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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

KERALA UNIVERSITY BAGS FIRST-EVER CHANCELLOR'S AWARD



VICE CHANCELLOR PROF P K RADHAKRISHNAN RECEIVING THE TROPHY FROM THE CHANCELLOR

The University of Kerala has won the first-ever Chancellor's Award for the best university in the State for the year 2014-15. The main objective of instituting this award is to nurture a healthy competition amongst the universities in the State, resulting in quality enhancement in higher education sector and making universities vibrant centres of learning. The University of Kerala was selected for this prestigious award through a rigorously scientific evaluation procedure by a team of experts. Eleven out of the 13 universities in the State had submitted applications and the evaluation was based on performance and potential in the multiple facets of teaching, learning, infrastructure, research and extension.

Honourable Governor of Kerala and the Chancellor of all Universities in the State, Justice P. Sathasivam presented the award, carrying a purse of Rupees Five Crore, trophy and a citation, to Dr. P. K.



CHANCELLOR JUSTICE P SATHASIVAM ADDRESSING THE GATHERING

Radhakrishnan, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of University of Kerala in a grand ceremony held at the Senate Hall on December 16, 2015.

The University of Kerala was selected for this prestigious award through a rigorously scientific evaluation procedure by a team of experts

The formal ceremony was graced by the presence of Minister of Education Shri. P. K. Abdu Rabb, Secretary to the Governor Shri. Ajith Kumar I.A.S, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. P.K. Radhakrishnan and Honourable Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. Veeramanikandan. In an impassioned address to the packed audience, the Chancellor lauded the efforts of the university to attain a greater academic excellence as evidenced by the NAAC 'A' Grade and the best university award.

He stressed the urgent need for all the stakeholders to work together, resolving the differences through wholesome de-



CHANCELLOR JUSTICE P SATHASIVAM PRESENTING THE CHEQUE

bate and strive towards ensuring quality and fairness. He asserted that the gates of opportunity were open even to students from poor backgrounds citing his own humble origins from a remote village to the eminence of Supreme Court of India, as an example.

In his speech expressing gratitude, the Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed the university's commitment to sustain all the qualities that helped in securing the prestigious award.

A NOTE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR



The year 2015 has been most benevolent to the University, in the form of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accrediting our University with "A" grade and with the conferment of the First Chancellor's Award 2014-2015 for the best university in Kerala. The Chancellor's Award, the first of its kind in the history of higher education in Kerala, carries prize money of Rs 5 Crores, Citation and Trophy. This Award was conferred to the University by the Honourable Chancellor based on the recommendations of a five member selection committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government, after assessing various specific components that play crucial role in the quality of higher education. All these achievements reaffirm the prominence of our university in the field of higher education in Kerala.

The steps taken by our University to promote international academics, especially related to credit transfer are attracting more students from foreign countries, and this eventually will put us on firmer grounds internationally.

The Multidisciplinary Annual Research Conference, a novel initiative to promote interdisciplinary studies and research, organised with the concerted participation of schools in the University, has been a successful endeavour. This will be a recurring event in the coming years. The newly-founded Centre for Diaspora Studies is yet another unique endeavour initiated during this year.

Major infrastructure developments undertaken by the University are progressing according to schedule. It includes the construction of Platinum Jubilee Academic Complex in the Kariavattom Campus, Student Amenity Complex, Indoor Stadium in the Senate House Campus and similar other projects.

The UGC Online Students' Grievance Redressal Portal is in place and a nodal officer has been appointed to ensure its effective functioning. Also it has to be mentioned that matters related to gender equity continues to be given paramount priority. The students of our university have proven their mettle in various fields of extracurricular activities bringing laurels to our university especially in the national level.

I express my appreciation to the Faculty, students, and employees for their dynamic contribution to the University, for transforming it into a Centre of Excellence.

