

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE NEDUMANGAD, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

DRAMA CLUB 2019-2020

REPORT

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REPORT OF THE DRAMA CLUB 2019-2020

‘Arangu’; the Drama Club of Govt College Nedumangad, Trivandrum achieved a remarkable feat in 2020 by organising and staging a drama- a genuine home production. The members of the Drama Club conducted creative workshops and practice sessions to craft a 25 minute drama which addressed the issues of climate change and disasters caused by mindless consumer capitalism.

Monthly Meetings and Practice Sessions

The Drama Club conducted its first meeting on 20/8/2019 where the members came together and decided on the agenda and activities for the academic year. A core group was constituted with Nidhin D (4th Semester B.A Mal), Midhu Krishnan, Anandhan, Shahina and Aswanth as members. Monthly meetings were convened and minutes recorded. After the script was crafted by the drama club coordinator, Smt Asha C, regular practice sessions were organised. Daily sessions were organised from 3.30 to 4.30 pm along with occasional weekend sessions.



Theatre workshop

A day long theatre workshop was organised on 18/01/2020. The members were given training sessions on crafts and a special session on meditation and theatre techniques were led by Sri. Abhijith .V.R, Yoga trainer and theatre personality. Acting sessions were led by Smt. Asha. C. The workshop resulted in generating props and art works for the drama. A Production Team headed by Amal S. S was constituted.



Inauguration and Staging of Drama

On 21st January 2020 the formal inauguration of the Club was done by the principal Dr.Thara G S. The maiden staging of the drama “Kaalikam” was held in the college premise witnessed by the whole campus. The drama performance was an astounding success.



Unveling the Arangu... Drama Club 2020



Inauguration of 'Arangu' by Principal Dr Thara G S

The drama had three acts with 21 actors and a technical crew of 10. The drama was written and directed by Smt Asha C (Drama Club Coordinator), Chenda and music was set up by Aravind Krishnan (Dept of History), the stage was set up by the team led by Amal S S (Dept of History), the art work was led by Nandu Lal (Dept of History) and the sound and power team was led by Sarath (Dept of History).

The first act opens with the 'Mala daivams' of Puthumala and Kavalapaara descending on the people ,lamenting on the onslaught of nature by the man –machine combo. The second act showcases the 'Grand Planet Shopping Expo' led by Trump and his cheerleaders, where the earth is put up for sale along with the earth taming machinery. The final act brings Greta Thunberg and activists challenging and deploring the marketing and exploitation of the planet. The drama concludes with a song led by the 'Mala Daivams' invoking hope and action for a green and sustainable future.



The Mala Daivams



The Grand Planet Shopping Expo



The souls of the departed



Extinction Rebellion

Evaluation : 'The Green Theatre'

The Drama Club activities of the academic year 2019-20 saw active participation of all its members. Hidden talents came to light and the members garnered exceptional organisational and crafts skills. With very scarce resources at hand, the club generated props and art through recycling and upgrading items available in and around the campus. The green protocol was strictly adhered too. The Culture and Dharma of 'Green Theatre' was introduced to the campus. The members managed a spectacular show within the constraints of a shoe-string budget.

Participation at the Intercollegiate Events.

The Arangu Drama Club participated in the intercollegiate Drama Festival “Anukriti” conducted by The Women’s College, Thiruvananthapuram and the drama “Kaalikam” bagged second prize in the competition. The theme of the drama as well as the performance of the team was appreciated, and the drama drew exceptionally good reviews.



At ‘Anukriti’ Drama Festival, Govt Women’s College Thiruvananthapuram; runners up.

The members of Arangu also participated in the Kerala University Festival with a skit written and directed by Shakeela of BCom Department.



Drama Club Activities during the COVID-19 Times

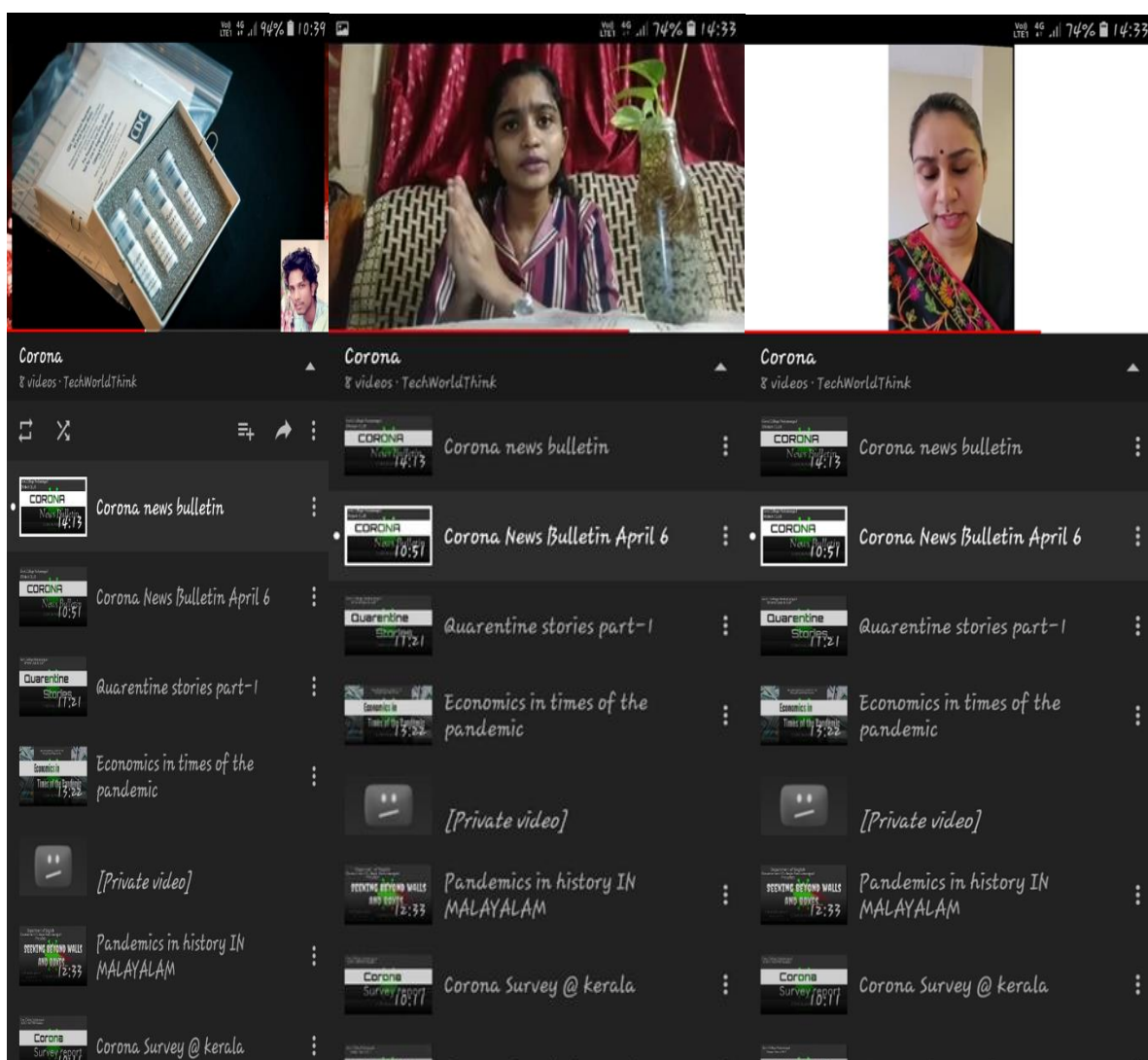
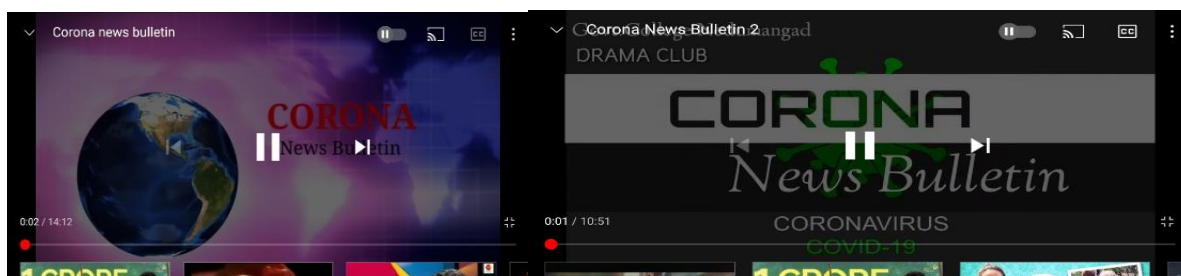
During the COVID-19 lockdown period Drama Club conducted a number of activities online, reaching out to wider audiences within and outside the college community. The club members explored and learned the possibilities of the online medium. Under the guidance of the Drama Club Coordinator and with the help of our Technical Team led by Jobin and Anandhan of PCA department the students collated news, conducted studies, surveys and interviews, learned about the changing times and engaged in art . Their works were published as videos on You Tube. The Videos were first published on *TechWorldThink* YouTube channel, the channel of our technical team leader and later published on Drama Club's own YouTube channel *Arangu Drama Club Gov College Nedumangad*. The Club collaborated with various departments of the college as well as students and faculty from other institutions.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXCjEOQeYVY6hz2JKcnIPU2HSn7rt4D39>

