DEPARTMENT OF MALAYALAM

KERALA PIRAVI DAY CELEBRATION

SEMINAR AND RITUAL PERFORMANCE ON ' Folklore studiescontemporary &cultural experiences

Title	: Seminar and Ritual Performance on '' Folklore
	Studies - contemporary &cultural experiences
Date	: November 01, 2024
Coordinator	: Dr. Jaisy David, Convener of the Folk Lore Club
Number of Participants	: 200

Objective of the Program

The primary objective of the seminar and ritual performance was to explore and understand the significance of rituals in folklore, their meanings, and the experiences they evoke. This event aimed to provide a platform for students, scholars, and folklore enthusiasts to engage with traditional cultural practices and gain insights from experts in the field.

Report of the Program:

On November 01, 2024, MES Asmabi College's Department of Malayalam and Folk Lore Club, in collaboration with the Kerala Folk Lore Academy, organized a seminar and ritual performance "Theyyatam". The event commenced at 10 am with an inaugural ceremony led by Dr.Koya Kaapad, Vise Chairman of the Kerala Folk Lore Academy. The college princial in charge Dr. Reena Muhammed presided over the function. Following the inauguration, Dr. EK Govinda Varma Raja, a renowned folklore researcher and former head of Calicut University School of Folk Lore Studies, delivered a keynote address on the topic "Folklore studies – Contemporary & Cultural experiences" His speech delved in to the historical and cultural contexts of rituals, their symbolic meanings, and the personal and communal experiences they foster.

Additional speeches were given by Dr. Jaisy David, Convener of the Folk Lore Club, Dr. KP Sumedhan, Self-Financing Director, and Remya C Jayan, Faculty, Dept. of Malayalam.. Each speaker highlighted the importance of preserving and studying folklore traditions.

The seminar was followed by a vibrant 'Theyyatam' ritual performance by Sarit Babu and his team from Kannur. The performance, involving seven artists, captivated the audience with its rich cultural expressions and traditional choreography.

Outcome of the Program:

The seminar successfully heightened awareness and appreciation of traditional rituals among participants. Attendees gained valuable knowledge about the meanings and experiences associated with rituals in folklore. The event fostered a deeper understanding of cultural heritage and encouraged the preservation of traditional practices.

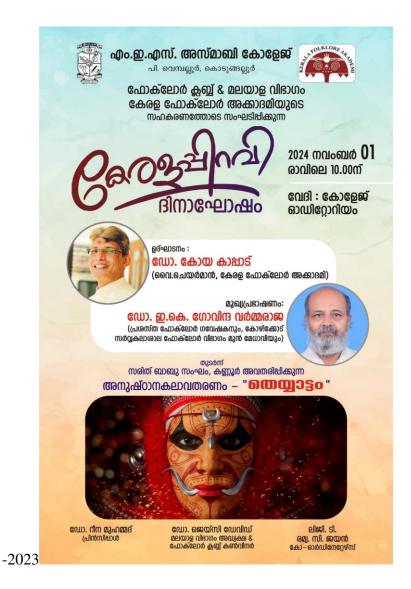
Feedback:

Participants expressed positive feed back regarding the seminar and performance. They appreciated the insightful keynote address by Dr. EK Govinda Varma Raja and found the 'Theyyatam' ritual performance to be a unique and enriching experience. Many attendees suggested organizing more such events to continue exploring various aspects of folklore and traditional practices.

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