

# ACASIANA

Monthly E- Newsletter



Publication Wing, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, brought out the first issue of 'afterwords': An interdisciplinary annual e-journal for students. It was released by Dr. Faisal . K. P, Director in Charge, Aligarh Muslim University, Malappuram Centre, on 24 March 2023.

A Different League!

## When the First Batch of Students Comes out

It is a moment of great joy for us as the first batch of students come out of college. The efforts of Career Training and Placement Cell (CTPC), Al Shifa Finishing School (ALFIS), Skill Enhancement Cell and the Core Departments are commendable in capacity building among students. I hope that the students in the first batch would make us proud by achieving greater success in higher education and their future careers. I am sure that they will find the skills and knowledge acquired from ACAS useful throughout the journey of their life. I use this opportunity to remind them that quality, professionalism and service should be their hallmark wherever they go. I also urge them to look back to their roots at ACAS frequently as successful alumni of the College. Our doors will always be open for them. I wish the first outgoing batch all the success in their exams and future endeavours.



**Dr. P. Unneen**  
Managing Trustee  
Shifa Medicare Trust

## Afterwards

'Afterwards' is an interesting word that indicates what followed, came after. It could refer to the consequences too. Al Shifa College of Arts and Science (ACAS) isn't seriously old enough to look back! This March which signals the end of another academic year, is when our first degree batch moves out. Though 3 years (in terms of academic year it is. We are yet to turn three in terms of calendar year!) is too short a period for an institution of Higher Education to measure its performance against, it has been three satisfying years in terms of the efforts invested, procedures established and processes set in motion. Equal to the outcome are the intents envisioned too. The ACAS vision, fuelled by the passion of the management body and the perseverance of the faculty members, is moving steadfast and secure. The afterwards of that vision has been a rewarding experience for the student community.

The picks of the month of March at ACAS are many. Release of 'afterwords', the interdisciplinary annual E-Journal for Undergraduates and graduates, obviously tops the list. The final copy is the result of the efforts of all the faculty members in one way or another even though there was a core group which coordinated the Journal. A good part of the job of transforming chapters of certain quality UG projects received for ACAS UG Project Prize into publishable material for the 'afterwords' was demanding. For the young faculty members who worked on it, it has been an excellent learning experience. 'afterwords' is equally grateful to the members of the editorial board from different HEIs for supporting us make this happen.

We sure have left March behind.

We are marching on with work cut out for the new academic year waiting for us, come June!



**Dr. Babu. P. K**  
Principal

## Launch Your Dreams: Entrepreneurship Awareness Workshop

The Entrepreneurship Development Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a one-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Workshop titled 'Launch Your Dreams'. Mr. Mohammed Yashik, Assistant Professor, Aligarh Muslim University, Malappuram Campus, led the session for the benefit of the members of the ED Club. The workshop aimed to encourage idea generation among students. The participants were divided into groups of ten. The resource person involved them in group activities in team building and idea generation.

Reported by Madhurima. M. K  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance



## Paper Bag Distribution in Kizhattur

The Consumer Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, distributed paper bags produced by the college students among retail shops in Kizhattur Grama Panchayat on 2 March 2023. It was done as a part of the movement to reduce the use of plastic bags and promote eco-friendly alternatives. 26 members of the Club participated in the distribution process. They visited shops in areas including Akkaparambu, Keezhattur, Thachinganadam, Manthamkund and Poonthanam.

Reported by Mr. Mohammed Sahal. M  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Taxation



## Sessions under Career Training and Placement Cell

### Department of Economics

The Department of Economics and Career Training and Placement Cell (CTPC), Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, jointly organised a presentation on "Academic and Career Pathways of Economics: Session II" for Second Semester B. A. Economics students on 01 March 2023. Mr. Nithin Raj. K, Assistant Professor of Economics, led the session. The session was a part of a series of career orientation programmes held by CTPC. The presenter discussed the emerging options in academic and professional spheres for graduates in Economics.

Reported by Mr. Sufiyan  
Second Semester B. A. Economics

### Department of Commerce



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The Department of Commerce, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised parallel sessions on the topic 'Career Pathways for Commerce Undergrads - II' for the Second Semester B. Com. students on 1 March 2023. Ms. N. T. Amritha Kumaran and Mr. Irshad Ameen. K, Assistant Professors of Commerce, handled the sessions. The sessions provided inputs to the participants to pursue careers in the fields of Accounting, Finance and Management, Banking, Marketing, Human Resource Management and Entrepreneurship. The Second Semester students of both B. Com. Finance and Taxation streams participated in the parallel sessions.

Reported by Ms. Faseela. K. P  
Second Semester B. Com. Finance

## Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology and Career Training and Placement Cell, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, conducted the third session in 'Academic and Career Pathways of Psychology', on 2 March 2023. The session was handled by Mr. Abdul Jaleel. C, Head, Department of Psychology. Students from Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology attended the session. The presenter discussed different fields in Psychology and the scope for jobs in these areas in India and other countries. Many fields including Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Criminal Psychology, Sports Psychology, Community Psychology, and Industrial Psychology were discussed.

Reported by Ms. Shibila. V  
Second Semester B. Sc Psychology

## Centre for Competitive Examinations



The Centre for Competitive Examinations (CCE), Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised an orientation programme titled 'Careers in Government' on 1 March 2023. The session was handled by Mr. Muhammed Naufal. M, Head, Department of Economics, and Mr. Irshad Ameen. K, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce. The programme aimed to provide an overview of the Public Service Commission (PSC) examinations along with essential tips and strategies to succeed in them.

Reported by Ms. Gopika. K  
Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology



## Management Skill Development Programme

The Scholar Mentor Programme (SMP) and the Department of Commerce, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a Management Skill Development Programme on 2 March 2023 at the campus of Monti International Institute of Management Studies. The programme was organised as a part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Institutions. Dr. Geo Paul, Director of MIIMS, officially inaugurated the programme. Rev. Fr. Joji Babu, Deputy Director of MIIMS, Mr. Suhaib. P, & Ms. Rajashree. V, Assistant Professors, Department of Commerce, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, spoke on the occasion. Three sessions followed the official inauguration. Mr. Abin Jacob, 4th Semester MBA Student of MIIMS, spoke on the topic 'How to Compete in this Competitive World', Ms. Varsha, 4th Semester MBA Student of MIIMS spoke on the topic 'When Passion Meets Profession', and Mr. Alex Antony, 4th Semester MBA Student of MIIMS, spoke on the 'Brain Rules for Positive Thinking'. Thirty-seven students from 4th Semester B. Com. Finance and Taxation, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, attended the programme. Certificates were distributed to the participants.

Reported by Ms. Mufeeda Yasmi. P  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance



## On Gerontology



**Renjitha. KR**

Assistant Professor of English  
Al Shifa College of Arts and Science

Gerontology is the study of different aspects of ageing. It addresses the issues related to the social, psychological and physiological changes in old people. It is a multidisciplinary study in the sense that it has implications in biology, medicine, physiotherapy, social work, sociology, anthropology and economics. The study helps in policy making in favour of the old. The field has increasing significance as the populations in different parts of the world have more aged members than young. It puts forth the notion of 'successful ageing', in the sense that the old ones should be able to feel satiated with where they are in their lives.

The problems faced by the old people are many. Physical issues which come with ageing are the most talked about among them. Apart from that, they face issues such as purposelessness in life, financial issues, difficulty with daily tasks, finding the right care providers, social alienation and more. Gerontology comprehensively addresses all these issues to give the old ones a better chance at enjoying the winters of their lifetime.

Successful ageing is an alien concept at least to people in our part of the world. Gerontology places significance on the health of the ageing population and their active participation in social life. Some of the developed nations who have more of the ageing population than the young, systematically apply the rubrics of Gerontology for maximum production and the wellbeing of the populace. Empowering the old to attain an optimal state of self-sufficiency can be made a part of our national policy too.

### **Community Centres for the Old**

The Indian tradition espouses that the sons are responsible for the caring of their old parents. While this is a convenient arrangement for many, there are millions of senior citizens who are not supported by their children. There is an increasing number of old parents being abandoned or sent to old age homes. There are also innumerable cases of unhappy parents living with their adult children. As old age homes are a relatively new concept to Indians, certain social stigma is associated with it. Here lies the need to redefine our old age homes.

## Upskilling the Old

The government can come up with plans to categorise the senior citizens who would like to be a part of the scheme. The old ones can be given training in works which require physical or intellectual skills. Since the population is increasing consistently and the production process has to level up to the demands, it would be ideal to make the senior citizens a part of the process.

## Physical and Mental Health of the Old

Old age comes with the risk of decreased brain function due to different reasons such as changes in neurotransmitters, heredity or accumulated toxins in the brain. This in turn results in diminished cognitive skills and a lack of flexibility in situations in everyday life. Such undesirable changes in the old can be curbed with routine exercise and nutritious food. An understanding of the physical changes in the old can help both the young ones to cope with their elders and the old ones to maintain their own good health.