Prof. (Dr.) P K Radhakrishnan

CM LAYS STONE FOR PLATINUM JUBILEE ACADEMIC COMPLEX



CHIEF MINISTER SHRI. OOMMEN CHANDY DELIVERING THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

QUALITY INITIATIVES FROM IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University completed a year of activities in the third cycle, marked by comprehensive documentation and major initiatives. Compilation of a Master Action Plan on Quality, 60-month Planner, Library Quality Audit, Environmental Audit, Holding of 3-tier Induction Programme, Multi-disciplinary Annual Research Conference (MARC), launching projects such as eBook series, 1000 Wikilights project, Academic Audit, Bench Mark Series, Annual Student Survey, Graduate Attributes Video, PG Brochure publication etc have been the major activities of the IQAC in 2015. A newsletter of the IQAC is also released. The Cell held eight meetings during 2015 and also prepared the AQAR and submitted it to the Syndicate.



CHIEF MINISTER SHRI. OOMMEN CHANDY UNVEILING THE PLAQUE



PRO-VC DR. N. VEERAMANIKANDAN EXPLAINING DETAILS OF THE COMPLEX

Chief Minister Shri. Oommen Chandy laid the foundation stone for the proposed Platinum Jubilee Academic Complex at Kariavattom on September 11, 2015. The work of the first phase is in progress. This academic complex, with an area of 50,000 square metres spread over four floors, has been envisaged to suit the needs of the school system, with all the departments of different Schools brought under one roof. This has to be completed in nine phases using the State Plan Funds. The proposed complex will further augment the quality of educational facilities offered in the campus



THE PROPOSED PLATINUM JUBILEE ACADEMIC COMPLEX

which is marked by its proximity to the Technopark and other job reservoirs of the city.

Vice Chancellor Dr. P. K. Radhakrishnan gave the introductory address. Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. N. Veeramanikandan, Adv. M. A. Vaheed MLA, Members of the Syndicate Shri. K. S. Gopakumar, Dr. P. M. Radhamony, Shri. Varghese Perayil and Shri. J. S. Akhil and the then Registrar Dr. K. Mohammed Basheer were present.

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US STUDENTS SPEND AN ENTIRE SEMESTER IN UoK



STUDENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES AT THE UNIVERSITY AS PART OF SIP

Six students from various universities of the United States enrolled for the second leg of Semester in India (SIP) programme in January. The programme was developed jointly by the International Institute for Scientific and Academic Collaboration (IISAC) and the University of Kerala in 2014. The Semester in India programme offers a rare opportunity to learn about the country through classroom work, field trips, directed research and social interactions. The programme intends to promote cultural understanding, international education, faculty-led programmes, experiential learning, youth enrichment activities and international research for moulding a generation of students who will be successful in today's global society.

The Semester in India Programme (SIP) encourages US students to learn about different cultures, languages, places, people food arts and environments which differ from their own through first-hand exposure. The students in turn develop cross-cultural skills, as they have opportunities to work collaboratively with people from various backgrounds.

Semester in India Programme incorporates an academic flexibility model to maximise the availability of academic and research courses within Indian institutions of higher learning.

The courses provided through the Semester in India Programme gives an overview of Indian history, culture, literature, philosophical thought, languages, arts, religions, yoga, music, performing arts, tropical biology etc.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE (MARC) 2015



VICE CHANCELLOR PROF. P. K. RADHAKRISHNAN ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF MARC

In order to promote systematic dialogue and collaborative studies between different disciplines and faculties of the University, a Multi-disciplinary Annual Research Conference (MARC) has been initiated by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the University of Kerala.

Planned as an annual event, MARC was organised from December 15 to 18. The inaugural and the common plenary talks were held at the Senate Hall, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 15. The plenary talks were given by Shri. T. M. Krishna, renowned Carnatic Music vocalist, Prof. Y. S. Rajan, ISRO, Shri. P.

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Radhakrishnan, Astronaut, ISRO and Dr. Sebastian Paul, Political Observer. The conferences and seminars were conducted by different schools from December 16 to 18.

