LIT FEST - KAIROS ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

ACTIVITY REPORT

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Kairos-Litfest 2023

PG Department of English, Christ College (Autonomous), Irinjalakuda organized the literary fest *Kairos* on 18th and 19th December, 2023.

The fest was officially inaugurated by Dr. Hema S, Asst. Professor, Department of English, NSS College, Ottappalam, in the Fr. Jose Thekkan A/C Seminar Hall. Dr. Hemalatha P, Coordinator, PG Department of English, Christ College, delivered the welcome speech. The Presidential Address was given by Fr. Jolly Andrews CMI, Principal, Christ College, Irinjalakuda. The lighting of the lamp was done by the esteemed chief guest Dr. Hema S, along with Fr. Jolly Andrews CMI (Principal), Fr. Joy Peenikkapparambil CMi (Manager), Dr. Xavier Joseph (Vice Principal), Ms. Sheeba Varghese (Vice Principal) and Dr. Hemalatha P, (Coordinator). The event was blessed by Fr. Joy Peenikkapparambil CMI, followed by the felicitations by Dr. Xavier Joseph and Ms. Sheeba Varghese. A special keynote address was given by Dr. Hema S on the topic 'Revising Texts with Literary Gerontology'. The aesthetics of the event was highly appreciated by Dr. Hema S and the coordinators of the event were given a special mention for their sincere efforts. The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Aiswarya Rose Sajeevan (Student Coordinator).

Kairos- 'The Right Moment'

The literary fest *Kairos* was conducted on the auspicious occasion of the 10th Anniversary of PG Department of English, Christ College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda. Events such as Gothic Theatre and Literary Exhibition were organized. Various inter-collegiate competitions ranging from photography to story writing, as well as platforms to express talents and ideas, artistic corners for mehendi and face painting, book exhibition, a photobooth and also a solidarity exhibit in support of the victims in Palestine ensured active participation from the students.

Day 1 (18/12/23):

The line between reality and supernatural was blurred in the of the Christ College Auditorium, where the Gothic Theatre, *The Scream*, was held. It was inaugurated in high spirits by Rev, Fr. Dr. Jolly Andrews CMI (Principal) A few films exploring the genre of horror were showcased to the visitors. The students adorned ghostly attire to heighten tension and anticipation. Visitors were greeted with an array of exhibits that evoked a sense of intense terror and horror that spiraled a visceral and memorable experience.

We were transported into a palette blended with modernity and contemporaneity at the *Artchemy* Literary Exhibition. It was inaugurated by Dr. Xavier Joseph and Ms. Sheeba Varghese. Following the inauguration, attendees were encouraged to explore the exhibition at their own pace. Guided tours were organized to offer curated insights into specific artworks, including films, animes and works of fiction, creating a bridge between the literary discussions and the transformative narratives displayed in the artworks.

Inter-collegiate competitions such as Visual Verse (Photography Contest), Soulful Stanzas (Poetry Writing), Magic in the Mix (Fairytale Remix), Paper Pretties (Bookmark Making), Cover Kaleidoscope (Book Cover Making) and Teller's Triumph (Story Writing) were held as a creative opportunity for students to add a few twists to the existing literary traditions.

Tensions were high at the Open Debate corner, where students and teachers expressed their views on various relevant topics such as 'Do film makers need to be responsible and sensible/sensitive while portraying gender-based violence in cinema?', 'Is the influence of social media a net positive or negative force for today's youth?' and 'How can we strike the right balance between preserving freedom of expression and implementing necessary censorship in the digital realm?'

The students were able to portray their musical talents at the Open Mic area, which flowed with the rhythm and hues of songs and poetry. Artistic corners such as Face Painting and *Mehendi* were set up as a form of creative expression and beauty.

In addition, a vintage themed photobooth consisting of a radio, a bouquet of flowers and a quaint book were placed in a classical backdrop for students to capture the moment.

A solidarity exhibit was stationed at the entrance of the auditorium for students to empathize with the genocidal victims of Palestine.

