

Activities of Core Group - June to November 2019

The Core Group has been formed with a definite intent to enhance students' knowledge and skills beyond the curriculum. The group's meetings have interdisciplinary orientation. The activities of the core group include educational excursions, workshops, practical training sessions and guest lecturers by scholars from within and outside the country. In the first programme, 'Study Abroad' Mr.Dinesh Kumar detailed the educational opportunities in foreign countries. Mrs.Sheela Josephine spoke on 'Cambridge Language Assessment' and Mr.John Alistair Cockburn on 'Career in New Zealand'. Mr.C.Sasikumar's talk on 'Intellectual Property Rights' led to a two-day workshop in which students were trained to initiate startups. In a session on 'Research Thinking,' Dr.Akbarsha Mohammed elucidated the methods of preparing research papers. The session on 'Earning and Marketing Online' conducted by Mr.Venugopal Ramachandran threw light on marketing through social media. The students were exposed to 'NGOs and Career Options' by Mrs.R.Indumathi.

On the 5th of September 2019, the Core Group students visited "Naveen's Garden" an animal rescue shelter and innovative farming unit located at Mavilipatty, Musiri. The students interacted with the volunteers in the garden and learned about miyawaki method in farming and animal husbandry. They learned about integrated farming and organic farming and the minimal use of technology. They enjoyed the lush greenery of the garden and the friendliness of the animals at the shelter, which helped them understand ecological balance and land ethic.

Many sessions related to the enhancement of English in daily life were also conducted, including the sessions on 'Common Phonetic Errors' by Prof.Dr.Sundar, 'Soft Skills for Career' by Dr.K.Alex and 'English for Emails and Letters' by Dr.Khriereizhunuo Dzuvichu. The activities of the Core Group for the Odd Semester concluded with an awareness programme on cancer conducted in association with Harshamithra Super Speciality Cancer Centre, Tiruchirapalli. The Core Group has conducted as many as 15 programmes during this semester all of which have been presented in detail in the Core

group magazine 'Coreacle'. Dr.R.Vasanthan, Assistant Professor of English, is the Coordinator of the Core Group.