

## Naipunnya College Newsletter



# NEWS

### INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The induction programme for the first-year students was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> November. The students were asked to join along with their parents so that the matters regarding the college, classes, departments, facilities, and rules were familiar to the students before the official initiation ceremony.

### NIDARSANA 2020



The college welcomed the 2020-23 batch of UG students to the ever-growing Naipunnya family with an online initiation ceremony that got etched itself in the history of NIMIT on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. By exploring the augmented reality experience, the college proved that it has risen up to tackle challenging situations to provide the students with the very best it can offer. His Grace, Archbishop Mar Antony Kariyil (Vicar of Major Archbishop, Archeparchy of Ernakulam - Angamaly) presided over this auspicious event and Hon. Justice Kurian Joseph (Former Supreme Court Judge) was the chief guest.

### BE- HUB



Behaviour Enhancement Hub, an initiative powered by the Leading Hands of NIMIT, introduced new habits for each month along with '+ve Vibe Challenge' for each class. Habit for December was 'Attitude of Gratitude' which aimed to help the students cultivate the habit of being grateful for the blessings they have received.

### ENCONTOURS - MULTILINGUAL NATIONAL WEBINAR

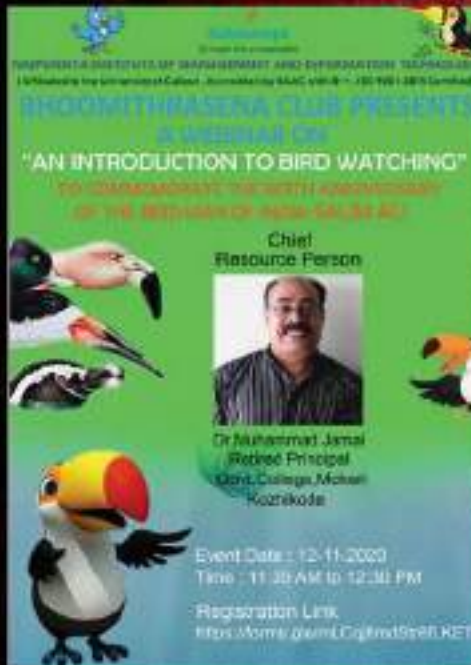
The Department of Languages hosted a Three-Day Multilingual National Webinar on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November. The inaugural function was on 5 November on the WebEx platform. Dr. Pramod K. Nayar (Faculty of Department of English, University of Hyderabad) inaugurated and handled the English webinar. Rev. Dr. Sunil Jose (HoD, Department of Malayalam, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri) and Dr. Babu K. Viswanathan (Associate Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady) headed the Malayalam and Hindi sessions respectively.

### ANTI-RAGGING WEBINAR

Ragging is a social evil that can have a devastating impact on the student community. As part of the anti-ragging initiatives, the Anti-Ragging Cell hosted an awareness webinar for the second year UG students on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Adv. Bino I. Tom (Advocate at the District Court) warned the students against this detrimental practice to help nurture a sentient student community, able to grow and develop together.



**NATIONAL BIRD WATCHING DAY**



The National Bird Watching Day is celebrated on November 12<sup>th</sup> to mark the birth anniversary of renowned ornithologist and naturalist Dr. Salim Ali, known as the 'The Birdman of India'. On this special occasion the Bhoomithrasena Club organized a webinar on **An Introduction to Bird Watching**.

**AVIAN MAGIC - PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**



A moment in time never comes twice, only to stay with us briefly and then quickly pass. To freeze those moments is to treasure them for posterity. Bhoomithrasena Club organized a photography competition in connection with the National Bird Watching Day. The theme of the competition was **Bird in its Nest**.

**FINISHING TOUCH**

The Department of Training in association with IQAC conducted a one-week interview skill training programme, **Finishing Touch** for the final year students with the objective to equip the students to excel in the interview process. It coupled with the annual SEP trainings hosted by the department. The training sessions were conducted by two skill development companies Rubicon and Mahindra.

