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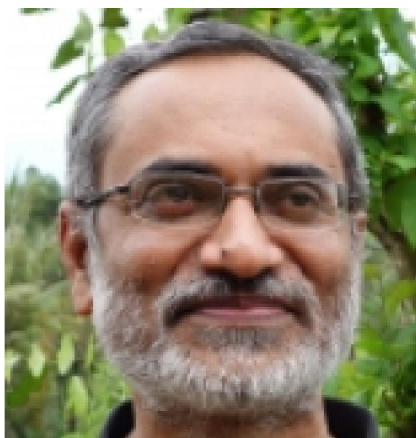
About CREST



Centre for Research & Education for Social Transformation (CREST) is an autonomous institution under Government of Kerala. CREST has been conceived as a national institute of humanities, science and professional studies, addressing the needs of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other marginalized communities of India while integrating with the informational society. The Centre was incubated by Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode. The governing council headed by the Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities as Chairman monitors the activities of the Centre. Dignitaries like the Governor of Kerala, Chief Minister of Kerala and the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly are the patrons of this autonomous institution. The Governing Council has representation from institutions like Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Thiruvananthapuram and Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. CREST conducts a five months Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development (PGCCPD) as its flagship program.

Activities

Workshop on Creative Teaching



A workshop on Creative Teaching for teachers of Model Residential Schools of Thrithala and Kuzhalmannam (Palakkad) and Ulliyeri (Kozhikode) was held on 26th of September 2015 at Government Youth Hostel Kozhikode. The workshop was conducted by Dr. K Subramaniam, Associate Professor from Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), a national centre of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai. 20 teachers from Model Residential Schools of Thrithala and Kuzhalmannam (Palakkad) and Ulliyeri (Kozhikode) took part in the workshop that covered themes related to creative teaching especially in Mathematics and Science.

Self Enrichment Workshop at MRS Chelakkara

A three day self enrichment workshop was held for the 9th standard students of MRS Chelakkara workshop 19th to 21st September 2015. Leadership training, Career awareness sessions and academic support session in mathematics were held for 10th standard students of MRS Vadakkancherry. Sessions were also held on creative learning skills. The sessions included group activities and focused discussion on their academic performance and attitude towards their teachers and guides. Through group activities like role plays, team building exercises, the resource persons were able to impart self confidence among the students.

Academic Support programme at MRS Vadakkancherry

A three day academic support program was held for the 10th standard students of MRS Vadakkancherry workshop on career development from 19th to 21st September 2015.

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Workshop for 10th Standard Students of MRS Ulliyeri

A two day workshop was held for Tenth standard students of Model Residential School Ulliyeri was held on 20th and 21st September 2015 at Government Youth Hostel Kozhikode. 30 students participated in the programme .The sessions focused on Mathematics .

Self Enrichment Workshop for first year MBBS students of DRPGMC. Kangra

Self Enrichment Workshop for first year MBBS students of Dr.Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College , Kangra Himachal Pradesh was held from 20th to 27th of September 2015 .



The objective of the workshop was to enhance the self-confidence level of students before the regular classes for the first year MBBS degree course begin at Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Kangra and to provide mentoring support to students from marginalized sections and rural backgrounds so as to equip them to take up the academic challenges effectively. The eight day program began on September 20, 2015. The programme started with a brief introductory session which was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Chauhan , Principal DRPGMC. . The students were introduced to the objectives and the content of the workshop by Dr. Parveen Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Vinod Krishnan TY Associate Program Coordinator CREST. The sessions were held by the faculty team of CREST comprising of Vinod Krishnan TY , Nirmal Joy , Vinod AR, Harleen Kohli , Charlotte and Eva

Training Programme at MRS Thrithala from 24th to 27th September 2015

Academic support sessions were organized for 11th standard students of Model Residential School Thrithala at Government Youth Hostel Kozhikode from 24th to 27th September, 2015 . 35 students from MRS Thrithala participated in the workshop. Sessions , covering Mathematics, Physics and English were held for students in the programme.

