



Ajith Sivan, the under-21 signing of Kerala Blasters was a regular visitor at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Kochi after the home matches of Kerala Blasters in the last three seasons. But little did he realise that he will one day get an opportunity to play for the club he was cheering for. But then life is all about surprises, the biggest of which came when Blasters' management decided to sign Ajith. The mid-fielder hailing from Idukki and plying his trade with Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha the only Kerala footballer, after defender Rino Antony to be picked as a developmental player, by the Kochi based ISL franchise in the domestic players' draft. He is the first player to advance from the Reliance Foundation Youth Sports Campus to join the Hero ISL and is deeply grateful for the opportunity. He did not expect that he would reach this far. Ajith had other helping hands along the way. His friends and the people around him are very excited. His

coaches, David Sir and Anwar Sir, helped him to develop his skills and made it possible to take part in the tournaments. Ajith began playing football while he was a ninth standard student at the Sri Ayyankali Memorial Government Model Residential Sports School in Vellayani. However, his game took off after he came under the watchful eyes of Coach Anwar Sadath at Nirmala College.

A mid-fielder who likes to create chances for his team mates but also has an eye from distance, Ajith will now be the local flavour in the Blasters' squad. "a duplicate jersey of Blasters cost around Rs.100 and I have bought one. But never did I imagine that I will be wearing the original yellow jersey of Blasters that the likes of Hume, Jhingan and Vineeth worn in the past.this is beyond any wildest dream", he commented.

Tinoy Joy

1. The roots of education are bitter but the fruit is sweet - *Aristotle*
2. Education is not the learning of facts but the training of mind to think - *Albert Einstein*
3. Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom - *George Washington Carver*
4. When you learn, Teach when you get give - *Maya Angelou*
5. Education is not the preparation for life education is life itself - *John Dewey*

Mindbender

Below are incomplete words. Place two letters in each bracket so that you can complete that word on the left and begin in the word on the right. Good luck.

- Perfu_rge
- Barb_itor
- Again_ain
- Sta_sture
- Giraf_edral
- Featu_medy

Idiom
for the day
Break a leg: Good luck

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Inauguration of arts festival held at Nirmala

The most awaited Arts festival of Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha was held on 13 November 2018 in the college auditorium. The procession of the 61st arts festival began at 10:30am in the college auditorium. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of 'Ente Hridhayathinte Vadakku Kizhake Attath' team including Director Anup Narayanan, actors Bibin Mathai, actress Aneesha

Ummer. The presence of College Principal, Vice Principal, Bursar and the union members enlightened the function. Various cultural and literary events and healthy competitions were held. Each department worked hard for the fest and the role played by each Association Secretary was praiseworthy.

Tinoy Joy



Union activities commences



Nirmala College Union is all set to go. The formal inaugural function of college union for the year 2017-18 was held on 8 November 2017 in the college auditorium at 2:30 pm. Neha Saxena, the famous film actress inaugurated the function. The presence of college Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, Vice Principal and Bursar gave more glory to the function. Manikuttan Murali, the elected Chairman of the college and

other union members attended the function. Manikuttan Murali said that he will do his best in organising the college programmes on behalf of the union. Neha Saxena was the prime attraction of the program. The formal inauguration of the union started by lightning the lamp. After the formal meeting a music program by the college music band was held.

Rejoice Tom

Sports meet 2017-18 of Nirmala College

The sports meet of Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha of the academic year 2017-18 was held in the college ground on 6 December. The meet was inaugurated by Manuraj, respected Sub Inspector of Police. The sports meet of the year 2017-18 was well planned and executed by the College Union. The event was another important milestone of the college Union activities. The sports meet of the college started with a parade by different departments. The formal inaugural meeting held at the college ground was at-

tended by the Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, Vice Principal Prof. Jose Karikkunnel, Bursar Fr. Francis Kannadan and various Department heads. The first and second prizes were won by the students of Department of Mathematics and Physics respectively. Various healthy competitions took place as part of the meet in the college.

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The blue whale game or blue whale challenge is believed to be a suicide game wherein a group of administrators or a certain curator gives a participant a task to complete daily for a period of 50 days-the final of which is the participant committing suicide. The participants are expected to share photos of challenges or tasks completed by them.

This daily task starts off easy such as listening to certain genres of music, waking up at odd hours watching a horror movie, among others, and then slowly escalate to carving out shapes on one's skin, self-mutilation and eventually suicide.

There is still uncertainty over how a participant plays the game while some say the user has to install some app on their smart phone, others say it is via social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, where the administrators get in touch with the participant after those interested throw out postings on social media asking for a "curator".

It must be noted, however, that there still is no confirmation of existence of this game while reports of suicide linked to the game have surfaced across the globe. Authorities claim that the origin appears to be in Russia, which has reported about 130 related deaths and at least 2 arrests. Schools as well as police officials all over the world have begun issuing advisories to parents urging them to be vigilant and to keep an eye out on what their children are sharing on their social media accounts.