**THAVMAZO 2020**



The college proudly acknowledged and appreciated the exemplary academic performance exhibited by the meritorious students of the institution by organizing an award function for them on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. It encouraged and motivated the students to grow and develop themselves, enabled them to unleash their full potential.

**CENTRE FOR EXTENSION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**



NIMIT got approved as a training centre for NSDC and the inauguration of the NSDC certified add-on courses was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> November, having Abith Sushan (Chief Programme Coordinator, NSDC, IIB Education Pvt. Ltd.) as the resource person.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPONENTS TEST**

The Department of Physical Education organized the remaining series of physical fitness components tests and mind sports to keep the students physically fit and trained for their respective sports by organizing competitions **Taksado, Baton and Reverse Swing**.

**INDUCTION AND SHUBHARAMBH**



Induction programme of M. Com (2020 Admn.) was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 and the initiation ceremony, **Shubharambh** was on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both programmes provided the students a deep insight into the new academic venture they have started. Rev. Dr. Prasanth Palackappillil CMI, Principal, Sacred Heart College, Thevara was the guest of the day.

**NIMIT POWER TALKS**

**NIMIT Power Talks** was an initiative of the Department of Training to enhance the oratory skills of the students. It provided opportunities to students to narrate and perform inspiring stories. **NIMIT Power Talks** were by the NIMITians whereas **Power Talks** were by inspiring personalities. The second one in the **NIMIT Power Talks** series was done by Sneha Cheriyan of II B. Com Finance A and the third, by Johns Shaju of II B.A. English.



**FDP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

Catering to the academic and research needs of the PG students and the staff of the department, an FDP on research methodology was organized by the Department of Commerce. The resource person Dr. Gabriel Smith Thattil, Professor of Commerce, School of Business Management and Legal studies, University of Kerala highlighted the importance of research methodology in a research work.

**POWER TALKS**



The new venture of the Department of Training, **Power Talks** was a series of talks by inspiring personalities. The first in the series was by Mr. Anish Mohan on 28 November 2020. It was a programme exclusively for LHPs and the faculty.

**WEBINAR - ROLE OF LOGISTICS IN BUILDING SELF RELIANT INDIA**

Logistics plays an important role in making countries self-reliant. The BBA Stream of the college conducted a webinar on **Role of Logistics in Building Self Reliant India** for the Commerce students.

**WEBINAR – COMPUTER SECURITY**

Computer security awareness among students is highly significant today as everything has turned online. Department of Computer Science in association with the IQAC conducted a webinar on **Computer Security** on 30 November 2020 for Computer Science students and all the first-years. It provided proper input to students on the topic.

**PROWESS**



On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, SWAS organized a programme for differently abled students in the college. To support, encourage and to provide an opportunity for them to showcase their talents was the focus of this programme. The event was live-streamed on YouTube.

**VIGYAAN 2020**



The Department of Computer Science conducted its 6<sup>th</sup> National Conference titled **Technological Advancements in Computational Intelligence** on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Dr. John Jose (Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, IIT, Guwahati) was the chief guest and the keynote speaker was Dr. Saritha Namboodiri (Associate Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, V. T. Bhattathiripad College, Sreekrishnapuram).

**EXPRESSIONS 2020**



Curricular and extra-curricular activities are necessary for the overall development of the students. **Expressions** conducted on 27 November 2020 was a programme for the freshers of the college to showcase their talents.

**TAGLIO 3**

The Placement Cell organized the second session of **TAGLIO 3** on 26 November 2020. It was an initiative for the final year students who wish to pursue MBA after their UG course. Mr. Nijo Varghese, Asst. Professor, Naipunnya Business School provided the students sufficient information on the various entrance exams, institutions, career opportunities etc. in the field of MBA.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION WEBINAR**



Prayer Warriors conducted a spiritual formation webinar on 29 November 2020. This session was followed by a special prayer for the departed souls led by Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavarikal (Director, Europe Youth Ministry).