The School of Business Management & Legal Studies pitched in with a national conference on "Ethical and Legal

Issues in Human and Societal Responsibilities of Organisations".

The School of Indian Languages conducted a seminar on "Relevance of Humanities in Multidisciplinary Research with Special Reference to Language and Literature". The School of Life Sciences organised a two-day National Symposium on "Changing Perspectives in Life Sciences" with parallel sessions in the Departments of Botany, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics and Zoology.

The national conference on "Information Overload in the Postmodern Society" was organised by the School of Communication and Library Science.

The "National Conference on Translation Studies" was organised as part of the conference by the School of English and Foreign Languages.

The School of Earth System Sciences joined the MARC initiative with a seminar on 'Current Trends in Earth and Environmental Research'.

A national conference on "Trends and Advancements in ICT" was organised by the School of Technology with the concerted effort by the Departments of Computer Science, Optoelectronics and Futures Studies.

The contribution of School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences was a conference where in the invited talks on "Kerala's Demography" was the highlight. The School of Social Sciences contributed with their academic event with 35 presentations.

scholars from the Lund University, have completed their three months of study at the department on December 17. During that period, they did stories on social and media scenario in the state and published it in various regional as well as Swedish dailies. Dr. Mia-Marie Hammerline from the Lund University has been selected as the Linnaeus-Palme Faculty Fellow.

Dr. M.S. Harikumar, Asst Professor at



SOLAR GRIDS DISPLAYED ON THE ROOF OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE BUILDING

KARIAVATTOM CAMPUS TO GO SOLAR

The University campus at Kariavattom saw the installation of a 100 kilowatt Solar Power Plant on the roof of the Golden Jubilee Building as part of the green initiatives of the University. This Grid Connected Photovoltaic Power Plant project was completed under the Deposit Work Scheme of ANERT.

Approved by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, and the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (KSERC), 30% of the project cost is expected as Central Financial Assis-

tance. With an annual generation of 1,46,000 units of electricity, the plant is expected to generate 400 units per day out of the daily average consumption of 5100 units saving Rs. 2800/- for the University per day.

The power generated on holidays is contributed to the grid, which brings in additional revenue to the university. The green initiatives of the University has broader aim of creating the much needed awareness related to alternatives to conventional energy sources like small-scale solar power units and bio-digesters, by actually implementing them in the campus.

the Department was also selected as the Linnaeus-Palme faculty fellow and he served as the visiting professor at the Lund University for four weeks during the months of January and February this year.

Two students of the department, Ms. Anju Jacob and Ms. Parvathy Vijayan, were selected as the Linnaeus-Palme student scholars and they will

spend three months at the Lund University as part of the student exchange programme.

This academic exchange fellowship is sponsored by the Higher Education Council of Swedish Government and the Department of Communication and Journalism has become the first department in the University of Kerala to secure the fellowship.

A UNIQUE CONNECTION BETWEEN AN OCTOPUS AND UNIVERSITY

A new species of octopus, discovered from the State's coastal waters, may not have much to do with the University of Kerala, but of course with its platinum jubilee celebrations. The octopus species has been given the name *Cistopus platinoidus*, to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee celebrations (2013) of the University.

The results of the study on the discovery of *Cistopus platinoidus* has been published in the recent issue of *Zootaxa*, the international taxonomy journal, which is authored by Dr. A. Biju Kumar and Dr. V. Sreeja of the Department of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries, University of Kerala, and noted octopus taxonomist Dr. Mark Norman of Museum Victoria, Melbourne, Australia.

Though octopuses are regarded as the most charismatic invertebrates because of their importance as fisheries resources, intelligence and behavioural complexity, vertebrate-like eyes and well-developed capabilities for colour change,

its taxonomy and diversity of all genera are not fully documented in the country. The shallow coastal waters of the country possess a rich fauna of benthic octopuses, many of which form the basis of large scale and economically-valuable fisheries.

