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## TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge”.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, Teachers' day was celebrated at Hindustan College, Mysuru. The programme started with a prayer song followed by an inauguration where Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Managing Trustee, HFGC, Mr. Mathew, Principal, Excel Public School, Mysuru, Mr. Abel Mathew Prasad, Special Officer, Dr. C. J. Priya, Principal, Mr. Vivek Reddy, Resident Executive & Advisor HFGC, Mr. Milton Huggins, Deputy Director, Corporate Training & Affairs and all the staff members offered flowers to a portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

The Chief Guest of the Program, Mr. Mathew in his address highlighted the significance of

teacher's day and spoke on the latest challenges faced by the teaching fraternity and readiness for new normal life post covid19, by various stake holders.

The Chief Guest and the special invitees namely, Mr. Huchagoundar, Physical Education Director, JSS College, Mysuru, Ms. Katyayani, Lecturer, NIE PU College, Mysuru and Mr Ajay, Lecturer, BGS PU College, Mysuru were felicitated by Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Managing Trustee, HFGC for the services rendered by them in the educational field.

Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese in his address highlighted the significance of teachers' day, motivated and guided the faculties to conduct online classes effectively. On a surprising move, Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese announced that a free laptop will be provided to all HFGC faculties as a token of appreciation and gratitude. The Principal and all the staff members extended their heartiest thanks to the Management for their contribution.



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

**Recap:** In the early eighties, Dr. K C G Verghese decided to import an aircraft which was banned in those days except for government use. As he had reasonable and strong grounds of running Aviation Institution approved by the Civil Aviation Department and earning substantial foreign exchange, with 400 international students studying various courses at HIET, Dr. Verghese filed an application with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation seeking for the permission.



Dr. K.C.G. VERGHESE

Import of aircraft was recommended by the Civil Aviation Department and the file was sent for the approval of the Former Prime Minister Late Mrs. Indira Gandhi. Mrs. Gandhi approved the import of Cessna 172 aircraft. After getting the import license, Dr. K C G Verghese had sent an expert to USA and Malaysia to look for a suitable aircraft. The purchase was finalised at Kulala Lumpur and the aircraft left for Chennai taking the route via Myanmar and Kolkata. Dr. Verghese had sent his senior staff from their aviation department to receive it at Kolkata. But the aircraft never arrived due to the bad weather at Myanmar.

Dr. Verghese soon discovered a German businessman who wanted to sell a Cessna 172. He purchased the aircraft after checking the various parameters. Some of the distinguished persons to have used this aircraft are Late G K Moopanan and K Karunakaran, Former Chief Minister of Kerala. This experience gave Dr. Verghese the necessary encouragement to go for commercial operation.

Chinna Raja, former student of HIET met Dr. Verghese during his visit to Miami for purchase of aircraft. Chinna Raja accompanied Dr. Verghese whenever he went for test flying of Boeing 737 aircraft. He found that Chinna Raja was thoroughly knowledgeable and his

evaluation was sound and sensible. Dr. Verghese invited his cousin John Jacob and Chinna Raja to accompany his team to India. They were flying over Saudi Arabia on their way from Cairo to Sharjah. The situation in the Gulf region was tense because Iraq had invaded Kuwait a few days ago. Once they entered the Saudi airspace, two F-16 aircraft escorted them to give protection from any possible attack by the forces of Saddam Hussain. Their aircraft had an American registration number and the pilots were also Americans. After they landed at Sharjah, the Saudi airplanes returned to their base. Fortunately, there were no hassles. Soon they were in air again.

The flight from Karachi to Chennai was a hair-raising experience. The airplane was caught in the midst of a violent thunderstorm. The plane shook and shuddered. Dr. Verghese found the aircraft moving towards the eye of the storm. The pilots had not put on the swipe of the weather radar and they were engrossed in a heated argument. Dr. Verghese instructed them to take a detour to avoid any possible calamity. Accordingly, they moved the aircraft ten degrees to the right, and about a quarter of an hour later, they had left the turbulence behind. Everyone on board heaved a sigh of relief.