## Late Bloomers in Life

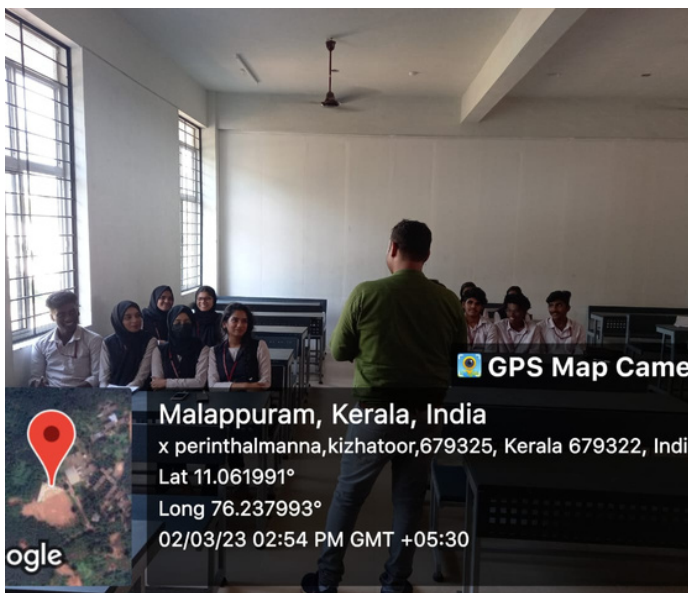
There is no hard and fast rule that one must find success in the first half of one's life. There are numerous examples of people tasting success much later in life. We have splendid examples of such people: Charles Darwin who published his Origin of Species at his age of 50, John Fenn who got awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in his 80s, Harry Bernstein who started writing at the age of 96, Gladys Burril, a polio survivor who became a pilot after her forties and a marathon participant in her eighties and nineties, Miguel de Cervantes who wrote Don Quixote at his age of 58, among many.

These people prove that one may choose to change gears and level up at any point in their lives. With so many facilities available, like the internet, anyone can accomplish her/his goals at any stage in life.

## Conclusion

Since we invest a lot in social living and we have many social institutions, it is our responsibility to ensure old persons do not feel desolate or find themselves in need of alms from others. While the West advances into making scientifically sound ageing models, it is high time we thought beyond pension schemes for senior citizens. A participative role for the older ones in industry and community would improve national GDP and the general quality of life for all. Let us start thinking about effective policy making for the inclusion of our old ones. Gerontology can do much in this regard.

## College Fitness Education Programme (COFE)



The Department of Physical Education, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, offers a course titled 'College Fitness Education Programme' (COFE), which is designed by the University of Calicut for UG students. A session was held as a part of COFE on 2 March 2023 for Second Semester UG Students. The programme aims to improve the physical and mental health of the participants. The speaker Mr. Vibin Das. C. P, Head, Department of Physical Education, who handled the session, emphasised the importance of exercise. The course contains both theory and practical sessions and those students who complete the course successfully will be eligible for grace marks based on their performance.

Reported by Ms. Gopika. K  
Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology

## NSS Programme Officer Attends Workshop



Mr. Irshad. K, NSS Programme Officer and Assistant Professor of Arabic, attended a one day workshop for NSS Programme Officers organised by State NSS Cell at MES Engineering College on 01 March 2023. The workshop discussed implementation of ASAAD Sena (Agents for Social Awareness Against Drugs) in the institutions. The resource persons spoke on the possible actions to be taken to start ASAAD Senas in Colleges.

## Observance of World Wildlife Day

The National Service Scheme (NSS) in collaboration with Nature Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, observed World Wildlife Day on 3 March 2023. Mr. P. Mohana Krishnan, Deputy Range Forest Officer, Forest Vigilance, Division Forest Office, Nilambur, handled the orientation session. He spoke on the significance of Wildlife in the natural ecosystem and their lifestyle and pointed out that humans have a lot to learn from the practices of animals in inclusive living.

Reported by Ms. Arya Krishna  
Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology



## StuBiz 1.5: Honey Special

The ED Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised the fifth edition of 'StuBiz' for sale of honey on 3 March 2023. 'StuBiz' is a student sales point run under ED Club to enhance the entrepreneurial skills of students. This is part of the year-long programme to run a students' kiosk on the campus, kick-started on 11 October 2022. This time, the Student Entrepreneur, Mr. Alvin Benny. K, Sixth Semester B. Com Finance, was given an opportunity to sell natural honey collected from his bee farm. 20 kgs of natural honey was sold on the occasion.

Reported by Ms. Adithya. T. K  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance



## Rinsha Sherin Wins Calligraphy Prize

Ms. Rinsha Sherin. P. E, Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, won third prize in the Calligraphy Contest organised by Najath College of Science and Technology, Karuvarakundu, on 3 March 2023.



## A Unique FDP



**Mini. V. K**

Assistant Professor of Commerce  
Al Shifa College of Arts and Science



**NT Amritha Kumaran**

Assistant Professor of Commerce  
Al Shifa College of Arts and Science

As faculty members of the Department of Commerce, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, we had the privilege of attending 'INICIO 2023', a workshop organized by Sree Keralavarma College, Thrissur, in collaboration with the Kerala State Higher Education Council. We must say that the one-day workshop was a game-changer for us in terms of our professional development and enhancement of our teaching skills.

The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Raghunathan, part of a team from 'Padavu Creative Theatre'. From the very beginning of the workshop, Mr. Raghunathan engaged us with interactive activities that helped us identify our strengths and weaknesses. He provided us inputs on how we can work collaboratively as a team to achieve common goals. We enjoyed the different team building activities that were assigned to us, helping us recognize the importance of effective communication and collaboration among our colleagues. Through the session, we learned that working as a team we can achieve much better results than working alone.

The second session was an eye-opener on maintaining positive rapport with our students. Mr. Raghunathan stressed the importance of building trust and credibility with our students and creating a positive learning environment. The session provided practical ways to establish a good relationship with students which we can say was very insightful. The significance of providing constructive feedback to students which will help us to be more effective teachers was another key takeaway from the workshop.

What we found most beneficial about the workshop was the opportunity to network with other faculty members from different colleges. We got opportunities to interact with them and share our experiences and best practices. The workshop made us realize that teaching is not just about imparting knowledge but also about creating a conducive environment for learning.

In conclusion, we are grateful for the opportunity to attend the INICIO 2023 workshop. It was a fruitful and enriching experience that helped us improve our teaching skills. We are looking forward to implementing the insights and skills we gained in our future teaching endeavors.



## Road to Central University: A CUET Orientation



The Centre for Competitive Examinations (CCE), AI Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised an orientation programme titled 'Road to Central University: A CUET Orientation' on 02 March 2023. The session was handled by Mr. Abdul Jaleel. C., Head, Department of Psychology. It provided an overview of the CUET examination, its structure and essential strategies for success in the exam. The presenter emphasised the importance of the entrance exam and how it is a necessary step in gaining admission to these universities. The session concluded with an interaction in which the students' doubts were clarified.

Reported by Ms. Roshni. K. T  
Sixth Semester B. A. Functional English

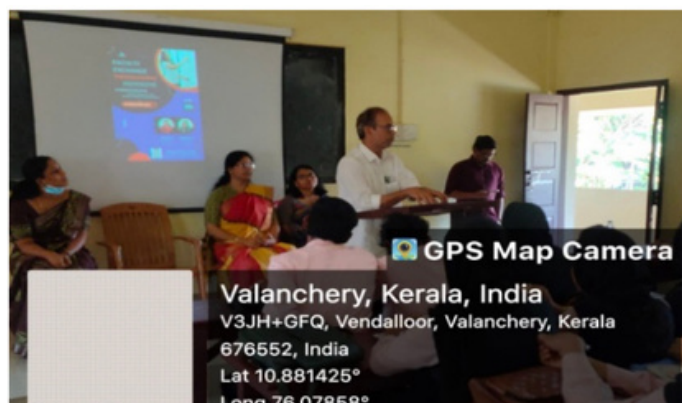
## Faculty Attend Workshop



Ms. N. T. Amritha Kumaran and Ms. Mini. V, Asst. Professors of Commerce, AI Shifa College of Arts and Science, participated in the One day Workshop for Integrated Development of Faculties, INICIO 2023. It was organised by the Department of Commerce, Sree Keralavarma College, Thrissur in collaboration with the Kerala State Higher Education Council on 3 March 2023. The key takeaways were team-building and how to maintain a positive rapport with students.

## Faculty Exchange Programme

The Department of English, AI Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a Faculty Exchange Programme in connection with the Memorandum of Understanding with MES KeVeeYam College, Valanchery. Ms. Saritha. K, Head, Dept. of English, ACAS, and Ms. Renjitha . K. R, Assistant Professor of English, ACAS, engaged sessions on key terms in Post Colonialism and American Literature for the students of Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English, MES KeVeeYam College Valanchery. The Flipped Class method, one of the Best Practices at ACAS, was employed to deliver the sessions. Dr. K. P. Vinod Kumar, Principal, MES KeVeeYam College Valanchery, Ms. Sivya Vasudevan and Mr. Mridul. C. Mrinal, Assistant Professors of English, MES KeVeeYam College Valanchery, were present on the occasion.



## Add-on course on 'Diploma in Banking Services'

The certificate distribution of the Add-on Course on 'Diploma in Banking Services' offered to first semester B. Com. students by the Department of Commerce, AI Shifa College of Arts and Science, was held on 06 March 2023. Mr. Afras, First Semester B. Com. Taxation and Ms. Ashreen, First Semester B. Com. Finance, received certificates from Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, AI Shifa College of Arts and Science on behalf of their classes.



# Kerala's Higher Education Sector In the Age of Artificial Intelligence: The Way Forward

Kerala, India's most literate state, ranks high in terms of education. We have seen Malayalis' influence in different regions across the globe and also in numerous domains. There's no doubt that Kerala's educational system has played a significant role in the achievement of all Malayalis.