The species named Old Woman octopus or *Cistopus indicus*, was mistakenly recognised as the sole genus for a long time, and the name has been applied to all specimens found in the areas of southern China, Taiwan, Philippines, Northern Indonesia and western parts of India. But later, *Cistopus taiwanicus* was reported from Taiwan, and *Cistopus chinensis* from the East and South China Seas.



CISTOPUS PLATINOIDUS

LINNAEUS-PALME ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME BEGINS

The Linnaeus-Palme academic fellowship programme, which is jointly organised by the Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Kerala and the Department of Media and Communication, Lund University, Sweden, has begun. As a first step to the student exchange programme, Mr. Oscar Schau and Ms. Josefin Wennag, Linnaeus-Palme media student

FOUR NEW SPECIES OF CRABS DISCOVERED

The researchers of Department of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries have discovered three new species of hermit crabs and one new species of true crab from the Kerala coast. The publication of articles on the new crab species were done as a collaborative research work of Dr A Biju Kumar, Head, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, University of Kerala and R. Reshmi, research scholar with Dr. Tomoyuki Komai



DISCOVERED CRAB SPECIES

guristes luculentus, Diogenes canaliculatus and Pagurus spinosior. The fourth one, which is a pinnotherid crab, Afropinnotheres ratnakara, was found inside a brown mussel (*Perna perna*) at Kovalam in Thiruvananthapuram. The species is named as 'Ratnakara' which means Indian Ocean in Sanskrit, as this genus has been reported for the first time from the Indian Ocean.

The University and the Department is also finalising a Memorandum of Agreement with Prof. Peter Ng Kee Lin, Head of Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum.

M-SCORE - A NOVEL INNOVATION

Dr. Madhu S. Nair, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, has developed a new Scientometric Indicator named M-Score for quantifying the scientific productivity of a scientist. It is a novel context-specific score which complements mock h-index (hm-index). The M-score of an individual is an indicator towards a scientist's research performance in comparison with others in the field. Based on the M-Score, a scientist's research contributions are finally graded using OEVGSI grading system. The significance of M-Score is proved with the help of sample dataset taken from Google Scholar. The work has been published in the journal, Current Science, published by the Indian Academy of Sciences, with special mention in the cover page.



THE WHOLE EARTH? EXHIBITION



65 METER LONG BANNER DISPLAYED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

The WHOLE EARTH? Exhibition, which is a 65 meter long banner comprising an evocative sequence of images knit around the themes of sustainability, equity and environmental ethics, was displayed at the Department of Botany from March 29 to April 2. 'WHOLE EARTH?' is based on the premise that students and universities can help

lead society towards a more sustainable future.

The exhibition was created by the Hard Rain Project, UK and was launched in 21 European Universities in September 2015. Now it is on display in the Universities across the globe. The banners used were contributed by the Canterbury Christ Church University, UK.

COLLABORATIVE SEMINAR ON FUTURE OF DIGITAL MEDIA

Innovations from the youth will determine the fast expanding global digital media landscape", said Mr. Andreas Mattson and Ola Issacson of the Department of Media and Communication, Lund University, Sweden. They were speaking at a collaborative seminar on the future of digital media at the Department of Communications and Journalism, University of Kerala. The global media is in a transformative phase, adopting new ways and means to capture the audience, which is reflected in the Asian scenario. It is a matter of pride that the Indian youth is far ahead in the digital media innovations, they added.