It seems to be wondered that a game like blue whale challenge in which the curator play with real life of the player is getting more and more influential among literate people. Such games are the best example of cyber addiction. Especially the young generation of the world are caught by the black hands of such games and even they are not aware of sacrificing their life for just believing the words of an unknown curator. Our young generation should be properly educated regarding negative sides of cyber games.

Hanna Mariyam Nadackal

Hair donation campaign at Nirmala

Under the leadership of College Union a hair donation campaign was held at Nirmala College. The collected hair was donated to cancer patients. The College Union Chairman and other Union members played a prominent role in this venture to make this campaign a huge success. The donation was held on 21 December 2017 in the college auditorium. The college principal Dr. T.M. Joseph and other faculty members attended the formal inaugural meeting of hair donation camp. The students showed great interest in this program and a lot of girls of Nirmala College came forward to donate their hair to patients suffering from cancer. Definitely this campaign was a milestone in the charity work organised by the students of Nirmala College.

Afeefa Abbas



Save Nature, Save Life

Nature fulfils our basic requirements to live by providing us air, water, soil and plants. These resources are further used to manufacture various things that make our life more convenient and comfortable. Unfortunately, man has grown so engrossed in over-utilizing these resources to invent newer things, that he had almost forgotten the importance of conserving them. As a result, these resources are depleting at a faster pace and if it continues this way, then the survival of human beings as well as other living beings on Earth would become very difficult. Conservation of nature means the preservation of forests, land, water bodies and resources such as minerals, fuels, natural gas etc to ensure that all of these continue to be available in abundance. There are many ways in which common people can help in the conservation of nature and the methods to be used for the same is very important. We can only protect nature when more and more people understand its importance and the ways in which they can help. So save nature, save life.

Arun Tomy



"Music expresses that which cannot be put into words and that which cannot remain silent". The competition of Monday Melody was once again held in Nirmala College auditorium on 8 January 2018 at 2:30pm. The occasion was



graced by the esteemed presence of Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, Vice Principal and Bursar.

The event was conducted to harness the inner talent of students so that they could feel proud and to encourage them in their future ventures. The competitions gave out a variety of songs. They came up with such melodious voices which in the run attracted the audience as such. The winners of the competition ranked up to three. The prizes were rewarded separately for boys and girls. Sachin Sebastian (III C) came at the first position. The second and third positions were acquired by George Joseph (II C) and Akhil Rajan (MHRM) from boys' section. Among girls, Parvathy Unnikrishnan (I P) came at the first position. Greeshma Saju (II P) and Geethanjaly (M.Com) acquired second and third positions. The participants who took part in the competition as well as the audience made it a great success.

Rejoice Tom



Carols held again for welcoming Christmas

Carols, tableaux and Santa Clauses reappeared to welcome this year's Christmas celebrations. Celebrated as the birthday of Jesus Christ, Christmas spreads the message of joy and peace and once again, Nirmala College welcomed Christmas with Carol and 'Christmas Papa' competitions. Almost 14 teams spread joy through carols and 'Christmas Papas'. The competition was held by Commerce Department and had the presence of the Principal, Vice Principal, Bursar et al. The celebrations were held on December 22.

Each and every team had their own tableaux and Christmas Fathers. The difference was on the dress code, properties and number of angels and also on the presence of drums and other instruments. Various teams had balloons of red and white to express their energy. Some of the departments entered with energetic songs of Christmas. The instruments served the students as both karaoke and as a means to express their excitement. Almost 14 teams participated in the events to wish 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

Karthika Sunil



Journey through different tastes: Food fest fills your mind

At the food fest held in Nirmala College, the apparent theme was traditional food. The fest was inaugurated by Prof. S.Shivadas, science writer and had the presence of authorities including Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, Vice Principal Prof. Jose Karikunnel, Bursar Rev. Fr. Francis Kannadan et al. It was held on the ground of Golden Jubilee block, and the fest was titled 'Rasam', a traditional dish of Kerala. It was organised by the College Union and held on 17 November 2017.

There were about 25 stalls containing a wide range of traditional dishes. There were stalls of NSS Unit and College Union. "The

best example of the success of this food fest is the energy shown by the students. It is an opportunity for the students to show their actual talents" says Prof. S.Shivadas, who inaugurated this programme. "It is a new concept" says Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, "students should get the knowledge outside classrooms. To make the students acquire the talent required for them to survive the practical life is the motive behind this programme." In the opinion of the teachers, it is an opportunity for students "to build up self-sufficiency and to meet with their interest in cooking".

Afeefa Abbas



Kerala Kesari and Malayali Manka competition in Nirmala College

The competitions of Kerala Kesari and Malayali Manka were held on 8 November 2017 in the college auditorium. It was held at 2:30 pm after the regular class. The competitions were associated with Union Day and was inaugurated by the Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph. The Vice Principal and Bursar gave a few words and provided encouragement to the participants. Before the competition, they were provided

with a set of rules and regulations to be followed during the competitions. The event was conducted among boys and girls. Mr. Emil Jose (III CE) and Aparna Ashok (II M) emerged the champions. Everyone performed in an excellent way. Those who participated in the competitions were requested to answer certain questions. The programme filled the audience with frequent crackles of laughter and cheers.

Ananthu Kanan M