Successive governments have made fundamental changes to Kerala's education system in consultation with educational, cultural, linguistic, and occupational experts and researchers. However, a new point of contention is whether Kerala's higher education system has been adequately revised in light of recent industry changes. In the modern era, where AI platforms such as Chat GPT, Google Bard I, and others are getting momentum, it is critical to understand the immediate improvements needed in Kerala's higher education sector.

Consider Kerala's current higher education scenario: only 43.2% of students enter higher education after completing Plus Two, according to AISHE (2020-21). In India, Kerala is first in literacy but sixth in higher education Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER). After completing Plus Two, students should have a variety of options before enrolling in degree programmes; however, the current situation in Kerala is pathetic in this regard. Most of our students do not pursue degrees other than B. A., B. Sc., B. Com., traditional engineering combinations and MBBS, because they have a limited number of available career choices. Despite the 1448 colleges Kerala has, successive governments have recurrently failed to increase the intake capacity, based on the population of the area where they're located.

Many problems can be spotted in the functioning of Kerala's universities. Inaccurate academic calendar, lack of timely syllabus revision, traditional method of examination and evaluation, political interference in academic council and boards of studies, and improper planning of semesters, examination, evaluation, and declaration of result, are just a few of the issues that contribute to a significant decrease in academic quality. The implementation of the NEP 2020 and Academic Bank of Credit are still in their early stages. Some Universities in Kerala have only recently begun to offer integrated programmes.

In addition, lack of interest in traditional courses like B. Sc. Mathematics, Physics, lack of new generation courses, and other factors are stifling our higher education sector. Kerala, without a doubt, has a shortage in availability of modern courses, Infrastructure and technologies. As a result, the new generation of students prefers to pursue higher education in foreign countries or neighbouring states.

## Guest Column by Partner Institution



**Mr. Rafeeq. P**

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It is still true that Kerala's successive governments had a stepmother policy towards private educational institutions. The same policy applies to foreign institutions that come to Kerala. However, the private sector plays a significant role in Kerala's higher education landscape. Although private colleges educate more than half of University students, the private sector is frequently excluded from strategic academic planning boards and other decision making bodies. When compared to other states, it appears surprising that Kerala does not provide research centres to private colleges.

A core reform in the higher education sector is required to meet the target of 50% GER in Kerala's higher education sector and to address the rising unemployment. If the concept of "India as a Vishwa Guru" is formed, Kerala will be forced to adapt to globalisation's changes. We must prepare for a significant shift by developing strategic plans and budgets that include excellent physical facilities and curriculum of international standards with new generation courses, advanced academic and research environment, skill development programmes, new generation technologies, high efficiency, quality, accreditation-worthiness, institution-industry interface, placement, and so on. Our universities should be able to create a high-quality academic environment by adhering to academic calendars on time, conducting exams in a scientific manner and publishing results, and representing government and private institutions in strategic decision making.

Apart from the traditional courses, there should be facilities in Kerala for studying the huge potential areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, digital marketing, e-commerce, agribusiness, food processing, vertical farming, quantum computing, electrical vehicle technology, sustainable technology, energy management, connectivity, Solar Geoengineering, Prefab Construction, Green Construction, Climate Change, Healthcare Technology, Molecular Biology, Biomedical Science, Health Trackers, Sleep Technology, Animation Science, E-Accounting, Block-Chain Technology, Educational Technology, Space Tourism, Global Entertainment Streaming and Metaverse.

Furthermore, our universities and colleges do not adequately address entrepreneurship. Foreign universities, on the other hand, frequently place a premium on entrepreneurs/ start-ups. Our universities must take a similar approach. Such a shift could have a significant impact on the economic development of our country.

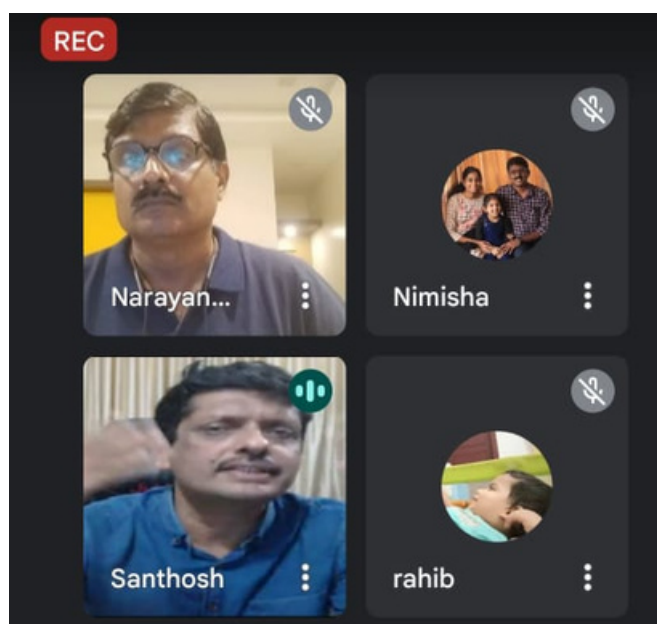
As more colleges gain autonomy under the new education policy, competition between colleges and universities will heat up. If Kerala's universities do not prepare to leave the political conflict, things will become more complicated in the future.

We must change our negative perceptions on foreign and private Universities. When it comes to attracting foreign investment, we must change our attitude towards such Universities, give them space, and equip our universities with the tools they need to compete in this sector.

Regardless of policy and political issues, we can take the lead in global education if we prepare a reengineering masterplan to revitalise the higher education sector and implement the same by ensuring decentralisation and inclusiveness. When India is on the verge of becoming a VISHWAGURU in education, we can hope that Kerala will take the lead.

## ACAS Faculty attended FDP on Moodle

Faculty members at Al Shifa College of Arts Science successfully completed a Faculty Development Programme on Moodle, organized by the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) from 13 to 17 March 2023. Moodle is a popular open-source Learning Management System (LMS) which allows educators to create and deliver online courses. It has a built-in database which enables teachers to create custom-made courses for their students. This database allows for the creation of templates, fields and permissions, which can be used to collect and store a wide range of information. By using Moodle's database module, teachers can create engaging and interactive learning experiences for their students.



## Kerala in Arabic literature: A Presentation

The Arabic Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, conducted a presentation on 'Presence of Kerala in Arabic literature' on 06 March 2023. Ms. Ashika and Ms. Febinsha Fahim. C, both from Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology, made the presentation. Mr. Sayid Rihan, Second Semester Functional English, coordinated the programme. The presenters spoke on the writers from Kerala who made remarkable contributions to Arabic literature.

Reported by Mr. Sayid Rihan  
Second Semester B. A. Functional English



# Silencing Silence: The Voices of the Silenced Victims



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"Silence. Don't raise your voice, don't raise your thoughts. Be a woman, and women don't speak out loud. Hush! For, people will hear." Growing up as a girl, this was the mantra taught to each one of us. This was like a prayer, recited to us like our grandmothers whisper on the beads of their rosary.

I grew up embedded in such rules with their justification as 'it's all to protect you'. I never had questioned it and never needed to. The truth is, until and unless you're pushed out of your comfort zone, you don't question the way the world works. Not till I was forced out of my cocoon. That day, I had one of my friends come up to me and say that she wanted to talk. As soon as we were alone, she hugged me and broke down saying she was 'impure'. "I'm impure now. What will I do?" She repeated it many times. I didn't know what she was talking about. Not until she said that she was raped. I insisted on telling her parents. But she just wouldn't. She said she won't because she's scared. "Promise me you won't tell anyone. Please." I was stuck. She was fourteen and I was fifteen at that time. We were two kids, put in a situation that no one should go through.

'What would you do if you were in my place?', she asked me. Numb, I didn't have a reply to give her, not because I didn't know what I'd do, but because I knew it too well. I'd keep silent, just like she did. I was so powerless, with only a shoulder for her to lean on. 'Hush. Don't raise your voice', this very mantra for my protection held me in a chokehold. I felt constricted, stripped off a right that was lawfully mine. My very cocoon came crashing down and breaking, falling into hot water, the fibres of it unravelling, showing me the real world- the silenced world. Is this what being silenced felt like? Is that what the promised liberation felt like? Like fear? Fear to talk, fear to fight for justice, fear of being heard.

## Guest Column by Partner Institution

Victim blaming occurs when a victim is held partially or wholly responsible for any transgressions they had to face. It is the prejudice against the victims and the perception that they are at fault- directly or indirectly. This prejudice stops them from getting the help they desperately need. This includes disbelieving the victim's case, minimising the severity, and also the insensitive post-treatment by the society, media or family.

A female is thought to act a certain way, be it with sitting, walking, or talking. Growing up bound by those unwritten rules, one forgets to think 'Whether this is the real me', or 'if that's the type of person that they want me to be'. The ideal woman written up or painted by society, especially a patriarchal one, is a woman groomed for the man. Be it her sexual history, height, weight, colour, or economic background. Is that what being a woman is? To be painted, groomed, and readied for a man? Only to be seen and not to be heard? Is silence the only worth they can plead?

The sarcastic bitter truth is that not only do we silence our daughters but also our sons. 'Conceal, don't feel. Be a man. Men do not cry', they say. Since when did having sentiments become unmanly? And why? In that case, male victims don't have it easier either. The masculine stereotype painted for generations carves and imposes a certain way of strength, resilience, and courage. They are expected to be strong enough to resist, to fight against anything that comes their way. And if they are not able to handle such a situation, they are severely bullied, ostracised, and shunned by society.

