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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



Special Lecture on International Banking

A special lecture on international banking was held for the students by Subash Narayanan on 3 January 2018. Subash Narayanan is Deputy Head of Project Finance at DBS Bank Ltd. He has more than 20 years experience in banking, with 15 years in infrastructure / structured financing.

Subash has worked in advisory and arranging capacity on deals in the power, telecom, & mining sectors, and across jurisdictions. He also has expertise in ECA & Multilateral financing schemes.

Musical Evening

A Gazal Sandhya was organized at CREST on 12 January 2018. The recitals were done by Soorya Syamgopal and R.Gopalakrishnan. Syamgopal is a state level winner in school youth festivals for light music, Karnatic music and gazal. National level 1st runner up in light music competition



conducted by All India Radio . He also remains an “A” grade artist in AIR. He started learning music under Sree Thamarakkad Krishnan Namboodiri at the age of three and started composing at the age of four. He launched his first devotional “Suprabhatham” at the age of eighteen and has completed diploma in Music Technology from Muzic Lounge Chennai. He is presently learning “Hindustani Music” from Guru Kumar Mardur-Faculty of Music Research Academy,Kolkata . Mr.Gopikrishnan.R started learning music at the age of five from Sree Uchakkavil Sivan Master and



later continued his studies under Sree Thamarakkad Krishnan Namboothiri. He has won many prizes in B-Zone and Inter-Zone arts festival. He was also awarded the best outgoing student Zamorins Guruvayurappan college in the year 2009-10A post graduate in English Literature Mr .Gopikrishnan .R is presently working as publicity and research officer in Kerala Kalamandalam deemed to be University for art and culture. They were accompanied by..... on Tabla, On Harmonium andon guitar.

Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture - *Building an Institution: The Case of Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK)* by Prof. Amarlal H Kalro

In connection with the Kerala diamond jubilee celebrations, CREST organized a public lecture on January 15, 2018. The lecture entitled *Building an Institution: The Case of Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK)* was delivered by Prof. Amarlal H Kalro at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium, Kozhikode. Prof. Amarlal H Kalro spoke about the state of higher education in Kerala, India and how important is to build institutions of high academic caliber for nation building. Dr. Amarlal H Kalro is an educationist with 50 years experience in academic institutions in India and abroad. He has contributed extensively to educational policy and establishment of educational institutions. He is presently Academic Adviser, Ahmedabad Education Society, Gujarat. Prof. Kalro



obtained his B.Tech. (Hons.) degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur in 1963, and his MS and Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Minnesota, USA in 1967 and 1969 respectively. His research publications are in the areas of OR modeling, inventory management, organization behavior, irrigation and water management, management of educational institutions and institution building in reputed International and Indian Journals. He has also co-authored three books and has extensive consulting experience with public and private sector organizations, State and Central Governments, and International Agencies such as ILO, ICA, SIDA and Ford Foundation. He was Professor (1970-1998) and Dean (1984-1987) at Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, and was a member of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission, Government of India. He has taught in programs in Japan, Kenya and Sri Lanka, and has been a visiting faculty at Colombo University and several IIMs. Dr. Kalro received "The Life Time Achievement Award" from The Indian Society of Operations Management (December 2006) and awards from Ahmedabad

Management Association, Ahmedabad (February 2007) and School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi (April 2009) for his “Contributions to Management”. He received the Dewang Mehta Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education (November 2014) and an Award for Outstanding Contribution to Education from Global Education Conference 2015. He was the Director, Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode (IIMK) from November 1998 to February 2004.

Prof.DD Nampoothiri, Executive Director CREST and Prof.Ashley Paul , Associate Program Coordinator spoke at the event.

Workshop on “Good Language”



Prof.MN Karassery, renowned Malayalam literary critic conducted a workshop on communication skills for the students on 16th January 2018. The workshop entitled “*Nalla Malayalam*” covered themes on local dialect, Malayalam in formal setting, and writing in Malayalam. He also insisted 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.

