

MES PONNANI COLLEGE
SOUTH PONNANI, MALAPPURAM

Report of the activities of the Walk With A Scholar Programme (WWS) conducted during the Academic year 2016-17

The WWS was initiated in the MES Ponnani College during the academic year 2014-15. Having recognized the fact that the best preparation for making a living comes through learning the arts of reading carefully, writing clearly and persuasively, reasoning quantitatively and analytically, evaluating evidence effectively, and thinking critically, the programme introduces the idea of *mentoring*. Mentoring is a personal enhancement strategy through which one person facilitates the development of another by sharing known resources, expertise, values, skills, perspectives, attitudes and proficiencies. It allows the learner to build skills and knowledge while attaining goals for career development.

The MES Ponnani College has three batches of students. During this academic year (2016-17) 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 for the WWS batch of 2016-17. The application are sorted, and based on the merit and interview conducted by the concerned department of the college 30 students were selected.

For the successful implementation of the programme, 15 internal mentors (list attached) from different departments were 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.

The activity report of internal mentoring submitted by the internal mentors for the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is attached as Annexure. The external mentoring programme for the year 2016-17 started with a motivation class conducted by Shri. Ajith Kolady, a well known internationally accepted motivator and an Independent Education Management Professional. Shri. Nasrudheen an expert in the field of life skills also conducted the external mentoring programme. Shri. Zakariya, former PRO Calicut University, who is a career Guide, Trainer,

Columnist and Broadcaster interacted with the students and talked about the career guidance, how to prepare for competitive examination and employment enhancement. Shri. Alex Mathew, conducted classes on following sessions

Sessions
<p>Session on “Personal Interview Skills”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Golden Rules · 20-20 Do’s and Dont’s · 50 probable questions asked in an interview
<p>Session on “Group Discussion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Basic manners and etiquettes to be followed · Style of presentation · Listening skills · Body language to be used
<p>Mock Aptitude Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 40 questions in 45 minutes · Question paper and OMR sheet provided by the team · Covers Current affairs, Logical reasoning questions , Analytical skill based questions, Mathematical Question · Strictly based on the question pattern asked for competitive exams
<p>Mock Interview (for 20 students)</p>
<p>Mock GD</p>

The external mentoring programme ended with a class conducted by Shri. Vijayan, an environmentalist and science orator who talked on science and scientific consciousness.

Aneesh K, II year Zoology participated in the motivation camp for students of second year WWS students affiliated to Calicut and MG Universities convened at Socio-Religious Center, Christ Hall, Malaparamba, Kozhikode from 13th January(Friday) to 15th January (Sunday), 2017.

Besides these external mentoring programmes, students of the WWS programme are also given opportunity to participate in the motivation and career guidance classes conducted in the college.

The amount allotted for the external mentoring programme is not fully utilized because the external mentoring programme due to the examinations and classes for the mentees.

Photographs of the Programme