Corona News Bulletins

In the initial stages of the COVID 19 lockdown the studentes collated news from various parts of the world and presented news bulletins . This was an endeavour not only to know and present the news but also to learn the nuances of online collaborative work, which was a new learning experience for our students. Sitting at homes in different parts of Thiruvananthapuram District, the club members collected news, edited it and presented them as confident reporters.

Two **Corona News Bulletins** were published on 4th and 6th of April 2020 on *TechWorldThink* and later on *Arangu Drama Club Gov College Nedumangad*.



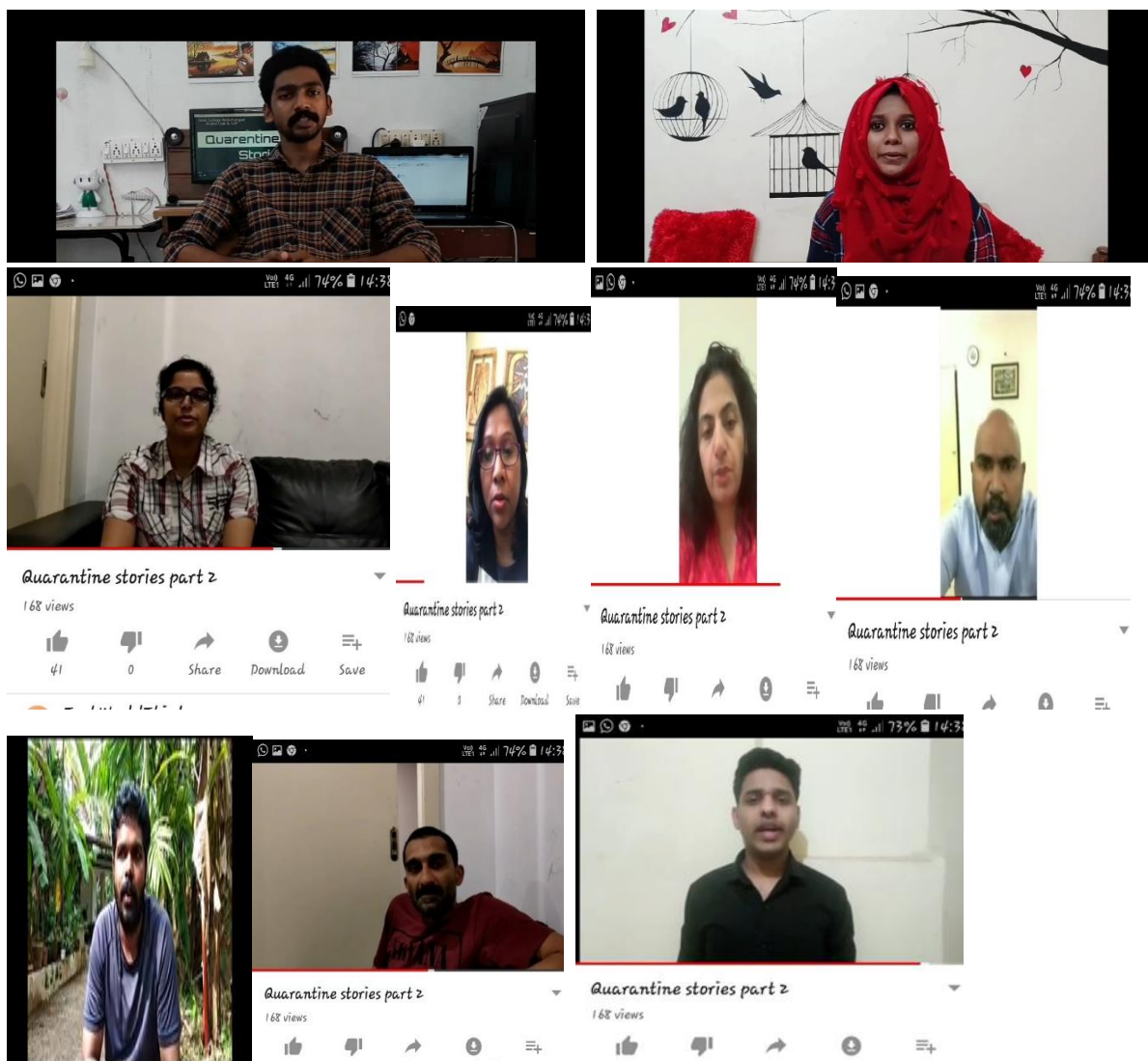
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Quarantine Stories

After the news bulletins, Drama Club attempted to bring the individual stories of people locked up in different parts of the world due to the pandemic. Collaborating with the Department of English extensive interviews were conducted with people (friends and acquaintances) all around the world and India. The interviews were collated and presented as Quarantine Stories in two parts. Interviews were conducted with people from Canada, Australia, Kenya, Kuwait, Dubai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore and different parts of Kerala.