Workshop on Interview Skills



A two - day workshop on Interview Skills was held at CREST on 17th & 18th January 2018. It was conducted by Ms. Remya Roshni and Mr. Arun PT, faculty, Civil Service Academy, Pala. Mock interview was held for each student during the workshop. Remya Roshni was in the Indian Police Service (IPS). She has authored a self-help guide book on the Myths and Realities on IAS Exams which was published by DC Books. Mr. Arun P T was in the Indian Postal Service and founder of DOOR

Centre for Civil Services in Chennai. Another similar workshop was held on 9th & 10th of March 2018.

Special Lecture on Higher Education Abroad

A special lecture on higher education was conducted by Dr Aiswarya Viswanath on 25 January 2018. Dr Aiswarya Viswanath Attali is 'Scientist-Manufacturing and Q&A Officer' at Neuroplast BV, The Netherlands, working in the domain of Cellular Therapies and Regenerative Medicines for Neurodegenerative disorders. She has a dual PhD degree from Université Catholique de Louvain-Belgium, University of Nottingham- UK in the fields of Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences and



Pharmacy respectively. Dr Attali was one of the 12 candidates around the globe to secure the prestigious Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate-NanoFar scholarship for pursuing doctoral research funded by the European Union in 2013. In 2016, she also achieved Belgium national scholarship "Patrimoine grant- medical sector" by UCL, Belgium for continuing her research. Dr Attali served as Erasmus Mundus Regional representative- South (2014-2016) at EMA-Indian Chapter and worked to spread awareness about the higher education opportunities in EU in particular, Erasmus Mundus Master Courses and Joint Doctorate programs in India. Prior to her doctorate research, Dr Attali has worked as Junior Research Fellow at Amrita Centre for Nanoscience (ACNS), Kochi-Kerala in an academia-industry collaborated project on developing anti-malarial nanomedicines.

Her educational background includes post-graduation in the field of Nanobiotechnology (MSc) and graduation in Biochemistry (BSc).

Special Lecture on India's freedom struggle



Prof. K. Gopalan Kutty, historian gave a special lecture on India's freedom struggle on 26 January 2018 in connection with the republic day celebration held in CREST. Dr. K. Gopalan Kutty, was Head of the Department of History, University of Calicut. He has been teaching modern history at Malabar Christian College, Calicut and Calicut University. He has written extensively on Civil Disobedience movement and agrarian movements in Malabar

Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture - Regions and Globality: Understanding Kerala's Linkages with the Arab World by Prof. AK Ramakrishnan

In connection with the Kerala diamond jubilee celebrations, CREST organized a public lecture on January 29, 2018. The lecture entitled Regions and Globality: Understanding Kerala's Linkages with the Arab World was delivered by Prof. AK Ramakrishnan at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium, Kozhikode. Prof. AK Ramakrishnan is Professor at the Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He did his Bachelors in Science from University



of Calicut, Masters in Middle Eastern Studies from University of Mysore, M.Phil from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, and PhD on 'American Perceptions of Iran: A Study in Orientalism' at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala. He also has held various academic positions at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Bucknell University, Pennsylvania; and Cairo University, Egypt. He has authored various books related to the Middle East and numerous articles on Keralite politics and culture. His areas of interest are International Relations theories, West Asian area studies, Gender and Post colonial studies. Some of his writings have been published in famous journals like International Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Development Alternatives, Millennium-Journal of International Studies, Contemporary South Asia, and Palestine Times. He has presented papers at several international conferences. He has been one of those Indian scholars of international relations, who continue to critique USA and Israel's hegemony, internalized by many as a fait accompli.

Prof. DD Nampoothiri, Executive Director CREST and Prof. Ashley Paul, Associate Program Coordinator spoke at the event.

Workshop – “Redefine your horizons”



Balachandran Gopinath, International Training Fellow of the Junior Chamber Training Institute of USA conducted a two day workshop “Redefine your horizons” on 29th & 30th of January 2018 with an objective to improve the confidence level of students. The workshop covered themes on preparing a career map, long-term professional goals and action steps for achieving them, work style and analyzing strengths and weaknesses and professional reputation development

Workshop for Oslo and Akershus University College students

Following the MoU between CREST and Oslo and Akershus University College Norway (Oslo Metropolitan University) for academic collaboration between two institutions, sixteen



undergraduate students of Development studies of Oslo University College, Norway interned with

CREST for five weeks CREST from 5 February 2018 onwards. On 5 February 2018 sessions were held by the students of CERST on various aspects of higher education , transgender rights, environment, violence on women etc for the students from Oslo.

