



# ACASIANA

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER OF AL SHIFA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE



**Team Talk 2.0: an innovative talk contest organised by ACAS for High School and Higher Secondary School Students**

## The Transformative Power of Technical Education

Technical education plays a crucial role in equipping individuals with the practical skills and knowledge needed to excel in today's rapidly evolving world. It encompasses a wide range of disciplines, from engineering and information technology to healthcare and vocational training. Technical education empowers learners to apply theory to real-world problems, fostering innovation and bridging the gap between academia and industry. By preparing students with hands-on experience and specialized expertise, technical education not only enhances employability but also contributes significantly to economic growth and technological advancements, making it an indispensable pillar of modern education systems. This academic year, ACAS too starts with its technical courses on Computer Application. I hope the courses would help the youngsters in creating a better tomorrow.



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

## Let's Talk Teaching

Teachers Day observance is another ritual which assumes many forms every year. It is relevant to emphasise the contribution the teacher fraternity to the making of the communities around us. This explains the decision of ACAS to come up with an exercise which is not very common among us. The Faculty Development Centre at ACAS has launched a year-long Poster Series titled 'Let's Talk Teaching' in which each day a poster which highlights a lesson a teacher has learned over the years will be shared. 'Let's Talk Teaching' is launched to gather and share the experience-based insights from educators all over the country and abroad. This Teachers Day 2023 initiative will not only help the Teacher Fraternity to share their perceptions, but also help reflect on the tools and techniques of their practices. I am sure that this new move from ACAS, which has been periodically reimagining many teaching-learning practices to sync with the new normals, will help bring about changes in the teacher community's good practices. The month of September has been agog with activities at ACAS and the coming to realisation of the Students Bank concept deserves special mention. This too is part of the conversation we are having among ourselves on how to teach better.

## ACAS Football Team in action

The Departments of Physical Education at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science and Ambedkar College of Arts and Science conducted a Friendly Football Match at Duxford College, Kalikavu, on 6 September 2023 at 9:00 am. The Football match was inaugurated by Mr. Muhammed Ajmal. K, Head, Department of Physical Education, Duxford College, Kalikavu. Mr. Sanil. P, Head, Department of Physical Education, Ambedkar College, and Mr. Vibin Das. C. P, Head, Department of Physical Education, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, were present in the Inauguration Ceremony. The match started at 9:00 am and ended at 11:00 am. The Final score of the Match was 2:4. The team of Ambedkar College of Arts and Science won the Match by 2 goals against the team of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science.



**Dr. Babu. P. K**  
Principal  
Al Shifa College of Arts and Science



## The Dark Human Psyche and Kitty Collins from *How to Kill Men and Get Away with It* by Katy Brent



**Ms. Kavya Nair**  
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As tempting as the title sounds, so was my excitement. Killing as an act doesn't happen easily by someone. Either it is planned or an accident. But from the title, we know that the killings mentioned here aren't accidents instead pre-planned. But why would someone want to kill people? And here comes the exciting part, why would one want to kill men? The human psyche is fascinating to learn about and work with. It has layers of meanings that are still undeciphered by modern science. But one thing is for sure, the human mind is complicated. The famous psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud had his way of bringing analogies for the same. He said that one's mind is like an iceberg- most of which is unseen, unheard, or undiscovered. He also put forth

an analogy of Horse and Horseman to explain his theory of ID, Ego, and SuperEgo. He states that ID is the horse of animalistic nature and Ego is the horseman who controls the ID. Well, clarity in why Freud, his theories, or analogies are important while talking about Kitty Collins shall be clouded out soon. Kitty Collins is a well-known Instagram Influencer figure with lots and lots of insecurities about herself for she very well knows that she is not what she portrays.

And the narration of the story goes through the mind voice of Kitty. Being a favorite of Young Adults, Kitty has a shadow personality that grew in the darkness of her unresolved childhood trauma. Kitty's father was a butcher and he would take little kitty with him while cutting huge flesh. Sometimes he also killed animals alive in front of Kitty- yes, this guy has a problem. This made her nauseous to eating flesh and thus became a pure vegetarian figure who talks about a healthy "vegan" diet. Even after being a complete vegetarian by choice, Kitty Collins has big butchering knives and cutters in her Kitchen drawers.

Nobody notices or even questions her for the same. What triggers her for a killing mission is when any man does any kind of injustice to any lady. She finds it to be her duty to cleanse the world and get rid of monstrous men. Apparently, in one such mission of hers, she kills an innocent guy. The story progresses on a different level from here but till the end, we find the play of mind throughout the novel being the biggest highlight in the book.

The way one manifests their future would be different from what they were surrounded by and fed in their childhood. But our mind gets comfortable with the chaotic scenarios and attracts the same unconsciously in our present. Again as Freud said, the Unconscious is that undiscovered part of the mind that can be dangerous. Here, kitty Collins becomes an apt victim of her animalistic Id behavior who goes on killing men without thinking of its consequences. The book tries to portray the darkest sides of human behavior in the most Instagrammable or maybe contemporary manner. Being in the world of instant gratification, the story moves on so fast that the reading pace is just beyond rapid. But is the book worth reading and is the character worth knowing? Maybe you should read it and give it a thought.

## Workshop on Photography

The Entrepreneurship Development Club and Women Development Cell (WDC), ACAS, organized a one-day Workshop on Photography. The programme was organized for the members of the ED Club and PENMA, the WDC at ACAS. Ms. Shahla, student entrepreneur (Shaf Craft), Second Semester D. El. Edl., Ideal TTE Cherupulasseri, led the workshop. The workshop aimed to explore the opportunities in photography and encourage students to learn the technical side in this field. The participants got the opportunity to use different cameras and try various indoor and outdoor photography techniques.

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

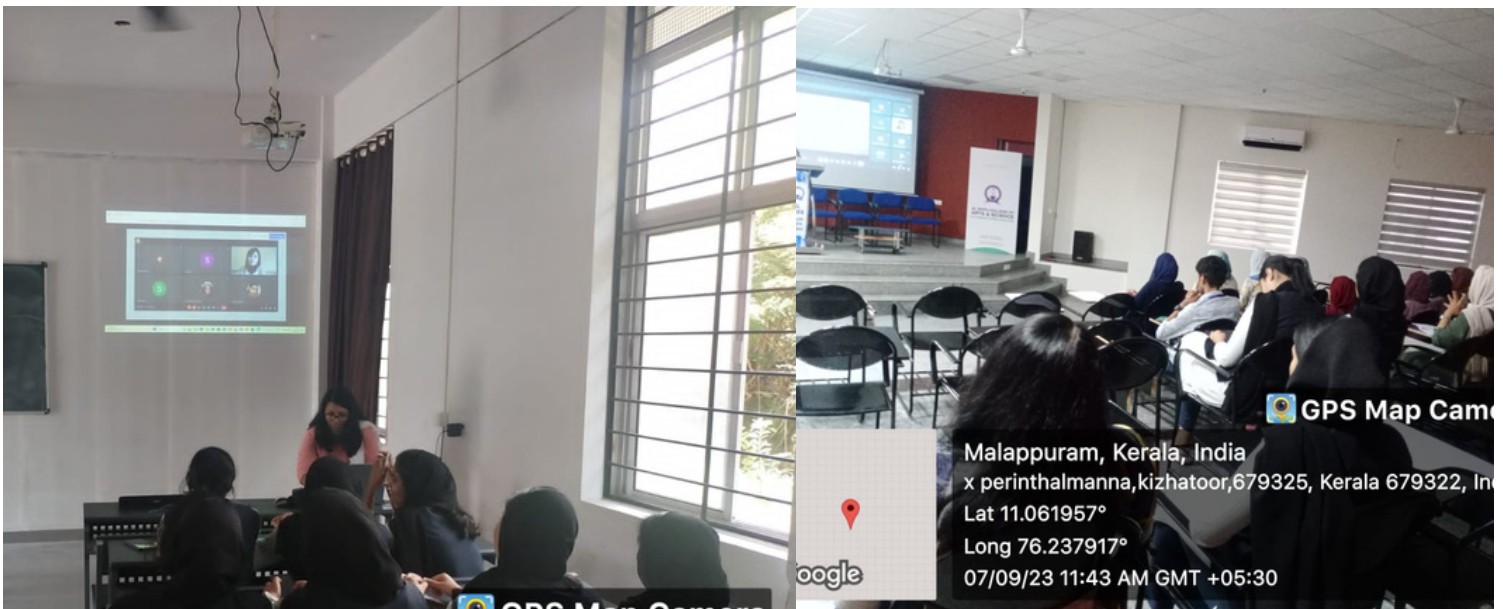


## Connect to Artificial Intelligence Career



The Department of Computer Applications, ACAS, conducted an orientation programme on the topic "Connect to Artificial Intelligence Careers" exclusively for BCA students. Mr. Sreeram. M. R, co-founder & CTO of Zan-x Technologies, led the session. This Orientation session aimed to explore the career opportunities in the field of Artificial Intelligence and to introduce the Add-on Course on Artificial Intelligence.