Training Programme at MRS Aluva

An academic support training programme was held for 10th and 11th standard students of Model Residential School Aluva at the school campus on 25th and 26th September 2015. A total of 17 sessions lasting for 75 minutes each were held for students in the programme. Modules in English , Physics & Chemistry were conducted for the students. Sessions on Physics for tenth standard students .

Academic Support Program at MRS Peermedu

A three day academic support workshop were held for 160 students of 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th standard on 25th to 27th of September at their school campus. A total of 40 sessions lasting for 75minutes each were covered in the three day programme. The sessions covered modules in Chemistry , Physics, History and Geography. It also included special sessions on motivation.

Academic Support programme at Model Residential School Alapuzha

On 3.10.2015 & 4.10.2015 academic support session on Mathematics, English, Biology, Behavioral science and career guidance were held for tenth and twelfth standard students of MRS Alapuzha

Theatre Workshop

A one week theatre workshop was held for the students of 24th Batch of Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development from 26 to 31st October 2015 at Maria Eugene Centre, Malaparamba. The workshop was conducted by Mr. MK Shankar , a theatre



exponent attached to OSAGE, Bangalore . On 31st October the students staged an English play

before an invited audience at Hotel Hyson Heritage, Kozhikode. The theatre workshop was conducted as a part of communication skills module of the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development.

Academic Support programme at Model Residential School Aluva

On 3.10.2015 & 4.10.2015 academic support sessions on Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry were held for ninth and eleventh standard students of MRS Aluva

Valedictory function for the 24th Batch of PGCCPD

Valedictory function for the 24th Batch of the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development was held on 31 October 2015 at Hotel Hyson Heritage, Kozhikode. Prof. Dr. K. Karthikeya Varma, Director, Malabar Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) Kozhikode was the chief guest and Prof. Dr. Rudra Sen Sarma, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode was the Guest of Honor. Presidential Address was given by Prof. D.D. Nampoothiri



Executive Director, CREST. The students were felicitated by Ms. Jyothi, Faculty CREST and Sri.M.K.Shankar Theatre Director, OSAGE, Bangalore, interns from Copenhagen University Eva



Juliane Buchhave and Charlotte Mignol, Sreeraj E., alumni of CREST. Radhesh Kumar C. H and Sreelakshmi Raveendran representing the students delivered the thanksgiving speeches.

Admission to 25th Batch of PGCCPD

Interview for the admission to the 25th Batch of PGCCPD was held on 28, 29 & 30 October



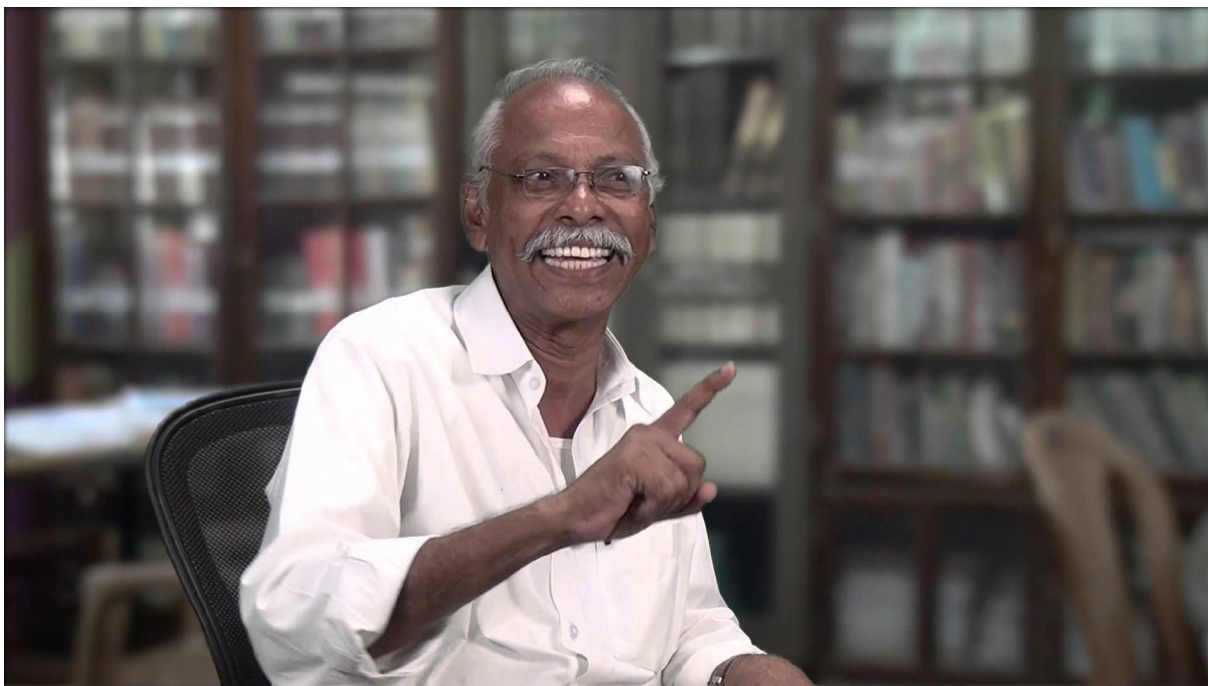
2015. 40 students were given admission to the programme which commenced from the 25 November 2015. Orientation workshop for Batch 24 was conducted by Anil Menon. Two day