WORKSHOP ON GENOME SEQUENCING HELD

A four week advanced workshop cum training on "Next Generation Genome Sequencing and Analysis" was jointly organised by the Department of Computational Biology and Bioinformatics and InApp Technologies, Technopark, from November 23 to December 18. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. A. Ajayghosh (Director, CSIR-NIIST). Participants were selected through an online test and was given stipend. The Department also organised the fifth edition of its prestigious biennial International symposium "Bioinformatic-India" from January 7 to 9. The symposium was inaugurated by Dr.Kuncheria P. Issac (Vice Chancellor, Kerala Technological University). Prof Sir Tom Blundell of University of Cambridge gave the keynote address. Dr. Chandra Varma (A-Star Institute, Singapore), Dr. PawanDhar (JNU, New Delhi), Dr. N. Srinivas (IISc, Bengaluru), Dr. R. Sowdhmini (NCBS, Bengaluru) Dr. HarshaGowda (Institute of Bioinformatics, Bengaluru), Dr. K. Thankaraj, Dr. Herbert Sauro (University of Washington) and Mr. Akshansh Gupta (JNU, New Delhi), were the key speakers of the symposium.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Botany, in association with the Canterbury Christ Church University and the Hard Rain Project, has

organised a two-day international symposium on 'Science Education and Sustainable Development on January 22 and 23. Renowned environmental photographer

Mark Edwards delivered the keynote address, followed by serious deliberations involving teachers and students of the University of Kerala and the UK University.

In the inaugural session, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. VeeramaniKandan released a book jointly edited by Dr. Lal C. A., School of Distance Education, University of Kerala and Dr. Simon Hoult, Canterbury Christ Church University.

Dignitaries from UK Dr. Stephen Scoffham, Mr. Keith Simpson and 14 PG Education students attended the symposium. British environmentalist Mr. Paul Calvert, who has worked on sanitation projects in the coastal villages of Thiruvananthapuram for nearly three decades was one of the speakers.



PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR DR. N VEERAMANIKANDAN RELEASING A BOOK JOINTLY EDITED BY DR LAL C. A., SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF KERALA AND DR. SIMON HOULT, CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON DECOLONIZING THEORIES OF EMOTIONS

The Centre for Women's Studies, University of Kerala, and Samyukta, a peer-reviewed international journal of Women's Studies, jointly organised an international seminar on 'Decolonizing Theories of Emotions' from November 11 to 13 in Thiruvananthapuram. The topic, Theories of Affect, was relatively new and interdisciplinary in nature and first of its kind in the country. Leading scholars from Indian and foreign universities presented papers.

The papers reflected the changing contours of Affect Theory. They broadly analysed the nature of human emotions and how they got expressed in the East and the West. Attended by teachers, scholars and students from India and abroad, the programme was unique with full-fledged musical concert, Kathakali and Kudiattam performance, besides the lecture demonstration by Smt. Usha Nangiyar on how emotions get expressed and performed in the Indian theatre.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LIGHT CELEBRATIONS

The Department of Optoelectronics has organised various programmes during the latter half of 2015. The highlight was the celebration of "International Year of Light and Light Based Technologies" from December 9 to 11. A public lecture by Prof. Pulickel Ajayan of Rice University, USA on "Nano-Engineered Advanced Materials" was held on August 11. Talk on "Empowering Cellphone with Photonics" by Dr. Raman Kashyap, Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal, Canada & Canada Research Chair in Future Photonics Systems and talk on "New Waves in Holography" by Prof. Ady Arie, Tel Aviv University were held on August 5 and December 1 respectively.

MEDIAFEST

The Communication Club of Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Kerala, along with its Alumni Association, Information and Public Relations Department and C- DIT organised a three-day media festival 'TAKE 4' Media Fest from January 6 to 8. The title event was 'Best Journalist' competition. An international workshop led by Dr. Mia Marie Hammerlin, University of Lund, Sweden, was an added feature of the fest.



ASIANET EDITOR M G RADHAKRISHNAN SPEAKING AT 'TAKE 4' MEDIAFEST

SCHOOL STUDENTS GET TIPS ON CAREER PLANNING

A career planning initiative, 'My Career my Dream', was organised for the students of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram by the Department of Commerce, University of Kerala, as part of its extension services on January 16. Eighty-four students and six teachers of the school participated. The department also provided free orientation classes to the students registered for the National Accounting Talent Search Examination held in February. As part of its consultancy services, the

