

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH SES COLLEGE SREEKANDAPURAM

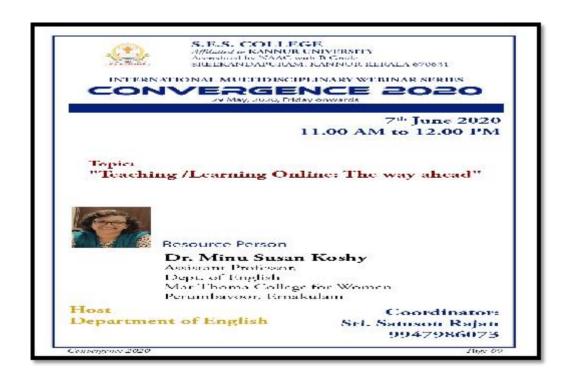
ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

OF

2020-2021

CONVERGENCE WEBINAR

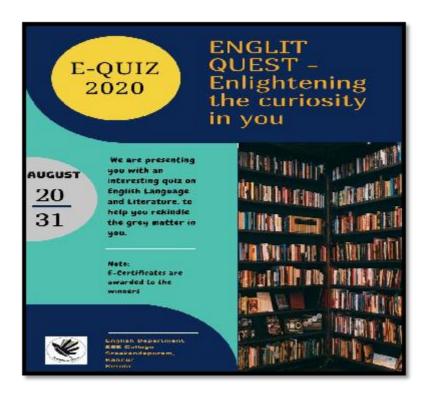
'Strong efforts with unity will definitely lead to success', which is highly evident in how we have tried to overcome the pandemic situation. Covid 19 affected the whole country upon the economic stability, educational sectors and other areas too. In the educational field, the precaution that we have taken is the introduction of e learning during this pandemic crisis. The Department of English, S.E.S. C.ollege conducted a webinar on **June 7**, **2020** through Zoom platform on the topic "Teaching/learning online:The way ahead", as part of 'Convergence-2020 International Multidisciplinary webinar series', organised by IQAC of college. The session was handled by **Dr. Minu Susan Koshy**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor, Ernakulam. Webinar became an effective one as during this Covid 19 situation, the learning process was completely depending upon the online platform. Thus the session explored the benefits and issues of e teaching by the teaching community. Webinar was very informative and it enhanced the awareness of students about e learning process. The resource person was highly involved to make the students attentive, e certificates were also issued for all participants.



ENGLIT QUEST: ENLIGHTENING THE CURIOSITY IN YOU

Quizzes are interactive platforms where students can widen their knowledge and seek opportunities to excel beyond academics.

The Department organised an **E- Quiz on "English Language and Literature"**. The quiz was conducted on **August 20, 2020**. The quiz programme was a great opportunity for the students which helped them to rekindle the grey matter in them. The winners of the quiz were rewarded with E-certificates.



S.E.S. ENGLIF - A STAGE TO CONVERSE

People face multiple challenges in the COVID -19 scenario. The COVID - 19 pandemic has affected educational systems world wide, leading to the near - total closures of schools, universities and colleges. The Department of English, S.E.S College, Sreekandapuram, launched an online interactive forum for the department students to develop their English language skills titled S.E.S. ENGLIF (S.E.S. English Language Interaction Forum) - 'A Stage to Converse' and it was inaugurated on August 26, 2020 at 2 pm. HOD Mr. Samson Rajan welcomed everyone to the programme. SESENGLIF was inaugurated by Dr. Dominic Thomas, Principal of S.E.S. College. Inaugural session was based on the topic 'Pandemic Crisis and Parallel Learning Experience' and it was moderated by Mr. Gopalakrishnan P.R., Assistant Professor, Department of English, S.E.S. College. Seven students participated in the discussion. Ms Fiza, Ms Aswathi, Mr. Thejas, Ms. Safa, Ms. Pooja, Ms. Vidhya, and Mr. Alex from the English department participated in the discussion. They discussed the subtopics - Covid 19 pandemic and precautions, Lockdown situation, Covid 19 and countries' economy, Online learning process etc. All the students were well involved in the discussion. The session explored the benefits and issues of this crisis.

Second discussion was conducted on **October 10, 2020** based on the topic 'Women's portrayal on the screen'. Nine students carried over the discussion. Mr. Jyothilal, Mr. Abhijith, Ms. Varsha, Ms. Anusree, Ms. Anupama, Ms. Niranjana, Mr. Thomas Nirmal, Ms. Drisya P.K. and Ms. Meenu actively participated in the discussion which was controlled by Mr Samson Rajan. The session was highly influential for the students and made them learn more about our society.