orientation program was held on November 27th , 28th and 29 November 2015 at Pratheeksha Training Centre, Sultan Bathery , Wayanad. On 29th , the students had an interacting session with the Adivasi communities of Muthanga, Wayanad.

Workshop on effective communication in Malayalam

Prof.MN Karassery , renowned Malayalam literary and cultural critic , conducted a workshop



on communication skills for the students on 14 December 2015. The workshop covered themes on local dialect , Malayalam in formal setting , and writing in Malayalam . He also insisted on the importance of communicating effectively in Malayalam . Knowing the language forms the foundation , but effective communication requires skills one needs to develop through reading , writing and interacting with people. However simple, lucid and direct prose has its charm, provided it is used in specific contexts., Prof.Karassery told the students.

Academic Support Program for First Year BTech Students held at Calicut

An Orientation Programme for First Year BTech Students from Scheduled Communities of Kerala was conducted by CREST from 17 to 19 December 2015 . The modules covered included Communication and Learning Skills , Engineering Graphics, Engineering Mechanics and Self-enrichment for Professional Excellence

The classes on Communication and Learning Skills were geared to give the students enough practice in using English as a library language. Adequate practice was given in spoken English so as to help them shed their inhibition in using the language. An awareness of the importance of good communication skills in English was created among the students. They were also given tips on how to develop their language skills on their own. The orientation course covered almost one third of the syllabus, with a strong foundation in both the Engineering subjects, instilling confidence in the participants and rendering the subjects less intimidating. The Self Enrichment for Professional Excellence module covered areas like Goal setting, Motivation, Time management, Creativity, Leadership, and Teamwork.

Master Plan for CREST Campus in Cyberpark Kozhikode



Following the request of CREST , the Uralungal Labour Contract Society Ltd, one of the leading cooperative societies of India started in 1920s, which has expertise in setting up large institutions like IT park (UL Cyberpark) , Sargalaya, Indian Institute of Infrastructure and Construction (IIIC) etc , has prepared a master plan for CREST campus in the one acre land allotted to CREST in Government Cyberpark Kozhikode. The Master plan, prepared in consultation

with the Building Committee of CREST , includes construction of 100000 sq.ft building with academic block , administrative block , and residential block. The Master plan has taken into account the future expansion needs of CREST. The Master Plan will be presented before the Governing Council of CREST in its meeting scheduled on 20 January 2016 at Trivandrum.

Academic support Programme at Model Residential School Kuzhalmannam

From 2.10.2015 to 4.10.2015 academic support sessions on Mathematics and Chemistry were held for ninth and tenth standard students of MRS Kuzhalmannam . On 17.10.2015 and 18.10.2015 Academic support session on Social Science, English and Training on English writing skills were held for ninth and tenth standard students of the school.