Department completed two projects for the Federal Bank. One is on developing the curriculum for Post Graduate Diploma course in Banking and Finance, which is mandatory for the Probationary Officer recruits. The second project is to develop a Master Learning Plan for Employees of Federal Bank, considering the training policy and HR initiatives of the bank. The MLP was presented before the executives of the Federal Bank in December and got approval in January.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON TEACHER EDUCATION

In a bid to equip the teachers with the nuances of the newly-introduced two-year B.Ed curriculum and better teacher training techniques, the University of Kerala conducted a two-day orientation programme on December 29 and 30 at the Senate Chamber. The programme was inaugurated by Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. N. Veeramankandan.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR PLACEMENT OFFICERS

The Centre for Adult Continuing Education and Extension (CACEE), in collaboration with the Placement Cell of University of Kerala has organised a one-day orientation programme for the placement officers of affiliated colleges under the university at the Senate Chamber on December 11, 2015. Inaugurating the programme, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. Veeramankandan stressed the need for such programmes in the context of nuances related to career and placement options continue to remain in uncertain territories, especially in affiliated colleges.

There is an urgent need to streamline, orient and systematise the career counselling and guidance process and the programme proved to be an useful one, he added.



PRO-VICE -CHANCELLOR DR. N. VEERAMANIKANDAN SPEAKING AT THE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR PLACEMENT OFFICERS OF AFFILIATED COLLEGES

LECTURE SERIES ON PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY



OPPOSITION LEADER V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN SPEAKING AT THE V. K. SUKUMARAN NAIR CHAIR FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The V. K. Sukumaran Nair Chair for Parliamentary Affairs of the Department of Political Science has organised a lecture series on "Changing dynamics of Parliamentary democracy." Opposition leader V.S. Achuthanandan inaugurated the programme. Renowned scholars and political practitioners delivered lectures.

INTERNSHIP INVITATION FROM TELECOM PARIS TECH

Ms. Mariya Thomas, an MTech Student (2014-2016) of the Department of Computer Science, University of Kerala, has been invited by the Signal and Image Department of Telecom Paris Tech, France, to visit their lab from February to July, 2016 and to complete her dissertation work under the guidance of Emeritus Professor Henri Maitre. Mariya is currently doing her MTech project under the guidance of Dr. Madhu S. Nair in the domain of Content Based Image Retrieval (CBIR).

PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATIONS ABROAD

Dr Suja Kurup P.L., Associate Professor, Institute of English, presented a paper on "Indigenous Feminism in Mother Forest: The Unfinished Story of C.K. Janu" at the International Conference on Arts and Humanities ICOAH 2015 at Colombo in Sri Lanka, organised by the International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM) in collaboration with the University of Northern Colorado, from July 20 to 22 in 2015.

Dr. A. Biju Kumar, Head, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, presented a paper in the Sixth International Barcode of Life Conference held at the University of Guelph, Canada, from August 17 to 21 in 2015. Dr. Thajudeen A. S., Head, Department of Arabic presented a paper on 'Presence of Desert in Travel Literature' in a conference held in Algeria from December 13 to 16 in 2015.

CRIME RATE AGAINST WOMEN ON THE RISE: K.G. BALAKRISHNAN



FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE SHRI. K.G. BALAKRISHNAN SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION

Atrocities against women and people belonging to SC/ST communities are on the rise, said former Chief Justice and former chairman of National Human Rights Commission Shri. K.G. Balakrishnan. Though there are lots of laws to curb crime, ignorance of people about the rules and regulations of this country are cited to be the major reason behind the soaring number of crime rates, he added while inaugurating the Socio-Legal Survey, a joint venture of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Chair, Department of Law and National Service Scheme at Kariavattom campus on February 22. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. Veeramankandan presided over the function. Sessions Judge and Kerala State Legal Services Authority Secretary Shri. C. Jayachandran delivered keynote address. Dr. K. Anil Kumar, Member Syndicate and Dr. B.Venunohan, NSS Programme Co-ordinator offered felicitations. Sri.Prabhath Kumar, Sub Judge and Secretary Thiruvananthapuram District Legal Services Authority, Sri.A.Suhruth Kumar, Associate Professor, Govt. Law College, Dr. K.C. Sunny, Professor and Head, Department of Law and Dr. Bismi Gopalakrishnan, Director, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair led discussions. The Socio Legal Survey intends to measure the level of legal awareness of college students regarding women and human rights, traffic and motor vehicle laws, cyber laws and anti-ragging laws. The survey will be conducted among 5,000 students from 25 Arts and Science colleges in the months of June and July.