Next discussion was conducted on **November 21, 2020** on the topic 'Mental health and its significance'. The participants of the discussion were Ms. Ashitha, Ms. Akshaya K.K., Ms.Drishya, Mr. Sanjay, Mr. Pranav, Ms. Ayana, Ms. Viswasree, Mr. Vishnu, Ms. Bhavya and Ms. Jennifer Carolin. Mrs Shyna Janardhanan has shown her presence as moderator in the discussion. Students used this opportunity to develop their language speaking skills. The last discussion of 2020 - 2021 of S.E.S. ENGLIF was organised on **January 3, 2020** on the topic '2020 - at a glance'. The presence of Mrs Shabeena Backer as moderator made the discussion very vibrant. Through this attempt of English department, the students could learn how to make active interactions in English. The discussions have made the students well informed on how to develop their language skills and decrease their stage fear.



BOND OF ALUMNI

The 2017-20 B.A. English batch of S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram showed their love and bond to the department by donating a portable sound system to the department on **September 7, 2020** which was a necessity for the department. They raised funds among themselves and bought a new Sound system. The system will provide an enhanced learning environment to the students.



S.E.S. CHRONICLE

Today the internet is a major part of everyday life. S.E.S. CHRONICLE includes the report of important events conducted in the College. The Department released the second issue of the second volume of the department newsletter S.E.S. CHRONICLE on September 25, 2020, through the online learning platform google meet. The programme was inaugurated by Dr.Dominic Thomas, Principal of S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram. All the teachers and students of English department participated in this programme. And the first Issue of the 3rd volume of S.E.S. CHRONICLE was released through online platform WhatsApp and Department facebook page on December 11, 2020. The link of the S.E.S. CHRONICLE Volume 3 was shared among every student and teacher through WhatsApp groups.





S.E.S.CHRONICLE Vol 2 Issue 2 Link:

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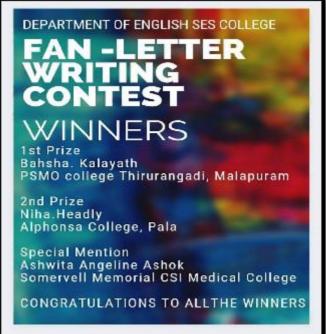
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FAN LETTER WRITING CONTEST

The Department conducted a fan-letter writing contest from **September 29, 2020**. More than 20 students participated from different institutions. In the contest, participants were asked to write a fan-letter to a fictional character whom they admire the most. After analysing many notable entries, the results were announced.

First prize was awarded to Mr.Bhasha from P.S.M.O College, Thirurangadi, Malappuram. Second prize was awarded to Miss. Niha from Alphonsa college, Pala. The prizes were limited to first and second. Miss. Ashwitha Angeline Ashok from Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College was specially mentioned for her notable work. The engaging participation of the participants made the contest a great success.





THE LAUNCH OF DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending"

The Department of English, S.E.S. College launched and inaugurated an official Department website on **October 1, 2020** at **2 PM** through the online platform google meet. The welcome speech was delivered by Ms Shyna Janardhanan, Assistant professor English Department. Mr Samson Rajan, HOD of English Department, presided the programme. Dr.Dominic Thomas, Principal of S.E.S college inaugurated the website and appreciated the initiative. The website showcases the past, present and future of the Department. Mr.Sajeesh T J, IQAC co-ordinator felicitated the venture and Ms. Nandana P k, secretary of English association recorded her vote of thanks. The programme was a great success with the active participation of the students and teachers .



Website Link: https://englishsesskpm.wixsite.com/sesenglians/sesenglians

EASES 2020 MEET

The Department organised a virtual Annual Alumni meet - EASES 2020 Meet, on **October 4** via Google meet. Dr. Dominic Thomas, Principal of S.E.S. College, inaugurated the virtual gathering. In his inaugural address, he expressed his happiness on the overwhelming response from the alumni. Ms. Fijula C.P. was honoured for achieving 8th rank in Kannur University examinations. Retired teachers, Mr. Baby Thomas and Mr. George Kizhukkarakkattu became a part of the virtual gathering. Their presence made the programme more special.



