

MES PONNANI COLLEGE
SOUTH PONNANI, MALAPPURAM

Report of the activities of the Walk With A Scholar Programme (WWS) conducted during the Academic year 2015-16

The WWS was initiated in the MES Ponnani College during the academic year 2014-15. Due to some or the other reason the programme was not successfully completed during that academic year. Based on the merit and performance of the students on the extracurricular activities 30 students are selected during the academic year 2014-15 (list attached). Though the internal mentoring and external mentoring were conducted, the concept of the programme is not well understood at that time.

During this academic year (2015-16) the programme is well initiated in the college. At the beginning of the academic year itself 30 students were selected from the first year undergraduate courses of the college based on the application invited. The application are sorted, and based on the merit and interview conducted by the concerned department of the college these 30 students are selected.

For the successful implementation of the programme, 10 internal mentors (list attached) from different departments were also selected. The problem with the internal mentors is that, due to the teachers transfer the internal mentors selected during the academic year 2014-15 were transferred to different colleges and a new set of internal mentors were selected during 2015-16.

As the selected internal mentors were not well versed with mentoring an internal mentoring workshop has been conducted by the college with the help of Centre for Information & Guidance India (CIGI) Kozhikode. Though the Internal mentoring workshop of the New Initiatives, Govt. of Kerala were conducted only during the end of the academic year.

The activity report of internal mentoring submitted by the internal mentors for the year 2015-16 is attached as Annexure. The external mentoring programme was initiated by the one day programme conducted by the experts from Centre for Information & Guidance India (CIGI) Kozhikode on "Achievement Motivation". The morning sessions were for the first year and the afternoon session for the second year students of the WWS programme.

An external mentoring programme was conducted by Shri. Ajith Kolady an Independent Education Management Professional for the students under the WWS programme. Shri. Nasrudheen an expert in the field of life skills also conducted the external mentoring

programme. Shri. Jamaluddin from CIGI an expert in the field of career guidance interacted with the students and talked about the career perspective and Shri. Abdul Rasheed, CIGI also interacted with the students.

Besides these external mentoring programmes, students of the WWS programme are also given opportunity to participate in the motivation and career guidance classes conducted by Prof. Beenu Kumar, Former Head, Department of Geology, University College and Shri. Abdul Wahid, Geologist ONGC. The mentees of the WWS are also given opportunity to attend the EDURITE Lecture series supported by the Higher Education Council. Dr. A.K. Ramakrishnan, Professor and Chairperson of the Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and the lecture of Dr. V.J. Rajesh, Associate Professor, IIST Thiruvananthapuram on the topic "Origin and Evolution of the Earth's Moon".

The amount allotted for the external mentoring programme is not fully utilized because the external mentoring programme was conducted for the mentees by clubbing the first and second year mentees together. The photographs of some of the session are lost due to the problems with the digital camera. The available photographs are included herewith.

Photographs of WWS Programme





