

LITERARY CLUB

ABSTRACT

This document covers the Annual Report of Literary Club in the academic year 2023-24

Introduction

The Literary Club of Sree Narayana College celebrates the beauty of language, the power of storytelling, and the endless possibilities that literature offers. Each meeting is an opportunity to delve into a new piece of literature, share insights, discuss themes, and discover new perspectives. The Club encourages lively debates, respectful discourse, and the exchange of ideas.

The Club achieves its goal through the following activities

- By Promoting a Love for Literature: One of the primary aims is to cultivate a passion for literature among students.
- By exposing them to a wide range of literary works, the club aims to spark interest and curiosity about different genres, authors, and writing styles.
- By fostering Critical Thinking through discussions, analyses, and debates. The club encourages its members to think critically about the texts they read. This involves exploring themes, dissecting characters, and interpreting symbolism, all of which contribute to developing analytical skills.
- By Creating a Supportive Community: A literary club provides a supportive environment for students to express themselves creatively. It fosters a sense of belonging among members who share a common love for literature. Cultural Enrichment: Literature reflects the diversity of human experiences and cultures.
- By exploring works from different time periods, regions, and backgrounds, the club helps broaden students' perspectives and deepen their understanding of the world.
- Organizing Events and Activities: Literary clubs often organize events such as author talks, poetry slams, and reading competitions.

These activities provide opportunities for students to engage with literature outside the classroom and connect with the broader literary community.Overall, the goal of a literary club in the college is to inspire a lifelong appreciation for literature, foster intellectual growth, and create a vibrant community of readers and writers.

1.Observance of Reading Week

Literary and Debate Club of Sree Narayana College started its activities for the academic year 2023-24 with the observance of National Reading Day and Reading Week. 19th June is celebrated as **National Reading Day** in India to honor the Keralite teacher, P.N. Panicker. Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker is known as the father of the library movement in Kerala. National Reading Day was celebrated as a tribute to the legend. The Ministry of Education of Kerala also observes Vayana Varam (reading week) for the week between the 19th to 25th of June.

As part of the Reading week, the Literary and Debate Club in association with The Department of English has organized various programmes in the college. The programmes began with a formal meeting presided over by the respected Principal of the college, Dr Shereen K. The coordinator of the club, Ms Aswathy Raj welcomed the gathering., Ms. Bindhu VK, HOD of Malayalam, Dr V Shree Ranjini HOD of Hindi delivered felicitations in the meeting. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks of the student Ms Nandhana O S, Second year Commerce.



Ms. Bindhu V K, HOD of Malayalam delivering felicitation.

As part of the Reading week, The Literary Club in association with Department of Languages has arranged various programs like Reading Competition, Oral Presentation about famous writers from English, Malayalam and Hindi, Poster Making Competitions and Quiz Competition.



Oral Presentation about famous Writers by students

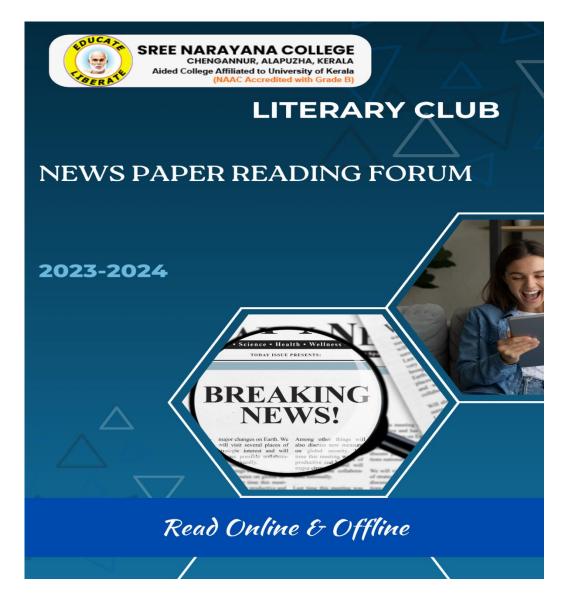


Famous Writers from English, Malayalam & Hindi Literature on Posters-

Poster Exhibition.