Training Programme at Model Residential School Chelakkara

On 10.10.2015 and 11.10.2015 Life skills training , Academic support session on social science, English writing skills , chemistry and mathematics were held for 10th and 9th standard students of MRS Chelakkara

Training Programme at Model Residential School Vadakkancherry

On 10.10.2015 & 11.10.2015 Academic support session on, English writing skills , Chemistry and Mathematics were held for 10th and 9th standard students of MRS Vadakkancherry

Training programme for Model Residential school Ulliyeri

On 17.10.2015 & 18.10.2015 a two day training programme covering academic support sessions on Mathematics, Social Science and English were held for ninth and tenth standard students of MRS Ulliyeri . A two day workshop on mathematics was held for the 10th standard students. The in-house program was held at Government Youth Hostel , Kozhikode on 28 & 29 November 2015.

Academic Support programme at Model Residential School Thrithala

A two day academic support programme was held on 23.10.2015 & 24.10.2015 for ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth standard students of MRS Thrithala . The subjects covered included Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English .

Workshop on self development at Model Residential School Kasaragod

A Two day workshop on academic motivation training, time management was conducted for the ninth and tenth standard students of MRS Kasaragod. on 23.10.2015 and 24.10.2015

Training programme at Model Residential School Peermedu

Career counseling sessions for eleventh standard students , life skill training , academic support classes on Economics, English, Biology were held for 11th ,10th and 9th standard students of MRS Peermedu, Idukki on 31.10.2015 & 1.11.2015. Another Two day workshop was held for the same students on 21 & 22 of November 2015 . A two day academic support session was held for the 9th , 10th , 11th and 12th standard students on 21&22 November 2015. Sessions were held on English , Economics, Mathematics and Political Science.

Training Programme at Model Residential School Alapuzha

A Two day academic support programme was organized at MRS Alapuzha on 07.11. 2015 and 08.11.2015 for the 10th and 12th standard students . Subjects covered included Personal Development, English and Chemistry . A Two day academic support programme was organized at the school on 14.11. 2015 and 15.11.2015 for the 10th and 12th standard students . Subjects covered included Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. A three day Training on Mathematics, and Physics were held for ninth, tenth , eleventh and 12th standard students on 20, 21 & 22 November 2015.

Training Programme at Model Residential School Aluva



On 31.10.2015 & 1.11.2015 Academic support sessions on Physics , Chemistry and Mathematics were held for eleventh , twelfth and tenth standard students of MRS Aluva . A Two day academic support programme was organized at MRS Aluva on 07.11. 2015 and 08.11.2015 for the 10th , 11th and 12th standard students . Subjects covered included Physics , Mathematics and Chemistry. A Two day academic support programme was organized at the school on 14.11. 2015 and 15.11.2015 for the 10th and 12th standard students . Subjects covered included Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. A three day academic support program was held for ninth, tenth , eleventh and 12th standard students on 26, 27& 28 November 2015. Academic support sessions on Mathematics and Physics were held for 11th and 12th standard students and academic support session on Mathematics and Physics were held for 10th standard students . A three day academic support program was organized for the 10th 11th and 12th standard students during 5-7 December 2015 . Modules in English , Biology , Physics & Chemistry were conducted for the students.

Meeting with Teachers and Parents of MRS Thrithala

A parents meeting was organized at MRS Thrithala on 28.11.15. Parents and teachers were informed about various undergraduate programs for students can apply. They were also briefed about the advantage of studying in nationally reputed institutions.