Day 2 (19/12/23):

The day started with airing of "MAMA" in gothic theatre and exhibition at 9 AM. Just like the other day, the event was successful. The screams heard from the Gothic Theatre and the faces adorned with the wonders can be seen from the people who were exiting from the both sides. The events were winded up by 10:30. An array of activities including face art, mehendi, DC book selling, music corner, panel discussion and debate were held that gave a creative platform to the students to explore their talents and interests. The heating debate on the topic "Intersectionality and Feminism: Addressing the Interconnected Struggles of Gender, Race and Class" was held at sharp 9AM. The debate which was aimed to make teachers and students aware of the challenges to gender equality and how it is affecting the different arena of life, were largely participated by many. Accompanied by students, Mr. Bibin from Dept. of Functional English along with the assistant professors from the PG Dept. of English Literature Ms. Shahana, Ms. Clinta and Mr. Finoobin played an important role and put forward their views and ideas. The ambience of the campus was aesthetically changed, as there was music corner, food stall and with the people rushing towards the photobooth. The panel discussion on "Words and Worlds Unbound: An Open Forum on Artistic Liberty" was organized by the department at 2pm, Chavara Seminar Hall. The panelists from various fields, Ms. Sajitha K R, Assistant Professor Dept. of Library and Information and Science and Dr. Sreevidhya. V, Assistant Professor PG Dept. of History and Research shared their views and opinions. At the same time, the movie "Django Unchained" was screened at the AC Seminar Hall. The hall was flooded with students and teachers who all actively enjoyed the movie. At the end of screening there was a discussion conducted by Mr. Bibin from Dept. of Functional English. The day was concluded by the melodious performance of our beloved Finoobin Sir and fellow students. The two-day fest was effective and successful in such a way that it thought outside the box of conventional scholarly fest and turned into another new experience.

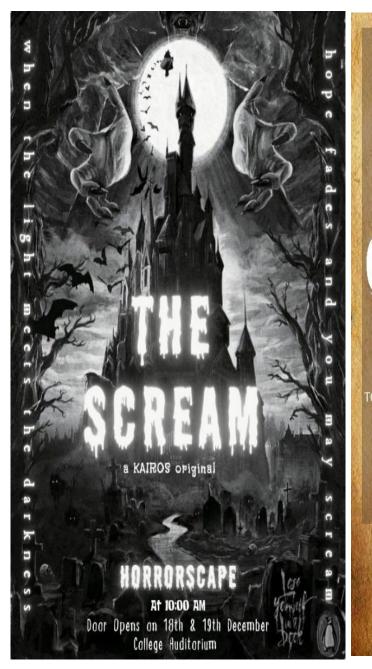
Brochures



PG DEPT. OF ENGLISH PRESENTS



18|19 December





CHRIST COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), IRINJALAKUDA

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TOPIC:WORDS AND WORLDS UNBOUND: AN OPEN FORUM ON ARTISTIC LIBERTY

19/12/2023 Venue:CHAVARA SEMINAR HALL Time: 2:00 PM

PANELISTS



Ms. Sajitha K R Assistant Professor Dept. of Library and Information Science

Dr. Sreevidhya. V Assistant Professor PG. Dept. of History and Research



Programme

COMPETITIONS



Visual Verse Photography Contest



Soulful Stanza Poetry Writing



Magic in the Mix: Fairy Tale Reborn Fairy Tale Remix



Paper Pretties Book Mark Making



Cover Kaleidoscope Book Cover Making



Teller's Triumph Story Writing





CHRIST COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), IRINJALAKUDA



" It's strange how time can make a place shrink, make it's strangeness ordinary " -Veronica Roth

2023

DECEMBER Venue: Christ College Auditorium Time : 10:00AM

18&19

PROGRAMME CHART

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Honorable Guests



Fr. Joy Peenikkaparambil CMI Dr.Fr. Jolly Andrews CMI

Manager Principal Christ College(Autonomous), Christ College(Autonomous), Irinjalakuda Irinjalakuda