The Reading Week observance achieved the goal of Encouraging participants to read more books fosters literacy skills, vocabulary development, and comprehension abilities. The competitions created an environment of fun and healthy competitions among participants. Exposing readers to a variety of genres and authors can help them discover new interests and expand their reading horizons

2.News Paper Reading Forum



The Department of English in association with Literary club formed a News Paper Reading Forum to promote reading habits in students and it also equips them to stay informed and updated and ensure they are well informed citizens. Analyzing news articles and opinion pieces encourages critical thinking among college students. They learn to evaluate information, discern bias, and form their own opinions based on evidence and reasoned analysis. Exposure to well-written news articles can improve students' writing skills. They can learn from journalists' writing styles, vocabulary usage, and sentence structures, which they can apply to their academic writing assignments.



As part of the daily habit of News Paper reading, students reading about P Valsala, the renowed Malayalam writer. Valsala was a recipient of numerous literary honours, including the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, Muttathu Varkey Award, and the CV Kunhiraman Memorial Sahitya Award. Thereafter students were engaged in a live session about the literary contributions of P Valsala.

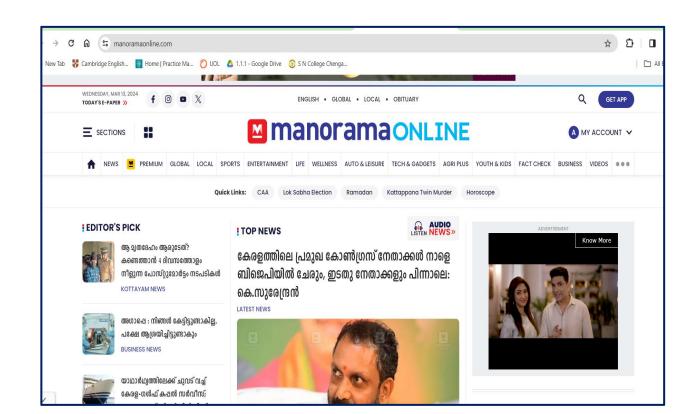


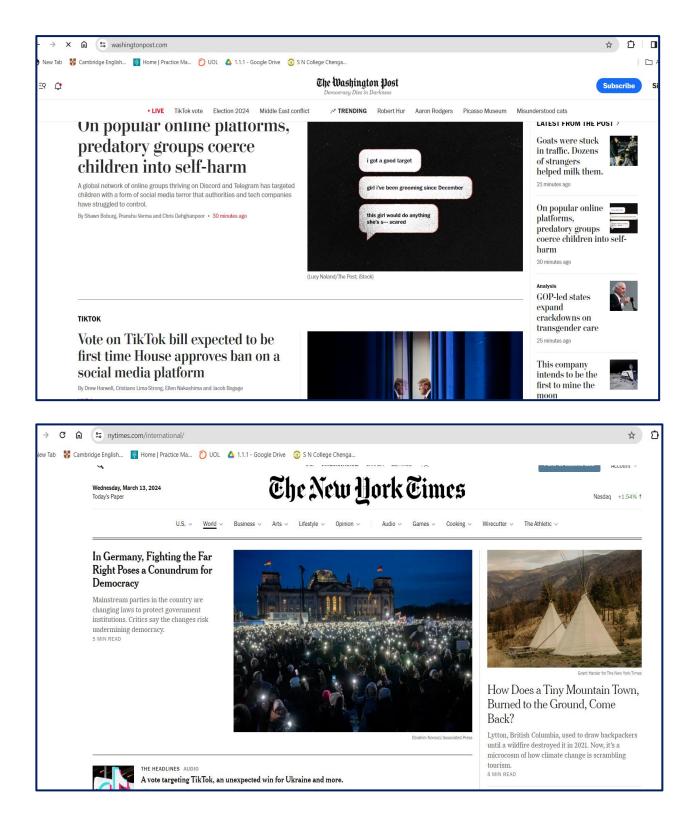
Students reading English & Malayalam News Papers



Online Reading of News Paper

The coordinator explained the students, the ways of accessing online newspaper. So that they can read as many newspaper as they can at any time and any place.





Students were very much interested in the online reading of News Paper. They understood that they can globally be updated.

