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## ILLUMINATION 2021-AN INTER COLLEGIATE LITERARY FEST

Illumination 2021 – an Inter Collegiate Literary Fest was organized by the Department of English, Hindustan First Grade College on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The competitions were conducted with an objective of recognizing and rewarding excellence in the creative thinking abilities in the students. The competitions were open for the students of PUC and Under Graduation Programs of all streams which included Essay Writing, Debate, Turn Coat and Pencil Sketch.



The event witnessed 116 students from various colleges in Mysuru which included Vijaya Vittalla PU College, Renuka's Innovative PU College, Vidyavardhaka PU College, Genius PU College, GSSS PU College, MMK & SDM PU College, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Christ College, Cresta, Maharani's Science College, Government First Grade College Vijayanagar, Hindustan First Grade College, MMK & SDM Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, JSS Academy of Higher Education, MICA, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College and MIT First Grade College.

The event was initiated by a formal Programme. Mr. Abel Mathew Prasad, Special Officer, Dr. Priya, Principal, HFGC and Ms. Nagasri. S, Programme Convener & Assistant Professor, Department of English, HFGC, along with the invited Judges and the participants, inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp.

- ◆ The essay competition witnessed 46 participants and the competition was judged by Ms. Nagasri S, Assistant Professor, Department of English, HFGC.
  - ◆ 25 students participated in the Debate Competition. Dr. Sudha Sairam, Professor, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Ms. Bhagyalakshmi C, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce & Management, HFGC were invited to judge the debate competition.
- The turn coat competition witnessed 16 students and the competition was judged by Ms. Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Kaveri First Grade College and Dr. Kruthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, HFGC.
- ◆ 29 students exhibited their creative thinking ability in the Pencil Sketch by sketching their imaginary super woman. Mr. Pranav Bellare from CAVA College and Mr. Mohan Kumar L P, Physical Education Director, HFGC were the judges for the competition.

The following are the winners of the competitions who were awarded with Cash Prize and certificates

**Essay Writing**

I Prize : Chaitanya M D, Hindustan First Grade College, Mysuru.

II Prize : Sharada, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru.

III Prize : Harshith, Maharani's Science College for Women, Mysuru.

**Debate**

I Prize : Afnan Pasha, Genius PU College, Mysuru.

II Prize : Nithya Muktha, Christ College, Mysuru.

III Prize : Yashna, MMK & SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Mysuru.

### Turn Coat

I Prize : Afnan Pasha, Genius PU College, Mysuru.

II Prize : Preethi R, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru.

III Prize : Lahari Nellithaya, Christ College, Mysuru.

### Pencil Sketch

I Prize : Apoorva M R MMK & SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Mysuru.

II Prize : Vivek Chinmay, Vijaya Vittalla PU College, Mysuru.

III Prize : Afiya Ayman, Cresta College, Mysuru.

The programme concluded with a thanking note by the Program Convener Ms. Nagasri S



# DR. K C G VERGHESE MEMORIAL OPEN & U-15 CHESS TOURNAMENT

Hindustan First Grade College in association with First Move, Mysuru had organized Dr. K C G Verghese Memorial Open & Under 15 Chess Tournament on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Mr. Tejkumar, Karnataka Grand Master, Dr. Subramanya, Retired Physical Education Director, Somani B.Ed College, Mysuru, Dr. Priya, Principal, HFGC and Mr. Mohan Kumar L P, Physical Education Director, HFGC inaugurated the chess tournament by making a move on the chess board.

160 participants from various states which included Bengaluru, Chamarajanagara, Mandya, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Chennai and Odissa had taken an active participation in the event. 47 International Rated Players participated from Odissa, Tamilnadu and from various districts of Karnataka. The Chess tournament was conducted under different categories which included Open, U-8 U-10, U-12 & U-15.