**ANTI-DRUG WEBINAR**



IQAC along with D.A.R.E. organized an anti-drug awareness webinar for the first year students and their parents in three sessions on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December to caution the students against the use of drugs and to stress on the harmful effects it can have on the individual and family. The session was handled by Mr. Justin Thomas (MD and Chief Trainer, Institute of Soft Skills Training and Counselling).

**ONE BOOK, ONE NAIPUNNYA**



The Department of Languages conducted the second and the third series of **One Book, One Naipunnya** in the month of December and January to invigorate the habit of reading in students, to guide them into the world of literature, to help them relieve stress and awaken their creative and artistic faculties. A discussion was followed by a quiz on the book selected for the month.

VERDURE 2020



The Department of Physical Education organized a national webinar on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The chief guest of the day Dr. Sakeer Hussain V. P. (Director, Department of Physical Education, University of Calicut) inaugurated the webinar on the topic **Health and Wellness**. The session was handled by Dr. Leons Wilfred Vaz (Dean Faculty of Physical Education, LNIPE, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh) who shared his insights on the topic, emphasizing the importance of physical fitness in everyday life. He also talked extensively about obesity and its causes.

IGNITE 2K20



A four-day online youth convention was organized by the Prayer Warriors from December 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> to enrich the Catholic students spiritually and guide them in a path rooted in Christ. Eight eminent speakers joined the event to provide the students with a fulfilling spiritual experience.

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Under the initiative of SWAS, food pockets were supplied near Koratty Police Station on December 25<sup>th</sup>. It aimed extending a hand to the needy to share happiness during the season of joy.

RESONANCE 2.21

The virtual events, programmes and competitions during the time of pandemic focused on creating and maintaining solidarity in the troubled times. Keeping this in mind, the Department of Commerce hosted a national level online intercollegiate management fest on 14<sup>th</sup> January to provide a platform for enhancing the skills of the upcoming leaders in the field of business and commerce. The event aimed to encompass everything from creativity to innovation, planning to strategy, fun to learning through various management activities and competitions. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Sunil Kumar V. (Founder and Managing Director, Asset Homes Pvt. Ltd.) and the chief guest was Ms. Mariya Thampi (Fashion Designer and Personal Stylist, M Designs).

WEBINAR - CAREER CHOICES AND PLANNING DURING RECESSION

The Placement Cell collaborated with T.I.M.E and organized a webinar for the second year students on the topic **Career Choices and Planning during Recession** on 11<sup>th</sup> December. The session was handled by Mr. Diju Jose (Centre Director, T.I.M.E, Thrissur)

NATIVITY 2020



Christmas brought hopes for a new beginning, a new life, a rebirth; a time to remember the past and to hope for the future. It brought people together in mind and spirit. To add more cheer and colour to the year, to bring joy and life to this season of lights, to lift hearts and spirits alike, various delightful competitions were organized for the students. The formal inauguration of **Nativity 2020** was aired live on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December through the college official YouTube channel. Very Rev. Fr. Jose Edassery (Vicar, St. Mary's Forane Church, Koratty) inaugurated the programme. The rest of the celebrations was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> December. The virtual celebration was inaugurated by Very Rev. Msgr. Hormis Mynatty (Vicar General, Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese). The formal programme was followed by the staff nativity celebrations.

INAUGURATION OF M.A. ENGLISH PROGRAMME



The academic year 2020-21 being a year of firsts, a new course was started. The Department of Languages began its M.A. programme in English. The inaugural programme was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> January marking a milestone in the growth of the college and the department.



**NSS UNIT INAUGURATION**



The first ever NSS unit of the college was inaugurated by Ms. Binu T. V. (Asst. Professor, St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda and NSS Thrissur District Coordinator) on 16<sup>th</sup> January. This was followed by an orientation programme for newly enrolled NSS volunteers to give the students an idea about the mission and vision of NSS, and the responsibilities of being an NSS volunteer. The orientation session was handled by Dr. Arun Balakrishnan (Asst. Professor, Christ College, Irinjalakuda and Former NSS Programme Officer)

**WEBINAR - POST COVID: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR**



The Cooperation Stream conducted the webinar titled **Post Covid: Challenges and Opportunities in the Cooperative Sector** on 16<sup>th</sup> January. The session was handled by Dr. Vineeth K. M. (Assistant Professor and Research Supervisor, PG Department of Commerce, Government College, Tripunithura).