BRIDGE COURSE FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

A Bridge Course was conducted by the Department of English of S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram, from November 23, 2020 to November 27, 2020. The 5 day course was titled as the "Basics To English Language and Literature". The course duration was 3 hours per day which started at 9:30 am and ended at 12:30 pm. The whole course was co ordinated by Mrs. Shyna Janardhanan, Assistant Professor of English Department, S.E.S. College. Different topics were introduced each day by different Resource persons. The topic for first day was the "Introduction to Literature", taken by Mr. Samson Rajan, Head of the Department of English, S.E.S. College. The topic for the second day was the "Basics Of Listening Skills" which was led by Mrs. Shyna Janardhanan. "Basics of Speaking Skills" was the topic for the third day and it was conducted by Shabeena Backer, Assistant Professor of English Department of S.E.S. College. The Resource person for the fourth day was Mr. Gopalakrishnan P.R., Assistant Professor of the English Department, S.E.S College. He dealt with the topic "The Basics Of Reading and Writing Skills". The topic for the fifth and the final day of the bridge course was "Realizing The Realm of Language And Literature" and it was conducted by Mr. Sailal Kandoth. The session was an introduction for the first year students on English language and literature. He is one of the Skill Development Executives of A.S.A.P. Kerala and also Assistant Professor at St. Joseph's College, Pilathara, Kannur. The main aim of the course was to help the first year students understand and bridge the knowledge gap. The course helped to orient them towards English language and literature.

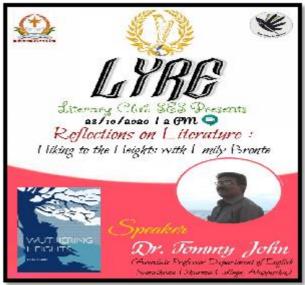




LYRE ANNUAL INAUGURATION

Strong encouragement and a great platform can provide excellent writers and artists. LYRE (Literary Yield Rendering Endeavour), the Literary club of S.E.S. College Sreekandapuram, that works under the co ordination of English Department nurtures the literary ability of students of every department. LYRE had provided a great platform by creating an Instagram page 'Maverick' to showcase the creative ideas of students in the college. LYRE conducted its annual inauguration on November 23, 2020 through the virtual platform Google meet. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Tommy John, Assistant Professor of Department of English, Sanathana Dharma college, Alappuzha. The programme's welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Gopalakrishnan P R, LYRE Club Coordinator. Presidential address was delivered by Dr. Dominic Thomas, Principal of S.E.S. College. IQAC Coordinator Mr. Sajeesh TJ felicitated the programme. Felicitation speech was delivered by Mr. Samson Rajan, HOD of English department. The Secretary of English Association, Ms. Nandana PK recorded her vote of thanks. After the inaugural session, Dr. Tommy John took a lecture on the topic 'Reflections on Literature: Hiking to the Heights with Emily Bronte' on the basis of the work Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte. The lecture was very informative and interesting.

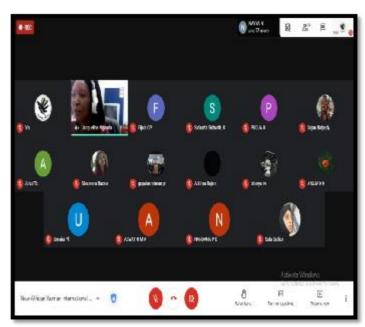




INTERNATIONAL E-LECTURE

An International e-Lecture was organised by Department of English S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram on "New African Woman: A Portrait". The invited e lecture was delivered by Ms.Jacqueline Namani Ng'andu, Research Scholar and Sr.Secondary School Teacher,Baobab College, Lusaka, Zambia, on November 30, 2020 from 7.00 pm through google meet. The welcome speech was delivered by Mr.Samson Rajan, Head of English Department. He started his welcome speech by quoting the words of famous poet Maya Angelou. Chief guest Ms.Jacqueline discussed on the historical background of African women, their cultural values, identity crises. Through her valuable presentation, students got an overall picture about the situation of African women and their related problems. She also explained the Poem "Africa" by Maya Angelou. The session was chaired by Dr. N.Sajan, Faculty Member of Department of Studies in English, Kannur University. He told about the similarity between India and Africa and also about the similarity in cultures. The interactive session was very active. The vote of thanks was recorded by Mrs.Shabeena, Assistant Professor of English Department. Overall, the programme ended as a grand success.