Quarantine Stories Part 1 was published by Drama club of Govt college Nedumangad Tvm on April 9 2020 and **Quarantine Stories Part 2** was published by Drama club of Government College Nedumangad, TVM on April 10 2020 on *TechWorldThink* and later on *Arangu Drama Club Gov College Nedumangad..*



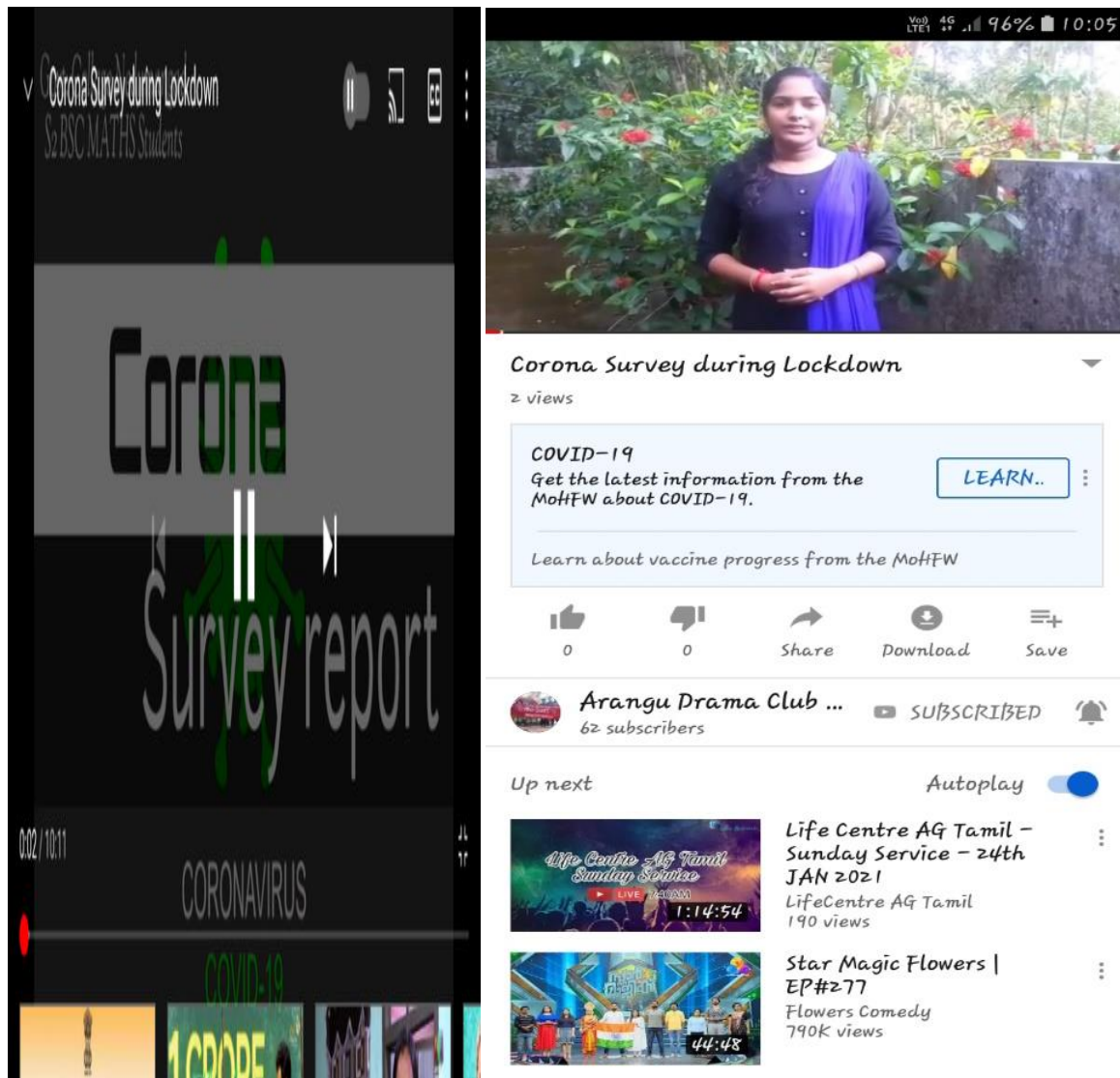
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Corona Survey Report

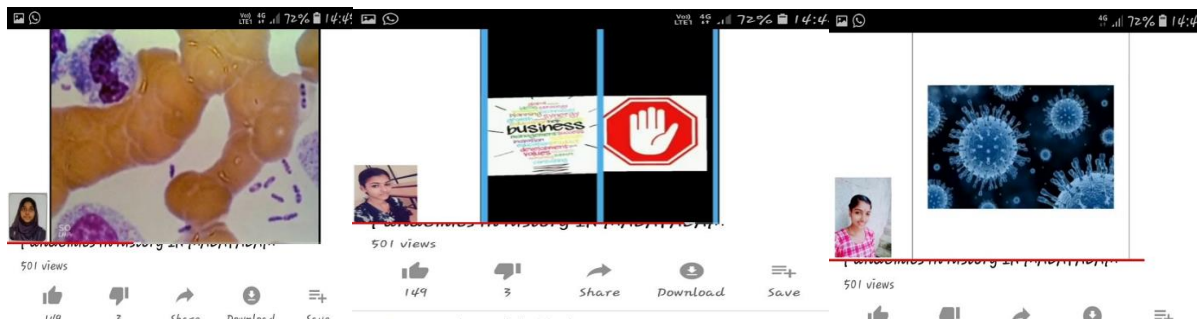
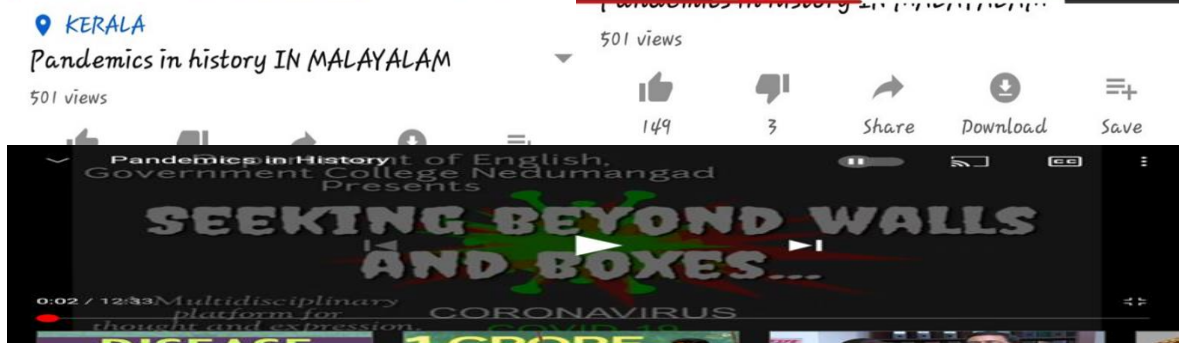
The Drama Club played a major part in the Corona Survey Report video publishing. The survey was conducted by the students of the Department of Mathematics as part of their English Questionnaire Preparation class. It was published as a video by the Drama Club on April 12, 2020.



