

Walk With a Scholar Programme (WWS)

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Walk with a scholar (WWS) programme provided an opportunity for students to better themselves. Individual guidance to the selected students helped them in their all round development. The different sessions provided under external mentoring as well as internal mentoring along with motivational visit gave them a chance to expand their horizons of knowledge. Education aims at the all round development of an individual and programmes like this help to fulfill this aim. As part of external mentoring, sessions were given by the resource persons from various fields and this provided opportunities to know more about the various topics, to set their vision and mission. These sessions also helped them to gain a better awareness about the new arenas in the field of higher education and various career opportunities. Beyond the regular sessions, students are also asked to maintain a follow up of each session through e-mail and other modes of communication and this helped them to get further guidance from the external mentors.

The different sessions on various aspects were given to students as part of external mentoring as detailed below.

Sl.No	Date	Name of External Mentor	Topic	Batch I/II/III Year
1	05/12/15	Dr. P Mohammed Rafeek, Associate Professor of Geology, Govt. Engg. College, TCR	Stress Management	II
2	12/12/15	Ashok Nemmara, Director, Centre for Life Skills Learning, Chennai-602105.	Life Skill Education	I&II
3	19/12/15	Sivanandan M. S., Civil Service Trainer, Kerala State Civil Service Academy, Palakkad.	Civil Service Exam- Preparation	III
4	02/01/16	Krishnaprasad Ottoor HR Trainer, 12/44, Krishna, Kavilpad, Palakkad	How to Prepare Bio- Data / CV/ Resume	III
5	16/01/16	Meera P. Abhimanyu, Chief Executive Officer, Elixir Solutions, Cochin	Multiple Intelligence/ Knowing self	I & II
6	27/02/16	Saji O. Vargheese, Director, Bankers Academy, Palakkad	Bank tests/ Job Opportunities After Graduation	III

7	27/02/16	Sheeba Binu, Trainer, Bankers Academy, Palakkad	Competitive Examinations	II
8	05/03/16	Dr. Abdul Ali P. M., Associate Professor and HOD, Dept. of English, MES Asmabi, Vemballur	Communication Skills for <i>Enhanced Employability</i>	I
9	10/03/16	D. Arun Gladwin, Director, Vantage Academy, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari, TN	A Way to Successful Leadership	I & II
10	11/03/16	D. Arun Gladwin, Director, Vantage Academy, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari, TN	Reaching Greater Heights	III

For final year degree students, about ten different sessions were given to make them familiar about the different stages involved in (job) placement process like Screening tests, Group Discussions, Presentation Skills, Body language, Interviews, etc.

Details of GD/Mock Interview Sessions for III rd Year Students			
1	06/12/15	Sivanandan M. S.	Group Discussion
2	20/12/15	Krishnaprasad Ottoor	Mock Interview
3	03/01/16	Sivanandan M. S.	Mock Interview
4	23/01/16	Krishnaprasad Ottoor	Group Discussion
5	30/01/16	Sivanandan M. S.	Mock Interview

This year the motivational visit was arranged to Bangalore and Mysore during 16-21 February, 2016. The first visit was to **Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)**, a prestigious institute for management studies. The IIM Faculty members introduced to the students about different programmes, selection procedures, placement status of previous years, etc. The ambiance of the campus itself inspired the mentees who are looking ahead for their further studies in management sector. After that we visited the **Bannerghatta National Park and Biological Park** with rare species of animals and birds. In the second day we visited **Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VIT Museum)** established under National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. In VIT Museum students got a chance to see the working models based on the different basic concepts in science. They were also given a chance to work with these models and this helped them to understand the scientific principles and concepts.

The next day we visited **CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute**, Mysore (CSIR-CFTRI), set up under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. (CSIR). The researchers and scientists explained to the students about the various activities of CSIR-CFTRI, technologies developed in food preservation, and how these technologies can be extended to the farmers, various analytical techniques to ensure the quality of food, technologies for spices extraction, career opportunities in food technology and research, etc. The visit encouraged students to take up higher studies and research in this new area. Then we visited the Mysore Palace known for its historical significance. This gave a historical insight of ancient India. Next we visited **Shuka Vana (Parrot Park)**, the largest one in India with a huge collection of rare colourful species of parrots brought from different parts of the globe. This year's motivational visit came to an end with a visit to **Brindavana Gardens**.

Fifteen faculty members were selected as the internal mentors and each one of them were given a team of six mentees. The details are given below. They conducted various internal mentoring sessions to their wards. The small group size of students (six members) helped the Mentors to give individual attention and care to each student.