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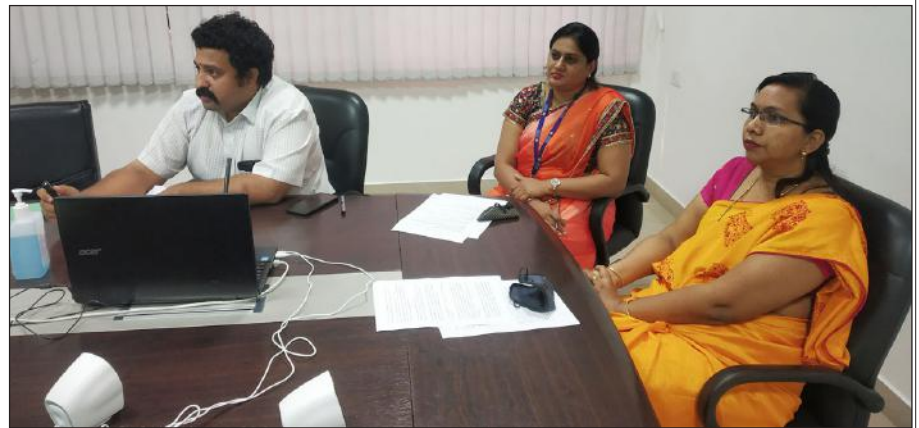


## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



A virtual Orientation Programme for the first year students was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The program helped the students and parents to get familiarized with the institution, curricular and co-curricular activities, facilities, rules and regulations etc. Dr. Kruthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science welcomed the participants which was followed by college presentation by Dr Priya, Principal, HFGC. The Principal introduced the

students to the Institution’s Vision, Mission, Branches, Departments, Committees, Collaborations and faculty members and student’s achievements. Briefing was given on the various events organized at College/State/National level. The Principal introduced the general facilities of the college and gave an insight on the rules and regulations of the College. Mr. Eshwar V, Asst. Prof. of Commerce, oriented about the CBCS system that is being practiced by UoM. The program concluded with a thanking note by Dr Mamatha, Asst Professor, Department of Commerce & Management, HFGC.



## 78<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF Dr. Mrs. ELIZABETH VERGHESE

The NSS Unit of Hindustan First Grade College, in association with Y’s Men International Club, Chamundi Zone took an initiative of distributing food at an Orphanage on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020. This initiative was taken to mark the 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Verghese, Chairperson, Hindustan Group of Institutions. The food was distributed at Bapuji Orphanage & Old Age Home, Gokulam Mysuru. Dr. C.J. Priya, Principal, Mr. Basuraj, Chief Ground Instructor, OFAA, Ms. Sukshma. R.D. NSS Officer, Mr. Sujendra. Y. Office Superintendent and Mr. Pradeep, System Admin visited the orphanage and distributed the food.





## INAUGURATION OF NSS UNIT



The NSS unit 2020 of our college was inaugurated on 1st October 2020. The Chief Guest Dr. M P Varsha, Managing Trustee, Credit I Mysuru, Dr. C. J. Priya, Principal, HFGC, Capt. Basuraj, CGI, OFAA, Ms. Sukshma R D, NSS Co-ordinator, inaugurated to the programme by watering the plant. The guest in his speech made the NSS volunteers aware the need to work for the progress of the nation. He emphasized the significance of NSS unit and its motto "Not Me But You" and insisted the students to be socially active and responsible person and they can be able to stand up different among the crowd. Further, he advised the students to learn the skills and qualities like leadership and teamwork among people with different streams the program concluded with a thanking note by Ms Sukshma, NSS Coordinator, HFGC.



## GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING



Governing Council Meeting was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The Governing Council Members namely Dr Anand Jacob Verghese, Managing Trustee, Mr. Ashok G Verghese, Trustee Member, Dr. Annie Jacob, Trustee Member, Dr. Suresha, University of Mysore Representative, Dr. C J Priya, Principal and the special invitees namely Dr. S N Hegde, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mr. Abel Mathew Prasad, Special Officer, and Mr. Milton Huggins, Deputy Director, were present for the meeting. The activities of the college were reviewed during the meeting.