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Pandemics in History

In collaboration with the Department of History and the Department of English, the Drama Club spearheaded a study of the pandemics in the history of human race and the study was published as an informative video by the students on April 14 2020 .

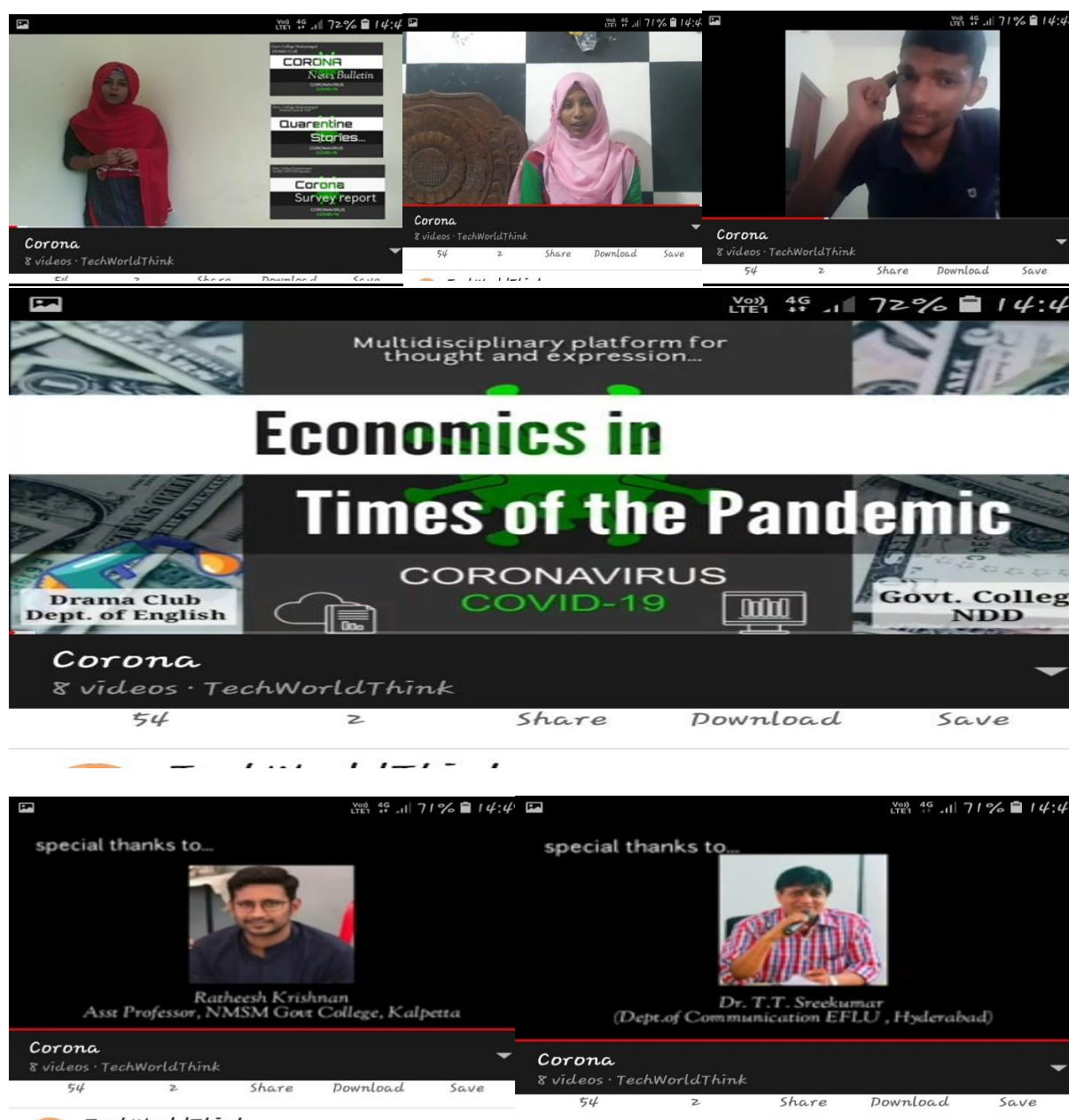


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Economics in Times of the Pandemic

Collaborating with the Department of Economics a video study titled *Economics in Times of the Pandemic* was published by the Drama Club. This students sought guidance and participation of faculty of our college and other institutions. The students held interviews with Dr T.T. Sreekumar, Department of Communication EFLU who has a Phd in Economics. The video also has inputs from Sri Rateesh Krishnan, Asst Professor, Govt College Kalpetta.

It was published on May 9,2019. <https://youtu.be/uPCkh1MgE4Q>



Online Onam Celebrations

The Drama Club conducted an online Onam Celebration named **Immini Balya Onam** via Google Meet on 28th August 2020 involving the extended college community during the lockdown period. It was the first online gathering of the college community together after the lockdown. Presided over by the jovial 'Arangu' Maveli (Midhu Krishnan, Dept of Economics) the event was inaugurated by the Hon Principal, Dr Saji Stephen. Vice Principal Dr Alex L, College Chairman Harikrishnan, faculty members Sri Dr R N Anzer, Sri Nandu C J, Smt Shamli M.M and Sri Dr Vineeth V S extended Onam wishes. Cultural programmes were conducted by Drama Club members and the audience also joined in the live event. It was one of the first live online Onam celebrations to be held in the state.