The media elevates the matter to its worst state. It is a small accusation that they drop in their headings or news piece that blames the victim indirectly. 'Women out, Partying at Night, Raped', 'Man Found Dead, Suspected Drug Deal Went Wrong': these are the headlines we come across on media. There is no need for the papers to write that the woman was out partying at night or that the man was 'suspected' to be in contact with dealers. It is such small notations that appeal to the masses and create the 'right' and 'wrong' amongst the societies.

Why blame the victim?. It was the search for the answer to this question that drove me crazy. And astonishingly, the answer chilled my blood. The tendency to blame the victim is imprinted in us from a very young age. Our society brings us up with their teachings, for example, 'don't stand so close to the railing or you will fall, like the kid in the news today', 'don't cross the road while on the phone, or you'll lose your life like the boy they showed on TV'. Our mind shifts and imbibes the idea that if we won't do 'it', we will be safe. Moreover, all those victims had it coming their way because they were all daring enough to do 'it'. And hence, whoever dared to do 'it', had it coming their way. They practically called it upon themselves. We rationalise everything on the same line of thought, but what we don't realise is that we regain our sense of security and safety by jeopardising the victims.

Victim blaming a topic on which we need to bring awareness among the masses. Lives can be saved by standing with the person who had to/ is going through unfair treatment. It is never the victim's fault. He/she was not asking to be hit, raped, molested, abused, assaulted, or even killed; no matter what the time, place, age, gender, or dressing was.

Blending in is easy, but how far will we blend in to fog out the miserable?

## Debate on Women's Equity



The Women Development Cell (WDC), Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a debate as a part of the observance of the International Women's Day 2023 on 31 March 2023. The debate was held in connection with the '#EmbraceEquity'- IWD 2023 campaign. The students were grouped and instructed to share their points regarding the topic. Women's equality has been a topic of discussion for many years and multiple opinions exist on the matter. While some say that women have achieved equality and that gender discrimination is a thing of the past, others argue that women continue to confront various forms of inequality. The students debated on the nuances of the gender-related issues pertaining to their experience. The debate helped in bringing out different perspectives on the matter.

## Sewage Treatment Plant at Al Shifa Campus



A Sewage Treatment Plant was inaugurated in the Kizhattur Campus of Al Shifa Group of Institutions, comprising of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science and Al Shifa College of Pharmacy. Ms. Jameela Chaliyathodi, President, Kizhattur Grama Panchayath, inaugurated the plant. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. Unneen. P, Managing Trustee, Shifa Medicare Trust. The plant which has the capacity to purify one lakh litres of water per day is built at a cost of one crore rupees. Mr. Suhail Hamza, General Manager, Shifa Medicare Trust, Mr. Latheef, Ward Member, Mr. Muhammad Faisal, Manager of Al Shifa College of Pharmacy, Mr. Abdulla Fasil and officials associated to the Colleges and Trust were present on the occasion.

## Remedial Class at the Department of Commerce



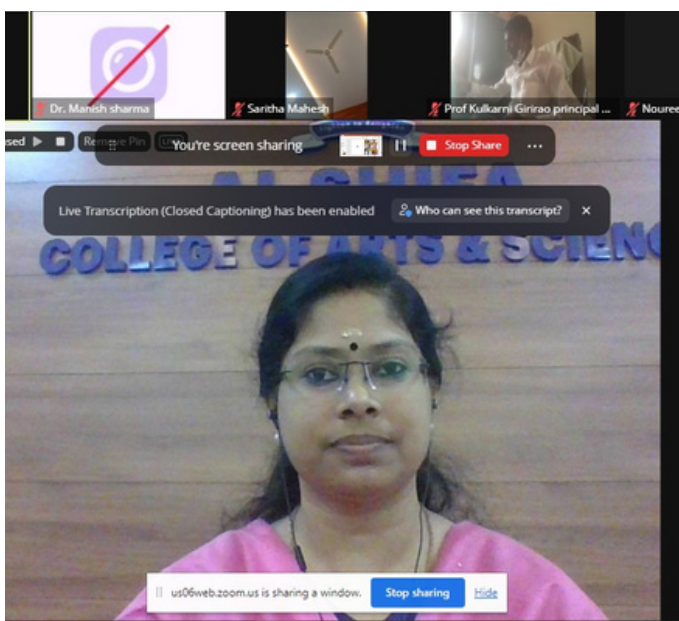
The Remedial Coaching Center (RCC) & Department of Commerce, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a remedial session for Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance & Taxation students on 23 & 24 March 2023. Mr. Irshad Ameen. K, Ms. Ashida. A. P & Ms. Rajashree. V, Assistant Professors of Commerce, handled sessions and discussed important topics in their subjects. Remedial Coaching Center aims to uplift slow learners and to capacitate them for writing exams successfully.

## Campus Recruitment Drive



The Career Training and Placement Cell, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a Campus Recruitment Drive in collaboration with SBI Life, Perinthalmanna, on 7 March 2023. The interview and selection process were carried out by the representatives of SBI Life, Perinthalmanna. 3 students from the college were shortlisted from the 9 who attended the interview.

## Keynote by Ms. Saritha. K



Ms. Saritha. K, Head, Dept. of English, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, presented a keynote address at 'One Day National E-Conference on Women's Literature: Past, Present and Future', organised by the Department of English, Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Shikshan Sanstha's Mahatma Phule Mahavidyalaya, Kingaon Dist., Latur (M. S.) on 10 March '23. Her presentation was titled "Transgender Identities: Unpacking the History, Progress and Challenges Ahead".

## Farewell Party to the Sixth Semester Students

The Department of English organised a farewell party to the first batch of B. A. Functional English of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science on 10 March '23. The event was coordinated by the students of Second and First Semester B. A. Functional English. Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, thanked and congratulated the wards for being a part of the ACAS family and wished them to have a successful and happy life ahead. Faculty members of various departments were present on the occasion.

Reported by Ms. Amaya. K  
Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English



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“ഒരു സ്ത്രീയുടെ സ്വപ്നങ്ങളുടെ എക്സ്പയറി ഡേറ്റ് ആർ തീരുമാനിക്കുന്നു?”. ‘ഹൗ ഓൾഡ് ആർ യു’ എന്ന മലയാളം സിനിമയ്ക്ക് കുറെയധികം സ്ത്രീഹൃദയങ്ങളുടെ കയ്യടി നേടി കൊടുക്കാൻ അവസരം ഒരുക്കിയത് അതിലെ ഈ പ്രസക്തമായ ചോദ്യം തന്നെയാണ് എന്ന് വേണമെങ്കിൽ പറയാം. ഒരുകാലത്ത്, പെൺകുട്ടികൾ ജനിച്ചാൽ അത് രക്ഷിതാക്കൾക്ക് ഒരു ബാധ്യതയും മറിച്ച് ആൺകുട്ടിയാണെങ്കിൽ അത് ഒരു മുതൽക്കൂട്ടുമാണ് എന്ന വിശ്വസിച്ചിരുന്നു. ഒരുപക്ഷേ അക്കാലത്തെ പല സ്വാഭാവികമായുള്ള പെൺകുട്ടികളിലും ‘എന്തുകൊണ്ട് അങ്ങിനെ?’ എന്നൊരു ചോദ്യവും ഉയർന്നിട്ടുണ്ടാവും എന്നുള്ളതിൽ സംശയവുമില്ല. നോക്കിക്കാണാനും കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാനും പെൺകുട്ടികൾക്ക് എന്നും ഉദാഹരണം ആയിട്ടു ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നത് അടുക്കും ചിട്ടയും, അടക്കവും ഒതുക്കവും, അതിലൊക്കെ ഉപരി പാചക കലയിലെ മികവും പുലർത്തിയിരുന്ന വീട്ടിലെ മറ്റ് സ്ത്രീകൾമാത്രങ്ങൾ ആയിരിക്കാം.

ഇന്ദിരാ ഒരു സാധാരണ പെൺകുട്ടിയെ പോലെ തന്റെ സഹോദരിയായ ചന്ദ്രയോടൊപ്പം കളിച്ചും ചിരിച്ചും ഭാരതത്തിന്റെ സാംസ്കാരിക പൈതൃകം ഉയർത്തിപ്പിടിച്ചു വളർന്നുവന്ന ഒരാളായിരുന്നു. അവരുടെ ജീവചരിത്രത്തിൽ പരാമർശിക്കപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട് ഇന്ന് അവർക്ക് നേടിക്കൊടുത്ത ഓരോ പുരസ്കാരത്തിന്റെയും വിജയത്തിന്റെയും പിന്നിൽ തന്റെ അമ്മയ്ക്കുള്ള പങ്ക്.

ഓരോ പെൺകുട്ടികളുടെയും ജീവിതത്തിൽ ഒരു അമ്മയ്ക്ക് വഹിക്കാവുന്ന പങ്ക് എത്രയെന്ന് ഇന്ദ്രയുടെ അമ്മ ശാന്തയിലൂടെ നമുക്ക് മനസ്സിലാക്കാം.

പതിനേഴാമത്തെ വയസ്സു മുതൽ ശാന്ത എന്ന ഇന്ദ്രയുടെ അമ്മ ദിവസത്തിൽ മൂന്ന് നേരം മരുന്ന് സമം ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തുമായിരുന്നത്രേ വിവാഹം കഴിക്കുവാൻ. ചില സമയങ്ങളിൽ സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ ചില എഴുതാതെ എഴുതപ്പെട്ട നിയമങ്ങൾ ഗുണത്തിൽ പെടാറുണ്ട്. അതുപോലെ ആയിരുന്നു ഇന്ദ്രയ്ക്കും. ഇന്ദ്രയുടെ സഹോദരിയായ ചന്ദ്ര വിവാഹിത ആവാത്തതിനേക്കാൾ ഇന്ദ്രയ്ക്ക് ആ വരിയിൽ ഒരു പടി പിന്നിൽ തന്നെ സ്ഥാനം പിടിച്ചു നിൽക്കുമായിരുന്നു. . അതായിരുന്നു ഒരു നേട്ടം എന്നവർ പറയുന്നു.