## Invited Student Talks by the Department of English



The Department of English, ACAS, conducted an Invited Student Talk as a part of the Series. The third session in the third edition was conducted on 7 September 2023. The speaker was Ms. Roshni Jenifer. G, II M. A. English, Providence College for Women, Coonoor, the Nilgiris. Ms. Roshni Jenifer. G spoke on 'Confinement and Trauma through the Eyes of a Child in Emma Donoghue's Room'. In her talk, she explained how confinement affects a child and what will be the consequences in the context of the theory on Trauma.

The Department of English conducted an Invited Student Talk as a part of the series on 19 September 2023. The speaker was Ms. Jannath Fazli, Fifth Semester B. A. English, PG & Research Department, Farook College (Autonomous), Calicut. Ms. Jannath Fazli talked on the topic, "The Language of the Body." She explained body politics and body language in the talk.

Reported by Ms. Rameesa Jahan. V  
Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English

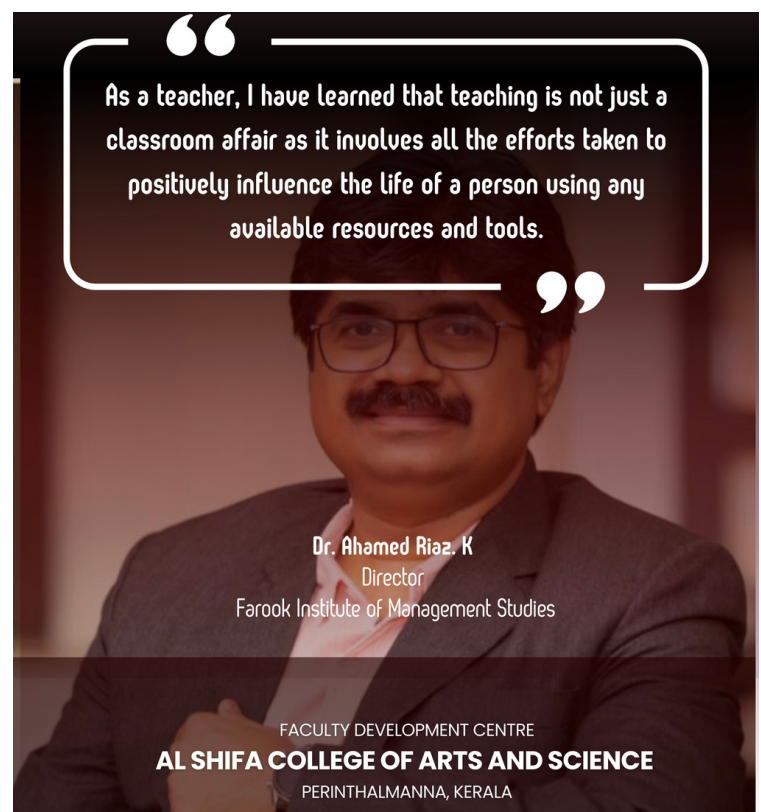
## Observance of World Literacy Day



The Consumer Club members, ACAS, conducted a 'Word Puzzle Game' in connection with World Literacy Day on 8 September 2023. Students actively participated in the game. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of literacy while engaging students in a fun and educational activity. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students, making it a resounding success.

Reported by Mr. Mohammed Sahal  
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## Observance of Teachers Day



The Faculty Development Centre, ACAS, launched 'Lets Talk Teaching', a Teachers Day 2023 Series, to share what the members of the Teacher Community have learned through their experience in teaching. The FDC noticed that there are a number of academic takeaways in listening to one another, which can lead to better teaching- learning experiences. Eminent teachers from prestigious institutions across the different states make contributions to the series.



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### **About Books**

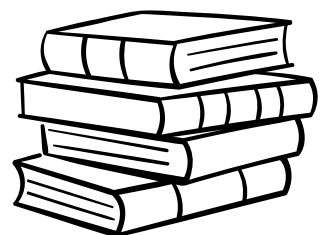
Books are an important part of everyone's life in some way or another. They hold high significance because they provide knowledge, information, and entertainment to the reader.

Books can also help us develop our critical thinking skills by exposing us to different ideas and perspectives. They allow us to escape from the stresses of everyday life and provide temporary relief from our daily routine.

Books bring joy to students and help them learn many things. They transport them into a unique world of imagination and improve their standard of living. There are different types of books available in various genres, such as travel books, history books, technology books, fashion and lifestyle books, self-help books, motivational books, and fictional books. Books are packed with knowledge, life lessons, and teachings about hardships, love, fear, and every little thing that is a part of life.

Nowadays, we can access books on our phones. The number of physical books may be decreasing, and it is possible that in the future, all books will be available on phones. Some writers even predict that physical books will become a thing of the past.

Overall, books are a valuable resource that can enrich our lives in countless ways.



## Extension Activity: Basic Pronunciation Skills

The Centre for Development of English Language Skills (CDELS), the Dept of English and the NSS, ACAS, organised a programme titled 'Session on Basic Pronunciation Skills' for the students of UKG at IMAPL School, Keezhattur. The students of Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English were the presenters. They taught the right pronunciation of the English Alphabet, groups of words and rhymes to the kids. Ms. Arshida. A. K, Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English, taught the pronunciation of the alphabet. Ms. Amaya. K. T, Ms. Rameesa Jahan. V, Ms. Fathima Rana, Ms. Shibna. K and Ms. Shifna Sherin. P , Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English, discussed the pronunciation of the names of fruits, flowers, animals, colours and bodyparts. The session came to an end with Ms. Fathima Safa. V, Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English, teaching the kids the right pronunciation of rhymes. Chocolates were distributed among the kids following their active participation in the session. 34 kids of UKG, IMALP School, Kizhattur, benefited from the session.

Reported by Ms. Arshida. A. K  
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## Football Match vs IC Academy



The Departments of Physical Education and Psychology, ACAS, conducted a Friendly Sevens Football Match between ACAS Team and IC Football Academy Malappuram at Al Shifa College Ground, on 8 September 2023. The Football match was inaugurated by Mr. Irshad. K, Head, Department of Arabic, ACAS. The Final score of the Match was 9:3. Team ACAS won the Match by 6 goals against the Team of IC Football Academy Malappuram.

## Football Coaching Camp for ACN

The Department of Physical Education, ACAS, started a Football Coaching Camp for the students of Al Shifa College of Nursing (ACN) in collaboration with the Sports Club, Al Shifa College of Nursing, from 4 September 2023. The Camp was inaugurated by Mr. Midhulaj. P, Asst. Professor of English and IQAC Coordinator, ACAS. The Camp is being conducted for their preparation for the KUHAS Zonal Football Tournament. The camp continued for four weeks. The members of ACAS football team contributed to the training process.



## Observance of Suicide Prevention Day

The Department of Psychology, ACAS, conducted a mime program as part of the observance of the World Suicide Prevention Day on 11 September 2023. The program was intended to send the message of World Suicide Prevention Day 2023 and an announcement of a one-month observance of the day by the Department of Psychology. Students from the first semester of B. Sc. Psychology enacted the mime, delivering the message of suicide prevention.

Reported by Ms. Gopika. K  
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## Paving the Way to State and Central Universities



The Department of English, in collaboration with the Career Training and Placement Cell (CTPC), ACAS, organized a session titled 'Paving the Way to State and Central Universities' for Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English students on 11 September 2023. Mr. Muhammed Fayis, Mentor at Inseqt, delivered an interactive presentation on methods and tips to crack CUET. The resource person spoke on the syllabus and strategies to clear the entrance exam. The session provided information on the opportunities and exposure students would gain once they successfully pass the entrance exam.