## ONAM CELEBRATION



Onam, the festival of happiness, peace and prosperity was celebrated at HFGC, Mysuru on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The staff decorated the campus with colourful Pookalam. Diyas were lit and placed upon the Pookalam,

giving an almost spiritual ambience to the occasion. The staff presented programmes highlighting the culture and tradition of Kerala in the form of dance. The College gave a festive look with the beautiful Pookkalams, Torans and staff in the

traditional attire of Kerala respectively. Sweets were distributed to all which complimented the Onam celebration.

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# WORLD STUDENTS DAY



The NSS Unit of Hindustan First Grade College celebrated World Students Day virtually on 15-10-2020. The programme started with a prayer song followed by an inauguration where the guest Ms. Chandra K Harsha, Principal Dr. Priya, NSS Co-ordinator Ms. Sukshma R D and all staff members offered flowers to a portrait of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

The Chief Guest Ms. Chandra K Harsha, Entrepreneur, Mysuru, in her address highlighted the significance and the role of the students



towards nation building and motivated the students by her inspirational speech. On occasion of World Students Day, Online Open Literary Competition was held for PUC and Degree students which included Poster Making, Essay Writing and Slogan Writing. Cash prizes were distributed for the Winners of the competitions. The Programme concluded by a thanking note by Mr. Raghavendra, Asst. Professor, Dept of Kannada, HFGC.



## GANDHI JAYANTHI CELEBRATION

The NSS unit of our College in association with Y's men club of Mysuru Chamundi celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi with great zeal and enthusiasm. The day began with a nature care note by planting saplings near the college premises. Also, the cleaning activities were undertaken by the NSS volunteers who were made to feel the importance of proper disposal of debris into dustbin. Ms. Sukshma R D, NSS Program Co-ordinator organized the event along with the Program Officers Ms. Savitha, Mr. Sujendra & Ms. Manjula.



### MISSION ADMISSION 2020

Mission Admission 2020, a virtual conclave by The Times of India was conducted on 24th August 2020 to engage with students and parents, as a panellist for the session "Careers in Aviation". Dr. G Srikantha Sharma, Dean & GM, HAL Management Academy, Dr Priya, Principal, HFGC and Mr. Milton Huggins, Deputy Director – Corporate Affairs, HGI were the panellist for the session on 'Careers in Aviation'. The session intended to give students a comprehensive understanding on the various career options in aviation through subject matter experts. The session was conducted through: Zoom call and streamed live on Face book.

Mission Admission 2020 brought together thought leaders and eminent educationalists and helped students and parents to get a holistic understanding of various educational courses available after 12th standard or PUC and unravel mysteries related to admission, eligibility, career scope, alternate careers, fees, scholarships etc.

### E- QUIZ ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

In order to provide a platform to measure knowledge in Library Science, the Department of Library conducted **National level online quiz on Library and Information Science on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.** Ms. Dhanalakshmi R, Librarian, conducted the quiz for Library Professionals, LIS Students, LIS Research Scholars and those who have preparing for NET/SET exams from various parts of India. **556** members had registered and participated in the Quiz. To maintain the quality of the quiz, E-certificate has been issued only for those who have secured 60% and above through their registered email ID.



## WEBINAR ON “BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY”

The Department of Computer Science, Hindustan First Grade College, Mysuru organized a **National Level Webinar on “Blockchain Technology”** on **06 July 2020**. **Dr. Ferdin Joe John Joseph**, Lecturer in Data Science and Analytics & Faculty of Information Technology, Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology, Bangkok was invited as a resource person. The Webinar was organised for Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Teachers, Research Scholars, Industrialists and students from various parts of India. **357** members from had registered to participate in the webinar.

