



ALCHEMY

The College Potpourri

Department of English, M.E.S COLLEGE, MARAMPALLY



Message

I am glad to pen for this brilliant tabloid as an appreciation for the commendable efforts put forth by the Department of English. I congratulate the students and faculty behind this endeavour. Wishing you the very best.

Dr. A. Biju

BASIC ENGLISH for Parents



"If you educate a man you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman you educate a family"; by following the words of Gandhiji, we the department of English organized a certified course on Basic English for Parents in collaboration with South Vazhakulam Panchayath. It gained a wide support from parents as well as Panchayath authorities. In the initial classes 25 mothers participated.

Mutual Transfer, Mingled Benefits



Dr. T R Muralikrishnan, whose was the strong pillar support for the growth of MES College Marampally; transferred to enhance the grandeur of English department of MES

Asmabi College, Vemballur, Kodungalloor.

While Dr. Bindu Jamal took the charge of head of the department at MES college, Marampally. The mutual transfer may result in intermingling the standards of teaching and experiences owned by both of them. Let their students extract the essence of benefits, and unproved their academic performance from these teachers.

REFLECTIONS

ON RAGGING



Ragging most commonly is a damaging form of interaction of the seniors in college with the juniors, in particular, first years. It often involves insults, running errands for seniors, and many other complex activities. Highly reputed Indian colleges have a history of ragging. Today, ragging is defined as an act that violates or is perceived to violate an individual student's dignity.

Although today, every college has anti-ragging policies, this has not stopped the ragging phenomena. From hallways, classrooms, to canteens and college grounds, even after class, when one seeks to find solace in hostel, there too. They are faced by ragging.

Perhaps the worst of ragging happens in hostels. Several incidents have been reported related to ragging in hostels. Not only does it ruin the reputation of the college concerned and, if found convicted, it is severely punishable, affecting the perpetrators future. Once a complaint is filed by the victim, it becomes a police case, and if the Principal does not act, the Principal is also liable to be arrested. Nobody has come to the stage of being arrested in our college yet, fortunately. However this is not the case in other colleges. Several deaths have occurred, where some students are beaten to death by their seniors, while others unable to bear the ragging, commit suicide.

Ragging is all funny and something to laugh about, but only when it's happening to someone else. How would you feel, if that was YOU? Would you still be laughing while a group of students corner you, making screeching noises, grab your belongings, disregarding your personal space? Of course not, so why should others? One should leave behind the "we all got ragged so they will get ragged too" mentality. This "tit for tat" is not the civilized way that we young adults should portray. Instead, when you see an incident occurring, report to the anti-ragging cell, take action against it. Set examples for your juniors. Some may argue that ragging is a way of making new friends and making the juniors adjusted to college life. That is not true. Fresher's day is one way of mingling with juniors, or even just smiling casually or saying hello. The days of senior authority over junior must come to a halt.

In 2009, University Grants Commission (UGC) passed UGC REGULATION ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. These regulations mandate every college to be responsible in curbing the menace of ragging, taking preventive measures, like lodging freshers in a separate hostel. All this has reduced ragging to an extent in colleges, however, I still feel that juniors are terrified of their seniors. And this fear in their hearts can only be changed, if our mentalities change. Forcefully scaring someone won't get you their respect, give respect to get respect. So in the dawn of 2017, make a resolution against ragging keeping this quote in mind "pulling someone down will never help you reach the top".

Pen Collection for Green Earth

Department of English is initiating the collection of used pens in order to avoid plastic waste and make our campus eco friendly. There is a tendency to heave pens once used, it is increasing among teenagers. This attitude prompted the department of English to initiate "PENAKOODA" - collection of used plastic pens from the



campus. Students and teachers can leave their used pen in the provided basket.

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