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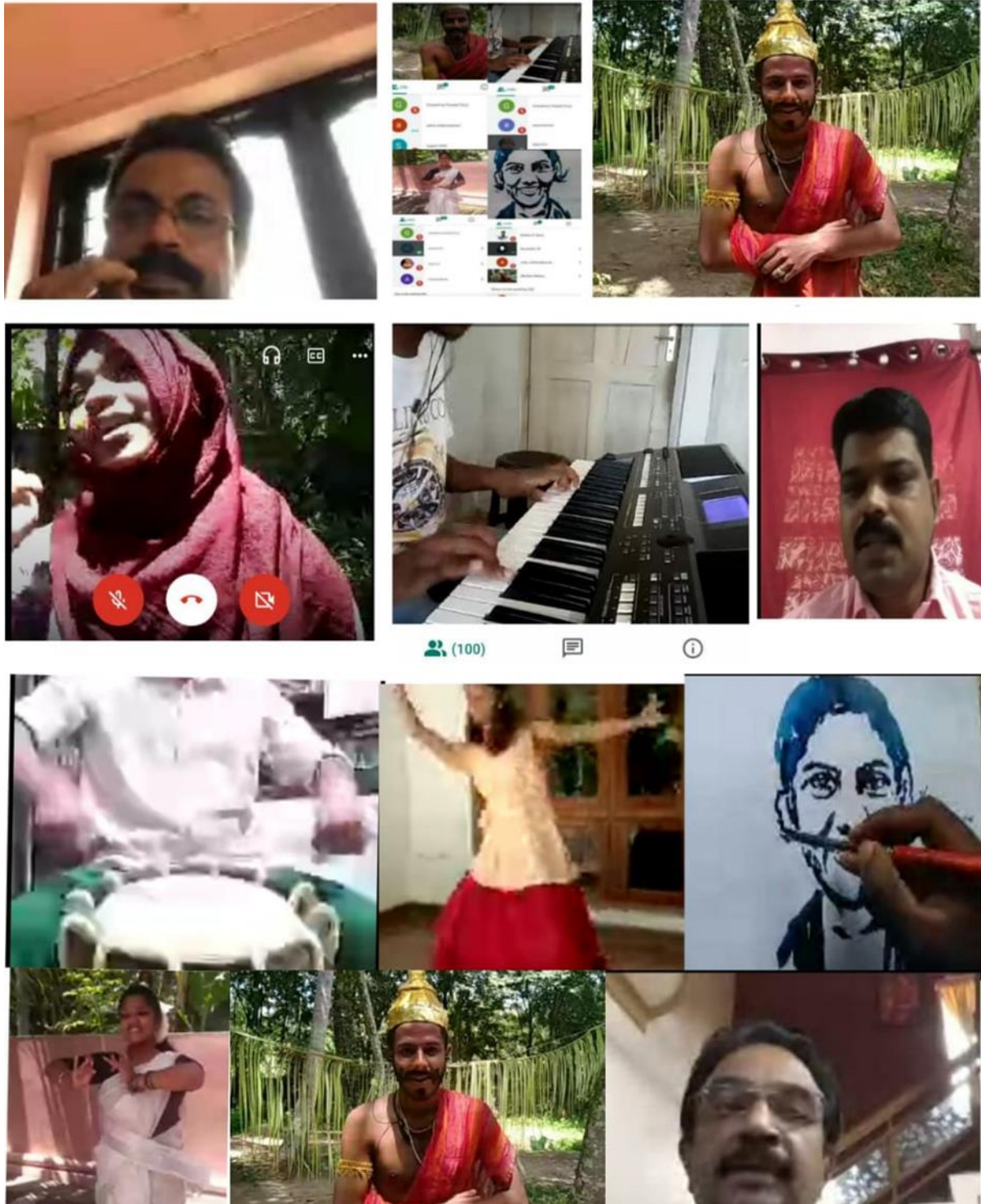
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'Arangu' drama
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"Immini Balya Onam"

Seminar and Talk by Dr Raja Varrier

The activities for the academic year was inaugurated by the Hon Principal Dr Saji Stephen on 13th September 2020. The highlight of the event was the online talk by eminent theatre personality, Dr Raja Varrier (Director Center For Performing Arts, Kerala University). The Report of the previous year was presented by Nidhin D (Depat of Malayalam). The event was released on YouTube on 13th September on *Arangu Drama Club Gov College Nedumangad* YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/KjHpHXFbuVU>

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കിളിത്തറയിൽ ജനനം. അച്ഛൻ കെ.ജി. വാര്യർ, അമ്മ സരസ്വതി. പാലക്കാട് ഗവ.ജോർജ്ജ് ഹൈസ്കൂൾ, കിളിത്തറയിൽ വെച്ച്. അച്ഛൻ ഹൈസ്കൂൾ, ഗവ.ജോർജ്ജ് ഹൈസ്കൂൾ, തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഓർ ഇന്റർമീഡിയേറ്റ് കോളേജ്, തൃശ്ശൂർ സ്കൂൾ ഓഫ് ഡ്രാമ, ഹൈദരാബാദ് സെന്റ്രൽ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി, പൊന്നാനിയിൽ സർവകലാശാലയിലെ സ്കൂൾ ഓഫ് ഡ്രാമയുടെ ഏകദിനത്തിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥി.