വീട്ടിൽ വളരുന്ന സാഹചര്യമാണ് ഏതൊരു കുട്ടിക്കും, ആണാവട്ടെ പെണ്ണാവട്ടെ ഇതൊന്നുമല്ലാത്തതും ആവട്ടെ, വളരാനും വഷളാവാനും അവസരങ്ങൾ ഒരുക്കി കൊടുക്കുന്നത്. ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാന ആവശ്യം എന്നു പറയുന്നത് വിവാഹമല്ല മറിച്ച് സ്വന്തം കാലിൽ നിൽക്കുവാനുള്ള തന്റേടവും സാമ്പത്തിക സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യവും ആണ് എന്ന് അടിവരയിട്ട് പറയുന്നുണ്ട് ഇന്ദ്രയുടെ ജീവചരിത്രത്തിൽ. ഇന്ദ്രയ്ക്ക് എത്രത്തോളം ആയിരുന്നോ തന്റെ അമ്മ അത്രത്തോളം സ്വാധീനം തന്റെ മക്കളിൽ ചെലുത്തുവാൻ തനിക്കു കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്ന് അവർ സംശയിക്കുന്നതായി പറയുന്നുണ്ട്. പലപ്പോഴും ജോലി തിരക്കിനിടയിൽ കുടുംബത്തിലെ എല്ലാ കാര്യങ്ങളും ചെയ്യാൻ പറ്റാത്തതിൽ കുറ്റബോധം തോന്നുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അത് ഒരു സംസ്കാരത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായിട്ടാണ് ഇന്ദ്ര കാണുന്നത്.

ഇനി ഇന്ദ്രയിലുള്ള സി. ഇ. ഓ. യെ നമുക്ക് പരിചയപ്പെടാം. പെപ്സികോയിലെ സി. ഇ. ഓ ആയി ചുമതലയേൽക്കുന്നത് വരെയുള്ള യാത്ര പടിപടിയായി ഇന്ദ്ര വിവരിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.. ഒരു സ്ത്രീ ആയതുകൊണ്ട് മാത്രം അവർക്ക് വേർതിരിവുകൾ ഒന്നും അഭിമുഖീകരിക്കേണ്ടി വന്നിട്ടില്ല. ഒരുപക്ഷേ അത് അമേരിക്കയിൽ ആയതുകൊണ്ടായിരിക്കാം എന്ന് ഇന്നും അവർ ചിന്തിക്കുന്നതായി നമുക്ക് മനസ്സിലാക്കാം.. ഇരുപതാം നൂറ്റാണ്ടിന്റെ അവസാന പകുതിയിൽ മദ്രാസിലെ ഒരു ചെറിയ ഗ്രാമത്തിൽ നിന്നും ഒരു അവിവാഹിതയായ യുവതി ഉദ്യോഗാർത്ഥം നാട്ടിൽ നിന്നും വിട്ടു താമസിക്കുക എന്നത് തന്നെ ഒരു മഹാത്ഭുതമാണ്. എന്നാൽ ഇന്ന് അവർ തന്നെ ഒരു അത്ഭുതമായി മാറിയിരിക്കുകയാണ്.

ഒരു കമ്പനിയുടെ മേൽ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥ എന്ന നിലയിൽ തുടരുക എന്നത് അത്ര എളുപ്പമായിട്ടുള്ള ഒന്നല്ല എന്ന് ഏതൊരാൾക്കും മനസ്സിലാക്കാം. അതിന്റെ രഹസ്യത്തെ കുറിച്ച് ഒരു ഇൻറർവ്യൂവിൽ ഇന്ദ്ര പറഞ്ഞത് ഇപ്രകാരമാണ്. പെപ്സികോ എന്നത് അവർ ജോലി എടുക്കുന്ന ഒരു കമ്പനി അല്ല മറിച്ച് അത് അവരുടെ വിസ്തൃത കുടുംബമാണ് എന്നാണ്. വിസ്തൃത കുടുംബത്തെ കുടുംബമായി കാണണം എന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആദ്യം സ്വന്തം കുടുംബത്തിൽ ഒരു സന്തുലിതാവസ്ഥ വേണം.

പലപ്പോഴും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥകളായ സ്ത്രീകൾക്ക് ഒരേസമയം രണ്ട് ഉത്തരവാദിത്വങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്റെ മാനസിക പ്രയാസങ്ങൾ അനുഭവപ്പെടാറുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഇന്ദ്ര പറയുന്നത് രണ്ടിടത്തും ഒരുപോലെ സ്നേഹത്തോടെ സ്വന്തം സംഘത്തെ കൂട്ടുപിടിച്ച് മുന്നോട്ട് നയിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ ഫലം വാക്കുകൾ കൊണ്ട് അറിയിക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്തതാണ്.

ഏത് തിരക്കിനിടയിലും അവർ മദ്രാസിൽ ഉള്ള അവരുടെ പഴയ സംഗീത കലാക്ഷേത്രത്തിലെ വാർഷികത്തിന് വരാനുള്ള സമയം കണ്ടെത്താറുണ്ട്. നമ്മൾ പലപ്പോഴും തിരക്കിനിടയിൽ മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കുക അവരവരുടെ ചെറിയ ചെറിയ ആഗ്രഹങ്ങളെയും സന്തോഷങ്ങളെയും ആണ്. ശ്രീ രവിശങ്കർ ഒരു പ്രഭാഷണത്തിൽ പറയുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട് നമ്മുടെ ജീവിതത്തിലെ ഏറ്റവും നല്ല കൂട്ടാളി നമ്മുടെ ശരീരം തന്നെയാണ് എന്ന്. ആരോഗ്യമില്ലാത്ത ശരീരവും ഊർജ്ജം ഇല്ലാത്ത മനസ്സും നമ്മളെ മുന്നോട്ട് നയിക്കുക പ്രയാസമാണ് എന്ന്. എത്ര തിരക്കിനിടയിലും അവരവർക്ക് വേണ്ടി സമയം കണ്ടെത്താൻ വയ്യാത്തവർക്ക് മറ്റുകാര്യങ്ങൾക്ക് സമയം കണ്ടെത്തുക അത്ര എളുപ്പമല്ല. ചെറുതാണെങ്കിലും മനസ്സിന് സന്തോഷം പകരുന്ന കൊച്ചുകൊച്ചു കാര്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുന്നതിൽ നമ്മൾ സമയം കണ്ടെത്തേണ്ടതുണ്ട് .

പെപ്സികോ പ്രതിസന്ധികൾ നേരിട്ടിരുന്ന ഒരു കാലമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ഉൽപ്പന്നങ്ങളുടെ ഗുണമേന്മയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള വാഗ്ദാനങ്ങളും പ്രതിഷേധങ്ങളും മാധ്യമങ്ങളിൽ കവിഞ്ഞൊഴുകുന്ന കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ പോലും ഇന്ദ്ര എന്ന ഉരുക്കു വനിത ഒരടി പോലും കാലിടറാതെ ശക്തയായി നിന്ന് പോരാടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ജീവിതത്തിലെ ഓരോ പ്രശ്നങ്ങളും വെല്ലുവിളികളായി എടുത്താൽ ഏതൊരു പ്രശ്നവും അവസരമായി മാറും എന്നതിനുള്ള ഉത്തമ ഉദാഹരണമാണ് ഇന്ദ്രയുടെ ഈ പ്രയാണം. അത്തരം അവസരങ്ങളിൽ അവർ പേടിച്ച് മാറി നിൽക്കുന്നതിന് പകരം മറ്റ് പേരെടുത്ത ഉത്തരത്തിലുള്ള കമ്പനികളുടെ ചരിത്രത്തിലൂടെ സഞ്ചരിക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്തത്. ഏതൊരു വ്യക്തിയുടെയും അനുഭവം എന്ന് പറയുന്നത് തെറ്റുകളും ജീവിതത്തിലെ മുളളുകൾ നിറഞ്ഞ പാതകളിലൂടെയുള്ള സഞ്ചാരവും ആയിരിക്കും. അത്തരം തെറ്റുകൾ ആണ് പിന്നീട് അവരെ ശക്തമാക്കുന്നതും വെല്ലുവിളികളെ നേരിടാൻ പ്രാപ്തരാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നത് .

അടുക്കളയിൽ നിന്ന് അരങ്ങത്തേക്ക് മാത്രമല്ല അമേരിക്കയിലേക്കും ഒരു സ്ത്രീക്ക് പറക്കാം. പഴമൊഴി പറയുന്നുണ്ട് ഒരു പുരുഷൻ ആയാൽ നാല് സ്ഥലം കാണണം ഒരു സ്ത്രീയായാൽ 4 അടുക്കള കാണണം. പഴമൊഴിയിൽ പതിരില്ലെങ്കിലും ചില പലമൊഴികൾ പരിഷ്കാരം കാത്തു കിടക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിൽ ഒന്നാവട്ടെ ഇതും. പെൺകുട്ടികളെ സ്വപ്നം കാണാൻ പഠിപ്പിക്കണം അല്ലാതെ കല്യാണം കഴിച്ച് സ്വപ്നങ്ങളെ തല്ലിക്കൊടുത്താൻ അല്ല.