Special Lecture on Higher Education in Norway



A special lecture on Norwegian higher education system was held by Dr. Berit Helene Vandsemb Faculty of education and international studies, Oslo and Akershus University College (Oslo Metropolitan University)on Norway On 5 February 2018. She also spoke on Norway , the country that tops the 185 member countries in the UN Nations. Dr. Berit Helene Vandsemb contributes on issues related to Human geography , rural development and gender. She has worked extensively on Sri Lanka and Kerala. Her publications among others include *Gender, Work and Social Change: Return Migration to Kerala* (2014) *Women, Gender and Everyday Social Transformation in India* (2014)

Talk on Dalit Capitalism

Chandra Bhan Prasad, well known columnist who contributes on Dalit issues visited CRESST on 10 February 2018 and gave a special lecture on in the importance of entrepreneurship among Dalits to



for their upward mobility. Chandra Bhan Prasad is widely regarded as the most important Dalit thinker and political commentator in India today, advocating on behalf of the more than sixteen

percent of India's population who have historically been regarded as untouchable by orthodox Hinduism. Mr. Prasad is a research affiliate on CASI's Dalit research program and serves as a key advisor to the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCII). He was the first Dalit to gain a regular space in a nationally circulating Indian newspaper, more than fifty years after India's independence, quickly attracting national attention and widespread readership. His weekly *Dalit Diary* has been a regular feature of the Delhi-based English language newspaper *The Pioneer* since 1999, and is routinely translated into numerous other major Indian languages. His articles and books are used by South Asia faculty in universities throughout the world to question longstanding assumptions about caste and Indian society. Prasad studied at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi, where he completed his M.A. and M.Phil.

Workshop on Film Appreciation

A workshop on film appreciation was held for the students of the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development was held on 11 February 2018. The workshop was conducted by Shanthi Vijaya & Aparna Nandakumar, Assistant Professors at the Department of English , Providence Women's College, Calicut. Shanthi Vijaya has been in the teaching profession for the past 20 years. Her areas of interest include film, gender and Dalit studies, with special focus on socio-political activism. Aparna Nandakumar's areas of interest include popular culture, Indian cinema, youth culture, and creative writing.

Documentary Screening

Documentary film maker Priya Thuvassery , Senior Producer , NDTV exhibited her acclaimed documentary films 'Survey Number Zero' and 'My Sacred Glass Bowl' on February 14, 2018 at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium Kozhikode. Priya Thuvassery is an alumnus of the AJK Mass



Communication Research Center, Jamia Millia Islamia—one of India's premier institutes in film and video training. As a documentary practitioner in India, she has fundraised, directed and edited

several documentaries. Her work has won national and international awards and has been screened at film festivals, art galleries and academic institutes. She was employed as a Senior Producer for a documentary/ feature show with New Delhi Television (NDTV) and has more than eight years of television production experience. She is now a full-time filmmaker and media trainer.

Survey Number Zero is an ethnographic documentary on the making of salt in Gujarat. My Sacred Glass Bowl looks at the concept of virginity as it is perceived by contrasting communities in India and 2017: AN INDIAN LOVE STORY discusses stories of love, freedom and the idea of a changing India

Review of State & Central Budget



Prof. T. P. Kunhikkannan Visiting Professor & Dean, Social Sciences of Thunchath Ezhuthachan *Malayalam* University gave a special lecture on State and Central Budget on 15 February 2018. Prof.Kunhikkannan is an economist , who has been the President & General Secretary of Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath (KSSP). His areas of interest are Development Economics, Kerala Economy, Decentralization , Neo Liberalism, Environment Economics and Health Economics. He was awarded MM Ghani Memorial Award from Calicut University for best teacher . His work *Gadgil Reportum Kerala Vikasanavum* was awarded K.V. Surendranath Award for best book on environment in Malayalam . An author of more than ten books both in

English and Malayalam as well as author of more than 100 papers in English & Malayalam in Periodical's including EPW, Social Scientist, Sastragati, etc.