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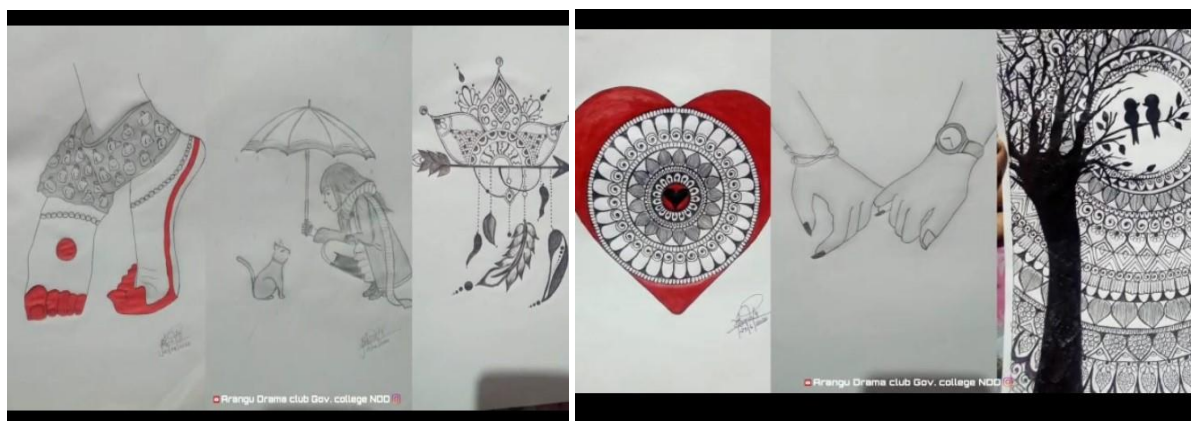
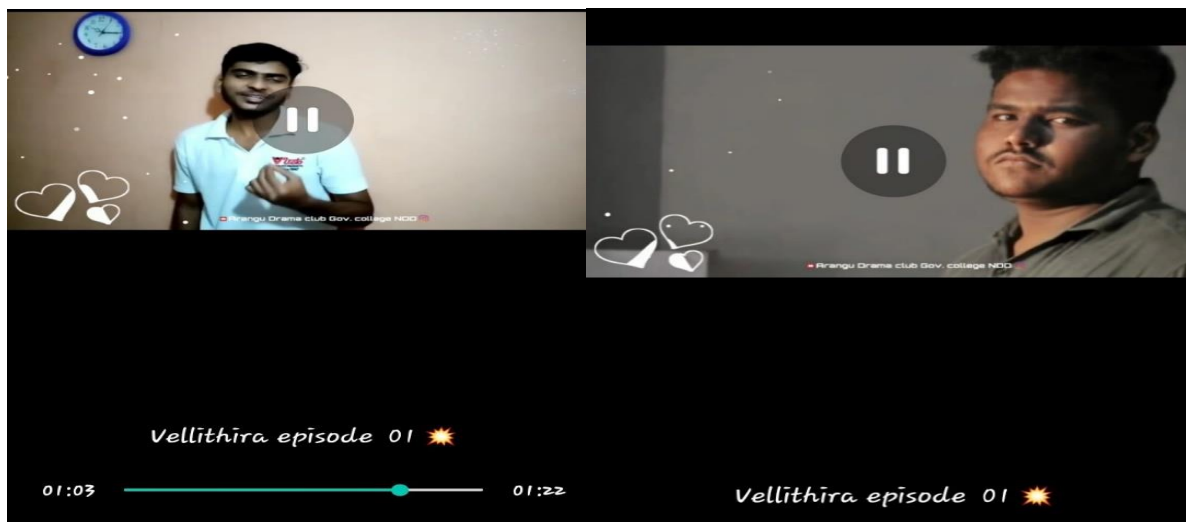


Dr Saji Stephen
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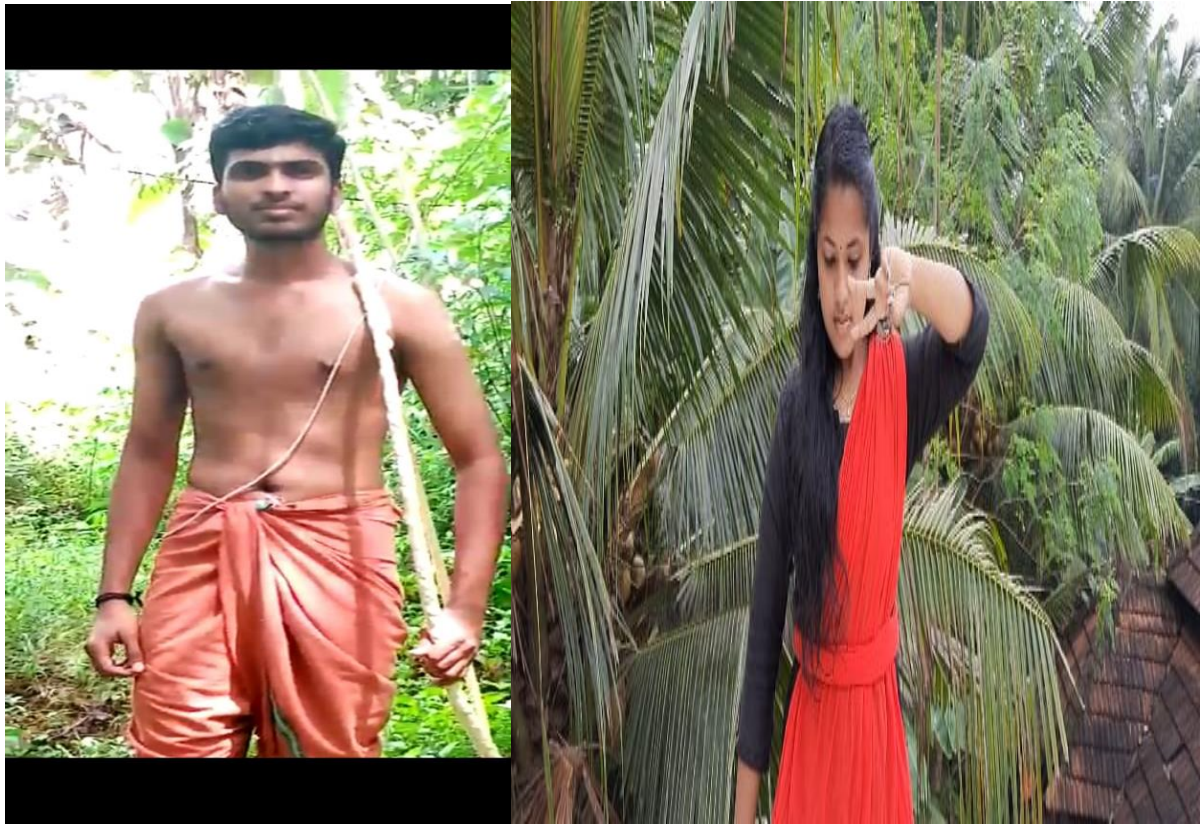


Friday Online "Vellithira"

On Friday evenings, the members of the Drama Club conduct programmes and discussions on theatre, art, society and performance. This weekly online gathering provides a venue for the artistic and creative expressions of the members. Members recite poetry, sing songs, paint, draw and perform acts.