അഭ്യസ്തവിദ്യരായ തൊഴിൽരഹിതരായ ജനങ്ങളെക്കൊണ്ട് നിറഞ്ഞൊരു നാടാണ് കേരളം എന്നതിന്റെ ഉത്തമ ഉദാഹരണമാണ് ഈ കഴിഞ്ഞ ദിവസം നാട്ടികയിൽ വച്ച് നടന്ന ലൂലൂവിന്റെ ജോബ് ഫെയർ. ശബരിമലയിലെ മകരവിളക്ക് എന്നോണം ജനങ്ങൾ തിങ്ങി നിറഞ്ഞിരുന്ന മൈതാനം. വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനു മാത്രം പ്രാധാന്യം നൽകി പകുതി വഴിയിൽ യാത്രപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനു പകരം പെൺകുട്ടികൾക്ക് സ്വന്തം കാലിൽ നിൽക്കാനുള്ള പ്രാപ്തി കൂടി ഉറപ്പുവരുത്താൻ ഉത്തരവാദിത്തപ്പെട്ടവർക്ക് കഴിയുമെങ്കിൽ സ്ത്രീധന പീഡനവും ഭർതു വീട്ടിലെ അസ്വാരസ്യവും ഏറെക്കുറെ ഒഴിവാക്കാൻ സാധിക്കും.

ഒരു പെൺകുട്ടിയെ ബാധ്യതയാക്കുന്നതും മുതൽക്കൂട്ടാക്കുന്നതും അവളുടെ കുടുംബം തന്നെയാണ്. . സ്വന്തം കാലിൽ നിൽക്കാനും തീരുമാനങ്ങൾ എടുക്കാനും പ്രാപ്തരാക്കാൻ മാതാപിതാക്കൾ മുൻകൈ എടുക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. സ്വന്തം സ്വപ്നങ്ങളുടെ എക്സ്പയറി ഡേറ്റ് ഒരു ലൈസൻസ് പുതുക്കുന്ന പോലെ പുതുക്കി കൊണ്ടുനടക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. ഇതിനെല്ലാം അടിത്തറയാവുന്നത് സാമ്പത്തിക ഭദ്രതയാണ്. മാസ വരുമാനം ഉള്ള ഒരു സ്ത്രീ ഒരിക്കലും ഒരു കുടുംബത്തിനും ബാധ്യതയാവുകയില്ല.



## Quiz on Molly



The Quiz Club and Movie Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a competition titled 'Quiz on Molly: A Quiz Competition on Malayalam Films' on 14 March 2023. Mr. Jasil K. T, Second Semester B. Com Finance, won the first prize in the competition. The competition was meant to check the knowledge of students in Malayalam movies.

Reported by Ms. Arshida. A. K  
Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English

## Physical Training Session for Faculty



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The Department of Physical Education in collaboration with the Faculty Development Centre, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, conducted a Physical Training session for faculty and other college staff. In the session, Mr. Vibin Das. C. P, Head, Dept. of Physical Education, ACAS, discussed how to do physical exercises in the summer season. He made the participants involved in a few games for improving physical fitness.

## Know the Terminology in Economics

The Department of Economics, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, conducted a session on 'Know the Terminology in Economics' on 16 March 2023. The session was led by Mr. Nithin Raj. K, Asst. Professor of Economics. He discussed the basic concepts and terms in Economics. Students of Fourth Semester B. A. Economics participated in the programme.

Reported by Ms. Sneha. A  
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## Socio Economic Survey by NSS



The National Service Scheme, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, conducted a socio-economic survey as a part of the Participatory Village Programme in Ward 8, Kizhattur Grama Panchayath, on 17 March 2023. Mr. Chandran, Ward Member, Kizhattur Grama Panchayath, inaugurated the programme. Information related to health, financial status, farming activities and educational qualifications of the population in the area was collected through the survey. Mr. Muhammed Sahal and Mr. Mohammed Jazeel, Second Semester B. A. Economics, coordinated the programme.

Reported by Mr. Muhammed Jazeel. C  
Second Semester B. A. Economics

## Observance of International Women's Day

### Department of English



The Department of English, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a session as a part of the observance of International Women's day, on 8 March '23. The session was titled 'Women Leading the Way: Inspiring Stories of Resilience and Success'. It was meant to introduce empowered women to the students. The presenters were Ms. Rameesa Jahan. V , Ms. Shifna Sherin. M. K, Ms. Fathima Safa. V and Mr. Muhammed Farooq. K, all from Fourth Semester BA Functional English.

Reported by Ms. Rinsha Sherin. P. E  
Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English

## Women's Day at the Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce and Women Development Cell, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, jointly organised an interactive session with a successful mompreneur, Mrs. Raihana V. K. She is the Managing Director of V. K. Enterprises, Koottilangadi, Malappuram, and mother of Aysha Nitha. V, a student of Second Semester B. Com. Finance. The session was conducted on 17 February 2023. Mrs. Raihana shared the struggles she encountered during her grooming as an entrepreneur. Students interacted with her, asking about her journey in becoming a successful business person.

Reported by Ms. Fathima Huda  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance



## Al Shifa Merit Scholarship Disbursed



Al Shifa College of Arts and Science instituted the Al Shifa Merit Scholarship for the toppers in University exams in each semester. The prize is also given to students of First Semester who have scored high marks in their Plus 2 exam. Ms. Shahma Thasni, Sixth Semester B. A. Economics, was selected for the scholarship based on Merit, from the batch of 2020-23. Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS, handed over the scholarship cheque to the student in the presence of Mr. Mohammed Noufal. M, Head, Dept. of Economics and Ms. Ashida. A. P, Assistant Professor of Commerce, and Coordinator of Scholarship Cell.

## Session under Civil Service Coaching Centre

The Civil Service Coaching Centre, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a seminar on the topic 'Historical Revolutions' on 17 March 2023. The session held in the seminar hall was led by Mr. Muhammed Noufal. M, Head, Department of Economics. The resource person discussed the major historical revolutions with the Civil Service aspirants in the college. The notes compiled by the Centre on relevant topics are shared with the students.

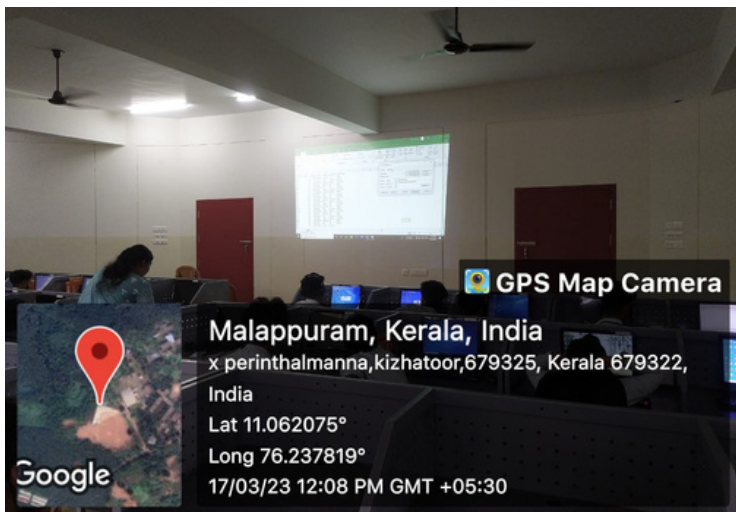
Reported by Ms. Fathima Safa. V  
Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English



## Workshop on Data Analysis and Interpretation

The Department of Economics at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science conducted a workshop on Data Analysis and Interpretation on 17 March 2023. The session was handled by Ms. Anjana. J, Asst. Professor, Department of Economics. The resource person discussed the implication of SPSS on data analysis. The participants were made to practise data analysis in the computer lab.

Reported by Ms. Jifanath. C  
Fourth Semester B. A. Economics



## NSS ACAS at District Level Neighborhood Youth Parliament

The volunteers of National Service Scheme, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, participated in the District Level Neighborhood Youth Parliament, organised by Malappuram Nehru Yuva Kendra, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, on 18 March 2023. Ms. Lisna, Second Semester B. Com. Finance, and Mr. Sangeeth Krishnan. K, Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology, participated in various interactive sessions. The volunteers were given a chance to discuss topics of social significance and to get familiar with the procedures in parliament.

Reported by Mr. Sangeeth Krishnan. K. K  
Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology



## Economics Students Visit MES Kalladi College

The Department of Economics, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised an academic visit to MES Kalladi College, Mannarkkad, as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions on 20 March 2023. A presentation on data visualisation and interpretation was done by Dr. Azad. P, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, MES Kalladi College, Mannarkkad. During the presentation, Dr. Azad covered various topics related to data, including its different forms, collection methods, and econometric techniques used for analysis and interpretation. He gave the session through demonstrations and checked the level of understanding in students with formal assessments. He encouraged the students to work on the topics covered in his presentation and offered support in future to both students and faculty for qualitative and quantitative research.

Reported by Ms. Abaan. C. K  
Fourth Semester B. A. Economics



## CTPC Offers Soft Skill Sessions

The Career Training and Placement Cell at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science organised a session on 'Teamwork' on 21 March 2023. The session was conducted in the seminar hall at 11.00 AM and was led by Ms. Renjitha. K. R, Asst. Professor, Department of English. The presenter spoke on the significance of teamwork in achieving goals and objectives in organisations. The session was delivered through student centred games and activities.