Cash prize of Rs. 17,000 was awarded for the Open category and a special trophy was awarded for the best women player in the open category. A total of 55 trophies were awarded for the best 5 in each category for boys and girls separately. Certificate of participation was provided for all the participants. Lunch and Refreshments were provided to all the participants.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

In order to raise an awareness about the status and dignity of women among students, an International Women's day celebration was organized by the Women's cell of HFGC on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Mr. V Jayakumar, III B.Com. The chief guest Ms. Kavitha, Superintendent of police, Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement, Mysuru, Dr. Priya, Principal and Ms. Nagasri, Assistant Professor, Department of English & Women's cell coordinator inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp.

The chief guest, in her address appreciated the efforts of the women's of the society and highlighted that mere equality doesn't matter, power must be given in addition to equality to build the nation.

The programme was followed with a felicitation to Ms. H. Kushi, a first PUC student of Vijaya Vittala Composite PU College, Mysuru who represented Junior Girls' (14-17 years) in the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Yoga Sports Championship held at South Korea recently and won 3 Gold medals in Asanas, Rhythmic Pair and Free Flow Yoga Dance events.



The celebration was highlighted with a song dedicated to women presented by Mr. Mohan Kumar, Physical Education Director, HFGC & Mr. Raghunanadan, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce & Management, HFGC. The presentation highlighted the message about the competency of women, intellectual capacity of women as capable of holding high responsibility as efficiently as men can do.

Dr. Priya, Principal rendered presidential address which was followed by a thanking note by Mr. Pradeep, III B.Com. Games and fun filled activities were



organized by Mr. Mohan Kumar L P, Physical Education Director, HFGC & Mr. Raghunandan, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce & Management, HFGC, the prizes were distributed to the winners and runners.



**Dr . K.C.G.'s corner**

**Recap:** Thomachan, Dr. Verghese's brother, had several operations on his leg and it was a painful experience for him to be in hospital for such a long time. He began to suffer from diabetes and its attendant symptoms. Later he sold his Timber Mills as the accident restricted his movements.



Dr. K.C.G. VERGHESE

When Dr. Verghese's son Anand was studying in the U.K. in the early nineties, Dr. Verghese used to be a regular visitor to London. There was a tennis club near the University and both of them often went there a play. This was one of his favorite pastimes. Invariably, there would be a former Wimbledon champion as a coach. The club had sixteen indoor courts. Dr. Verghese learnt a lot from the coach and the men responsible for the administration of the club. Back in Chennai, Dr. Verghese used to play tennis at the T-Nagar Social Club, which was near to his residence. On one occasion, he happened to visit the Gandhi nagar Social Club where he found that many of his wife's friends were members. There were also several IIT professors, High Court Judges and other members of the Chennai elite. He decided to become a member and was welcomed into the group. He paid five thousand rupees as membership fee and thereafter he became a frequent visitor to the Club.

At that time there were three outdoor tennis courts and an old shed where people could take shelter when it rained. Social activities were minimal. The Club was the refuge of sports lovers. Often they had to sit around and wait for their turn to play. During such casual sessions, Dr. Verghese mooted the idea of developing the club. Some of the members liked the idea.

In those days, the Club had hardly thirty members. One evening, Dr. Verghese invited all of the members to his home for tea. He explained in detail what was required for a modern club and suggested them to join and to undertake the project. He showed them pictures of the club in London. The members were vertically divided on the issue. There were people who wanted to modernize the club. There were people who wanted to maintain the status quo. And there were people who had no clue about anything. For several months, this matter was discussed on and off. They met again and again at the houses to other members. And nothing happened.

Dr. Verghese began to lose his patience. One day, he told the members that if he was given a free hand, he would raise the funds and construct a modern multi – storied building, without any contribution from the existing members. He prepared a plan and presented it at a meeting of the General Body. The members agreed to his proposal on the condition that they would not be asked to donate any money. Dr. Verghese was chosen as the Convener for the project.

B R Adithyan was the president of the Club at that time and the committee members included K S Ramamurthy, B Venkatesh, V R Ramanathan, M K Rao, A Viswanathan, R Muthaiah, S K Krishna Kumar, M Rajendran, V K Rajagopalan, R Rajamani, Farid Hussain and Manoj Thangavelu. They gave him full freedom to plan and execute the project.