Dramatization of Vayalar's *Thadakayenna Dravida Rajakumari*



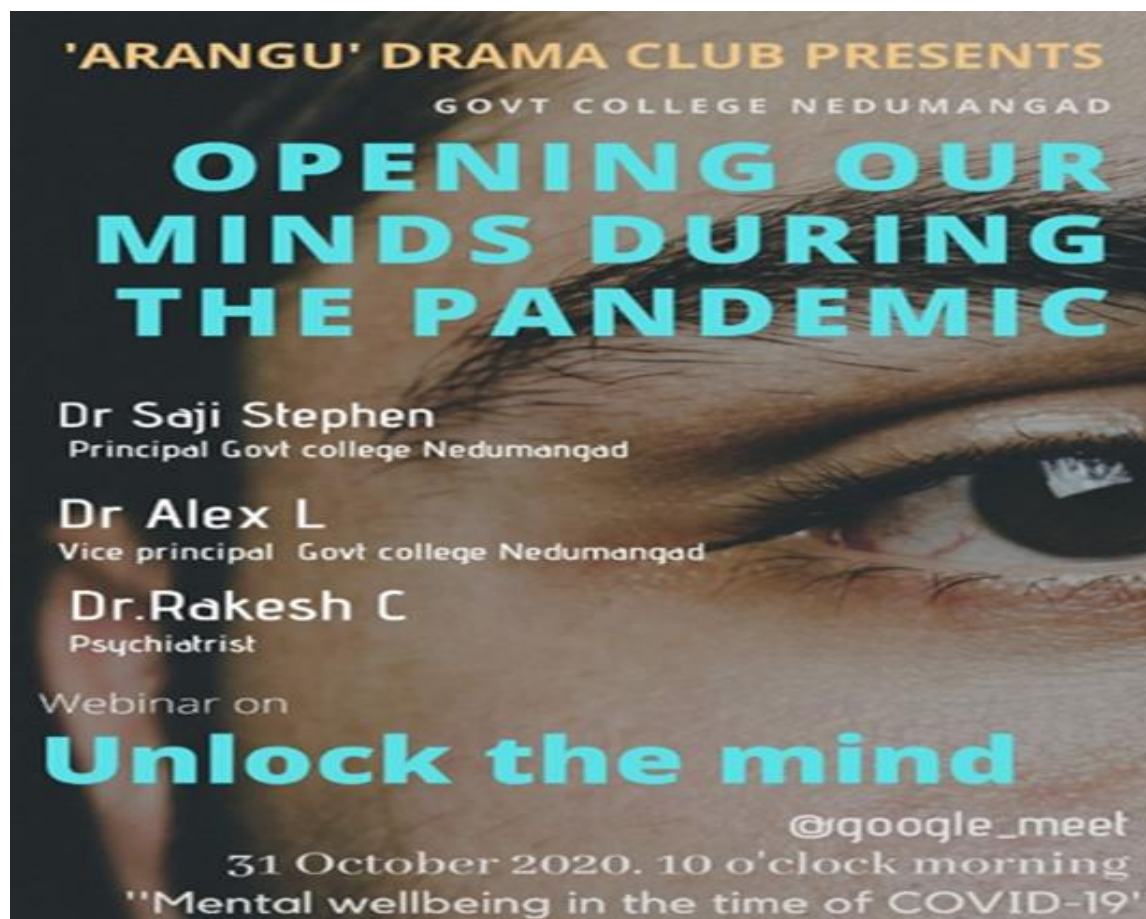
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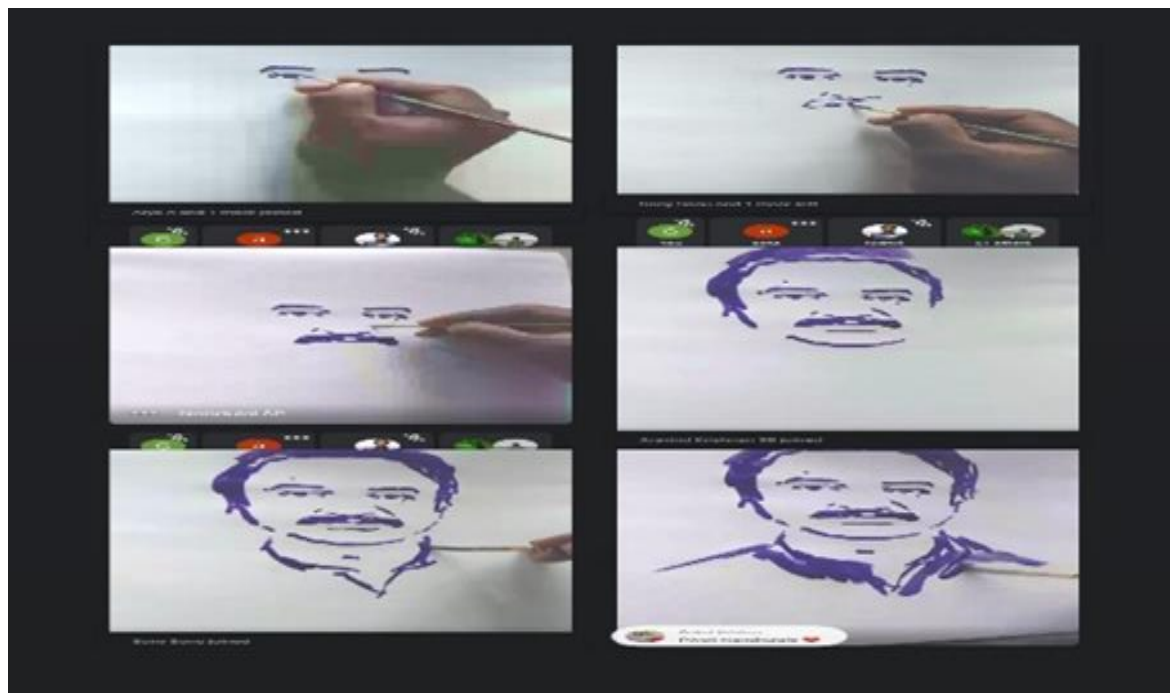
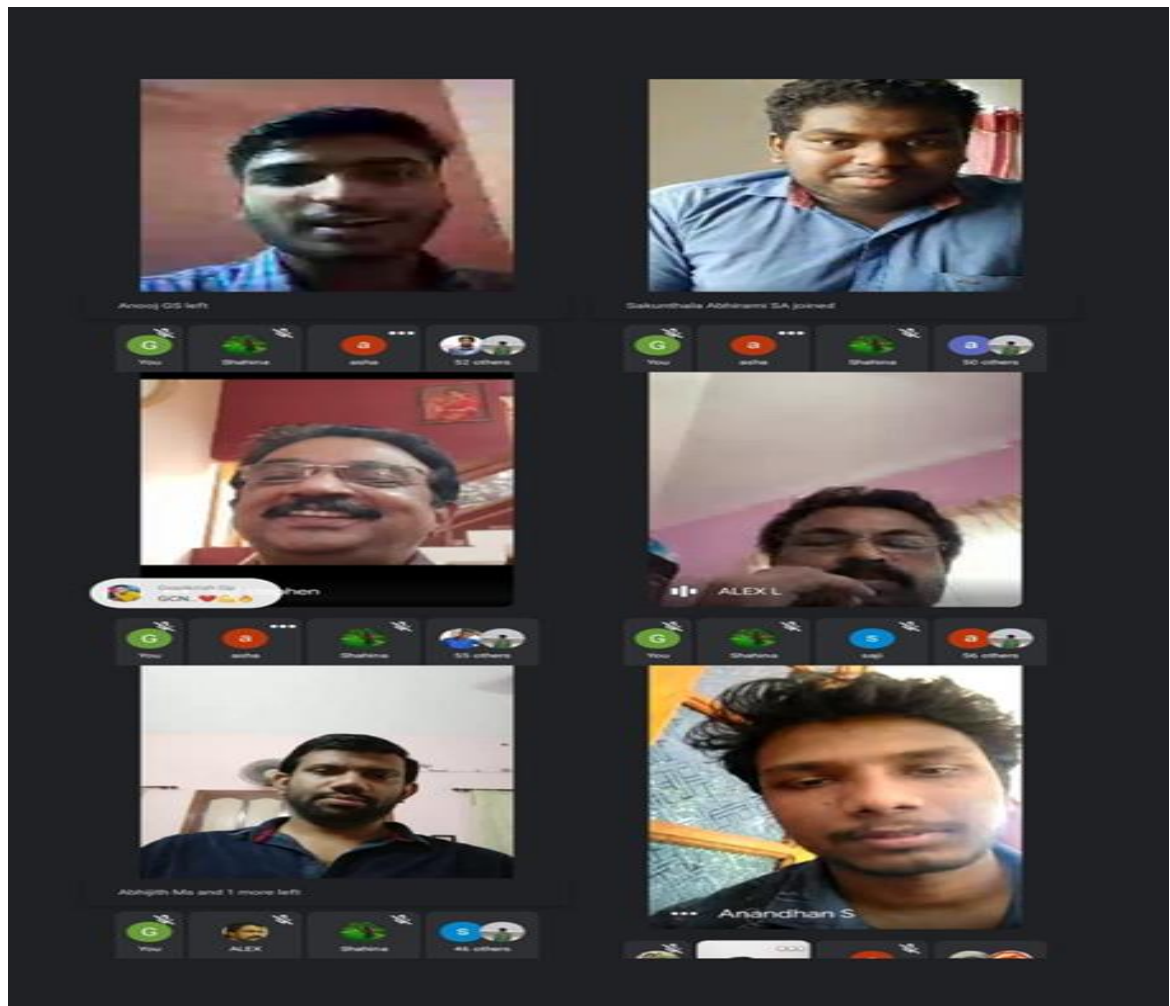
Online Talks and Seminars