Another session on 'Time Management' was held on 22 March 2023. The session was led by Mr. Midhulaj. P, Asst. Professor, Department of English. The speaker emphasised the significance of managing time effectively and maintaining a balance between personal and professional commitments to enhance the quality of life.

In yet another session on 'Interpersonal Communication' held on 23 March 2023, Ms. Saritha. K, Head, Department of English, emphasised the discussed interpersonal relations among colleagues in the working environment and substantiated the importance of listening. She led the sessions through activities.

Reported by Ms. Arshida. A. K  
Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English



## Session on Higher Education Opportunities Abroad



The Scholar Mentor Programme (SMP) and Department of Commerce, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a session on 'Higher Education Opportunities Abroad' on 22 March 2023. The session was handled by Mr. Akhil Madamkandy, Branch Manager, Santa Monica Study Abroad Pvt. Ltd., in which he explained various aspects of higher education opportunities, including the admission process, eligibility criteria, cost of Education and Scholarships available. The speaker also enumerated the top destinations for higher education, including the USA, UK, Australia, Canada and other European countries. He also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of studying in those countries.

Reported by Ms. Lana Gafoor  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance

## Farewell Party to B. Com. Students



The Department of Commerce organised a farewell party to the first batch of B. Com Finance and Taxation students, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, on 21 March '23. The event was coordinated by the students of second and first B. Com. Finance and Taxation. Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS, wished the best to the outgoing students. The party was a festive one with games and activities.

Reported by Ms. Fathima Huda  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance

## Field Visit to Poonthanam Illam



The *Thanimlayalam* Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, conducted a field visit to Poonthanam Illam, Keezhattur, as part of the observance of Poonthanam Day, on 22 March 2023. The student members of the Club participated in the visit. Poonthanam Namboothiri is a prominent poet in the Bhakti Movement. The field visit helped the students to understand the heritage of the ancient poet.

Reported by Ms. Arshida. A. K  
Fourth Semester B. A. Functional English

## Add-on course on Community Psychology

The Department of Psychology, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, offered the Add-on course on 'Community Psychology' for the first semester students of 2022-'25 Batch. The course gives an overview of the field of community psychology, covering its basic principles. Presentation of certificates to the participants of the Add-on course was done on 27 March 2023, by Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS. Mr. Sangeeth Krishnan. K. K, and Ms. Ashika received the certificates representing the class.

Reported by Mr. Sangeeth Krishnan. K. K  
Second Semester B. Sc. Psychology



## Release of 'afterwords'

Publication Wing, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, brought out the first issue of 'afterwords': An interdisciplinary annual e-journal for students. It was released by Dr. Faisal . K. P, Director in Charge, Aligarh Muslim University, Malappuram Centre, on 24 March 2023. Dr. P. Unneen, Managing Trustee, Shifa Medicare Trust, and Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, were present on the occasion.



## Visit to Accredited Higher Education Institutions

Visits to accredited Higher Education Institutions is part of the best practices of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science. The IQAC organised a visit to SAFI Institute of Advanced Studies, Vazhayoor, on 23 March 2023. The group of visitors included Dr. Babu P. K, the Principal of ACAS, Mr. Junise. V, IQAC Coordinator from Al Shifa College of Pharmacy, Mr. Janson, IQAC Coordinator from Al Shifa College of Nursing and Mr. Rohith. R, IQAC Coordinator, ACAS. SAFI is accredited by NAAC with an A++ rating. During the visit, the team interacted with the Principal of the college, Prof. Imbichikoya, and the IQAC Coordinator, Mr. Servin Wesley. They also had the opportunity to see the facilities, interact with faculty members and experience the way the system worked at SAFI.



## Careers in Banking Sectors: An Orientation Programme



The Centre for Competitive Examinations (CCE), Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a session titled 'Careers in Banking Sectors: An Orientation Programme' on 28 March 2023. The session was handled by Ms. Rajeshree. V, Assistant Professor of Commerce, ACAS. The programme aimed to help students understand the career prospects in the banking sector and provide them with insights into the skills required to succeed in the field. The resource person explained the different exams required to reach various positions in the banking sector, such as IBPS PO, IBPS Clerk, IBPS SO, SBI PO, SBI Clerk and more. She also discussed the exam pattern, syllabus, and the selection process.

## Ifthar Meet at ACAS

The students and staff at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science organised an Ifthar meet on 29 March 2023. Dr. Safir. V. M, Dean, Al Jamia Al Islamia, Shanthapuram, delivered the message of Ifthar meet. He spoke on the significance of Ifthar and the values of humanity upheld by such gatherings. He also appreciated the secular spirit evident in the companionship between different communities in organising Ifthar meets. Mr. Suhail Hamza, General Manager, Shifa Medicare Trust, Mr. Nisam, Manager, Shifa Medicare Trust, Dr. Suryapraksh, Principal, Al Shifa College of Pharmacy, Mr. Junise, Vice Principal, Al Shifa College of Pharmacy, faculty members, and students were present on the occasion.

Reported by Ms. Shifna. K. T  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance



## Case Study on Issues Faced by Consumers

The Consumer Club, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, conducted a session to make a case study on issues faced by consumers in the market. The session was handled by Ms. Shifna. K. T, student of Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance, and student coordinator of Consumer Club. The session was attended by members of the Club. 10 case studies were done in the session. The members were able to identify the issues faced by consumers and suggest measures to address them. The session also highlighted the importance of spreading awareness among consumers about their rights and taking legal action against fraudulent practices.

Reported by Ms. Fathima Huda  
Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance



## Remedial Sessions at the Department of English

Remedial sessions were held for the students of Fourth Semester B. Com. Finance and B. Com. Taxation (2021-24) on the courses titled A01- Transactions: Essential English Language Skills and A02- Ways with Words. Ms. Saritha. K, Head, Dept. of English, Mr. Midhulaj. P and Ms. Renjitha. K. R, Assistant Professors of English, revised the first, second, third and fourth modules respectively. The sessions were delivered in the afternoon on 14, 16 and 23 March 2023. Such sessions are meant to support the students of the slow learning category.



## Rohith. R is the 'Poster It!' Prize Winner

The Faculty Development Centre keeps track of the posters designed by the faculty members in which original posters related to college events and designed by the faculty are evaluated. Posters designed by Mr. Rohit R, Head Asst. Professor of Commerce, and Mr. Nithin Raj. K, Asst. Professor of Commerce, were shortlisted for the recognition. The best poster from the month of February 2023 was designed by Rohith R.



## Midhulaj is the Blogger of March



The Faculty Development Centre at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science has a blog to which faculty members contribute regularly. Among the blogs written by the faculty and published on FaBlo! (Blogging space for the faculty of ACAS) the best blog is selected based on originality, novelty and relevance of the content. The blogs of Mr. Midhulaj. P, Asst. Professor of English, and Ms. Renjitha. K. R, Asst. Professor of English, were shortlisted for the honour of best blog of the month. Mr. Midhulaj. P is selected as the blogger of the month of March 2023.

## Ms. Shahana Sherin. K Wins IMA Scholarship

Ms. Shahana Sherin. K, Sixth Semester B. Com. Finance, won the IMA Scholarship offered by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) for doing the CMA (Certified Management Accountant) Course at the Institute of Accounts and Management Studies, Manjeri, in the 2023 batch. She was granted scholarship worth Rs. 100,000/-, which covers the entire course fee.

As part of IMA's agenda to support the education of future professionals, they created the CMA Scholarship Programme, which Ms. Shahana received this year. The Scholarship Cell, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, takes initiatives to ensure such opportunities for the students.

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കേരളത്തിൽ നടന്ന സാമൂഹിക പരിവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കു ഏറ്റവും വലിയ ഉത്തേജനമായത് ശ്രീനാരായണഗുരു പിന്നോക്ക സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ഉന്നമനത്തിനു വേണ്ടി ചെലുത്തിയ സ്വാധീനശക്തിയായിരുന്നു. 'ഒരു ജാതി, ഒരു മതം, ഒരു ദൈവം മനുഷ്യന് എന്ന വിഖ്യാത മുദ്രാവാക്യത്തിലൂടെ മനുഷ്യ സാഹോദര്യത്തിന്റെ ഉദാത്ത മാതൃകയാണ് ഗുരു ഉയർത്തിക്കാട്ടിയത്. 'ആധുനിക കേരളത്തിന്റെ ധർമ്മികാടിസ്ഥാനം' എന്ന തന്റെ ലേഖനത്തിൽ ബി. രാജീവൻ കേരളീയ നവോദാന പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിൽ ശ്രീ നാരായണഗുരു വഹിച്ച പങ്കിനെയും എസ്.എൻ.ഡി.പിയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെയും വിലയിരുത്തുന്നുണ്ട്. 1903 ലാണ് എസ്.എൻ.ഡി.പി സ്ഥാപിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത് . അതിനും പതിനഞ്ചു വർഷങ്ങളു്കു മുമ്പാണ് 1888 ൽ ഗുരു അരുവിപ്പുറത്തു ശിവ പ്രതിഷ്ഠ നടത്തുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ പിൻക്കാലത്തു ഈഴവ പരിഷ്കരണത്തിന്റെ മുഖമായി മാറിയ ശ്രീനാരായണഗുരുവിനെ തങ്ങളുടെ ഗുരുവായി അംഗീകരിക്കാൻ അന്നത്തെ പല ഈഴവ പ്രമാണിമാർക്കും സാധിച്ചില്ലെന്ന ഗുരുതരമായ ആരോപണമാണ് ബി. രാജീവൻ തന്റെ ലേഖനത്തിൽ ഉയർത്തിക്കാട്ടുന്നത്.