**Dr. Ferdin Joe John Joseph** focused on the basic explanations related to Block chain terminologies, block chain beyond crypto currencies. He highlighted how block chain is becoming an approach to software and explained the working of block chain, what does a block look like, creation of blocks, hashing and types of block chain networks. He briefed how health care sector helps through block chain, supply chain in block chain with IoT.

Last 10 minutes of the session was reserved for the question and answer session and also the feedback link was shared. The participants received the participation e-certificate through their registered e mail by submitting the feedback forms.

## THREE DAYS NATIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP ON “DIRECT & INDIRECT SPEECH”

In order to provide a platform for learn techniques in Grammar – particularly Direct Speech and Indirect Speech, the Department of English conducted a 3 days National Level Workshop on “Direct Speech and Indirect Speech” from 22nd June 2020 to 24th June 2020. Ms. Nagasri S Assistant Professor, Department of English conducted the workshop for Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Teachers, Research Scholars and students. 1004 members from various states had registered to participate in the workshop.

The session on 22nd June 2020 was initiated with a welcome address by Ms. Dhanalakshmi.R, Assistant Librarian and Ms.Sukshma, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science gave the instructions to all the participants. Ms.Savitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science rendered the technical assistance on all the 3 days of Workshop. During the first session (22nd June 2020) of the workshop, Ms.Nagasri S focused on the basic explanations related to Direct and Indirect Speech – Usage of Direct and Indirect Speech in various contexts, Reporting verb, Rules regarding Tenses and Reporting verbs to convert from Direct to Indirect Speech. The participants had an opportunity to learn by actively participating in the activities during the session. Last 10 minutes of the session was reserved for the discussions and feedback of the particular session.

The second session of the workshop which was held on 23rd June 2020, concentrated on rules pertaining to – changing personal pronouns, possessives, words related to place and time (adverbs). The participants actively participated during the sessions and discussions held during the last 10 minutes of the session. The last session of the workshop which was held on 24 June 2020 concentrated on rules pertaining to different forms of sentences – assertive, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory and the sentences beginning from ‘let’.

The feedback session was held for about 25 minutes and the participants expressed that they are completely satisfied and wished to be part of more workshops like this. They wholeheartedly praised both the workshop and the Resource person and requested to conduct more workshops on Grammar topics in future. The workshop was concluded with a thanking note by Ms. Nagasri S.

## WEBINAR ON CAREER AS A COMPANY SECRETARY

The Department of Commerce & Management, Hindustan First Grade College, Mysuru and The Institute of Company Secretaries of India – Mysuru Chapter jointly had organized a a webinar on “Career as a Company Secretary” on 24th July, 2020. All the PUC and Degree students were invited, to attend the same where 86 Students registered for the webinar. CS Parvati K R., Chairperson, ICSI Mysuru Chapter & CS Phani Datta D N, Treasurer, ICSI Mysuru Chapter were the resource persons for the webinar. During the webinar both eminent speakers being a qualified Company Secretary informed the participants on the areas of ICSI which included CS– Eligibility to enrol as students for various stages, Fee Structure for Foundation & Executive Programme, Career Prospects and Opportunities, Key responsibilities, Social Status and recognition as CS, Statutory requirement to appoint/recruit CS. The session further concluded with clearing the doubts of the participants.

### E – QUIZ ON

#### “TEST YOUR SHAKESPEARE KNOWLEDGE”

A National Level e – Quiz on “**Test Your Shakespeare Knowledge**” was conducted by Department of English on 15th Of July 2020. The quiz was entirely on William Shakespeare – one of the greatest playwrights in English Literature. E Certificates were given to participants who secured minimum 50% in the quiz. The quiz comprised the questions based on life of Shakespeare, his sonnets, the opening lines of his plays, the characters of the famous plays etc. 228 participants from various parts of India, participated in the quiz.

The questions for the quiz was framed by Ms. Nagasri S, Assistant Professor, Department of English. The participants have given a positive feedback and they had appreciated & congratulated for the initiative of literature quiz and have requested to conduct more quiz based on language and literature.