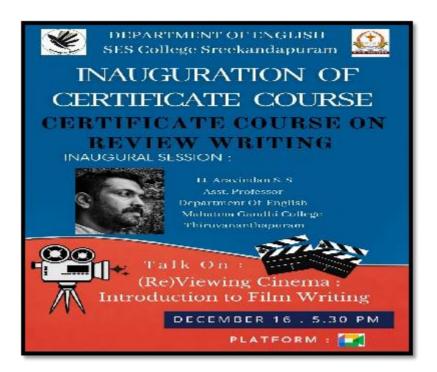




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INAUGURATION OF CERTIFICATE COURSE ON REVIEW WRITING

The Department of English, S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram conducted an inauguration of Certificate course on Review writing. This program was conducted through an online platform, Google meet, on **December 16, 2020** at **5.30 pm**. Ms . Shyna Janardhanan, Assistant Professor of English Department welcomed the guests and participants. Chief guest **Lt. Aravindan S.S.**, Asst. Professor, Department of English, Mahatma Gandhi College, Thiruvananthapuram inaugurated the programme and delivered a lecture on "(**Re)Viewing Cinema : Introduction to Film Writing**", a talk about the history of film and different aspects of the film *Ee.Ma.Yau*. He detailed the review writing of the film. The short analysis of the film *Ee.Ma.Yau* was very interactive and informative. This was through Google meet and everyone enjoyed the session. It was a grand success with the cooperation of everyone.



ONEIRIC FEISTA

Freshers' parties are always filled with fun and it helps to mingle between senior students and their juniors. The Department of English of S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram conducted a Freshers' day party ONEIRIC FEISTA for the first year B.A. English students on **January 26**, 2021 from 6.30 pm. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the freshers' party of the year 2020-2021 was conducted through Google meet. The Department teachers and the students of three batches were present in the party. The welcome speech was delivered by Ms Aswathy M. V. of Second year. After that, the coordinators presented a video clip of S.E.S. College and English Department. It helped the freshers to see the college atmosphere. English Association Secretary, Ms Nandana P. K. took the lead of the program. The new students were called turn by turn and they introduced themselves. They were also given chances to present their talents in front of all. Some games and competitions were also included like 'Thallu competition' and it made the program more enjoyable. After this program, good feedback was received from first years. It was a grand success with the co operation of all. Senior students like Thejus, Jyothilal, Aswathy took the helm of anchoring and made the party much more fun.



LECTURE ON INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

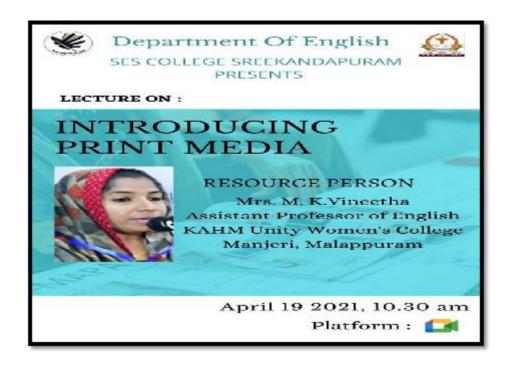
The Department of English, S.E.S. College conducted a lecture on the topic 'Introduction to Research Methodology' on March 31, Wednesday at 9.30 am for Final year B.A. English students of the college. Mrs. Angita Ram V. (PhD, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad) was the Resource Person of the lecture. The Department could conduct the programme offline on the college. Lecture provided the students with the basics of research and an idea on how to do their project work.





INTRODUCING PRINT MEDIA

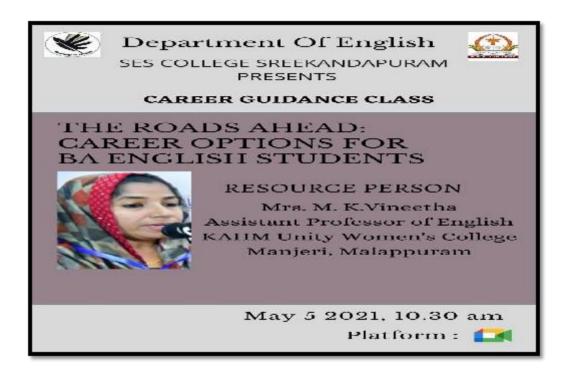
The contribution of print media in providing information and transfer of knowledge is remarkable. The Department of English, S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram took an initiative to introduce and provide necessary knowledge about print media among the students. A session on print media named 'Introducing Print Media' was conducted on April 19, 2021, handled by Mrs. M.K Vineetha, Assistant Professor, Department of English, K.A.H.M. Unity Women's college, Manjeri, through the virtual platform Google Meet. The resource person explained some questions such as what is news, what decides news value, the structure of a news story etc. She also explained a few terms related to print media along with career prospects in this field. The final year English students of S.E.S. College, Sreekandapuram and the students of Girideepam College, Kottayam attended the lecture. The programme was convened by Mrs.Shabeena Backer, the Assistant professor of Department of English, S.E.S.College. The lecture was very informative as well as interesting.