## IQAC Meeting

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science met on 12 September 2023. Research Publication, Research Funding, Best Practices, Institutional Distinctiveness and Outreach/ Extension Activities were among the matters taken up for discussion in the meeting. The council gave farewell to Mr. Rohith. R, Former IQAC Coordinator.



## Farewell Party to Mr. Rohith



The staff club at ACAS conducted a farewell party for Mr. Rohith. R, former Head, Dept. Commerce, and former IQAC Coordinator, ACAS, on 15 September 2023. Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS, and Ms. Saritha. K, Vice Principal, ACAS, and other faculty members spoke on the occasion. A memento was handed over by the principal to Mr. Rohith. R. His dedication to the works he has undertaken was appreciated by the Principal and other colleagues.





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### **Your August Reminder**

This month I want you to remember that it's never too late  
It's not too late to start a new dream  
To make a new friend. To discover a new passion  
To change your style  
To realise that you are worthy  
And you deserve the same love you so freely give to others  
To put yourself first  
To fill your cup each day  
To find new love  
To be kinder to yourself  
To discover the beauty of the small moments  
To make beautiful new memories  
To start again  
To learn something new  
To believe in new beginnings...

## Microgreens @ ACAS

The Entrepreneurship Development Club, ACAS, organized a session titled 'Microgreens: A Guide to Success' on 12 September 2023. Ms. Madhurima. M. K, and Ms. Adna Yahya. K. P, Fifth Semester B. Com. Finance led the session. They shared their insights and knowledge on microgreens, providing attendees with valuable information on how to succeed in this niche market. Topics covered included cultivation and care of microgreens, potential business opportunities, and the health benefits associated with consuming microgreens. There are more than 100 varieties available in this category. Students have started a microgreens project on campus as a pilot study and 5 varieties have been cultivated. It was an informative session and provided attendees with practical knowledge and inspiration to explore entrepreneurial ventures related to microgreens.

Reported by Ms. Madhurima  
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## Team Talk 2.0



The Department of English, ACAS, organized the second edition of 'Team Talk', a contest for High School and Higher Secondary School Students, on the topic 'Myth'. 13 teams participated in the event. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Febin Geevarghese Babu, Principal, THSS, Thachinganadam. Under High School session, Ms. Fathima Feroz Khan and Ms. Hezlin. P (ACE Public School, Manjeri), Ms. Fathima Shifa. M. K and Ms. Fathima Minha. C (Peace Public School, Kottakkal) and Ms. Haniya Fysal and Ms. Tubah Sadiq (ACE School, Manjeri), won first, second and third places respectively. From Higher Secondary Section, Ms. Khadeeja Rayyan. A. T and Ms. Shajeeha (MSP HSS, Malappuram) Ms. Abia. T. P and Ms. Fathima Nehrin (MMHSS Prabhapuram) and Ms. Suhana Sherin. P and Ms. Nadha Fathima (MMHSS Prabhapuram), won first, second and third prizes respectively.

## ACAS is UGC (2f) Recognised

Al Shifa College of Arts and Science is recognised under the UGC (2F) category. This is deemed to be a significant step in the growth of the institution into one with autonomy and UGC funded projects. This is a significant milestone for the young institution which is turning three and is fast heading towards accreditation and autonomy.



## Inauguration of the English Association Activities



The Department of English, ACAS, organised the inauguration of the Association activities for the Academic year 2023- '24 on 14 September 2023. Dr. Shanavas Pattupara, Assistant Professor of English at Government College, Mankada, was the chief guest. Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS, talked about the relevance of association hours in a scenario where classrooms are more student-centered. Dr. Shanavas made a presentation on the 'Future of the English Language' in the context of AI-integrated learning. Faculty members and students of the Department participated in the event.

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

## Student Bank of ACAS (SBA)

The Department of Commerce and the Entrepreneurship Development Club at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science launched a new initiative named 'Students Bank of ACAS' (SBA) on 15 September 2023. The inauguration was done by Mr. Jayaram. P. D, the Regional Manager of Kerala Gramin Bank, Malappuram. During the event, the Logo of 'SBA' was launched by Mr. K. T. Abdul Rassaque, Secretary of Shifa Medicare Trust. SBA is an initiative to provide hands-on learning experience to the students related to banking and allied areas. The bank provides services tailored to achieve their career-related exposure. Following the launch, Mr. Hamsa. V, the President of Thachinganadam Service Co-operative Bank, distributed the share certificate. Ms. Anshida. K. P, student of Fifth Semester B. Com. Taxation and Executive Member of Students Bank, received the Share Certificate. The first deposit of SBA is accepted by Mr. Ragesh. T. V, Assistant General Manager of Kerala Gramin Bank, Head office, Malappuram, from Ms. Adithya. T. K, Fifth Semester B. Com. Finance. Following the inaugural component, an interaction was held between Mr. Jayaram. P. D and the Student Executive Members of SBA. Mr. Jayaram helped the students with answers to their queries related to Banking.

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



## An Elegy on Golden Showers

Hey, thick, bold woody man.  
Your delicate branches decipher pain.  
The bright dew you born,  
Felt like yesterday morning.  
Your tender leaves whistles the glory,  
Of ultimate mother nature.  
  
Your golden inflorescence mesmerized  
Our minds stronger wider.  
One day, evil men chopped you  
Into thousand shattering pieces of silence.  
I heard your miserable utterances,  
Among the clusters of slashes.  
Your cries where hard enough,  
Even the rigid soil started weeping helplessly.  
Men can kill you easily,  
Piercing sharp weapons upon you.  
Men can brutally destruct you from growing and aiming skies too.  
But know one thing my golden shower,  
It's hard to make someone love you,  
on the same world where others felt you're just a tree.



**Sulochana. M. Krishna**  
First Semester M. A. English  
University of Calicut

## AI in the Real World: Practical Insights and Case Studies

The Department of Computer Applications, ACAS, organized a session titled 'AI in the Real World: Practical Insights & Case Studies' on 15 September 2023. Ms. Rizwana Kallooravi Thandil, Assistant Professor in the PG & Research Department of Computer Applications at Sullamussalam Science College, Areekode, interacted with the students of the First Semester BCA at the college. She discussed AI, its applications in day-to-day life, and its scope in technology-integrated learning.



### Invited Talks



Mr. Midhulaj. P, IQAC Coordinator and Assistant Professor of English, ACAS, delivered an invited workshop on 'Mastering Powerpoint: Designing and Delivering Impactful Presentation' at Al Shifa College of Nursing, Perinthalmanna, on 18 September 2023. The session was organised by IQAC, Al Shifa College of Nursing. He spoke on the strategies to design and deliver an effective powerpoint presentation for professional success. Faculty members of the college attended the Session. Dr. Josephine Jacqueline Mary, Principal, Al Shifa College of Nursing and Mr. Jansen Mathew, IQAC Coordinator, Al Shifa College of Nursing, among other faculty members, were present.



Ms. Radhika. A, Asst. Professor of English, ACAS, handled a workshop entitled, 'Researcher's Palette: The Methodological Adventures in English Literature' for the students of Final Year B. A. Functional English and M. A. English Language and Literature at Majlis Arts and Science College, Valanchery, on 26 September 2023. In her session, Ms. Radhika explored the aspects of Research Methodology for writing UG and PG projects.

### Cleaning Drive by Nature Club

The Nature Club, ACAS, organised a cleaning drive at the college herbal garden and surrounding areas on 18 September 2023. Members of the Club actively participated in the cleaning programme. The herbal garden at ACAS is planned in such a way that it can distribute varieties of herbs to the local community.



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

## StuBiz 2.1: Salad with Special Microgreens

The ED Club, ACAS, started the second series of StuBiz, the student sales point on 18 September 2023. Ms. Madhurima. K and team, Fifth Semester B. Com. Finance, came up with the sale of a variety of salads with microgreens. As a part of the microgreen cultivation, the team prepared 4 varieties of salads and put them for sale. Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS, initiated the first sale in the stall. StuBiz is the student sales point run under ED Club to enhance the entrepreneurial skills of students.