**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CARVING WORKSHOP**



The Department of Hotel Management organized a fruit and vegetable carving workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of January to teach, develop and showcase the culinary skills of the HM students. The session was handled by Mr. Joy.

**NAAC TRAINING PROGRAMME WITH SCAS**



A team of 12 members from Sahuraya Institute of Advanced Studies joined for a training on 16<sup>th</sup> January, followed by an interactive session conducted in NIMIT by Rev Fr. Dr. Paulachan K.J., Dr. Joy Joseph and Dr. Sabu Varghese.

**LE GRANDE BOULANGERIE**



Students of the fourth semester HMCA conducted a dessert exhibition showcasing desserts from different parts of the world as part of their class fest on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**125<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE**



To commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, an online quiz was conducted for the NSS volunteers on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**REPUBLIC DAY**



The Department of Physical Education and the National Service Scheme organized the Republic Day Celebration on 26 January. The day began with the flag hoisting ceremony by Rev. Fr. Jose Edassery (Forane Vicar, Koratty) followed by the republic day message and a mass drill by the students of Physical Education, and NSS. A few other programmes like **Pothichoru** - distribution of 50 food packets to the needy, **Green Clean Kerala** - a cleaning initiative, and an orientation programme for the newly enrolled NSS volunteers were also organized on the day. The orientation session was handled by Ms. Emil George (Asst. Professor, Department of Languages, NIMIT and Former NSS Programme Officer).

**RECONNECT'21**

An alumni meet is an occasion for the former students of the college to rekindle and cherish the memories of their alma mater, a day to walk down the memory lane. The Department of Commerce organized an online department alumni meet on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**FRIDAY MARKET**



**Friday Market** was an initiative undertaken by the ED Club to serve as a platform to buy and sell organic products in the campus. It served a three-fold purpose – promoted entrepreneurial activities among students, created a market for organic and sustainable goods, and provided a small income to the volunteers associated with this initiative under the 'Earn While You Learn' scheme. **Friday Market** began operating from 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**LAUNCH OF NSDC CERTIFIED ADD-ON COURSES**



The inauguration of NSDC certified add-on courses was on 29<sup>th</sup> January with Mr. Nelvin Tomy (State Project Coordinator, KELTRON Campus Programme) and Mr. Sujith T. (Chief Project Coordinator, NSDC, IIB Education Pvt. Ltd.) as guests.

**RELAUNCH 2021**



The Entrepreneurship Development Club of NIMIT started off 2021 with an exciting event for the entrepreneurial community in the campus – **RELAUNCH 2021**, a product launch competition to test the product development acumen and marketing skills of the undergraduate students. The theme chosen for the competition was 'vintage products/brands'.

**LATEX TRAINING WORKSHOP**

To add to the knowledge of the teaching fraternity on writing research papers, the Department of Computer Science in association with the IQAC, organised a Two-Day Latex Training Workshop for the faculty on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

**SNEHASANGAMAM**



Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person. The flagship event of the college **Snehasangamam** was held on February 13. As part of the programme student representatives from the college visited the twenty-two institutions adopted by the college and distributed materials collected by the staff and students. The cultural programmes of the inmates were streamed on YouTube.

**WEBINAR - COVID 19 – ECONOMIC CRISIS AND IMPACT ON THE LIVELIHOODS OF INDIAN POPULATION**



Covid 19 pandemic has affected every realm of human life. The Post Graduate Department of Commerce conducted an Online National Conference on **Covid 19 – Economic Crisis and Impact on the Livelihoods of Indian Population** through WebEx platform on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021. Prof. Dr. Sangeetha K. Prathap was the chief guest and keynote speaker.