Drama Club has conducted two talks by invited guests as part of a programme aimed at 'Knowing the Self and the Society'. In the post COVID scenario where the world is a great state of flux, the talk series aims to acquaint the students with the changes in the society and culture at large.

#The first talk was by Sri Ajay Das, a student of Geography (Central University, TN) on the topic ***JCB and Imperialism***. The programme was hosted on Google Meet onMembers of the Drama Club also contributed to the discussion that followed. Aravind Krishnan of Dept of History presented a detailed history of the Earth Moving Machinery and Pooja of the same department presented a report of the issues related to illegal mining activities. All members joined in the discussions that followed.

#The second talk was titled ***Opening Our Minds During the Pandemic: Unlocking the Minds***. The Webinar was hosted on Google meet on 31st Oct 2020, with the participation of the whole college community. The programme was presided over the Hon Principal Dr Saji Stephen. The talk was held by Maj.(Dr)Rakesh C Retd, Psychiatrist. A surprise sent off gift was offered to the principal in the form of a live portrait done by the artist of the club Nandu Lal of Dept of History.





Live Portrait gift to Principal by “Arangu” artist Nandu Lal.

Performing Poetry

The Drama Club in collaboration with the Department of English conducted a programme Performing Poetry on 15th February 2021 online, on Google Meet. Prominent theatre personalities, poets and performers participated in the programme. The programme began with the filmed dramatization of the poem Thadaka Enna Dravida Rajakumari by the renowned poet Vayalar Ramavarma. Dr Manju R, HoD Department of English accorded welcome. The Inauguration was done by the principal Dr V S Joy by planting a tree in the memory of the late nature poet Sugatha Kumari with her poem recited in the background by Gowri of Second Year BCom. Dr Raja Warriar (Director Center For Performing Arts, Kerala University) and Dr Usha Raja Warriar (Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Kerala University) delivered talks on the performativity of poetry. Talks and performances of poetry were delivered by Dr Hareesh Sakhtidharan (poet and scholar), Dr Shamli M M (Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Govt College Nedumangad), Dr Jinju S (Poet and Assistant Professor, Govt Polytechnic College Nedumangad) and Sri Akhliesh Udayabhanu (Poet and Scholar). Our students Akshakmon of Second Year History, Gowri of Second Year BCom, Aswin of Second Year Malayalam and Aparna of Second Year BCom also performed poetry. Smt Asha C (Drama Club Coordinator and Asst Professor Dept of English) delivered the vote of thanks. The programme was attended by the whole college community and saw vibrant participation.

 <p>Govt College Nedumangad</p> <p>PERFORMING POETRY</p>	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Dr Manju R H O D of English Govt College Nedumangad</p> <p>Inauguration</p> <p>Dr. Joy V. S Principal Govt College Nedumangad</p> <p>Invited Guests</p> <p>Dr. Raja Warriar Director Center for Performing and Visual Arts Kerala University</p>	<p>Dr. Usha Raja warrier Associate Professor Dept of Sanskrit Kerala University</p> <p>Dr. Jinju . S Assistant Professor of English at Government Polytechnic College, Nedumangad</p> <p>Dr Hareesh Shaktidharan Poet and Scholar</p>
	<p>Department of English and Drama Club Presents</p> <p>PERFORMING POETRY</p> <p>15TH_February_2021 2pm_@google_meet</p>	<p>Invited Guests</p> <p>Sri. Anoop Thirupuram Poet and Scholar</p> <p>Sri. Akhilesh Udayabhanu Poet and Scholar</p> <p>Dr. Shamli M.M. Head & Associate professor of Hindi Govt. College Nedumangad. Research Guide ,kerala University.</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Asha .C Drama Club Coordinator</p>

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Staging of the Drama *A Marriage Proposal* by Anton Chekov

Collaborating in the English Department project of staging Anton Chekov's one act play *A Marriage Proposal*, Drama Club members actively participated in all aspects of the staging. After a spate of online programmes this was the first major live programme since the COVID19 lockdown. Multiple staging of the play was held by various departments under the direction of Drama Club Coordinator, Smt Asha C. Departments of BCom and History performed before a select audience in the college seminar hall on 5th March 2021. Further staging by departments of Economics, Malayalam and Maths are to held on 9th March 2021.





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