Reported by Ms. Adna Yahiya  
Fifth Semester B. Com. Finance



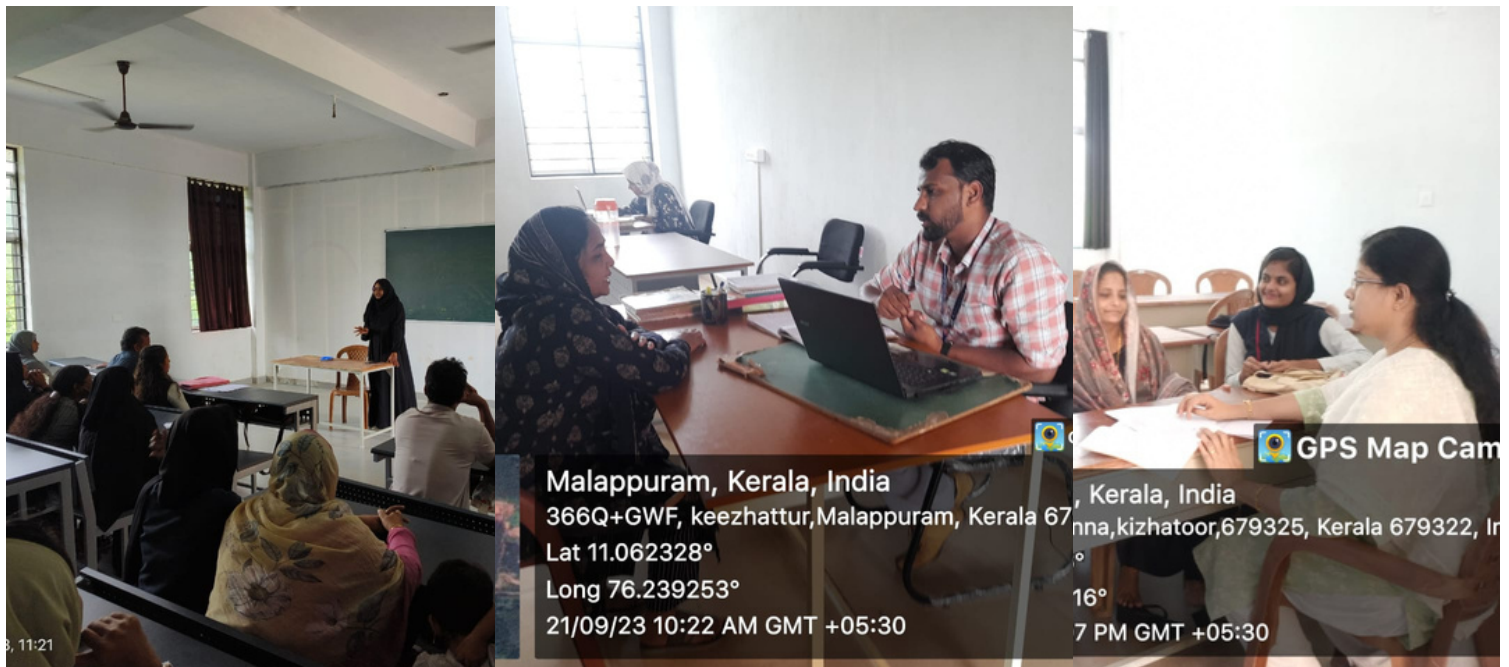
## ACAS to Host B-Zone Tournaments

The Department of Physical Education, University of Calicut, has selected ACAS to host Calicut University Inter Zone Chess, Ball Badminton (Women) and B-Zone Cricket Tournaments. The tentative dates of the tournaments are as follows:

1. B-Zone Cricket: 01-11-2023
2. B-Zone Chess: 23 & 24-11-2023
3. B-Zone Ball Badminton: 14 & 15-12-2023

## Class PTA Meetings

The Departments of Commerce, Economics and English organized class PTA meetings for the parents of their Fifth Semester students on 21 September 2023. Students' performance in Fifth Semester Internal Examination and Third semester University Examination were evaluated in the meeting. Parents had the opportunity to interact with faculty members and discuss concerns related to their wards' academics.



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## NSS Observes International Peace Day

The National Service Scheme, ACAS, observed International Peace Day with a student chain on 21 September 2023. The programme was titled 'Hold Hands Together for Tranquility'. The gesture meant to underline a sense of unity and cooperation among the youngsters.

Reported by Ms. Anzalna. K  
Third Semester B. A. Functional English



## COFE Programme



The Department of Physical Education, ACAS, conducted a practical session of the College Fitness Education Program (COFE) at College Ground on 20 September 2023. Mr. Vibin Das. C. P, Head, Department of Physical Education, led the Practical Session. 56 students from Third Semester classes of different Departments were the participants. The session started with a few stretching exercises, followed by different exercises for particular body parts. After this, the students played a minor game.

## ACAS Organises Match between ACN and ACP

The Department of Physical Education, ACAS, organised a friendly football match between Al Shifa College of Nursing (ACN) and Al Shifa College of Pharmacy (ACP) at ACAS ground on 21 September 2023. The Final Score of the Match was ACN 0 - 0 ACP. The winner was decided by the Penalty Shootout. In the Penalty Shootout ACN scored 4 goals and ACP, 2. Al Shifa College of Nursing won the Match by 2 goals.



## Peer Training Workshop



The Consumer Club, ACAS, conducted a Peer Training Workshop on newspaper bags making for the new members of the Club on 21 September 2023. Ms. Hamna. V. T and Mr. Ahsan Ahammed, Fifth Semester B. Com. Taxation, and members of the Consumer Club, were the trainers. The workshop focused on the eco-friendly aspects of bags made with newspaper and their potential as a sustainable business venture. Participants learned the art of crafting paper bags and explored the significance of adopting environmentally responsible practices. They distributed the paper bags produced by college students among Faculties of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, Al Shifa College of Pharmacy and the Cafeteria of both colleges.



### കോവിലിൽ

നീ വിളിച്ച ദൈവങ്ങൾക്ക് മുന്നിൽ

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വർഷങ്ങൾക്കിപ്പുറം

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(ഒരു കാലത്ത് മാധ്യമങ്ങൾ ചർച്ച ചെയ്ത കോവിലിൽ പൊലിഞ്ഞ ആസിഫക്കായി)



## ACAS Takes on KSHM College

The Departments of Physical Education at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science and KSHM Arts and Science College, Edathanattukara, conducted a friendly Football Match at Kottappalla Football Stadium, Edathanattukara, on 22 September 2023. The match was inaugurated by Mr. Muhammed Nihal. P, Head, Department of Physical Education, KSHM College, Edathanattukara. Mr. Irshad Ameen. K, Assistant Professor of Commerce, and Mr. Vibin Das. C. P, Head, Department of Physical Education, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, were present in the inauguration ceremony. The Final score of the Match was 3:1. The team of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science won the Match by 2 goals against the team of KSHM Arts and Science College.



## Swachhata Hi Seva



The National Service Scheme, ACAS, observed NSS Day with 'Swachhata Hi Seva', cleaning drive, in collaboration with Kizhattur Grama Panchayath on 24 September 2023 at Aakkaparamba. The observance of the day aimed to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism and community service. The volunteers were actively involved in the programme. Mr. Irshad. K, Assistant Professor of Arabic and NSS Programme officer, gave instructions to the volunteers. The volunteers collected plastic waste from the area and handed it over to the Haritha Karma Sena, Keezhattur Grama Panchayath.

Reported by Mr. Muhammed Navab  
Third Semester B. Com. Finance

## Spiderman: From Comic Panels to Silver Screen

As part of observing the National Comic Book Day, the Movie Club of ACAS, in collaboration with the English Club and the Library Council, conducted a presentation session on comic book adaptations on 25 September 2023. Mr. Amal Jaz, First Semester B. A. English Language and Literature, and Mr. Anjel Hamid, First Semester B. A. Functional English, presented a session titled 'Spiderman: From Comic Panels to Silver Screen'. They gave an introduction to the comics adapted to movies, generally focusing on the Spider Man Series.

Reported by Ms. Anzalna. T. P  
Third Semester B. A. Functional English



## Career Pathways: Orientation Sessions

### ● Dept. of English

The Department of English organized a session titled 'Career Pathways', a talk on the career opportunities and scope for the English Literature and Functional English Programmes, to the First Semester students of both classes on 25 September 2023. Ms. Radhika. A and Ms. Rameez Ban. P. M, faculty of the Dept. of English, handled the session. The speakers elucidated different job opportunities for the English graduates.



