

## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 2018

### Cultural programmes and flash mob performance



The International women's day was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The inaugural session started sharply by 11 am at the College Seminar Hall. The meeting was presided by the Vice Chairman of the college Union, Ms. Megha M L, a student of III year B.Sc Chemistry Department. The guest of honour Dr A. G Oleena , an academician cum Social activist . She has to her credit a good number of articles on social issues. She was given a cordial and warm welcome by the academic fraternity of the college. The welcome speech was delivered by the honourable principal , Sri Badaruddin who considered the opportunity to warmly welcome the guest as a privilege, and profusely commended on her admirable qualities. It was followed by the solemn presidential address by the vice chairman, Ms Megha. Dr Oleena through her impressive inaugural address attempted to portray the dismally pathetic condition of a vast majority of illiterate rural women who live in unhygienic circumstances devoid

of any sort of freedom, especially in many of the Northern states of our country. She also delivered on the gradual evolution of the Womens' movement in our state of Kerala, slowly but steadily, by reciting of the inspiring story of the “Chakki Pennu” enthralled and invigorated the audience. The HO D of the Malayalam Department Dr M.S Noufal with his words of wisdom and and Sri Hashim of Commerce department with his subdued witticism elated the spectators. Ms Subha , a petite student of II year Bcom, casted the formal vote of thanks with decorum .

### **Women's Study Unit (WSU) Activities Report 2018-19**

A large group of enterprising and dynamic students joining for Women's Studies during the academic year with a revived interest in the contemporary events especially from the B.Com Co-operation Course, instilled inspiration in the teacher-Co-ordinator to make them think out of the box, so as to give wings to their inspired minds and persuade them to be self-motivated. Therefore, the zestful Commerce students were asked to do a brief research on the Women entrepreneurs, Administrators, Women CEO's and Women Managers in various fields related to business & commerce. They were then asked to finally select the most successful women entrepreneurs from a specific area and write a dissertation or treatise on them. They have to collect the person's biographical details with an evaluation of their life and career. The personal and professional challenges they faced, how they overcame them successfully, their achievements & success with career graphs, other than a general introduction to the particular sector. For Eg: Women and Banking sector.

1. Alfa Hussain
2. Shajana Basheer
3. Lubina Latheef
4. Saha
5. Nasiya
6. Sara Salim
7. Sruthy Mohandas
8. Rahna
9. Arya
10. Ajmi

The vivaciously vibrant girls of the Travel & Tourism course were asked to focus on their emerging field of Travel & Aviation sector, Tourism and Hospitality industry, and select successful women entrepreneurs in a specific area related to these for their topic of study. The young girls were assigned to select an area of choice as their area of research, not only with a vision of invigorating them to the scope and potential of the tourism entrepreneurship ventures, but also to trigger and stimulate their innovative minds to foster an academic interest for development in this most promising sustainable industry of the

future, by kindling their research skills. Each student was asked to select a woman entrepreneur who achieved success in the travel related industry by resisting the bias and stigma associated with it, which hindered women initially to enter the field, especially into the hotels of the hospitality sector. The names of the enlisted students from TTM Course are as mentioned below:

1. Amina.S
2. Ayisha.A.N
3. Fathima Basheer
4. Fathima.S
5. Shereena.N.S

Gender gap in science is an enigma or mystery which baffles the academia for a considerable time. According to many statistics and data there is a huge gender gap in the field of science and technology. (Only 14% women in the field as the global average is 28.4% in the field of Science is a proof to hypothesize Science is considered generally as a male profession. (In IIT only 10% are women and merely 5% Science fellowships are awarded to women in India.)

To identify the qualitative factors that pull back women from STEM even in this millennium and seek solutions to bring parity is the need of the hour in this digital-era that shows a surge of interest everywhere in developing scientific technology. Therefore, the ingenious girls of B.Sc Chemistry belonging to the group were assigned with the mission of attempting to solve this enigma. They were first instructed to do a literature survey of eminent women scientists of international acclaim, along with their Indian counterparts. This was to inspire them immensely, lest they might be dispirited by the demotivating nature of the task assigned to them. Then they were made to select diverse areas pertaining to the different fields of Science, and trace the reasons and factors that lead to the underrepresentation of women scientists compared to male scientists, and that deter them so much from pursuing promising careers in science. It is believed that there is a lack of women in academia related to Science Technology. Do the severe strain involved or the potential challenges or any other difficulties faced by women scientists hinder them in