Director Self Financing



Dr. Vivekanandan. T Coordinator Self Financing



Dr. Hemalatha. P Coordinator PG Department of English

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	: Dr. Hema S(Chief Guest) Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, NSS college, Ottapalam
g Message	: Fr. Joy Peenikkaparambil CMI(Manager)
	 Dr. Xavier Joseph (Vice Principal) Ms. Sheeba Varghese (Vice Principal) Dr. Robinson P (Dean of Academic Affairs) Dr. K J Varghese (Dean of International Relations & Educational Outreach) Dr. Linto Alappat (Dean of Research Development & Teaching Learning Centre) Dr. Fr. Wilson Tharayil CMI (Director, Self-Financing) Dr. Vivekanandan T (Self-Financing Coordinator) Dr. Shinto K G (IQAC Coordinator) Prof. C V Francis (Senior Visiting Faculty, PG Dept, of English) Dr. Rani Paul Ukken (Senior Visiting Faculty, PG Dept, of English) Mr. Bharat Jogy Antony (Union Chairman) Mr. Karthik Marar (Fine Arts Secretary) Mr. Bharadwaj M Jyothi (Magazine Editor) Ms. Vydehi Suresh (Association
e Address	Secretary) : Dr. Hema S - Topic; REVISITING TEXTS WITH LITERARY GERONTOLOGY
Thanks	: Aiswarya Rose Sajivan (Student Coordinator)
	:Fr. Joy Peenikkaparambil CMI (Manager)
	Dr. Xavier Joseph (Vice Principal Ms. Sheeba Varghese (Vice Principal)

INAUGURATION



DR. HEMA S Assistant Professor Department of English NSS College, Ottapalam

TOPIC: REVISITING TEXTS WITH LITERARY GERONTOLOGY

Venue: Dr. Fr. Jose Thekkan AC Seminar Hall Time: 9:30 AM

Intercollegiate Competitions



CHRIST COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

PG DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH IN ASSOCIATION WITH AAVAAZ

MAGIC IN THE MIX : FAIRYTALE REBORN FAIRYTALE REMIX COMPETITION

THEME: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

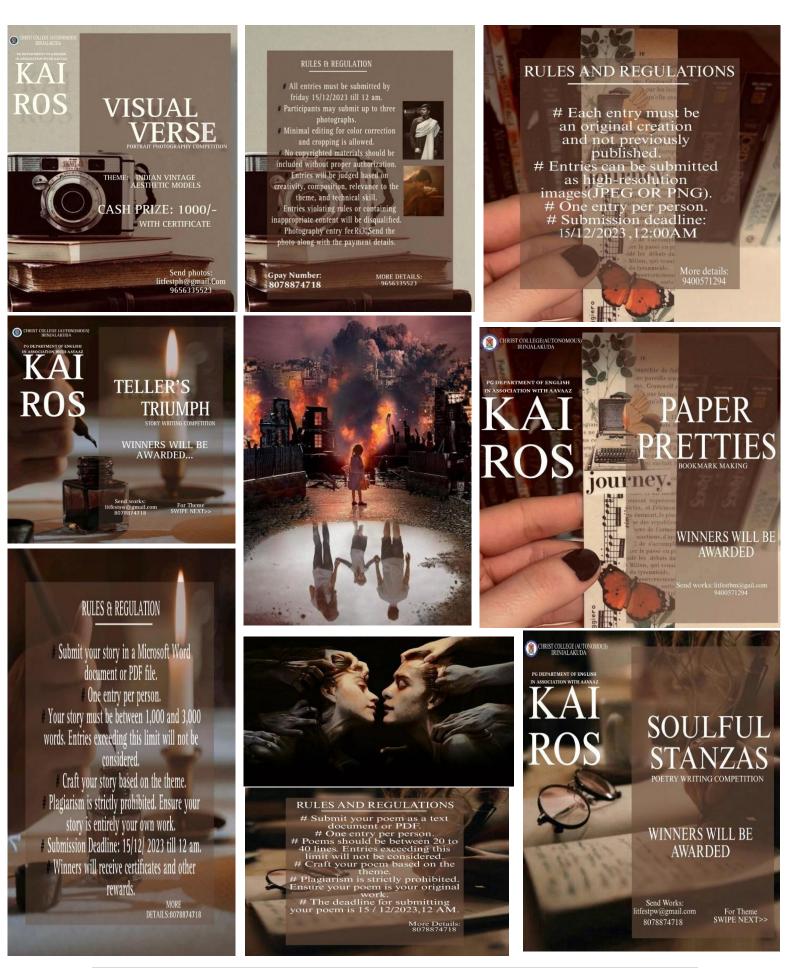
WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED....