### ● Dept. of Economics

The Department Economics, ACAS, organised a session titled 'Career Pathways for Economics Undergrads' for their First Semester students on 29 September 2023. Mr. Anjel Juman. P, Assistant Professor of Economics, interacted with students regarding their career options. The session shed light on the courses and job opportunities right after B. A. Economics in both the public and the private sectors.

Reported by Ms. Fathima Binsi. T . P  
First Semester B. A. Economics



### ● Dept. of Commerce

The Department Commerce, ACAS, organised a session titled 'Career Pathways for Commerce Undergrads' for their First Semester students on 25 September 2023. Mr. Irshad Ameen. K and Ms. Sajna Mini Mol, Asst. Professors of the Commerce Department, interacted with students regarding their career options. The programme was meant to support the students in making better career plans.



## Public Transport Day

As a part of the agenda to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), set by Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, the faculty members and students of the institution pledged to use means of public transportation to commute to college once a day every month. The faculty members and students adhered to the decision and made use of public transport to commute to college on 14 September 2023.

## Mission CUET (PG)

The Dept. of English, ACAS, organised a session titled 'Mission CUET (PG)' on 27 September 2023 for their students. The presenter was Mr. K. Jeya Sutha Vignesh, Second M. A. English Language and Literature, NIT, Trichy. He has cleared GATE, CUET (PG) and NET with high percentile. The speaker gave a comprehensive talk on the strategies to prepare for CUET (PG) and shared useful books with the audience.

Reported by Ms. Fathima Rana  
Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English



## Session on Advanced Presentation Skills



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Al Shifa College of Arts and Science, organised a session on 'Advanced Presentation Skills' on 26 September 2023. This session, led by Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS, aimed to improve the presentation abilities of faculty, including Department Heads and senior faculty members. The session also equipped the attendees with the skills needed for professional presentations.

## Building Resilience against NIPAH

The Youth Red Cross, ACAS, organised an awareness session titled 'Know, Prevent, Protect: Building Resilience Against NIPAH' on 26 September 2023. The session was handled by Ms. Fathimath Thahira, Second Year B. Sc. Microbiology, MSTM Arts and Science College, Perinthalmanna, in which she explained the reasons for the outbreak of NIPAH virus and how we can prevent the spread of the same. Students got an opportunity to clear their doubts which made the session interactive.

Reported by Ms. Febinsha Fahim  
Third Semester B. Sc. Psychology



## ACASIANA: Newsletter Committee Meet



The ACASIANA Newsletter Committee held a meeting on 27 September 2023. The committee discussed matters such as greater involvement of students in the making of ACASIANA, improving the quality of content and working on the promotional strategies of the Newsletter. Dr. Babu. P. K, Principal, ACAS, addressed the committee. He spoke on the significance of active involvement of students in publication ventures. Student representatives from each class and Department coordinators of the Newsletter attended the meeting.

Reported by Ms. Anzalna. K. T  
Third Semester B. A. Functional English

## Orientation on Capital Market by Trading Club

The Trading Club, ACAS, organised an orientation session to the First Year students of B. Com. Taxation, Finance & Computer Application, on 26 October 2023. Mr. Sumith Subramanian, SEBI Smart Trainer & Resource Person of CDSL, interacted with the students. The resource person underlined the value of financial assets while outlining the numerous investment options in the market.

Reported by Mr. Muhammad Arshakh  
Third Semester B. Com. Finance



## Workshop on Report Writing

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell, ACAS, organised a workshop on 'Report Writing' for student representatives of the Newsletter Committee on 27 October 2023. Ms. Renjitha. K. R, Asst. Professor of English, led the session. She spoke about the different techniques for writing an effective event report. 31 students attended the workshop. The session aimed to train the students to prepare precise and accurate reports for ACASIANA, the monthly e-newsletter of the college.

Reported by Ms. Rameesa Jahan. V  
Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English



## ACAS Beats PTM Government College



The Departments of Physical Education at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science and PTM Govt. College, Perinthalmanna, conducted a football match at PTM Govt. College Ground, Perinthalmanna, on 27 September 2023. The Football match was inaugurated by Mr. Sunil. M. K, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Physical Education, PTM Govt. College, Perinthalmanna. The Final score of the Match was 2:1. The team of Al Shifa College of Arts and Science won the Match by 1 goal against the team of PTM Govt. College.

## Orientation for Faculty on Flipped Classroom

The Faculty Development Centre, ACAS, organised a session on the 'Flipped Classroom: A Session for New Recruits' on 29 September 2023. Ms. Ashida. A. P, Head, Dept. of Commerce, ACAS, gave the session to the newly joined faculty members of the college. The session outlined all the four stages of running a flipped classroom and gave an overview on how to incorporate activities in classrooms.



## Factor Endowment Theory of International Trade

Heckscher-Ohlin's Factor Endowment Theory, Heckscher-Ohlin Model, H-O Model, and Factor Proportion Theory are several names for this economic and international trade theory. According to this concept, a country should specialise in and export goods that relate to its abundant factors of production. Two Swedish economists, Eli Heckscher in 1919 and Bertil Ohlin in 1933, made significant contributions to this idea. They proposed various explanations for Ricardo's theory of comparative cost advantage. This is referred to as the H-O Model. The H-O model clarifies how different countries' comparative costs differ.

Generally, factor endowments refer to the richness, abundance, and easy availability of factors of production (namely land, labor, and capital). This theory suggests that countries with larger labor forces should focus on labor-intensive production. As well, a country with a highly capital-intensive economy should use capital-intensive production methods. According to the theory, elements with a high relative abundance are less expensive than factors with a low relative scarcity. It explains the basis of international trade using factor endowments. Mother Nature bestows a country with a certain number of factors of production.

If a country had an abundance of labor relative to land and capital, it would naturally have lower labor costs compared to land and capital costs (such as rent and interest, respectively). Conversely, in a situation where there is a scarcity of labor, labor costs would logically be higher than land and capital expenses. These differing cost dynamics would lead countries that utilize more affordable and readily available factors of production to excel in production and export activities.

The Heckscher-Ohlin (H-O) model argues that differences in the availability of production resources lead to differences in production costs globally and locally. Heckscher and Ohlin propose that comparative advantage arises from variations in a country's resource endowments. While free trade is beneficial, trade patterns are shaped by these resource differences rather than disparities in productivity levels. According to factor endowment, countries export products that require a significant amount of their abundant production factors and import products that require an abundance of their scarce production factors.

In the H-O model, international trade occurs as a result of disparities in production costs driven by variations in the availability of production factors. For instance, countries like China, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and others can export goods that heavily rely on labor because they have ample labor resources at their disposal. Nations such as Japan, the USA, the UK, and Germany are exporting capital-intensive goods like machinery and high-value equipment because they possess an abundance of capital investment needed for advanced technology and other infrastructure.

The H-O Model's assumptions:

- Different products exhibit distinct factor intensities, such as textiles and apparel being labor-intensive while semiconductors are capital-intensive.
- Nations possess varying factor endowments; for instance, Nepal has an abundance of labor relative to capital, while the USA has more capital relative to labor.
- The model involves two countries, two goods, and two factors of production.
- Both commodity and factor markets operate under conditions of perfect competition.
- There are constant returns to factors.
- Technology is universally available and consistent across all participants.
- There are no additional costs like transportation expenses, insurance premiums, or exchange rate fluctuations.
- No restrictions or controls are imposed on international trade and exchange rates.
- Factors of production are immobile between countries, and their endowments remain fixed.
- Demand conditions are assumed to be stable and unchanging.



In summary, the Heckscher-Ohlin Model, commonly known as the Factor Endowment Theory, sheds light on global trade patterns by stressing a nation's factor endowments—its abundance of labour and capital—as a fundamental predictor of its comparative advantage in various industries. This causes countries to specialise in industries aligned with their resource strengths, promoting effective resource allocation and increasing international trade.

While the theory's assumptions, such as perfect competition and factor immobility, simplify complex economic dynamics, they may not account for all factors influencing trade, such as technology, economies of scale, and government regulations. In practice, international commerce is the outcome of a combination of factors, and the Factor Endowment Theory remains a core model for understanding these dynamics, underlining the importance of a country's resource endowments in shaping its competitiveness.