3. Talk on the great Social Reformers Sree Narayana Guru & Chattambi Swami



The Literary Club in association with IQAC has organized an invited talk about the great social reformers Sree Narayana Guru and Chattambi Swami on 13th February 2024 at the College auditorium.Dr Anju K S Principal-in charge of the college welcomed the gathering.Mr Girivanam Mohanan Chairman, Chattambi Swami Centenary Committee and Swamini Devi Janabhanishta inaugurated the function by lighting the ceremonial lamp. She delivered her words about almost all aspects of life positively and she stressed the significant roles of these great social reformers.





4.Death Centenary Observance of Great poet Kumaranasan



Mahakavi Kumaran Asan (12 April 1873 – 16 January 1924) was a poet of Malayalam literature, social reformer and a philosopher. He initiated a revolution in Malayalam poetry during the first half of the 20th century,

The year 2024 marked the 100th Death Anniversary of Kumaranasan. He died on January 16, 1924, aged 50 in a tragic boat accident at Pallana. One among the modern Malayalam triumvirate poets along with Vallathol Narayana Menon and Ulloor S Parameshwara Iyyer.



Inauguration by Dr Nishikanth

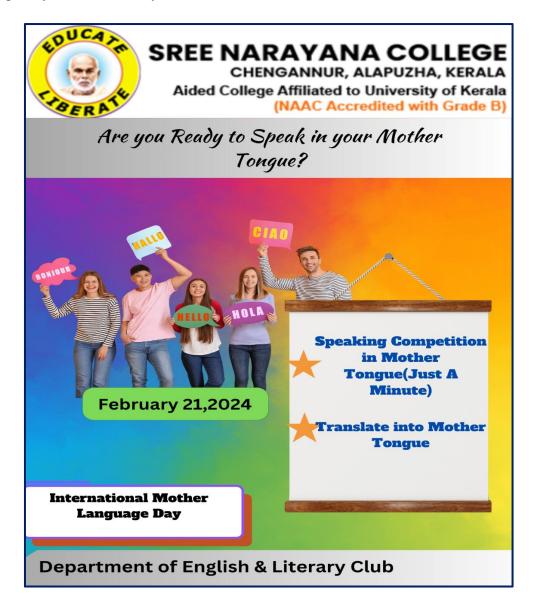


Invited Talk by Dr Nishikanth

The Literary Club in association with the Department of English & Malayalam observed the death anniversary of Kumaranasan with an invited talk of Mr Nishikanth, HSST, Govt. Higher Secondary School ,Aala.He talked about "Aanthara Gauravam" of the poet. Ms Bindhu V K HOD of Malayalam, welcomed the gathering. Dr Anju K S presided over the function.Dr.Smitha Sasidharan(IQAC Coordinator),Ms Aswathy Raj(Literary Club Coordinator) delivered felicitations to the meeting.Mr Kiran Murali delivered vote of thanks.

5. Observation of International Mother Language Day

The Department of English in association with Literary Club observed International Mother Language Day on 21st February 2024



The day was first proclaimed by UNESCO and later adopted by the UN General Assembly, underscores the role of languages in promoting inclusion and achieving Sustainable Development Goals. Multilingual education policies, highlighted in the 2024 theme "Multilingual education – a pillar of learning and intergenerational learning", are crucial for

inclusive education and the preservation of indigenous languages. By starting education in the learner's mother tongue and gradually introducing other languages, barriers between home and school are bridged, facilitating effective learning. Observance of International Mother Language Day was meaningful and educational experience for students with the following activities.

Department of English in Association with Literary Club organized Just a Minute, Panel Discussion and Translation activities on 21 February 2024 and 22nd February 2024.Students were asked to speak only in their mother tongue without using any single word from foreign languages. Students were actively participated in the program.

Just a Minute





Another task given for them was students were divided into various groups and a particular passage from English language was given and asked them to translate into their mother tongue.

The last activity was a Panel Discussion on 'Role of Languages in Shaping Identity and Culture'. It was conducted on 22nd February 2024. In all activities, students actively participated and students gained a deeper appreciation for their own mother tongue, as well as for the diverse languages spoken by their peers around the world. It promotes cultural understanding, fosters inclusivity, and reinforces the importance of preserving and promoting linguistic diversity.