### WEBINAR ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

A National Level Webinar was organized on ”**Career Opportunities in Banking and Financial Institutions**” on 15/06/2020. **Mr. Niranjan T Mohite, Regional Lead for West and South for BFSI Vertical of NIIT** who was invited as a resource person gave a detail insight to the participants about Banking and Financial Service Industry (BFSI) and highlighted the typical day in the life of a neo BFSI employee and introduced to various terminologies like Huddle, Triggers and Leads, Services for Walk – in Customers, Customer Location Visit, Post Meeting Documentation Procedures. Also, the resource person highlighted the basic requirements to get a job and the additional requirement such as industry knowledge, skill and attitude. The session was opened for discussion which was followed by a thanking note from Mr. Eshwar, Asst Professor, Dept of Commerce & Management.

### E – QUIZ ON “CLOUD COMPUTING”

A National Level e – Quiz on “**Cloud Computing**” was conducted by the Department of Computer Science on 20th of August 2020. The quiz was entirely on basics of cloud computing. E Certificates were given to participants who secured minimum 60% in the quiz.

208 participants from various parts of India, participated in the quiz. The participants have given a positive feedback and have appreciated & congratulated for the initiative of this quiz and have requested to conduct more quiz based on technology.

### E QUIZ ON SPORTS

**National Level e Quiz on Sports** was organized by the department of Physical Education from 27th June to 29th June 2020. 1396 people had taken an active participation in the event. E-certificate was given for the participants who have scored 60% & above.



## WEBINAR ON STRESS MANAGEMENT DURING COVID 19 “STOP STRESS BEFORE IT STOPS YOU”

A webinar on Stress Management during Covid 19 – “**Stop Stress Before It Stops You**” was organised by the Department of English on 14th August 2020. The session was open for all academicians, faculty, research scholars and students of all streams across India. 137 members from various states had registered for the webinar.

Ms.Kavya, Psychologist and Freelance Student Counsellor, Chennai was invited as the resource person for the Webinar. The Resource person who is working at TISS (Tata Institute of social Services, helps students to improve their life skills like self-awareness, procrastination, study skills, goal setting, stress management, communication skills etc. She also provides online counselling services through **Your Ears and Heart** organisation.

The session started with a welcome note and the introduction to the resource person by Ms. Nagasri.S, Assistant Professor, Dept of English. Dr. C. J. Priya, Principal addressed the participants and highlighted the objective of the webinar and conveyed the best wishes. Ms. Kavya, in the webinar, spoke about the importance of managing the stress during the pandemic covid 19. She educated the participants about the wrong steps taken by the people in managing the stress. She also suggested them the right procedures/steps to be taken to manage stress as it is important to maintain strong mental health along with the physical fitness. A therapy of 10 minutes related to relax during stress was held to all the participants. The program concluded with a thanking note by Ms. Nagasri, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English.

## WEBINAR ON ‘DEVOPS’

A National Level Webinar on ‘**DevOps**’ was organized by the Dept of Computer Science, HFGC on 20/06/2020 had registered to participate in the webinar.

**Mr. Manjunath HA, Manager, Philips, Bangalore** was invited as a resource person.

The resource person explained how DevOps is becoming an approach to software delivery where development and operations teams collaborate to build, test, deploy and monitor applications with speed, quality and control. The webinar helped the participants to build a network of DevOps practitioners and showed them how to implement specific DevOps practices in their own organization. Ms. Savitha KV concluded the session by a thanking note.

## WEBINAR ON “EFFECTS OF COVID 19 IN MANAGING PHYSICAL FITNESS MIND AND BODY”

A National Level Webinar was organized on 30th July 2020 titled “**Effects of Covid 19 in Managing Physical Fitness Mind And Body**”. 400 members were registered for the webinar. Dr. N. Prema kumar, Physical Education Head and Director, KCG College of Technology, Chennai was invited as a resource person for the webinar. The Resource Person expressed his views about the measures to be adopted to maintain physical fitness and mental fitness in daily life. The webinar concluded with a thanking note by Mr. Mohan Kumar, Physical Education Director, HFGC, Mysuru.

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