students in a better manner and it also fostered a better relationship between the students and the teachers. The decision to issue certificates to all the faculty of the colleges who worked as resource persons for the SSP classes is highly appreciative.

## Suggestions

It would be highly appreciative if more hours are allotted for external mentoring sessions from the next academic year onwards as it helps the weak students to overcome their inferiority complex and to have a good self-esteem which would definitely enable them to be good both at academics and other co-curricular activities. Funds should be allotted for taking the students for industrial visits or to historical places or for workshops and conferences related to their subjects. More time should be allotted for the conducting the programme effectively. Orientation classes to resource persons should be conducted at the beginning of the academic year. Kindly consider to issue certificates to all the faculty of the colleges who worked as coordinators for the Scholar Support Programme for the academic year 2017-2018.

### List of Resource Persons

List of Resource persons (Faculty) for Classes related to Scholar Support Programme in 2017-18

Sl No	Name of Faculty	Designation	Semester (s) in which Classes were engaged for SSP	Has the Activity Report for 2-017-18, been submitted?
1	Dr. Parvathy U.	Assistant Professor	1st &2nd	Yes
2	Sri. U. Adheesh	Assistant Professor	1st &2nd	Yes
3	Dr. Sreechithra V.S.	Assistant Professor	1st &2nd	Yes
4	Dr. Yamuna T.P.	Assistant Professor	1st &2nd	Yes
5	Ms. Dhanya R.	Assistant Professor	1st &2nd	Yes
6	Ms. Roshni Shree S.	Assistant Professor	3rd &4th	Yes
7	Ms. Jayanthi S.	Assistant Professor	3rd &4th	Yes
8	Sri.Abhilash S.	Assistant Professor	3rd &4th	Yes
9	Sri. Vivek P.V.	Assistant Professor	3rd &4th	Yes
10	Dr. Preetha P.S.	Assistant Professor	3rd &4th	Yes
11	Ms. Chinnu Chandran P.	Assistant Professor	5th & 6th	Yes
12	Sri.Vincent Vijayan	Assistant Professor	5th & 6th	Yes
13	Dr. S. Prasanth	Assistant Professor	5th & 6th	Yes
14	Dr. Babitha G.S	Assistant Professor	5th & 6th	Yes
15	Sri. Abhilash T	Assistant Professor	5th & 6th	Yes

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