Special Lecture on Civil Service Examination



Sri.C.Mohan Gopu , a 2010 batch IRS (customs) officer gave a special lecture on Civil Service and Career Opportunities on 17 February 2018. Mr.Mohan Gopu has been the Deputy Commissioner of customs (export) Chennai sea customs and a master trainer of GST. He has done a certified course on intellectual property rights from World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).He is also trained in Digital Forensics and Information security. Served 3 years as Deputy Commissioner in intelligence wing of Service Tax Department. He is also closely associated with an NGO called Pournami Foundation which assists civil service aspirants from weaker section of Tamil Nadu.

Mohan Gopu has done his bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy and Master's in Business Administration (MBA).He has also done a Post graduate Diploma course in International Business operations He is now persuing MSC in Cyber forensics and Information security

Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture - The Media today : fourth estate or fifth column of democracy ? by Sashi Kumar

In connection with the Kerala diamond jubilee celebrations, CREST organized a public lecture on February 23, 2018. The lecture entitled "*The Media today : fourth estate or fifth column of democracy ?*" was delivered by Sashi Kumar , noted media person at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium, Kozhikode. Speaking at the event he said that traditionally, the role of the media was to be adversarial to power, to point out the chinks in the state's armor, and to criticize and challenge when the government goes off the track. But now the media was servile to power, and it sang paeans to the ruling class.

Sashi Kumar is a print and broadcast journalist, filmmaker and media entrepreneur. He founded and chairs the Media Development Foundation which administers the Asian College of Journalism. He was among the earliest Newscasters in English on national television, Doordarshan, Middle East Correspondent of The Hindu and news anchor on Radio Bahrain in the mid 1980s. He has anchored



and produced numerous shows, documentaries and features for national television in India. In 1992 he founded and launched Asianet, India's first satellite TV channel in a regional language (Malayalam), and the country's first statewide cable TV network in Kerala. In 2004 he scripted and directed 'Kaya Taran' an award winning Hindi feature film based on the 1984 anti- Sikh riots and the 2002 Gujarat riots. He has acted in a few Malayalam feature films. He writes a regular fortnightly column titled 'Unmediated' in Frontline; it is also the title of the book comprising his essays and articles published by Tulika Books in 2013. He has received many awards for his work in journalism and films. Prof.DD Nampoothiri, Executive Director CREST and Prof.Ashley Paul, Associate Program Coordinator spoke at the event.

Executive Committee Meeting

42nd meeting of the Executive Committee of CREST was held on 13 March 2018 at CREST. The meeting decided to conduct a 45 days finishing school program for the ST students completing their BA Degree program at Institute of Tribal Studies and Research (ITSR) , Calicut University, Chithalayam Wayanad. CREST has a MoU with ITSR, primary objective of which is to strengthen the curricular and co-curricular activities of students doing undergraduate program in Sociology at ITSR.

Workshop on Interviews and Group Discussion

A workshop on personal interviews and group discussion was held on March 17 & 18 ,2018 and on 20 &21 April 2018 . The Workshop was conducted by Mr.Anil Menon , an HR Trainer . He is the General Manager of SB Global Educational Resources Pvt. Ltd, a HR training agency based in Cochin. After working in sales and marketing functions of companies in India and abroad for over 23 years, Anil Menon turned his focus to training – an area he is passionate about. He was



instrumental in designing highly popular Employability Skills training programmes for students of colleges and workplace skills programmes for various organizations and executed programmes for IIT, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, NITs etc. He currently heads the training activities of the company.

Workshop on Language of Job Search by Rajeevan Karal



A two day workshop on resume and job search was conducted for the students of Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development (PGCCPD) by Dr. Rajeevan Karal on 20 & 21 March 2018. Dr. Karal is an accomplished teacher trainer and content developer, with over forty years experience in teaching English at all levels. He has authored many books on different aspects of English, targeted at learners at school and university levels. He has wide experience in organizing training programme in Business Communication, Technical Writing, and Presentation Skills for managers and executives from the corporate sector.

Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture - The Distortions of and Threat from Cultural Nationalism by Sadanand Menon

Sadanand Menon, noted media critic gave a public lecture, The Distortions of and Threat from Cultural Nationalism, in connection with the Kerala diamond jubilee celebrations organized by CREST on March 20, 2018. Giving the lecture he said that there is strong tendency in India that advocates cultural nationalism that opposes plurality, democracy and even constitution. The idea



of democracy is being mocked in India by the proponents of cultural nationalism, he said. Sadanand

Menon explores the charged space linking politics and culture through his work in media, pedagogy and the arts. He is adjunct faculty at the Asian College of Journalism, Chennai, at IIT-Madras and at Presidency University, Kolkata. He has been an arts editor, columnist and photographer in the mainstream media and has also been active in critical alternate spaces. A long time collaborator with the legendary dancer/choreographer/writer Chandralekha, he is also a leading stage lights designer. He has curated two major retrospective exhibitions of artists Dashrath Patel (1998/99) and Balan Nambiar (2018). He has been on the Advisory/Executive Committees of the National Museum, National Gallery of Modern Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, National School of Drama, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, the Board for Intangible Cultural Heritage, Raza Foundation, Delhi, Gati Dance Foundation, Delhi, Chennai Photo Biennale and Dakshinchitra, Chennai. Alongside Romila Thapar and A.G.Noorani, he has an essay in the book 'On Nationalism' (Aleph, 2016). A recipient of the Kerala Lalit Kala Akademi's prestigious 'Kesari Balakrishna Pillai' Award for cultural criticism, he is managing trustee of the Arts Foundation, SPACES, Chennai.

Visit to Cyberpark Kozhikode

On 4th of April 2018 students had an interaction with parks in Kozhikode that included



Government Cyberpark and ULCCLTD Cyberpark. A special session also was organized for the students on Start up Mission , Kerala. Students made a presentation on their business ideas.

Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture - *Cultures and Ultranationalism* by MV Narayanan

M. V. Narayanan, Professor of English at the University of Calicut gave a public lecture , Cultures and Ultranationalism on 10 April 2018 at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium Calicut in connection with Kerala Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Delivering the lecture he said that an imaginary nationalism is being imposed on people of India . This nationalism dictates what to eat, what to dress, and how to



behave in public. Even new traditions are imposed on people. This discourse is now not just confined to public space. Even in private space, this discourse is gaining access. Germans also had to encounter a similar situation in the thirties, he said.

M. V. Narayanan, Professor of English at the University of Calicut, has a Ph.D. from University of Exeter, UK, and has taught at the University of Sharjah, Miyazaki International University, Japan, and the University of Calicut. His major areas of research are Cultural Studies, Popular Culture, Theatre & Performance Studies. Of late, he has also done work on the cultures of modernity, nationalism and community formation. His articles have appeared in TDR, Comparative Culture, edited anthologies such as Dance Matters (Routledge), Patronage, Spectacle and the Stage (IFTR), and a number of Indian journals. He has done extensive performance documentation in association with UNESCO, CDiT, and VEDIKA. He has figured on the curatorial committees of the International Theatre Festival of Kerala in 2014 and 2015, and of the Ekaharya Theatre Festival, Kochi, in 2015. Two books in Malayalam, Ormayute Ulbhavam and Itam, Avatharanam, Kazchavazhikal are in press and scheduled for release in May. Prof. Narayanan will be joining the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, on a two-year fellowship in June.

Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture - *Hindu-Minorities Conflict and the Struggle for Democratization of the Hindu Social Order* by Prof.G.Mohan Gopal



Prof.G.Mohan Gopal Director, Public Defence Initiative gave a lecture on *Hindu-Minorities Conflict and the Struggle for Democratization of the Hindu Social Order* on April 29, 2018, (Sunday) 5:30 PM Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium, Kozhikode. Delivering the lecture, Prof. Mohan Gopal said that the Hindu-Muslim conflict has roots in a falsified projection of Muslims as “threat”. The Hindutva discourse uses this threat to consolidate Hindus of India, whose religious practices were never identified as Hindu by the Savarna Hindus. A concerted effort to democratize Hindu religion from within would weaken the Hindutva ideology, which would benefit Indian society as a whole. Sree Narayana Guru’s reform movement in Kerala was such an attempt. Relatively better life of the marginalized and minorities in Kerala is the prouct of such a n attempt by Sree Narayana Guru, he said. Kerala Prof. G. Mohan Gopal is one of India’s leading legal academicians and jurists. His work focuses on democratization of social orders through law and justice as well as 'development' policy. Dr.