First Year		
Name of the Mentor	Name of Mentees	Main
Dr. A R Ramesh, Asst. Professor in Chemistry	Aleesha K Subair	Physics
	Gayathri R	Chemistry
	Veena C	Botany
	Samya s	Zoology
	Aparna R	Maths
	Gwoja V	Computer Science
Dr. Reshmi C P, Asst. Professor in Chemistry	Akhila S	Physics
	Arya Das	Chemistry
	Sowparnika S	Botany
	amrutha s	Zoology
	Akhila A	Maths
	Sangeetha J	Computer Science
Smt. Reshma M P, Asst. Professor in English	Irene A Peter	English
	Anila G J	Malayalam
	Arun S	Tamil
	Nowreen P M	Hindi
	Drisy D	Sanskrit
	Archana Chandran	History

Smt. Arathy Asok, Asst. Professor in English	Swetha S	English
	Aiswarya S Menon	Malayalam
	Maheswary	Tamil
	Nitya K	Hindi
	Manasa T S	Sanskrit
	Ajith C	History
Sri. Binu C Kurian, Asst. Professor in Commerce	Vidya K R	Economics
	Sareen Munawar J	Economics
	Amrutha R	Commerce
	Nityasree P G	Commerce
	Nikhila Thomas	Commerce Honours
	Balagopal	Commerce Honours
Second Year		
Name of the Mentor	Name of Mentees	Main
Smt. Vasantha P K, Asst. Professor in History	Priyamol P	Botany
	Ranjini C	Economics
	Sreevidya P	Economics
	Manoj M	History
	Rinsiya K	Commerce
	Vani Lakshmi M	Commerce
Dr. Lakshmi Priyadharsini, Asst. Professor in Zoology	Anjan n	Botany
	Anusha Nair	History
	Nisha C	Zoology
	Sicily Seena C	Maths
	Shahina A	Sanskrit
	Saranya K	Sanskrit
Dr. Abubakkar K K, Asst. Professor in English	Aiswarya Lakshmi	Hindi
	Adhithy Mohan	Botany
	Sruthy N	Chemistry
	Krishna K P	Chemistry
	Abhijna Krishna R	Chemistry
	Akshya R	Economics
Dr. Suma Parapattoli, Asst. Professor in Sanskrit	Roshitha Radakrishnan	Hindi
	Roshini M	Chemistry
	Malini A N	Chemistry
	Sandhya R	Maths
	Manju C	Physics
	Arjun K M	Physics
Smt. SujanaBanu A, Asst. Professor in Tamil	Henna Hakkeem	Chemistry
	Kavya P K	Chemistry

	Sidharth C S	Zoology
	Anusuya	Tamil
	Ramya Rani	Tamil
	Suguna	Tamil
Third Year		
Name of the Mentor	Name of Mentees	Main
Smt. Sunitha A P, Asst. Professor in Physics	Suchitra M	Chemistry
	Sreeranjini D	Economics
	Athira V	Chemistry
	Mohammed Ashiq.A	Computer.S
	Rameesha P.Y	History
	Harinarayanan	Maths
Smt. Divya D, Asst. Professor in Physics	Gopika G	Economics
	Aparna A	Hindi
	Shiji R	History
	Ashiq.P. Q	Zoology
	Gopikrishnan	Maths
	Jennifer C J	Malayalam
Smt. Srividya S , Asst. Professor in English	Suneera K S	History
	Divya C	Botany
	Aruna P R	Physics
	Jeena M B	History
	Sanoop P C	Chemistry
	Abhinaya U	History
Dr. Arun Kumar , Asst. Professor in Politics	Aswathi P	Physics
	Vishnu Vijayakumar	Commerce Honours
	Sajini	Commerce
	Athira M	Physics
	Anagha	Maths
	Jaseer	Botany
Smt. Beena S John, Asst. Professor in Zoology	Jabir A	Zoology
	Malavika Prakash	Botany
	Binduja T	History
	Souparnika K R	History
	Karthika	Maths
	Ramya	Hindi

Mr. Manoj M, IInd Year History attended the state motivation camp FOCUS 2016 held at Layola College, Thiruvananthapuram. He shared his camp experiences and said that the programme was a grand success and an eye opener.

An amount of Rs.3,13,200/- was received as WWS fund for the financial year 2015-16 and it was fully utilized for the various programmes as per the instructions from the Office of the New Initiatives. The duly signed utilization certificate and statement of expenditure will send separately.

SI No.	Head	Sanctioned	Utilized	Balance
I	External mentoring 50 hrs @1500/-	75000	75000	0
II	Study materials	18000	18000	0
III	Tea and Snacks	6000	6000	0
IV	Stationery Kit	2700	2700	0
V	Conduct of Mock Tests/Interviews for 3rd year Mentees	12500	12500	0
VI	Travel expenses for Mentees	4200	4200	0
VI	Office expenses	2800	2800	0
VII	Motivational visits	80000	80000	0
IX	Internal mentoring 200 hours @500/-	100000	100000	0
X	Coordinator charges	12000	12000	0
	Total	313200	313200	0

The programme was appreciated by faulty members and students of Govt. Victoria College and we are thankful to Dr. S. Rajoo Krishnan (OSD, WWS) Mr. Vysakh R A, (Programme Manager), Administrative Officer and other staff members of The Office of the New Initiatives in Higher Education for their valuable guidance and Govt. of Kerala for the financial support.

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*A few photographs of the programme are also attached below.





