CAREER GUIDANCE CLASS

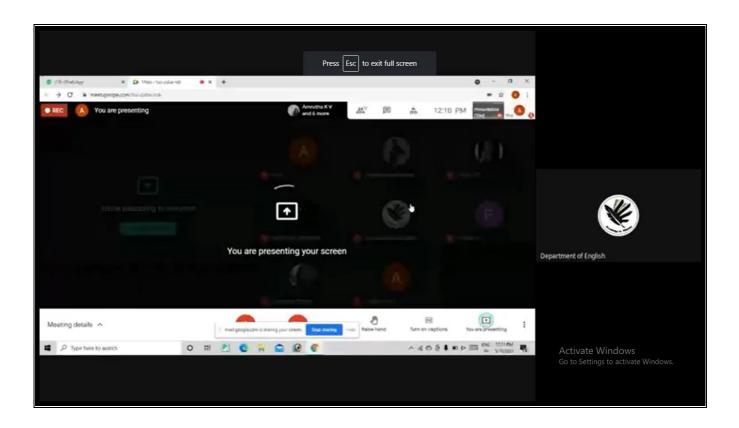
"Develop a mentor at each stage of your career- someone who will give you guidance and advice".

The Department conducted a career guidance class titled 'The Roads Ahead: Career Options For BA English Students' on May 5, 2021 at 10.30 am through Google meet. The session was handled by Mrs. M. K. Vineetha, Assistant Professor of English, K.A.H.M. Unity Women's College, Manjeri, Malappuram. The students from second and third years of the English department participated in the session. It was an interactive session that helped the students to broaden their horizons of knowledge regarding various higher education courses and other career prospects. Mr Samson Rajan, Head of the Department delivered the welcome address. Ms Shabeena Backer was the coordinator of the event. Ms. Nandana extended vote of thanks and the lecture was a useful initiative that helped the students to choose the right path in their career.



STUDENT TEACHER AWARD

Principal has instituted a Student Teacher Award this year for the best Student Teacher from each department. Department of English gave opportunities for students to be part of this meaningful competition and from the different student teachers who took teaching sessions in various courses the Student Teacher from English Department for 2020-2021 was elected on May 10, 2021 through google meet platform. Between 10 am and 11 am, the participants and all the teachers of the department gathered virtually to choose the best student Teacher. Ms.Aswathi M.V. (2nd year), Ms.Nandana P.K. (3rd year), Pooja O. (3rd year) and Ms.Drishya P.K. (3rd year) participated in the programme. All the teachers made an assessment of the teaching skills of the participants and decided to give The Student teacher award of 2020-2021 to Ms.Aswathi M.V.



AUDEXTIA 2020-2021

The Department continued with the flagship project of Audextia during the academic year also by preparing summary audios of second semester Common Courses in English. The texts for the project were prepared by teachers, audios recorded by students concerned and the whole editing and compiling process has been done by Ms.Fiza Sherin of II B.A. English. This year, the audios have been made more melodious and user attractive by giving background music.

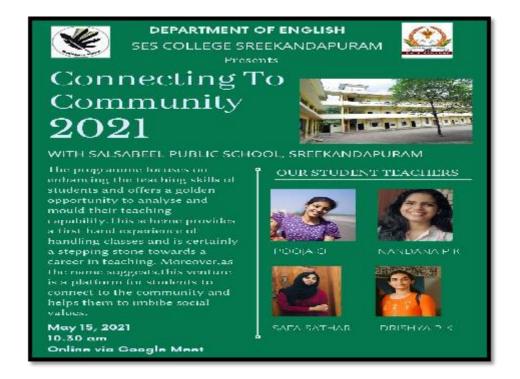
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CONNECTING TO COMMUNITY 2021

'Collaboration allows us to know more than we are capable of knowing by ourself'.