Dr. Verghese found an architect and prepared a blueprint for a six – storied building with an air – conditioned restaurant, bar, coffee – shop, Jacuzzi, sauna, table tennis and squash courts, fitness center, library, party rooms, card rooms, internet facility, swimming pool, guest rooms and so on.

When the Chennai Corporation refused to allow them to construct six floors, they decided they would have three floors plus one basement floor. The money was raised and the building was constructed. All the necessary facilities were installed. Thousands of new members were enrolled and the Gandhi nagar Club literally came alive. Several leading companies came forward to obtain corporate membership. Today, the Club has cash deposits worth crores of rupees. It is the pride of Adyar and its membership is a matter of great prestige.

In the course of time, diabetes and its side- effects caught up with him and he barely had time to attend to his official duties. His visit to the Club became infrequent. He stopped playing tennis and took up billiards as it was less strenuous.

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## INDUSTRIAL VISIT

The Department of Commerce and Management of Hindustan First Grade College had organized one day Industrial visit on 10<sup>th</sup> March of 2021 for the final year B.Com students which aimed at introducing different avenues of entrepreneurship. The students were accompanied by Dr. Harshavardhana, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce and Management, HFGC and Mr. Raghunandan, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce and Management, HFGC. The prime objective of the visit was to learn different opportunities available for an entrepreneur and witness the entrepreneurial spirit in different industries. At the time of organizing the visit, it was carefully crafted such that the students are to be exposed to different industries and hence the following entrepreneurs were planned to meet.



- 1) Sri. A P Chandrashekhar, Indraprastha Organics
- 2) Sri. Viswaprasad Alva, Skanray Technologies

The team left the campus by 10.00 in the morning and visited Indraprastha Organics a 13 acre farm owned and Managed by Sri. A P Chandrasekhar. Sri. A P Chandrasekhar is a mechanical engineer by training who dedicated his life towards farming. He has worked a 13 acre farm owned and Managed by Sri. A P Chandrasekhar. Sri. A P Chandrasekhar is a mechanical engineer by training who dedicated his life towards farming. He has worked a 13 acre farm for the past 25 years, nineteen years of which have been as an organic farmer. He has more than 2,500 species of plants on the farm, growing everything that can grow. His main crops are a combination of coconut, arecanut, lemons and vanilla. When he purchased the land it already had coconuts so he added several new varieties besides a host of other plants. Everything is intermixed. The plants can be broadly classified as commercial, medicinal, ornamental, food crops, tree crops, shrubs, creepers, tubers and grasses. Besides coconut, there are areca-nut, mango, banana, chickoo, pomegranate, coffee, paddy, turmeric, tamarind, ginger, arrowroot and colocacia plants grown on the farm. In each of these, there are several varieties. The farm has 200 varieties of fruit trees, 300 varieties of edible leaf plants and around 100 varieties of tubers. There is a



store inside the farm with over 100 items on the shelf. There are products from every possible thing - there are standard medicinal products, soaps and toiletries, food grains, vegetables, fruits, jaggery, Jams, pickles, chutneys, juice concentrates, powders (sambar,



rasam) and many more. Just to share the innovation of value addition - tidbits from orange and lemon pulp, sugar coated dried sapota, tamarind seeds and jackfruit seeds.

After understanding what it takes to be an Agripreneur (Agricultural Entrepreneur), the team left to meet Sri.

Viswaprasad Alva, Skanray Technologies. Founded by a team of 40 medical technologists and engineers, many of whom left their jobs at the peak of their careers, Skanray makes high-frequency X-ray machines and other medical devices. While these devices are comparable to the world's best, they come at about half the price. The company has set up a manufacturing facility at Mysore and is also setting up assembly plants in Brazil (along with a local investor) and West Asia.