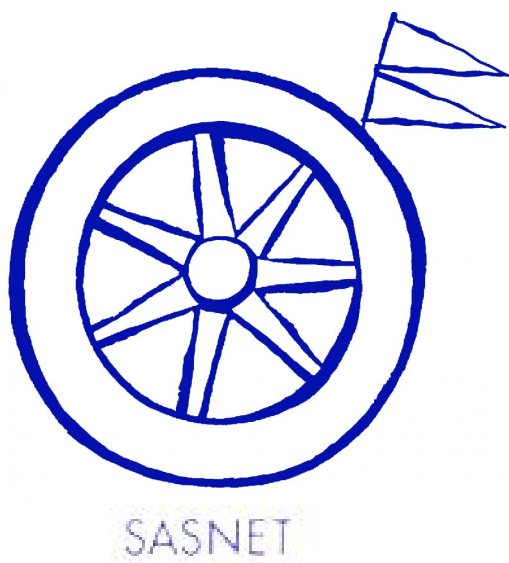
Steering Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Steering Committee constituted to monitor the progress of the Skill Development Program supported by SC Development Directorate was held on Saturday, December 17, 2015 at the office of CREST. The Committee reviewed the implementation of the programmes of the Self-Enrichment Project for High School and Higher Secondary school students of Model Residential Schools of SC Development Department, Kerala'. The Committee observed that the three year project is facing following major hurdles with regard to the implementation.

- The academic performance level of a significant section of the students in high school / Plus Two is not at a desired level. Even those who are appearing for SSLC examinations, lack foundations in Mathematics, English etc.
- The self enrichment programme is conducted by CREST during the weekends and holidays. However, it coincides with other programmes like that of ASAP, Student Police etc.
- Schools do not have adequate mechanisms to monitor the academic progress of the students. Most of the schools are residential only for students. Teachers do not stay in the campus. 150-200 students' are looked after by one matron/ warden.
- Admission process of many reputed institutions in the country begins by December. Parents & Teachers are not exposed to or even aware of the broad range of institutions of higher learning in the country and admission formalities to them. Intensive coaching, along with regular curriculum-related studies is required for qualifying in the admission test/ interview. Only academically better performing students have chances of qualifying in such examinations.
- Intervention possibilities are very limited in the Ayyankali Memorial Model Residential Sports Higher Secondary School, Trivandrum considering the fact that the focus of school is on excellence in sports.

It was decided that Implementation strategies needs to be redesigned to make the project more effective. This includes putting the entire school students under the purview of the project. It was resolved to make modification in the MoU signed between CREST and Directorate of SC Development so as to make it well-suited to the redesigned strategies for implementation.

SASNET Study Centre at CREST



Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET) Lund University, Sweden is setting up SASNET Study Centre at CREST. Scholars from SASNET for the past few years have held special lectures for the students on issues of global concern. It also sends regularly Masters students as interns to CREST to work with students of the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development (PGCCPD). Collaborative programmes are being planned with SASNET, which includes a digital media workshop in April 2016.

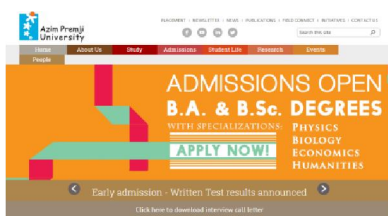
Academic Support Program for Model Residential School Keezhmadu Aluva

From 18th to 27th of December 2015, Plus Two students of MRS Aluva were given academic support program in science subjects. The program was held in Priyadarshini Tea The program was held at Priyadarshini Tea Estates of ST Development Department , Mananthavady Wayanad

Academic Support Program for Model Residential School Alapuzha

From 18th to 27th of December 2015, SSLC and Plus Two students of MRS Alapuzha were given academic support program in science subjects. The program was held in Government Youth Hostel Kozhikode. 60 students participated in the program that covered mathematics, English Physics, Biology and chemistry.

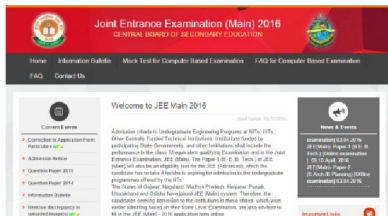
Intensive training in Logical Reasoning



From 19th to 26th of December 2015 10 students from Model Residential Schools (MRS Thrithala, MRS Aluva and MRS Alapuzha) were given intensive training in logical reasoning and English in order to prepare for the entrance examinations conducted by the Azim Premji University Bangalore. They were taken to the University on 26th and they appeared for the undergraduate entrance test for science subjects on 27th

December 2015.