> Send works: litfestfr@gmail.com 9400571294

RULES & REGULATION

Submit your work as a text document or PDF
One entry per person.
Story should be between 400 to 500 words. Entries exceeding this limit will not be considered.
Showcase your creativity and Craft your story with your own twists and turns.
Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Ensure your story is your original work.
The deadline for submitting your story is 15/12/2023 till 12 am.
Winners will receive certificates and other rewards

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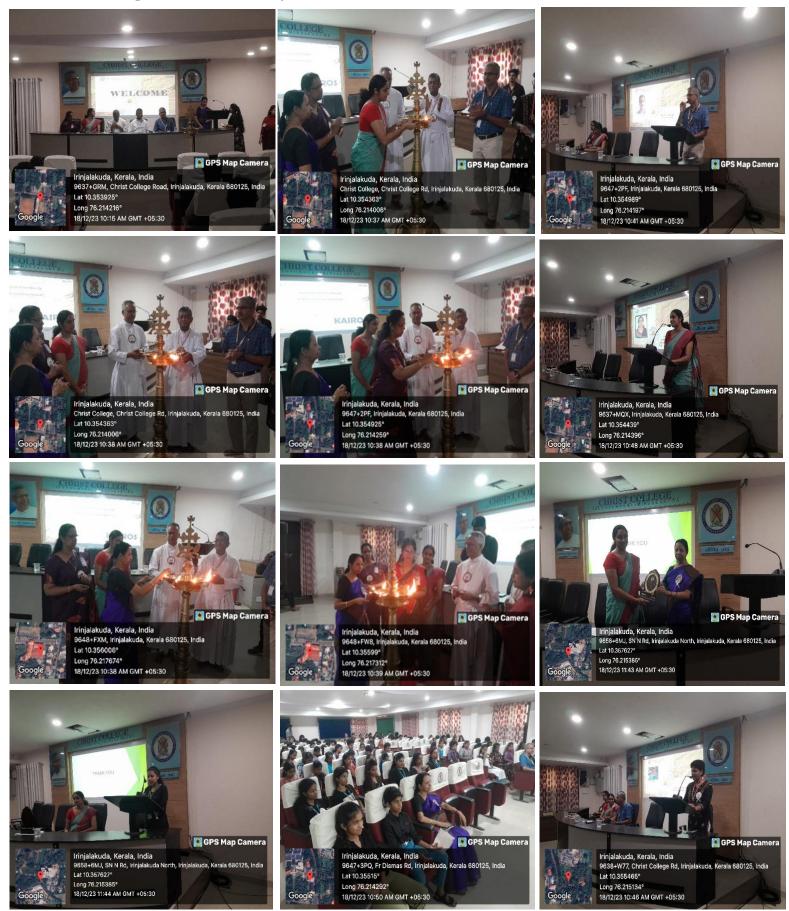
Photos







Inauguration Ceremony



Outcomes

- 1. The Litfest served as a space for the students to discover and express their literary interests.
- 2. It benefitted not only the Literature students, but also students from many other departments.
- 3. The Gothic Theatre was one of the best attractions; the concept, the set, the artists, the atmosphere and the impact were highly impressive. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.
- 4. Reading enthusiasts were drawn into the Book exhibition, which consisted of many classic and popular works by great authors. The event fostered the importance of reading in the minds of the students. They were also attracted by the other creative works which were displayed in the hall.
- 5. The students were given ample spaces to perform and to speak out their thoughts in the venues of Open Mic and Debate. They actively participated in both the events, thus enhancing their creative abilities. A lot of students came forward to sing and perform in the Open Mic event with confidence. And, the debate was also a heated one in which the students expressed their thoughts and opinions without fear.
- 6. The Panel discussion was also a fruitful and enlightening session which involved the active participation of the students.
- 7. The movie *Django Unchained* which was screened in the A/C seminar hall was thoroughly enjoyed by the movie lovers in the hall. The students were familiarized with the great director Quentin Tarantino and his movie-making skills. They also imbibed the themes which were presented through the movie. The discussion in the end by Mr. Bibin (Asst. Professor, Dept of Functional English) and Mr. Finoobin (Asst. Professor, Dept of English -Self) enlightened the students about the important aspects of the movie.
- Students were also entertained by fun and creative activities like mehendi and face painting. The vintage-themed photobooth also captivated the attention of the students.
- 9. The event fostered unity among the students of the department. They actively engaged themselves in various activities and worked sincerely for the success of the event. A spirit of team work was evident in their works. The event brought together the students, helped them to mingle with each other, build friendships and instilled responsibility and dedication in them.