#### The Leontief Paradox

Leontief paradox contradicts the principles of the factor endowment theory. According to this theory, a country should export goods that align with its abundant factors of production. However, Wassily Leontief, a US economist, challenged this idea in 1953. It was commonly believed that the US had an abundance of capital compared to labor, making it an exporter of capital-intensive goods and an importer of labor-intensive ones.

However, Leontief's research discovered cases where the US was exporting labor and skill-intensive products in exchange for capital-intensive ones, contrary to the predictions of the H-O Model. This finding became known as "The Leontief Paradox."

Developed countries like the US, Germany, and Japan, driven by strong incentives for research and development, produced innovative consumer products and cost-effective processes. Surprisingly, many of their exported products were not capital-intensive. Conversely, these countries also imported or traded for capital-intensive items like machinery and computers from nations such as Taiwan, Poland, and China.



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## Ente Vayana: Book Reviews by Students



*Ente Vayana: Vidhyarthikal Nadathunna Pusthakaavalokanam* is a series of presentations on the reading experience by students organised by the *Thanimalayalam Club*, ACAS. On 29 September 2023, Ms. Hanna Fathima. C. K, Third Semester B. Sc. Psychology, Mr. Akshay Kumar. K, Fifth Semester B. A. Economics, and Mr. Muhammad Siyad. P. T, First Semester B. C. A., presented the review of "*Neypayasam*" by Madhavikkutti, "*Nireeshwaran*" by V. J. James and "*Premalekhanam*" by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, respectively. The student members of the club attended the session. The book review series aims to inculcate the habit of reading among students.

Reported by Ms. Amaya. K. T  
Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English

## Add-on Course for English Students

The Department of English, ACAS, offers 'Add-on Course on Grammar for Competitive Exams' for Third and Fifth Semester B. A. Functional English students. This course is run in collaboration with the PG and Research Department of English, Farook College, Calicut. Sixteen students attended the face-to-face session at Farook campus on 30 September 2023. Mr. Muhammed Ali. E. K, Assistant Professor of English, Farook College, led the interactive session. The students successfully grasped the essential aspects of grammar that will guide them during competitive examinations. A few more sessions of the same course will be delivered later by Farook faculty before the course test.

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



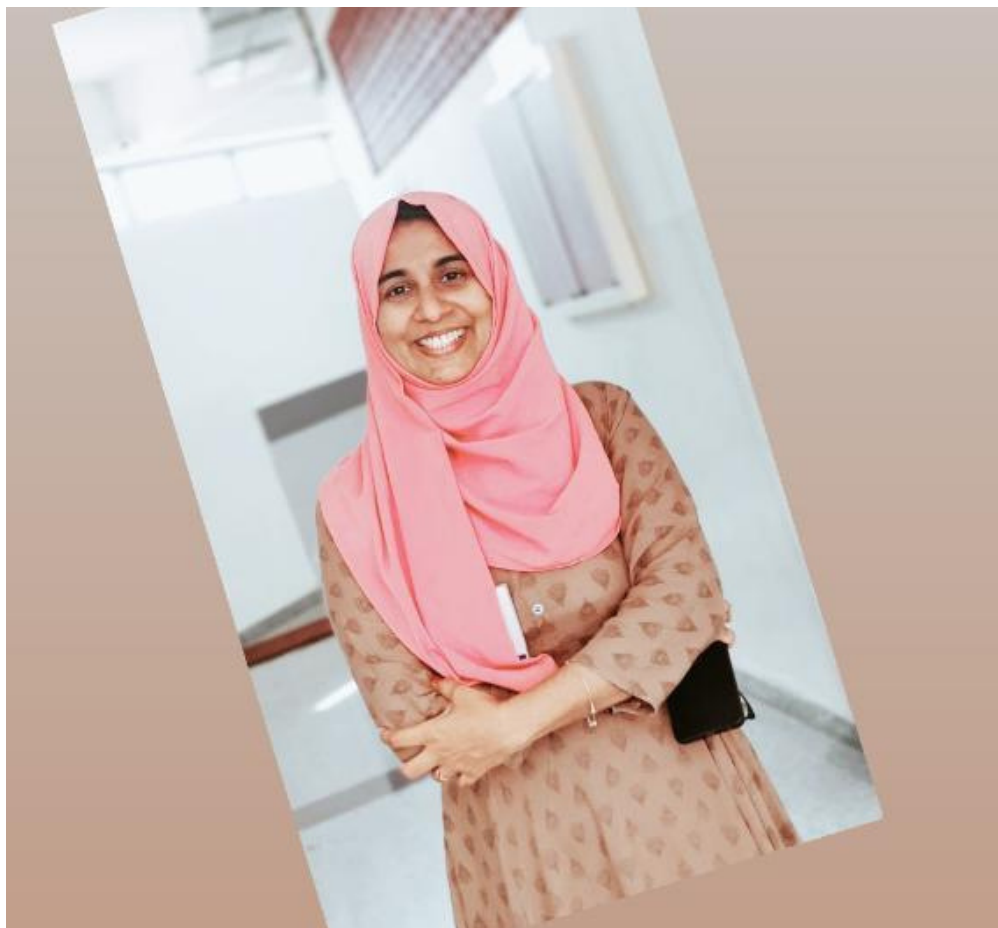
## Faculty Web Corner (Showcasing ACAS Faculty Websites)

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<https://sites.google.com/view/minivijish/home>



## Febeena. K Grabs the Best Blog Honour



The Faculty Development Centre at Al Shifa College of Arts and Science has a blog page 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 Ms. Radhika. A, Asst. Professor of English, and Ms. Ashida. A. P, Asst. Professor and Head, Dept. of Commerce, were shortlisted for the honour of best blog of the month. Ms. Febeena. K is selected as the blogger of the month of September 2023.

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# FABLO WINNER BLOG



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## എതിരില്ലാത്ത എതിര്

ഷുഹൈബ് സർ ആണ് എതിര് എന്ന പുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ കവർ പേജ് ആദ്യമായി അയച്ചു തന്നത്. 'ചെറോണയുടെയും അയ്യപ്പന്റെയും മകന്റെ ജീവിതസമരം' എന്ന ആ ടൈറ്റിൽ അന്നേ മനസ്സിൽ കുറിച്ചിട്ടിരുന്നതാണ്. പിന്നീട് എം. കുഞ്ഞാമനും, എതിരും കേരള സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമി അവാർഡ് തിരസ്കരണത്തിലൂടെ വീണ്ടും ചർച്ചയായി. മൂന്നാം സെമസ്റ്റർ ബി.എ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ആത്മകഥ എന്ന പാഠഭാഗത്തിൽ വി. ടി യെ പരിചയപ്പെടുത്തുമ്പോൾ നിങ്ങൾ വായിക്കണം എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞ് കുഞ്ഞാമനെയും എതിരും പരിചയപ്പെടുത്തി. നൂറുസിംഹാസനങ്ങൾ ബി. കോം .വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് എടുക്കുമ്പോൾ വീണ്ടും, ദളിത് സാഹിത്യം എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞ് കുഞ്ഞാമനെയും പറഞ്ഞു കൊടുത്തു . ഈയിടെ വിവാദമായ ദേവസ്വം, പട്ടികജാതി-പട്ടികവർഗ്ഗ പിന്നോക്ക ക്ഷേമ മന്ത്രി ശ്രീ.കെ. രാധാകൃഷ്ണന്റെ 'ക്ഷേത്രത്തിലെ ജാതി വിവേചനം' കുട്ടികൾ 'മിസ്റ്റേ..ഇപ്പഴം ഇതൊക്കെയുണ്ടല്ലോ' എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞ് ചർച്ചക്ക് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചപ്പോൾ, 'എന്നെ പാണൻ എന്ന് വിളിക്കരുത്' എന്ന എതിരിലെ അധ്യായമാണ് ഓർമ്മ വന്നത്. പക്ഷേ അപ്പോഴും എതിര് എന്ന ആ ആത്മകഥ ഞാൻ മുഴുവനായും വായിച്ചിരുന്നില്ല എന്നതാണ് സത്യം. ചില അധ്യായങ്ങൾ മാത്രമേ വായിച്ചിരുന്നുള്ളൂ..കുട്ടികളോട് നിങ്ങൾ വായിക്കണം എന്ന് പറയുമ്പോഴെല്ലാം, ഉള്ളിൽ നീയത് മുഴുവൻ വായിച്ചില്ലല്ലോ എന്ന് ഞാനെന്നെ കുറ്റപ്പെടുത്തുന്നുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. രോഹിത് സർ പുതിയഇടം തേടി പോവുന്നു എന്നറിഞ്ഞപ്പോഴാണ്, എന്തെങ്കിലും സമ്മാനമായി നൽകണം എന്ന് ആലോചിച്ചത്. അങ്ങനെ ബുക്ക്സ്റ്റാളിൽ ചെന്നപ്പോഴാണ് എതിര് കാണുന്നതും.. വാങ്ങിക്കുന്നതും.. മുഴുവനാക്കുന്നതും..