preferring and pursuing the male-dominated domain of science? They were asked to focus on identifying the impediments, barriers and issues faced by most women scientists driven by societal gender stereotypes, especially in technical and IT fields. There are less opportunities and more impediments to balance their work-home paradigm as the field demands consistent commitment without flexibility that are deterring many capable women from investing on careers in Science. Hence, with the noble view of changing and challenging this perspective, to improve the status of women in science and to instill passion in the young science students to break this barrier, they were asked to trace the life stories and career path of women scientists who emerged successful from the nation, especially from their state. Some women had successfully broken the myths and barriers to engrave their names in the myriad fields of Science. Are there any road blocks to success which steer women away from a scientific career or from pursuing their passion for science? Does gender matters in Science? These are some of the issues that need to be traced and corrected.

### **'Her Story' in 'HIS' STORY**

There are lot of gaps in history books which needs to be filled for getting a complete picture of our past. One such gap is the role played by women which is left unsaid in almost all books of history. It is the duty of all students of history to contribute their part to complete these gaps by their own research. One such area is the life and social history of the socially invisible women, especially of those belonging to the Muslim Community. As young students of Islamic History too they are obliged to contribute to this specific area so as to fill the gaps and lending a sense of completeness to our books of history, as well as contributing to the knowledge domain.

As the particular information was lacking in the printed books on history the students were asked to do research through the mode of oral history by documenting personal experiences of their older generations by gathering information from people personally , through anecdotes, to understand and recreate the past and record it for the future generation. It is an attempt to recreate women's life, customs, leisure, time activities , food habits, ceremonies and celebrations ,dressing style and ornaments, lifestyle , modes of communication, literary taste, reading habits, means of entertainment, (music, dance, etc)

in the last century. Each student, after splitting them into small groups, was assigned a specific topic in these areas so as to cover all the aspects of their social life comprehensively. The final output when completed successfully as proposed would be an original contribution to our history to the present and future generations, as it intended to be published as book.

The students were provided guidance in each stage asked to conduct a background study of the age before starting the research to prepare an appropriate and probing questionnaire. They were also instructed to properly document the source of information.

The student of each class diligently completed the research and successfully compiled their research Material for their prospective books titled as cited below:

BA: An Oral history of Muslim Women's Social life during the Early Half of 20<sup>th</sup> Century

B.Sc: Women in Science, Technology & Scientific Research: Problems and Prospects

B.Com: Women Administrators & Managers & CEO's: Success Stories

TTM: Women Entrepreneurs Who Overcame Challenges in the Sphere of Travel and Tourism.

## International Women's Day Celebration (19.03.2019)



International Women's day which falls on March 8<sup>th</sup> was celebrated late in our College this year on 19.03.2019, owing to some technical reasons. Despite being late it was celebrated with grandeur and elegance. At 10.30 AM the Chief Guest was accorded a warm welcome by a large group of girls with a zestful flash-mob performance. The vibrant and zealous dance movements endeared the spectators as well as gave bouncy start to the day's events. The chief guest of the day was Dr/Adv Shahida Kamal who at present is one of the honourable member of the women's commission, Kerala.

The inaugural session was presided over by Miss.Shereena. S, the General Secretary College Union in the absence of the vice Chairperson of the College Union (Miss.Shahina Shihab). The honourable Principal of the College Dr. Nazeer delivered a learned talk as the presidential address which unfurled a panoramic view of the land mark events that constitute the history of our state. The eloquent talk was preceded by the sagacious welcome address by Dr.M.S Noufal, the Head, Department of Malayalam. The chief guest, the honourable Member, Women's Commission of Kerala, Dr Shahida Kamal (Advocate) tried to bring a wise & conciliatory stance through her sober speech unlike the the usual fiery speeches rendered on such occasions. The astute speeches of felicitation rendered by each speaker tried to instill confidence in the audience.

The cultural programmes organized in connection with the International Women's day celebration reflected the enthusiasm and confidence of the girls of the College. The splendidly fiery dance performances that was staged one after the other by more than a dozen groups, each vying with each other to outshine, took the audience in their hands. The audience too shared their enthusiasm by joining them in the dance moves. The programme came to its formal conclusion by 4.30 PM with prize distribution to all the participants. The prizes for the most empowered girl (Shereena III TTM) and the (Vyshnavi III TTM) was announced and was declared to be distributed during the College day function.