Skanray Technologies is wholly-owned by promoters and angel investors, which includes Bangalore-based entrepreneur Arun Kumar. All their products as well as their manufacturing facilities were introduced to the students by MS. Moulya, Department of Engineering and Design of Skanray technologies. As their product portfolio was considerably large which involved complex processes the visit was much longer than the expected one. The company was kind enough to arrange lunch for the entire team and was also kind enough to patiently explain various aspects of their business. The team headed back to the college campus around 5.30 in the evening.

## NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



To commemorate the invention of “The Raman Effect” by the veteran Indian Physicist, Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman, National Science Day was celebrated at HFGC on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Ms. Sukshma R D, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science followed by an inaugural address by Dr. Minavathi, Professor and Dean (Re-

search), Department of Science & Engineering, P.E.S College, Mandya.

On occasion of National Science day, an Inter Collegiate Poster Making Competition was organized for the students of Pre University College & Degree College. The students were asked to make the posters on the theme “Robotics”. The aim behind conducting this competition was to check the creative and artistic skills of the students. The students from various colleges had participated in the competition with immense zeal and enthusiasm and made colorful posters which gave the message of future of robotics.



The following students were awarded cash prize and certificate for their creative work in poster presentation.

1. Ms. Sahana G, Maharani First Grade College, Mysuru - I prize.
2. Mr. Damodar, II year BCA, Hindustan First Grade College, Mysuru – II prize.

The 4<sup>th</sup> issue of IT magazine “Techzone” was released by the chief guest Dr. Minavathi, Professor and Dean (Research), Department of Science & Engineering, P.E.S College, Mandya, Dr. Priya, Principal and Mr. Abel Mathew Prasad, Special Officer. The program concluded with a thanking by Mr Sandeep M S, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, HFGC.



## TALUK LEVEL THROW BALL TOURNAMENT FOR BOYS

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, Hindustan First Grade College in association with Pre University Physical Education Board had organised Taluk Level Throw ball Tournament for boys. 35 teams from various PU colleges had taken an active participation in the tournament. Mr. Mohan Kumar, Physical Education Director, HFGC welcomed the gathering.





The chief guest Mr. Mallesh, Deputy Director, PU Board, Mysuru, Dr. Priya, Principal, HFGC and Mr. Mohan Kumar L P, Physical Education Director, HFGC inaugurated the tournament. The chief guest, in his inaugural address, emphasized the importance of sports in life and motivated the students to win the championship with team work and intelligence.

The finals was between Maharaja PU College, Mysuru and JSS PU College, Mysuru, the team of Maharaja PU College won and JSS PU College were declared as runners up. Both the teams were eligible for District Level Throw ball Tournament which will be conducted during April 2021. Certificates and trophies were awarded for the teams. The dignitaries on the dais congratulated and wished the winners, runners and all the participants. Refreshment and lunch were provided to the volunteers and all the participants. The tournament was well planned, well executed and became one of the successful event.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Mohan Kumar, Physical Education Director, HFGC.

### PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL FINANCE & TAXATION CONFERENCE 2021



On 19.03.2021, The faculties of the Department of Commerce & Management, HFGC namely Ms. Bhagya-lakshmi, Mr. Raghunadan and Mr. Eshwar had participated in the Annual Finance & Taxation Conference 2021 titled "Role of Finance in recovering from volatile economy" organized by Confederation of Indian Industry.

### SPECIAL LECTURE ON INTERNSHIP



The Department of Computer Science, HFGC organized a special lecture on "Internship" on 03/03/2021. Mr. Vashista K.M, Zonal Manager, BDS Enterprise was invited as a resource person for the programme. Mrs. Savitha KV, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, HFGC introduced the resource person and delivered the welcome address.

Mr. Vashista K M in his address, encouraged the students to gain relevant skills and experience in a particular field which can explore their career path & gain confidence. Also, he explained the reasons why the students had to do an internship. Ashwini PN, III BCA concluded the session by a thanking note.

### INVITED AS A RESOURCE PERSON



On 08/03/2021, Ms. Sukshma R D, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, HFGC was invited as a resource person to render a special lecture for the students on the topic titled "ERP systems" organized by Cresta First Grade College, Mysuru.

# GLIMPSES OF THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING MARCH 2021