BOOKS



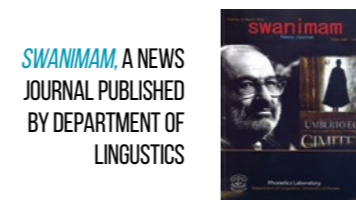
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'ORMAKALIL O N V'

A commemoration function, held on February 17 under the auspices of the Department of Malayalam Lexicon, reminisced the yeomen contributions of Sri. O.N.V. Kurup that had enriched our literature immensely. Gananjali, a musical event to commemorate the great poet was conducted by the Kerala University Music Lovers Forum (KUMLF) also in association with Kamukara Foundation. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. Veeramankandan inaugurated the event, where the famous singers and university staff sang Malayalam film songs penned by the renowned poet.

PhD AWARDEES FELICITATED



DR SAMPATH MP RECEIVING THE MEMENTO FROM KUHS VICE CHANCELLOR DR M K C NAIR

The University of Kerala felicitated its PhD awardees of the year 2013 at a function held at the Senate Hall on March 28. Dr. M.K.C. Nair, Vice-Chancellor, Kerala University of Health Sciences, who was the chief guest, presented the mementos to 376 PhD awardees. Registrar Dr. M. Jayaprakas welcomed the gathering. Pro-Vice-chancellor Dr N Veeramanikandan gave the key note address. Members of the Syndicate Dr. Gireesh Kumar, Dr. Radhamony P.M., Dr. Anil Kumar and Shri. Akhil offered felicitations.

'BHASHAKKORU DOLLAR' AWARD 2015

The 'Bhashakkoru Dollar' award for the year 2015 was presented to Dr. Sreekumar by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. N. Veeramanikandan at a meeting attended by the members of the Federation of Kerala Associations of North America (FOKANA) and other Cultural leaders.



PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR DR. N. VEERAMANIKANDAN PRESENTING 'BHASHAKKORU DOLLAR' AWARD TO DR. SREEKUMAR

HONOURED



K MUHAMMED BASHEER WHO ASSUMED CHARGE AS VICE CHANCELLOR OF CAILCUT UNIVERSITY BEING FELICITATED

The University organised a function to honour Dr. K. Muhammed Basheer, former Registrar, who assumed charge as the Vice-Chancellor of Calicut University, on November 24. Vice-Chancellor Dr. P.K. Radhakrishnan presented a memento.

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

The Department of Arabic has organised a three-day International Seminar on 'Children's Literature in Arabic: Its Origin and Development' at the Senate Chamber from January 27 to 29. Dr. N. Veeramanikandan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the seminar.

Scholars and writers from various nations presented papers on different domains of the topic.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

 IRAYIMMAN THAMBI DR. V. S. SHARMA	 VALLATHOL PROF. K. P. SHANKARAN	 K. SURENDRAN E. VASU
 HASYATHILE BHASHA DR. ROSEMARY A.	 KERALA HINDI SAHITYA VIVIDHA	 POURANIKA SAHITYAVUM RAVIVARMA CHITRANGALUM DR. THARA S. S.
 PHILOSOPHICAL & LINGUISTIC THEORIES DR. BEENA ISSAC DR. ROSEMARY A.	 RIGVEDA SAMHITHA VALLATHOL	 K. POPULATION PROFILE OF KERALA DR. G. K. MOLI

AWARDS



BEST NSS UNIT AWARD

St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, has won the 'Over all Best NSS Unit' award, instituted by the University of Kerala for the year 2014-15. Minister for Transport Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan presented the award to the Principal of the college, at a function, chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. P. K. Radhakrishnan on September 17, 2015.