'ചെറോണയുടെയും അയ്യപ്പന്റെയും മകന്റെ ജീവിതസമരം' എന്ന ആ ടൈറ്റിൽ ഉള്ളത് കൊണ്ടാവാം ഒരു വ്യക്തിയുടെ ജീവിതകഥ എന്ന കൗതുകത്തോടെയാണ് വായിച്ചുതുടങ്ങിയത്. ആത്മകഥകൾ എപ്പോഴും അന്യന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിലേക്ക് അനുവാദത്തോടെയുള്ള എത്തിനോക്കലുകൾ ആണല്ലോ.. അറിയപ്പെടുന്ന സാമ്പത്തിക ശാസ്ത്രജ്ഞൻ, സാമൂഹിക നിരീക്ഷകൻ, കേരളയൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിലെ ലാക്ചർ, യു ജി സി അംഗം, ടിസ് ലെ പ്രൊഫസർ ഇങ്ങനെ അലങ്കാരങ്ങൾ ഒരുപാടുള്ള ഒരാൾക്ക് എന്താവും തന്റെ ജീവിതത്തെ കുറിച്ച് പറയാനുണ്ടാവുക എന്ന ജിജ്ഞാസയും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു പുസ്തകം കയ്യിലെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ..പക്ഷേ.. ഇതൊരു അതിജീവനകുറിപ്പാണ്. പൊരുതി വിജയിച്ച ഒരുവന്റെ കിരീടമാണ്..സാമൂഹിക, സാമ്പത്തിക, രാഷ്ട്രീയ മേൽക്കോയ്മക്ക് മുന്നിൽ അടിപതറാതിരിക്കാനുള്ള പ്രചോദനമാണ്.

അനുഭവം എന്ന ഒറ്റപ്പദത്തിൽ ഒതുക്കാനാവാതെ സാമൂഹിക, ധാർമിക വികസന ചിന്തകൾ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്ന ഒരു അക്കാദമിക കൃതി എന്ന് നമുക്കിതിനെ വിലയിരുത്താം.

'തലച്ചോറല്ല,ശരീരത്തിന്റെ പ്രധാന അവയവം വയറാണ്, അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ ഭക്ഷണം കഴിക്കാത്തവന് അഭിമാനം എന്നൊന്നില്ല ' എന്ന കൈപ്പേറിയ കാഴ്ചപ്പാടിലേക്ക് കൊണ്ടു ചെന്നെത്തിച്ച ഒരു കാലം. പതിനാലാം വയസ്സിൽ മണ്ണിൽ കുഴിച്ചു, കഞ്ഞി ഒഴിച്ചു തന്നപ്പോൾ, ആ കഞ്ഞിക്ക് വേണ്ടി തന്നോട് മത്സരിക്കാൻ വന്ന പട്ടിയോട് സ്വന്തം അവസ്ഥയുള്ള മറ്റൊരു ജീവിയോട് ഉള്ള സഹതാപമാണ് തനിക്ക് തോന്നിയതെന്ന് എഴുതിയിരിക്കുന്നത് ഇന്ത്യക്ക് സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം കിട്ടി പതിറ്റാണ്ടുകൾക്ക് ശേഷമുള്ള കാലത്തെ കുറിച്ചാണ്. ആ കഠിന കാലത്തിന്റെ അനുഭവത്തിൽനിന്ന് കുഞ്ഞാമൻ എന്ന ബാലൻ ഏറെ ദുരം സഞ്ചരിച്ചു. ഗ്രാമജീവിതത്തെ കാല്പനികമായി വരച്ചിടുന്ന ആഖ്യാനങ്ങളിൽ ഒരു മനുരേഖ വരക്കുകയാണ് മിക്കപ്പോഴും ദലിതർ സംസാരിക്കുമ്പോൾ സംഭവിക്കുക. ഇവിടെയും അങ്ങിനെ തന്നെയാണ്. വിദ്യാർഥിയായിരുന്ന കാലം തൊട്ടേ കുഞ്ഞാമന് സ്കൂളിൽ നേരിടേണ്ടി വന്നത് ജാതീയമായ അവഹേളനങ്ങളും ദാരിദ്ര്യം മൂലമുണ്ടാകുന്ന ഹിംസയും അപമാനങ്ങളുമായിരുന്നു. അതിൽ അധ്യാപകർ, സഹപാഠികളു്, നാട്ടിലെ വലിപ്പചെറുപ്പമില്ലാത്ത മനുഷ്യർ.. എല്ലാവരുമുണ്ട്..ഇവിടെ എടുത്തു പറയേണ്ടുന്ന കാര്യം സ്കൂളു് വിദ്യാർഥിയായിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ "പാണ ചെറുക്കൻ" ആയിരുന്നയാളു് കോളേജിൽ എത്തുമ്പോഴേക്കും "ഹരിജൻ ചെറുക്കൻ" ആയി മാറുന്നുണ്ടു് എന്നതാണ്. അപമാനങ്ങളുടെയും ദാരിദ്ര്യത്തിന്റെയും തീരാക്കഥകൾ പറയുമ്പോഴും തന്നെ ചേർത്തുപിടിച്ചവരെയും അദ്ദേഹം ഓർക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

ബാല്യകാല ജീവിതം വിശദമായി കുഞ്ഞാമന് എഴുതുന്നുണ്ടു്. 'ഇരുട്ട്നിറഞ്ഞതായിരുന്നു കാലം. പേടി മാത്രം നല്കിയിരുന്ന സമുദായം. ജാതി പാണ്. അച്ഛന് അയ്യപ്പന്, അമ്മ ചെറോണ അവർ നിരക്ഷരരായിരുന്നു. എച്ചിലെടുത്തും അത് തിന്നുമാണ് ജീവിതം. അച്ഛന് കന്നുപുട്ടാന് പോകും. കടുത്ത ദാരിദ്ര്യവും അടിച്ചമർത്തപ്പെട്ട ജാതിയും. ഒന്നു മറ്റൊന്നിനെ ഊട്ടിവളർത്തി ' ഇങ്ങനെയാണ് ആത്മകഥ തുടങ്ങുന്നത്. ആ ഇരുണ്ട ലോകത്തുനിന്നുമാണ് വെളിച്ചത്തിലേക്ക് ഇറങ്ങാൻ കുഞ്ഞാമന് ശ്രമിച്ചത്. വെല്ലുവിളികളും പ്രതിസന്ധികളും നിരവധി തലങ്ങളിലൂടെ നേരിട്ടാണ് അദ്ദേഹം മുന്നോട്ടു് പോയത്. ജാതി, സാമ്പത്തികം, സാമൂഹികബഹിഷ്കരണം, ദാരിദ്ര്യം, തുടങ്ങി പല സമസ്യകളും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് നേരിടേണ്ടി വന്നു. ഇതൊരു വ്യക്തിയുടെ മാത്രം പ്രശ്നമല്ല എന്ന നിലയിലാണ് കുഞ്ഞാമന് ഇതിനെ കാണുന്നത്. ഒരു സമൂഹത്തിന്റെ അതിജീവനമായി പരിഗണിക്കാനാണ് ഇതിനെ അദ്ദേഹം ആഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നത്.