തന്റെ വാദങ്ങളെ സാധൂകരിക്കുന്നതിനായി കുറ്റിപ്പുഴ കൃഷ്ണപിള്ളയുടെ അഭിപ്രായവും ബി. രാജീവൻ പങ്കുവെക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. "1903 ൽ ആദ്യത്തെ സാമൂഹിക പരിഷ്കരണത്തിന് നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കുന്ന സംഘടനയായി എസ്.എൻ.ഡി.പി നിലവിൽ വന്നു. മറ്റു സമുദായ സംഘടനകളുടെ വാഗണുകളെ വലിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് പോയ എഞ്ചിനായിരുന്നു എസ്.എൻ.ഡി.പി. അത്തരത്തിൽ 1888 ലെ അരുവിപ്പുറം ശിവപ്രതിഷ്ഠ ആധുനിക കേരളത്തിന്റെ ശിലാസ്ഥാപനമായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഇതിൽ ഗുരുവിനു സ്വസമുദായത്തിൽ നിന്ന് എത്രത്തോളം പിന്തുണ ലഭിച്ചു എന്നതു ചർച്ച ചെയ്യേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു".

ജനാധിപത്യ കേരളത്തിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ച നവോദാന പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങളുടെ ധർമ്മികമായ അടിത്തറയെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ഒരു പുനർവിചിന്തനം ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ വളരെ പ്രസക്തമാണെന്ന് പ്രൊ. ബി. രാജീവൻ സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. നാൾ തോറും മലയാളിയുടെ ധർമ്മിക ജീവിതം ദുർബലമായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്. അതിനു പ്രധാനകാരണം മതരാഷ്ട്രീയം ശക്തി പ്രാപിക്കുന്നതാണെന്ന നിരീക്ഷണവും ബി. രാജീവൻ പങ്കുവെക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. ഈ ഒരു ധർമ്മിക ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ ദുർഘടാവസ്ഥയിലാണ് ഇടത്തരക്കാരന്റെ ചിന്തകൾ ആത്മീയവൽക്കരിക്കപ്പെടുന്നത് എന്നും നാം മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്.



കേരളത്തിന്റെ ജാതിഘടനയും, സാമൂഹികാവസ്ഥയും, ധർമ്മസംഹിതയും, ഭരണക്രമവും ഒരളവു വരെ ബ്രാഹ്മണ ശക്തിയിൽ അധിഷ്ഠിതമായിരുന്നു. അത്തരത്തിലുള്ള ബ്രാഹ്മണശക്തിയുടെ അടിവേരിളക്കിയ സംഭവമായിരുന്നു ശ്രീനാരായണ ഗുരുവിന്റെ അരുവിപ്പുറം പ്രതിഷ്ഠ. ഡോ. പത്മപ്പുറത്തിന്റെ ഇടപെടലുകളിലൂടെയാണ് ഗുരു കേരളത്തിലെ ജാതിവിരുദ്ധ പോരാട്ടങ്ങളുടെ നേതൃമുഖമായി കടന്നു വരുന്നത്. ഗുരുവിനെ മുൻനിർത്തി കേരളീയ സാമൂഹിക ചരിത്രത്തിൽ മറ്റുള്ളവർക്ക് ഒരു മാതൃകയാവാൻ എസ്.എൻ.ഡി.പിക്ക് സാധിച്ചത്. അതിനെ തുടർന്നാണ് മനത്തു പത്മനാഭന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലുള്ള എൻ.എസ്.എസ് നായർ സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ഉന്നമനത്തിന് വേണ്ടി രൂപീകൃതമാവുന്നത്. ചട്ടമ്പി സ്വാമികളുടെ 'പ്രാചീന മലയാളം' എന്ന കൃതിയിൽ കേരളത്തിലെ ആദിമ നിവാസികളുടെ പാരമ്പര്യത്തെപ്പറ്റിയും നായന്മാരുടെ പാരമ്പര്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ചും സൂചിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അക്കാലത്തു തന്നെ ബ്രാഹ്മണർക്കു എതിരെയുള്ള ചിന്ത ജനങ്ങളിൽ ഉടലെടുത്തിരുന്നു. മനത്തിന്റെ ജീവിത സ്മരണകളിൽ ശ്രീനാരായണഗുരുവിനെക്കുറിച്ചു പരാമർശമുണ്ട്.

ശ്രീനാരായണഗുരുവിനെ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ജാതിയിൽ തന്നെ അടിച്ചിടപ്പെട്ട നവോത്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ മുഖമായി ബി. രാജീവൻ അടയാളപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു. കേരളത്തിലെ ജാതിബോധത്തിനെതിരെ പ്രവർത്തിച്ച ഗുരുവിനെ ഈഴവരുടെ ഗുരുവായി മാത്രം അവരോധിച്ചു എന്നതായിരുന്നു ശ്രീ നാരായണ പ്രസ്ഥാനങ്ങളുടെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ പരിമിതി എന്ന് ബി. രാജീവൻ തുറന്നടിക്കുന്നു. "ശ്രീനാരായണഗുരു കേരളത്തിൽ തുറന്ന നവോത്ഥാനത്തിന്റെ വാതിൽ ശ്രീനാരായണഗുരുവിനെക്കൊണ്ട് തന്നെ അടപ്പിച്ചു" എന്ന് സഹോദരൻ അയ്യപ്പൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടത് അതുകൊണ്ടാണ്.

നാരായണീയ ദർശനങ്ങളുടെ പിൻക്കാല കാഴ്ചപ്പാടിൽ വന്ന മാറ്റത്തിന് ഒരു പ്രധാന കാരണം ശ്രീനാരായണ ധർമ്മത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള രാഷ്ട്രീയ വിശകലനങ്ങളുടെ അപര്യാപ്തതയാണ്. കേരളത്തിൽ മാത്രമല്ല ദേശീയപ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിലും ശ്രീനാരായണ ധർമ്മം അത് അർഹിക്കുന്ന തരത്തിൽ ചർച്ച ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ടില്ല.

"ജാതിഭേദം, മതദ്വേഷം

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മാതൃകാസ്ഥാനമാണിത്"

ഇത് കേവലമൊരു പ്രസ്താവന അല്ല. മറിച്ച് ഒരു നൂതനാശയത്തിന്റെ, ഒരു നൂതന ധർമ്മത്തിന്റെ പ്രതിഷ്ഠയായിരുന്നു അതെന്ന് വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു. അരുവിപ്പുറം ക്ഷേത്രച്ചുമരിൽ ഗുരു സ്വന്തം കൈപ്പടയിൽ എഴുതിച്ചേർത്തതാണീ വരികൾ. ഈ ധർമ്മപ്രതിഷ്ഠയുടെ രാഷ്ട്രീയവും സാംസ്കാരികവുമായ അർത്ഥതലങ്ങളിലേക്കു ഇനിയും നമ്മൾ ഇറങ്ങി ചെല്ലേണ്ടതുണ്ട് എന്നും ബി. രാജീവൻ ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തുന്നുണ്ട്.

അന്നത്തെ തിരുവിതാംകൂർ രാജവംശവും ഭരണരീതിയും ശ്രീ പത്മനാഭദാസന്മാർ എന്ന നിലയിലായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ അതിനു സമാന്തരമായി ഒരു കൊളോണിയൽ ആശയവും ഇവിടെ നിലനിന്നിരുന്നു. സായിപ്പിന്റെ നിർമ്മിതിയായ ഹൈന്ദവ തിയോക്രറ്റിക് ഭരണകൂടത്തിന്റെ ധർമ്മികവ്യവസ്ഥയുടെ ആധികാരികതയെയാണ് അരുവിപ്പുറം പ്രതിഷ്ഠയിലൂടെ ശ്രീനാരായണ ഗുരു നിർബാധം ചരിത്രത്തിന്റെ ചവറ്റുകുട്ടയിലേക്ക് വലിച്ചെറിഞ്ഞത്.

അരുവിപ്പുറം പ്രതിഷ്ഠയുടെ രാഷ്ട്രീയ പ്രസക്തി ദേശീയ രാഷ്ട്രീയത്തിൽ വളരെക്കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടും ദാഹിക്കുന്ന ഒന്നായിരുന്നില്ല. കൊളോണിയൽ യുക്തിക്കും ഫ്യൂഡൽ മൂല്യങ്ങൾക്കും അക്ഷരാർത്ഥത്തിൽ എതിരായിരുന്നു ശ്രീനാരായണ ധർമ്മം. ശ്രീനാരായണീയ ചിന്ത ആവിഷ്കരിച്ച ധർമ്മികതയുടെ മണ്ഡലത്തിലാണ് ആധുനിക മലയാളിയുടെ ചിന്ത രൂപപ്പെട്ടത്. അതാകട്ടെ മാറിവരുന്ന ഭരണകൂടങ്ങളുടെ സ്വാർഥതാല്പര്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഒട്ടും ദാഹിക്കുന്നതായിരുന്നില്ല. ഏതുകാലത്തും ഭരണകൂടത്തിന്റെ ചൂഷണ ഉപകാരണമെന്ന നിലയിൽ ജാതിവ്യവസ്ഥിതി ഇവിടെ നിലനിന്നുപോരുന്നു. മറിച്ച് ശ്രീനാരായണ ധർമ്മത്തിന്റെ മൗലികത കണ്ടെത്താൻ നമ്മൾ ഇതുവരെ ശ്രമിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.



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