Panel Discussion on 'Role of Languages in Shaping Identity and Culture'



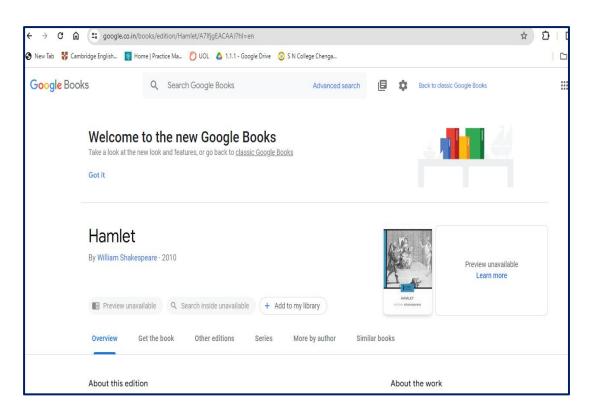
6. Reading Skill Enhancing Program

Enhancing reading skills is essential for college students to succeed academically and professionally. Literary Club organizes various programs to enhance reading skill

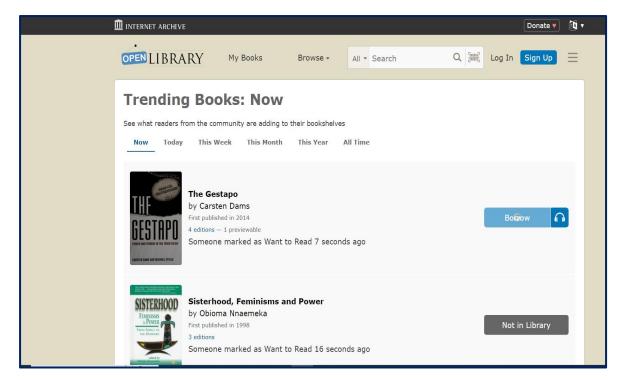
Exposure to Digital Learning Platforms

The Club guides the students to access digital reading platforms and e-resources that offer a wide range of academic texts, journals, and articles. Students familiarized with online reading platforms like Google Books, Open Library, BookBub, Manybooks, etc. In the age of digitalization and Artificial Intelligence students can easily enrich their literary taste even with the smart phones with internet connection which they possess. Literacy Club encourages the students to access online reading materials.

Screen picture of some digital reading platforms



Google Books



Open Library

7.Listening Skill Enhancing Programs

Enhancing listening skills digitally offers a wide range of interactive and engaging opportunities for learners.

The Club often arranges opportunities to students to listen google podcasts and other online podcasts. Sometimes students get opportunities to listen podcast in their classrooms itself with audio speakers. Students are divided into groups and given opportunities to listen podcasts. They were given fixed time to listen podcasts and express the content in their own words. This helps to enhance their listening skill and speaking skill

Sample screen picture of Audio played in Classroom

Ruskin Bond's The Night Train at Deoli



8.Students' Participation in Quiz competition conducted by State Library Council

Parvathy Devi first year B. Com and Shahina Sherin from first year BA Economics participated in the region wise Literary Quiz competition conducted by State Library Council. Students were given 10 text books of different genres for reading 20 days prior to the competition. It encourages students to read literary texts intensively and critically. Parvathy Devi from first year B. Com bagged third prize in the region wise competition.

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Students attending the exam on 8/10/2023 at Govt. Girls VHSS Chengannur



Parvathi Devi receiving cash award on 11/11/2013 at Govt HSS Puliyoor

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9.Rapid Fire Quiz Competition



Literary Club in association with Department of English conducted a Rapid Fire Quiz competition on 19th March,2024. Questions were asked from Kerala History, Indian History and Literature and Biology. Students active engagement in the competition was appreciable.Literary Club Coordinator & Asst. Professor of English Ms Aswathy Raj, HOD of Malayalam Ms. Bindhu V K coordinated the event. Kiran Murali from first year BA Economics secured first position while Angath from B.Com came in the second position

Rapid Fire Quiz Competition



Conclusion

Literary Club of Sree Narayana College Chengannur continuing its efforts for upbringing the literary taste of students by bringing together the students in various literary platforms. The Club provides a space for students to engage with literature in a supportive and creative environment, fostering a love for reading, writing, and intellectual exchange. The Club play a vital role in promoting cultural enrichment and artistic expression.