Gopal was Director of the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal (2006-2011) and currently chairs the Supreme Court’s National Court Management Systems Committee. He is a former Vice Chancellor of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore (2000-2003). He has taught law at Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C. and at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. Dr. Gopal was Director of the Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, New Delhi, a 27 year old national policy think tank (2011-2017); Chief Counsel of the World Bank in Washington, DC and Counsel of ADB in Manila. Dr. Gopal currently coordinates two informal law and policy clusters (Public Defence Initiative and Centre for Legal Change). He holds a doctoral degree in law from Harvard University. He is a native of Trivandrum, Kerala

Stepping out in the Corporate World



A one day workshop, “Stepping Out in the Corporate World” was held at CREST on 19th April 2018, conducted by Mr. Ramesh Chandran formerly General Manager, AEGON Asset Management (AAM), based in The Hague in The Netherlands. This workshop focused on the aspect of professionalism, the traits of professionalism and the impact of showcasing a professional image. The students were also appraised about the workplace etiquette and the dos and don’ts of workplace behavior in corporate sector.

Finishing School for undergraduate ITSR

A 45 days Finishing School Program for the Scheduled Tribe Students who have just completed BA Degree course at the Institute of Tribal Studies and Research, Calicut University, Chitalayam Wayanad began on 24th of April 2018 at Government Youth Hostel Kozhikode. The objective of the



program is to provide a better foundation for higher studies for the candidates . 39 candidates took part in the finishing school program that covered modules in Social Science, Humanities, English , IT and Self Enrichment. The program was inaugurated by Prof. K. Mohammed Basheer, Honorable Vice Chancellor of University of Calicut. Dr. Pushpalatha, Director, ITSR, Vinod Krishnan TY, Associate Program Coordinator, CREST , KP Sasikumar, Administrative Officer, CREST , Mujeebu Rahaman, Assistant Professor, ITSR , Anoop Jayaprakash and Ranjith V, faculty members of CREST spoke at the function.

Access Program

Interview at Azimpremji University Bangalore



On 5 January 2018, three students from MRS Thrithala, one student from MRS Alappuzha and one student from MRS Aluva who were shortlisted for interview for admission to Undergraduate Programme at Azim Premji University were given an orientation on interview. The students were taken to Bangalore on 5th for appearing for interview scheduled on 6th & 7th of January 2018.

Academic support sessions at Model Residential School Punnapra, Alappuzha

On 12th & 20th of January 2018 , assistance was provided for the Plus Two students of MRS Punnapra to apply online for admission to undergraduate programme at Asian University for Women (AUW), Chittagong in Bangladesh and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata.

Academic support programme at Model Residential School Keezhmad, Aluva

On 13th and 27th of January 2018 , assistance was provided for the Plus Two students of MRS Aluva to apply online for admission to undergraduate programme at Asian University for Women (AUW), Chittagong in Bangladesh and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata.

Academic support programme at Model Residential School Thrithala

On 14th & 21st of January 2018 , assistance was provided for the Plus Two students of MRS Thrithala to apply online for admission to undergraduate programme at Asian University for Women (AUW), Chittagong in Bangladesh , EFLU and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata. On 15th , 26th & 27th of January academic support was given in Botany for the students. A three day support session in Biology was held for plus two students on 23rd to 25th of February 2018.

Academic support programme at MRS Peerumedu, Idukki

On 13th and 28th of January 2018 , assistance was provided for the Plus Two students of MRS Peerumedu to apply online for admission to undergraduate programme at Asian University for Women (AUW), Chittagong in Bangladesh and English & Foreign Languages University (EFLU) , Hyderabad.