The Department of English conducted the community programme in collaboration with Salsabeel Public School, Sreekandapuram. Four students from the third year of B.A. English, Miss Pooja O., Miss Nandana P.K., Miss Safa Sathar and Miss Drishya P.K. volunteered the programme and it was conducted online via Google Meet at 10:30 am on May 15, 2021. The student teachers engaged grammar classes for the X standard students of Salsabeel school. The aim of the programme was to upgrade the teaching skills of students of the department. It helped to provide a first-hand experience of handling classes and also became a certain stepping stone towards a career of teaching. The lecture influenced the students of the Salsabeel school to consider the path of teaching as one of their career options.



JOINING HANDS WITH PARENTS

Academic excellence of students can be nurtured only through the active convergence of parents and teachers.

It is with this intention that every semester at least one class P.T.A. meeting of each batch is held. And this habit was continued even during the Corona days through the online platform.

Details of the P.T.A. meetings convened during 2020-2021 are as follows:

ODD SEMESTER:

- (i) PTA meeting for the second year students was held on **October 18, 2020** at 10.30 am through google meet. It was the first time in which the parents' meeting was conducted in virtual mode due to the pandemic situation of coronavirus. The meeting was coordinated by the tutor Mr. Gopalakrishnan P.R. The presence of HOD Mr. Samson Rajan and other teachers made the session more interactive. The parents cooperated well with the meeting and they became interactive with the teachers in order to solve their queries about the students' academics.
- (ii) The PTA meeting for third year students was held on **October 25, 2020** at 7.30 pm.It was the first time for the third year students in which the PTA meeting had been conducted in virtual mode. The meeting was coordinated by Ms.Shabeena Backer (Tutor, III DC English). Mr. Samson Rajan (HOD) explained about the progress of the academic activities. Both the teachers and parents conversed with each other. Teachers explained about the students' response to the classes.

EVEN SEMESTER:

(i) PTA meeting for first year students was convened on May 29, 2021 at 5 pm via google meet. The first year students have started their College career through online mode, because the pandemic situation of Corona has led the academic year of first year students into a virtual mode. It was the first PTA meeting for the first year students. Majority of the parents were unfamiliar with the online mode of meeting. Meeting session was led by Shyna Janardhanan (Tutor, I BA English). She briefly explained about the academic progress of students. The parents were a little anxious about the conduct of classes via online and some of them shared their worries and queries to which the Head of the Department and Tutor responded.

- (ii) PTA meeting for the second year students was held on **May 8, 2021** at 4 pm via google meet. The pandemic situation in Corona didn't give much chance for the students and teachers to shift to offline classes. Mr. Gopalakrishnan P.R. showed his presence as tutor. HOD, Mr.Samson Rajan and other department teachers also were present in the meeting. Around 26 parents joined in the meeting. Most of the parents raised their apprehensions and queries about the virtual mode of education. With the discussion of both the teachers and parents, the meeting concluded that more dependence on uploading of audio lectures would be helpful to students than the live sessions.
- (iii) PTA meeting for the final year students was held on May 21, 2021 at 6 pm through google meet. Shabeena Mam placed her presence as tutor. Principal Dr. Dominic thomas presided over the meeting. All the other teachers were also present in the meeting. Third year students were very near to the final exam and therefore the meeting was of more importance to the students, parents and teachers. The complete third year academic interactions happened virtually and hence the interactions in the meeting showed that the students have become adjustable with the virtual mode of education. The meeting also witnessed the announcement of the names of students who won cash prizes sponsored by the Department for various categories. Principal made the announcement during his Presidential address. HoD had already transferred the cash prizes online for the Peer teachers, CTC (Connecting to community) Student teachers, Topper in academics, and overall topper. Ms.Ayana, Ms.Pooja and Ms.Nandana have received 200₹ each for Peer teaching. Ms.Nandana, Ms.Pooja, Ms.Drishya and Ms.Safa received 250₹ each for CTC teaching. Mr.Thomas Nirmal received the 500₹ cash prize for topper in academics. Cash prize of 500₹ for Overall topper was received by Ms.Nandana. The English department has always focused on appreciating and boosting the improvement of student's skills. The parents have also appreciated the Department for giving support to the overall progress of the students. The peer teaching and CTC teaching aimed at the stepping stone towards the career of students in teaching, this would definitely become more beneficial for the students.