ഉയർന്ന മാർക്കോടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം നേടിയിട്ടും തൊഴിൽ ലഭിക്കാൻ കുഞ്ഞാമന് ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടി. 'റാജ് എന്നെ ഒരു വിധത്തിലും സന്തോഷിപ്പിച്ചില്ല. ഒരു ചായക്ക് പോലും അതെന്നെ സഹായിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. കുറെ വേദന നല്കിയതല്ലാതെ. സാമൂഹിക ജീവിതത്തിൽ പ്രസക്തമായത് ഇതൊന്നുമല്ല എന്ന് എനിക്ക് തോന്നി. മറ്റുചിലർക്ക് ഇത് പ്രയോജനപ്പെട്ടേക്കാം. എന്നാൽ, എന്നെ പോലുള്ളവർക്ക് ഇത് ഒരു ഗുണവും ചെയ്തില്ല എന്ന് തിരിച്ചറിഞ്ഞു '

കുഞ്ഞാമൻ തന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിലേക്ക് പിന്തിരിഞ്ഞുനോക്കുന്നതിനോടൊപ്പം തന്നെ മുന്നിലേക്കും നോക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്. ആ വിമർശനദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ നിന്നാണ് ഓർമ്മകുറിപ്പുകളിലെ ബാക്കി അധ്യയങ്ങൾ നമ്മളോട് സംവദിക്കുന്നത്.

മാർക്സിസവും,അംബേദ്കരിസവും സമാന്തര ആശയങ്ങൾ ആണെന്നും അവ ഒരിക്കലും ഒന്നിക്കില്ല എന്നും,'അംബേദ്കരിന്റെ ക്യാൻവാസ് വിപുലമാണ്, അത് അടിച്ചമർത്തപ്പെടുന്ന അധകൃതന്റെ മോചനത്തിനുള്ളതായിരുന്നു. അതേസമയം മാർക്സിസം ഒരിക്കലും വിമോചന ശാസ്ത്രമല്ല. അത് മുതലാളിത്തത്തെ കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുള്ള വിശകലനമാണ്' എന്നിങ്ങനെ പ്രായോഗികതലത്തിലും സൈദ്ധാന്തിക തലത്തിലും ഉള്ള തന്റെ കാഴ്ചപ്പാടു് ഈ കൃതിയിൽ അദ്ദേഹം വിശദമാക്കുന്നു. അതോടൊപ്പം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തെക്കുറിച്ചും,വിദ്യാർത്ഥി രാഷ്ട്രീയത്തെക്കുറിച്ചും, അധികാരവും അച്ചടക്കവും തമ്മിലുള്ള ബന്ധത്തെ കുറിച്ചും , വർണ്ണ, വർഗ സമരങ്ങളും, ദളിത് പ്രാധിനിത്യവും വിഷയങ്ങളാകുന്നു.

'പ്രശ്നങ്ങളെ ഉയർത്തിക്കാണിക്കാനാണ്, പുരസ്കാരത്തിന് എഴുതിയതല്ല എതിർ' എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞു കൊണ്ടു അദ്ദേഹം കേരള സാഹിത്യ അക്കാദമിയുടെ മികച്ച ആത്മകഥയ്ക്കുള്ള അവാർഡ് നിരസിക്കുമ്പോൾ എതിർ എഴുതിയ കാലത്ത് നിന്നും വളരെ മൗലികമായ വ്യത്യാസം ഇന്ന് സമൂഹത്തിന് സംഭവിച്ചു എന്ന് താൻ കരുതുന്നില്ല എന്നും വന്നുചേർന്നതൊന്നും മാറ്റങ്ങളല്ല, മെച്ചപ്പെടലുകളു് മാത്രമാണ് എന്നും പറയുന്നു. ചേരികളിലും പുറമ്പോക്കുകളിലും താമസിക്കുന്നവർ ഇന്നും അവിടെത്തന്നെയാണ് താമസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത് എന്ന് നമ്മളെ ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

ആത്മകഥ എന്നതിലുപരി ആ പുസ്തകത്തെ താൻ കാണുന്നത് സാമൂഹിക സാമ്പത്തിക രാഷ്ട്രീയ പ്രശ്നങ്ങളെ നോക്കിക്കാണുന്ന രീതിയാണ്. പുസ്തകം വിശകലനം ചെയ്യപ്പെടണം, അതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രശ്നങ്ങൾക്ക് പരിഹാരം ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്ന് കേരള സമൂഹവും ഇന്ത്യൻ സമൂഹവും വിലയിരുത്തണം എന്ന് അദ്ദേഹം പറയുമ്പോൾ നാമോരോരുത്തരുമാണ് ആ സമൂഹം എന്നത് എത്ര ലജ്ജാകരമാണ്.?

## A Teacher to Remember!

I read Babu Sir's blog, ABC is No More, on his drawing cum grammar teacher, who sowed the seeds of English in him. By going through the write-up, about the Drawing teacher, who was very much passionate about English later in drawing and classical dance, I was also reminded of one of my grammar teachers, Fr. Jose Mathew Parayil, the first Principal of St. Mary's Arts and Science College, Puthanangadi.

As I could not cope with the bothersome trigonometric, electrostatic and thermodynamic lessons in plus-two, it was difficult for me to find a Govt. or aided college for my Under Graduation. Someone in my locale told my father about St. Mary's College, Puthanangadi and BA English Language and Literature. The obedient daughter agreed without much thought. Till then, as a Science student, for me, English was only a language paper, grammar portions are there, but easy to get through by writing down the summaries of chapters... I least cared about English at my plus-two, as I wanted to mug up all those science papers instead. At the time of the English examinations, without much preparation, I just remembered the stories and wrote them down in my own language, without caring about grammar and the other aspects of language. Usually the English teachers conveniently skipped the grammar portions in the textbook and translated the stories and poems. Both the students and teachers hated grammar.

I had to pursue my studies as an English Literature student at St. Mary's College, Puthanangadi, which was very famous for its discipline during the period. Fr. Jose Mathew Parayil was then the principal. I joined the First BA English Literature Class as the 69th student. I was the last one who took admission. Fr. Jose Parayil was our principal and class teacher at the same time. No one would be courageous enough to make any sound while he was taking classes. The whole class experienced the meaning of pin drop silence. He taught grammar as part of the common course, Novel and Grammar. As it is a common English class, around 100 students were there. While he is explaining the rules and regulations of a particular grammatical item, the class is supposed to listen carefully and then asked us to write down the thing which we have understood in the notebook, in our own language. At first it was really a herculean task for me.

But with the arrival of a new faculty in the English department, he exchanged his portions to him. We all breathed out with relief... the new faculty, taught us some vague concepts of Reported speech, Voice, Prepositions, comprehension, etc. During the Second Year, we had to study a Core paper, Grammar and Phonetics. Once again, Fr. Jose Parayil took up the challenge of teaching English Grammar to our batch. As it is a core course, he gave an extra amount of stress on the paper. He used to explain the rules and regulations of a particular grammatical item, we are supposed to listen carefully and then asked us to write down the thing which we had understood in the notebook, in our own language. At first it was really a herculean task for me. Later I managed to write the notes as my own... Slowly... Then I started writing sentences as my own... I had been practicing to grasp the intricacies of grammar then....

Simultaneously, He had another hobby. He used to roam about the lobbies of the college... At this time, the students are supposed to keep silence, even though it is a free period. If we made any sound, without much hesitation, he gave us impositions. The punishment was nothing but writing down the portions covered for ten times. Grammatical rules were also compulsory for those days as they might have been asked for the paragraph and essay question purposes. The result of the punishment was we were able to understand the rules and regulations of the grammatical items.

I don't know whether it felt useful for other students. But as far as I was concerned, it turned down all my concepts of grammar. By understanding the grammatical rules and regulations with abundant number of examples, Grammar did not last as a hard nut to crack. When the University results came, I was the topper in that paper. That gave me much confidence and I renewed myself as a serious English student.

Apart from this, Fr. Jose always wanted to develop our reading habit too. As part of introducing us to the library, in the first year itself, he gave us an assignment on fifty authors. We were supposed to write down the biographies and important works of those authors and submit it at the time of readmission. It was also a custom which practiced there... though it sounds strange for a private institution.

I am unsure whether all students accepted and agreed with these disciplines. Anyway, I can say that Fr. Jose Parayil was really a pathfinder in my academic arena. Even though I am not at all perfect in the case of English language, almost all my habits and abilities in this realm were being funded by this man, Rev. Fr. Jose Parayil.



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