Special session on Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)



Special session was organized at MRS Thrithala, MRS Aluva and MRS Alapuzha to apply for Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) to Undergraduate Engineering Programs at NITs, IITs, Other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions, Institutions funded by participating State Governments, and other Institutions . The project team helped in submitting the application to the JEE . Students who have scored "A" grade in sciences subjects in SSLC/Plus One Examinations took part in the special session

CREST in Media



ക്രൈസ്റ്റിൻ 24-ാം ബാച്ചിന്റെ യാത്രയയപ്പ് ബുധ. രാ. കോട്ടയം മെമ്മോറിയൽ സെമിനാരിയിൽ



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സെന്റർ ഫോർ റിസർച്ച് ആൻഡ് ഇമ്യൂണൈസ് ഫോർ സോഷ്യൽ ഓഗനൈസേഷൻ (ക്രൈസ്റ്റിൻ) 24-ാം പി.ജി. ഫോഴ്സ് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് യാത്രയയപ്പ് നൽകി.
 ചിന്താ വഴിയിൽ വെച്ച്, കോട്ടയം മെമ്മോറിയൽ സെമിനാരിയിൽ യാത്രയയപ്പ്. ക്രൈസ്റ്റിൻ 24-ാം ബാച്ചിന്റെ യാത്രയയപ്പ് ബുധ. രാ. കോട്ടയം മെമ്മോറിയൽ സെമിനാരിയിൽ നടന്നു. ക്രൈസ്റ്റിൻ 24-ാം ബാച്ചിന്റെ യാത്രയയപ്പ് ബുധ. രാ. കോട്ടയം മെമ്മോറിയൽ സെമിനാരിയിൽ നടന്നു. ക്രൈസ്റ്റിൻ 24-ാം ബാച്ചിന്റെ യാത്രയയപ്പ് ബുധ. രാ. കോട്ടയം മെമ്മോറിയൽ സെമിനാരിയിൽ നടന്നു.

Print as well as the visual media have given coverage to various programmes of CREST held during September - December 2015. *Mathrubhumi* Daily and *The Hindu* , covered the various activities conducted by CREST during these months.

Obituary



Sri.P.Umanath , visiting faculty of CREST passed away on December 12, 2015. He had been teaching Entrepreneurship Development for the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development. Formerly he was the Chief Manager, Canara Bank . and a Senior Faculty at the Institute for Bank Officers in Karnataka. Varied social , educational and sports related activities Sri.Umanath had engaged in were informed by a deep and abiding faith in humanism and egalitarian citizenship.

Faculty Activities

Prof. D.D.Nampoothiri , Executive Director delivered the keynote address (Revisiting Caste: Some theoretical and Methodological Issues) in the seminar on Caste and Communalism in Kerala organized by Govt. Brennen College Tellicherry on September 29, 2015. On December 7, 2015 he attended the National Participatory Workshop on ' Dialogues: Transforming Citizenship Education' organized by Children's Movement for Civic Awareness, IIM Bangalore and Amnesty International at Bangalore.

Forthcoming Events

CREST Public Lecture

A public lecture in memory of Sri.P.Umanath , Visiting Faculty of CREST will be held on 6 January 2015 at Hotel Alakapuri, Kozhikode. The lecture " Pluralism: Towards an engagement with Diversity " will be delivered by Prof. Mohammed Abdul Kalam , Professor of Eminence, Tezpur University, Assam

Pasolini's India

On 7 January 2015 Oliviero Pettenati, teacher educator and researcher on Pier Paolo Pasolini , well known Italian filmmaker , will give a special lecture on *Appunti per un film sull'India* (Note for a Film on India) a film on India made by Pasolini in 1968.

Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting of the Executive Committee of CREST has been scheduled on 11 January 2015 at CREST, Kozhikode

Governing Council Meeting

Meeting of the Governing Council of CREST has been scheduled on 20 January 2015 at Trivandrum

Self Enrichment workshop for Engineering Students

A five day self enrichment workshop will be held for first year BTech students from 23rd to 27th of January 2016 at Government Engineering College, Trivandrum.

Special Lecture by Prof. Anna Lindberg SASNET

A special lecture on asylum seekers will be conducted by Prof. Anna Lindberg, Director Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET) Lund University on 2nd February 2016.