**LEADERS THRIVE- TRAINING SESSION FOR LHPs**



The Department of Training organized an exclusive training session for the Leading Hands of NIMIT on 30<sup>th</sup> January. The session aimed to develop the leadership quality of the young aspirants while flourishing personally, professionally and socially. The final year Leading Hands who exhibited outstanding performance and contributed extensively were honoured.

**NAIPUNNYA IT APPRENTICESHIP**



Under the 'Earn while You Learn' scheme, the Department of IT started a new initiative, an apprenticeship programme, which offers apprenticeship to the selected students of the Department of Computer Science. It provides the students to function as IT apprentices in the institution. The inauguration of the programme was conducted on February 1, 2021 in the

**WEBINAR - POSSIBILITIES OF RESEARCH IN FINANCE AND TAXATION**

Taking advantage of the online facilities, the Finance Stream of the Department of Commerce organised a webinar on **Possibilities of Research in Finance and Taxation** for the Finance UG and PG students on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. N. Ajithkumar, Former HoD, Department of Economics, Cochin College led the session.

**WEBINAR - UNION BUDGET ANALYSIS -2021**



Awareness about the recent updates in the subject of study is of great importance in the academic excellence of students. Realizing this, the PG Department of Commerce organised a webinar on **Union Budget Analysis -2021** for the UG and PG students. Dr. N Ramalingam, Associate Professor, Gulati Institute of Finance and Tax, Government of Kerala, was the resource person.

**HORIZON 2021 - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

Women empowerment in all the walks of life is of paramount importance today. To empower the girls of NIMIT, International Women's Day was celebrated under the leadership of Ananya, Women Cell of the college, in association with the NSS unit. Various competitions and cultural events were held as part of the celebration.



SELEZIONE



The Best Outgoing Student Award is the most prestigious award any student wishes to receive from his/her alma mater. The selection was done by the Department of Training in two phases. **Selezione 20-21** was the final selection phase, hence hosted offline as a grand event on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in the NBS seminar hall. An efficient panel of judges comprising both external as well as internal jury members, evaluated the performance of the 8 finalists and selected Mr. Amal Antony of III BCA as the winner.

VIVA 2021



Igniting the students' talents in sports, **VIVA 2021**, the annual sports meet of the college was held on 26 February 2021 in the college ground under the initiative of the Department Physical Education of the college. Indian International Volleyball Player and Arjuna Awardee, Mr. Tom Joseph was the chief guest. Various intramural competitions were also held on various days in connection with the event.

PHOENIX 2021



Final year students of the Department of Hotel Management organised **Phoenix 2021**, National Level Intercollegiate Hospitality Management Fest. A webinar on **Career Opportunities in Cruise Line and Hospitality Post Covid-19** was also conducted as part of the fest.

SURVEY, MEDICINAL PLANTS DISTRIBUTION, AWARENESS CLASS ON MEDICINAL DRINKS



In connection with the Kerala Agricultural University's Aromatic and Medicinal Plants Research Station, Odakkali's project titled **Women empowerment for revival and home scale utilisation of medicinal plants biodiversity in homesteads of natural calamity affected areas of Idukki and Ernakulam districts**. National Service Scheme of the college conducted a survey in Cheranalloor, Kalady from 5-7 March. An awareness class on medicinal drinks, and medicinal plants distribution were followed on 13 March 2021.

TUG OF WAR COURT BLESSING



NIMIT gives much importance to the talents of the students in sports. It provides varied facilities to enhance the physical education training. A Tug of War Court was built during the academic year and its blessing ceremony was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

COLLEGE DAY 2021 AND NAIPUNNYA EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Exploring the possibilities within the limitations, the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Day celebration was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021, in offline and online mode respectively. On 5<sup>th</sup>, the programmes started with a thanksgiving mass under the leadership of Prayer Warriors. The official meeting started at 2:00 p.m. at Navarang and was live streamed on YouTube. On 6<sup>th</sup>, the programme was fully online. Naipunnya Excellence Awards were also distributed on the first day. Carmel Higher Secondary School, Chalakkudy and Nirmala Matha Central School, Thrissur came up as the award winners. The runners up were Naipunnya Public School, Edakkunnu and St. Joseph's Girl's High School, Karukully.

RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP



Rural entrepreneurship is something that is overlooked by the business and academic community, despite its greater social impact and sustainability. To foster the development of an entrepreneurial culture in the campus, ED Club hosted a workshop on **Rural Entrepreneurship** in association with Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) on March 11, 2021. Dr. Shiny C.M., Resource Person, MGNCRE, Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of India was the keynote speaker.

WORLD FORESTRY DAY

As part of the World Forestry Day, National Service Scheme volunteers of the college took an initiative to clean their house premises and plant trees. The programme intended to keep the environment sustainable.

R-CHIVES 2020-21



As part of honouring and acknowledging the tremendous achievements made by the faculty members towards enhancing the research culture in the campus, the research committee along with the NAAC criteria 3 team members organized **R-chives 2020-21** on 22 March 2021.

WAY OF THE CROSS



**Way of the Cross** was an initiative undertaken by the Prayer Warriors of the college. The spiritual treat which happened on 31 March 2021 was an occasion of blessing and rejuvenation for the participants. Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal, Fr. Nibin Kurishingaal, Ms. Elizebeth Raju, Fr. Shalju Kuttayath, Fr. Antony Kallookaran, Fr. Martin Kallungal, Mr. Baby John Kalayanthani, Fr. Mathew Kilukkan, Fr. Davis Chirammel, Ms. Maria Ranson, Fr. Jacob Manjoli, Sr. Soja Maria, Fr. Jimmy Poochakkattu, Mr. Peter Cheranallor, Fr. Jinse Cheenkallel and Ms. Anida Stanely gave messages from various stations.

SKILL-UP TRAINING FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF



Skill-up training for non-teaching staff was conducted by the Department of Hotel Management and the Department of Languages on 17 April 2021. The non-teaching staff of the college were given training in various areas by the departments. It was an opportunity for the non-teaching community of the college to update their knowledge and skills.

SMARTSUPPORT SOFTWARE LAUNCHING

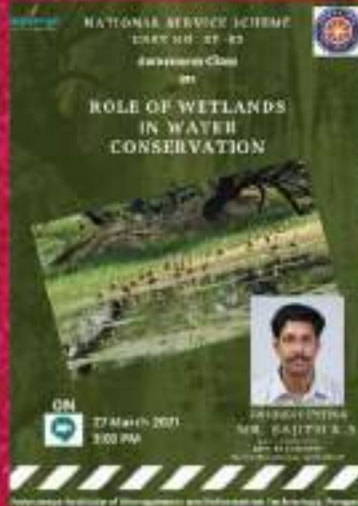


**SmartSupport** is a software developed by the Department of IT for the easy handling of IT and electrical related services. A user can register his/her complaints and can follow up the status of the same.

HEADSTART

NIMIT has partnered with Infosys in their CSR activity called Infosys Headstart Program - Digital Literacy Initiative of Infosys. A 30 minutes digital literacy programme was conducted online using WebEx platform on 27 March 2021. It aimed at reskilling and empowering the digital skills of the students.

WORLD WATER DAY



Creating an awareness among the students about the natural resources and their protection is the need of the hour. In connection with the World Water Day, National Service Scheme conducted a webinar on **Role of Wetlands in Water Conservation** on 27 March 2021. Mr. Sajith K.S., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, Maharajas College, Emakulam was the resource person.

TUG OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP



University of Calicut Inter Zone Tug of War Championship was held in the college on 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Women and Mixed Championships were conducted on 16<sup>th</sup>, and Men Championship on 18<sup>th</sup> April.

VACCINATION CHALLENGE BY PRAYER WARRIORS



The Prayer Warriors of NIMIT conducted a **Vaccination Challenge** from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The challenge began with the Mercy Rosary at 10 p.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and ended on the next day at 10 p.m.