IASLIC RANGANATHAN AWARD

Dr. P.K. Suresh Kumar, Assistant Librarian, Kerala University Library, received the IASLIC Ranganathan award for the best article at the inaugural session of the 30th All India Conference of IASLIC held at Gujarat University on December 31, 2015. He was selected for the award for his article "Mobile Technology for Library and Information Services" which was published in the IASLIC bulletin.



IMRF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dr. G. Suresh Singh, Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, received the IMRF Excellence Award at the International Multidisciplinary Academic Conference organised as part of the UNESCO's 70th anniversary celebrations in Thailand in November 2015.



HIGHEST GRANT AWARD

Dr. Ani Deepthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Suresh R, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala received the Highest Grant Award 2014-15 at a function organised at the Senate Hall on March 28. The Award carries a prize money of Rs 20,000 and a memento.



BEST PROJECT AWARD

Dr. A. Helen, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Dr. Bushra Beegum R.K., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kerala received the Best Project award at a function organised at the Senate Hall on March 28. The Award carries a prize money of Rs 30,000 and a memento.



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA STUDENTS SHINE AT INTER-UNIVERSITY YOUTH FESTIVAL



The Kerala University team won several prizes at the national Inter-University Festival “Yuva Shatha Sambrama” organized by the Association of Indian Universities and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports Govt. of India, at the Mysore University from February 15 to 19. The University of Kerala team had also won the overall championship for the fifth time in the 31st South Zone Inter-university Youth Festival held at the Mangalore University from January 18 to 22.

▲ STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF KERALA PERFORMING AT THE 31ST NATIONAL INTER UNIVERSITY YOUTH FESTIVAL HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE ON FEBRUARY 15

CAMPUS: EVENTS AND PLANS

GREEN CAMPUS: The campus administration has launched a pilot project with the financial support of Kerala State Bio-diversity Board called “Replacing Acacia with indigenous trees”. This is the first step towards clearing the acacia trees from the campus. This project is managed with the support of the Department of Botany, University of Kerala.

ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN AT HOSTELS: This pilot project is being implemented with the technical and financial support of the Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala.

PUBLIC TOILETS IN THE CAMPUS: Two public toilets have been installed in the campus with the sponsorship of SBT,

Kariavattom and Kerala State Women’s Development Corporation.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: The Campus Development Committee has been reconstituted with the Pro-VC as the Chairperson. This is a platform for discussing the common challenges, highlighting the relevant issues needing intervention, and for providing a fast track system for redressing grievances of the Campus Community.

KUDUMBASREE AT CAMPUS: The cafeteria and canteen of the Kariavattom Campus are now being managed by the Kudumbasree Mission. This ensures the quality of food in these outlets while serving a wider social welfare goal.

WATER MANAGEMENT: Two major wells are coming up in the campus, one near the Hymavathy pond and another near the Department of Botany. These two wells are hoped to satisfy the entire water needs of the campus. The project also envisages water harvesting measures to ensure that the new wells are recharged and the ground water of the campus is optimally sustained.

Other major highlights of the Kariavattom campus are the extension of Women’s Hostel buildings, with one more storey being added, and the construction of a Geological Museum which is underway. Also the Centre for performing Arts has been shifted from SH campus to the Kariavattom campus in a new building.



DR. OOMMEN V OOMMEN, CHAIRMAN, KERALA STATE BIO-DIVERSITY BOARD INAUGURATING THE ‘REPLACING ACACIA’ PROJECT



A MEDICAL CAMP BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE STAFF & STUDENTS OF THE KARIAVATTOM CAMPUS WITH THE SUPPORT OF CSI MEDICAL COLLEGE, KARAKONAM ON DECEMBER 13