Preparatory Training for Higher Secondary Students of MRS Aluva, Alapuzha, Peermedu & Thrithala

From 02.04.18 to 31.05.17, an in-house preparatory program was conducted focusing on entrance examination to obtain admission to undergraduate programs in nationally reputed institutions and



overcome the achievement gap. Classes on Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning, Mental ability and General knowledge were held for 45 students who were selected from Model Residential Schools of Aluva, Alapuzha, Peermedu and Thrithala. The program was held at Sreyas and Pratheeksha training Centres , Sultan Bathery, Wayanad

Print as well as the visual media has given coverage to various programmes of CREST held during January – April 2018. *Mathrubhumi Daily, Mathrubhumi TV. Malayala Manorama, Deshabhimani daily, and The Hindu* covered news on the activities of CREST during these months.

ഓർക്കസ് ട്രേഡ് പോലെയാണ് ഓരോ സ്ഥാപനവും -പ്രൊഫ. അമർലാൽ എച്ച്. കാശറോ

കോഴിക്കോട് ഒരു സ്ഥാപനമെന്നത് ഓർക്കസ് ട്രേഡ് പോലെയാണ്. അവിടെ ഓരോരും ഓരോ ഉപകരണങ്ങളാണ്. എല്ലാവരും കൂടി ഒന്നിച്ചേർന്ന് നിൽക്കുമ്പോഴാണ് മികച്ച ഫലം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നത്. അങ്ങനെയല്ലെങ്കിൽ ശ്രുതി പിഴയ്ക്കും. ഐ.ഐ.എം.എം.യുടെ കാര്യത്തിലും കൂട്ടായ പ്രയത്നമാണ് ഉണ്ടായത് - കോഴിക്കോട് ഐ.ഐ.എം.എമ്മിന്റെ മുൻ ഡയറക്ടറായ പ്രൊഫ. അമർലാൽ എച്ച്. കാശറോ പറഞ്ഞു. ക്രെസ്റ്റിന്റെ കേരള വജ്രജൂബിലി പ്രഭാഷണപരമ്പരയിൽ ഐ.ഐ.എം.കെ. പട്ടുത്തുയർത്തിയതിനെക്കുറിച്ച് സംസാരിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം.



ക്രെസ്റ്റിന്റെ കേരള വജ്രജൂബിലി പ്രഭാഷണ പരമ്പരയിൽ കോഴിക്കോട് ഐ.ഐ.എം.എമ്മിന്റെ മുൻ ഡയറക്ടറായ പ്രൊഫ. അമർലാൽ എച്ച്. കാശറോ സംസാരിക്കുന്നു

ഐ.ഐ.എമ്മിന്റെ ഡയറക്ടറായി കോഴിക്കോട്ടെത്തുമ്പോൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നത് പരാധീനതകൾ മാത്രമായിരുന്നു. കോളേജിലെ പ്രവേശനം വളരെക്കുറവ്. സ്വന്തമായി കെട്ടിടമില്ല, ആവശ്യത്തിന് ജീവനക്കാരില്ല. ഇത്തരം വെല്ലുവിളികൾക്ക് മുമ്പിൽ പതറാതെ മുന്നോട്ടു പോകാനാണ് ശ്രമിച്ചത്.

അതുവരെ തുടർന്നുവന്ന പരമ്പരാഗതമായ സർവകലാശാലാ ചട്ടങ്ങളെ മാറ്റേണ്ടത് ആവശ്യമായിരുന്നു. ചെയ്യുന്ന ഓരോ കാര്യവും വ്യത്യസ്തമാക്കി. ഇതിനായി വി

ശ്വാസ്യത നേടിയെടുത്തു. പിന്നീട് സ്വന്തം കെട്ടിടമെന്ന സ്വപ്നത്തിലേക്ക് കടന്നു. കേന്ദ്ര-സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാരുകളാണ് ഐ.ഐ.എമ്മിനായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചത്. താൻ അതിന്റെ ഭാഗം മാത്രമാകുകയായിരുന്നു. കെ.പി.പി. നമ്പ്യാർ, ടി. കെ.എ. നായർ, എം.കെ. കുറുപ്പൻ എന്നിവരുടെ പേരുകൾ ഒരിക്കലും മറക്കാൻ പറ്റാത്തതാണെന്നും അമർലാൽ എച്ച്. കാശറോ പറഞ്ഞു. ഐ.ഐ.എം.കെ. യാണ് ഇവിടെ ആദ്യം മഴവെള്ളക്കൊയ്ത്ത് തട്ടങ്ങിയതെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു.

