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Annual Report of Walk With Scholar Programme (2014-15)

Walk With Scholar Programme, a new initiative of the department of collegiate education government of Kerala started in the college in the academic year 2014-15. The programme is based on the idea of mentoring in which the external and internal mentors, using their expertise and resources facilitate the development of the mentees.

On receiving intimation from the WWS authorities, Dr.S.V.Sajeev, Associate Professor and Head of the department of Physics of the college was selected as the co-ordinator and five teachers namely Dr.J.S.Ampily (Chemistry), Mr.V.G.Prasanth (English), Mr.Shaji Maramveetil (Commerce) and Mrs.P.Hridya (Computer Science) were selected as internal mentors in the staff council meeting. Soon after the training programme for the coordinator and the internal mentors and receipt of funds, six meritorious students, each from the five departments were selected. In a meeting of the internal mentors and the principal, the internal mentors were provided with the guidelines issued by the WWS authorities and copies of other materials provided at the training programme and the necessary modalities were chalked out. The five internal mentors were asked to start the internal mentoring sessions.

Internal Mentoring Sessions

The internal mentors were asked to start the mentoring sessions with a SWOT analysis. It was generally agreed that the internal mentoring may be

with special emphasis on.....taking into account the need of every student in the group. At the end of the mentoring sessions each internal mentor submitted a report to the coordinator after a performance analysis.

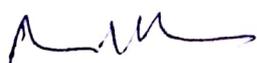
External Mentoring Sessions

The resource persons mentioned in the list provided by the WWS authorities were contacted for engaging external mentoring sessions but nobody indicated their willingness. The matter was placed before the staff council and it was determined to source external mentors locally. An expert in soft skill development was utilized and Veteran academics, mostly retired recently in the locality and have a genuine interest apart from classroom teaching alone were approached. The help of experts working in related fields were also utilized to motivate the students. The recently retired teachers were provide with the frame work, scope and aims of the WWS programme and were requested to handle the sessions with the aim of motivating students for their higher studies in major institutions of national repute and high end career opportunities. Though the remuneration of three hundred rupees per hour was a hurdle, we could manage the external mentoring sessions sometimes even with two people serving as mentors for the same group. We have, from interactions with the mentees at the review meeting at the end has came to conclude that most of the recently retired teachers have done marvels in the job assigned to them as the students are found highly motivated (especially girl students from minority communities). The list of external mentors we relied upon for engaging the external mentoring sessions is provided herewith.

No.	Name	Subject
1.	1. Prof. M.P Sreedharan Nair Prof. & Head (rtd.) Malabar Christian college, Calicut	Chemistry
	2. Mr. Aneez Mohammed Asst. Prof. Farook training college, Calicut	General skills
2.	1. Mr. Sammer. V.V Asst. Prof. Farook College, Calicut	Computer science
	2. Jisha. K Asst. Prof. Providence College, Calicut	"
	3. Mr. Ranjith. K Sr. System Analyst Tech. Mahindra Ltd. Bangalore.	Field expert
3.	1. Dr. M. Jesa Asso. Professor (English Education) Farook training college, Calicut	English Education
	2. Mr. Aneez Mohammed Asst. Prof. Farook training college, Calicut	General skills
4.	1. Prof. Vinod Alungal Asso. prof. (rtd.) Govt. College Madappally	Commerce
	2. Mr. Aneez Mohammed Asst. Prof. Farook training college, Calicut	General skills
	3. Mr. Bapilesh. K Chartered Accountant, Calicut	Field expert
5.	1. Dr. M. K. Ramakrishnan Prof. & Head (Rtd.) Zamorin's Guruvayoorapan College Calicut.	Business Studies
	2. Dr. K. Sasidharan Prof. & Head (Rtd.) SNG College Calicut	"

Conclusion

From the reports submitted by the mentors and interaction with students we conclude that the students have got their soft skills improved and are motivated to pursue higher studies at higher institutions of learning and seek higher end jobs. These become significant for the student community of this college which is largely of girl students from minority communities and from other deprived and educationally and financially backward sections like fishermen.



Dr. S. V. Sajeer