ക്രെസ്റ്റിലെ 29-ാം ബാച്ച് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് ഉപഹാരം നൽകി.

ക്രെസ്റ്റ് എക്സിക്യൂട്ടീവ് ഡയറക്ടർ പ്രൊഫ. ഡി.ഡി. നമ്പൂതിരി, പ്രൊഫ. അഷ്ലി പോൾ എന്നിവർ സംസാരിച്ചു.

കേരളവുമായി അറബ് ലോകത്തിന് ശക്തമായ സാംസ്കാരിക വിനിമയം

കോഴിക്കോട് കേരളവും അറബ് ലോകവുമായുള്ള ബന്ധത്തിൽ രണ്ടു സംസ്കാരങ്ങളുടെ ആഴത്തിലുള്ള കൊടുക്കൽ വാങ്ങലുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു ന്യൂഡൽഹിയിലെ ജവഹർലാൽ നെഹ്റു സർവകലാശാലയിലെ പ്രഫസർ ഡോ. എ.കെ. രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടു.

സെന്റർ ഫോർ റിസർച്ച് ആൻഡ് എജുക്കേഷൻ ഫോർ സോഷ്യൽ ട്രാൻസ്ഫോമേഷൻ (ക്രെസ്റ്റ്) കേരളത്തിന്റെ വജ്രജൂബിലിയോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച പ്രഭാഷണ പരമ്പരയിൽ 'കേരളവും അറബ് ലോകവും' എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ പ്രസംഗിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു അദ്ദേഹം. പുരാതനകാലം മുതൽ തന്നെ കേരളവുമായി അറബ് ലോകത്തിനു വ്യാപാര ബന്ധവും അതുവഴി സാംസ്കാരിക വിനിമയവുമുണ്ട്. ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ കേരളവും അറബ്



'കേരളവും അറബ് ലോകവും' എന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ ക്രെസ്റ്റ് കോഴിക്കോട്ടു സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച സെമിനാറിൽ ജെഎൻയു പ്രഫസർ എ.കെ. രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തുന്നു

ലോകവും തമ്മിലുള്ള ബന്ധത്തിനു പല അടരുകൾ ഉണ്ട്. ഇതിനെ സാധാരണ യൂറോപ്യൻ രീതിയിലുള്ള വീക്ഷണം കൊണ്ട് അളക്കരുത്. മറിച്ച് പുതിയൊരു രീതിയിൽ സാർവ്വലൗകികമായ രീതിയിൽ വേണം വിലയിരുത്താനെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞു.

ആധുനിക കാലത്ത് അറബ് ലോകത്തേക്കുള്ള മലയാളികളുടെ കുടിയേറ്റം കേരളത്തിന്റെ സാമ്പത്തിക മേഖലയ്ക്കു വലിയ സംഭാവനകളാണു നൽകിയിട്ടുള്ളത്. മലയാളി അവന്റെ സാംസ്കാരിക വിനിമയത്തിലൂടെ അറേബ്യൻ രീതികളുമായി ഇഴുകിച്ചേരുകയും അതുവഴി ഒരു ആഗോളവീക്ഷണത്തിനു കളമൊരുങ്ങുകയുമായിരുന്നെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം വ്യക്തമാക്കി.

ഡി.ഡി. നമ്പൂതിരി പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.

Interns

Ms.Alphonsa Jojan interned with CREST during January – February 2018. During her internship she has been engaged with the library orientation of students and sessions on environment related issues. **Ms.Hoang Yen Vi** from Vietnam interned at CREST during February – April 2018.

Faculty Activity

Prof.D.D.Nampoothiri, Executive Director took part in a discussion organized by Kerala Council of Historical Research (KCHR) held at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium on 7 February 2018.

Forthcoming Events

Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture

Prashant Bhushan, noted lawyer and activist will give a public lecture in connection with Kerala Diamond Jubilee Lecture on 5 May 2018 at Hotel Alakapuri Auditorium Kozhikode

Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development

Admission to the 30th Batch of the Post Graduate Certificate Course for Professional Development will be held on 5 June 2018 and classes will commence on 13 June 2018.