

Tourism Association Report 2021 - 22

PG Department of Tourism and Travel Management

The Association of the Department of Tourism and Travel Management organized below programmes under the leadership of Asst. Prof. Nancy Sara John (Head of the Department), Asst. Professor Jikku James (Coordinator-Tourism Department), Asst Prof. Anuvind P Aravind (Coordinator-Tourism Association) along with student coordinator Ms Manju V S. Meetings were presided over by the Principal Prof Aleyamma Kuruvilla and the winners of competitions organised by the association were given various prizes on Tourism Association Day.

On International Yoga Day - 21 June 2021, an elocution competition on “Yoga's Importance in the present scenario of Pandemic” was initiated via Google meet by Asst Prof. Sachin Saju. A national webinar was organized on 30 July 2021 by Asst Prof. Anuvind P Aravind and Mr Rajesh P R, Regional Level Tour Guide, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India delivered a career talk on “Tour Guiding: Scope and Opportunities” through the online platform Google meet. E Certificates were issued to all the registered participants. Certification ceremony of the add on course " Diploma in Airline and Airport Management" was organised by Asst Prof. Ansu M Sebastian on 16 August 2021 at the Seminar Hall, St Thomas College. Mrs Bini G Varghese, Director of Inhouse Aviation Academy handed over the course completion certificates to 11 students. On 18th August 2021 an orientation programme on Diploma in Airline and Airport Operations was organised via Google meet and as a result 11 students joined this add on course for the academic year 2021 – 2022 and its inauguration was conducted on 16th September 2021 via Google Meet. On International Tourism Day, 27 September 2021, a series of programmes were arranged by Asst Prof Anuvind P Aravind, Asst Prof Ansu Sebastian and Asst Prof Sachin Saju, Faculties of Tourism Department. The online programmes include a quiz competition for the tourism students, a webinar on world tourism day theme “Tourism for Inclusive Growth” by Mr Varghese Punnen, former DTTC Secretary of Pathanamthitta, and a webinar by Ms Maneesha Paniker, Owner of Kayal Island Retreat and Silk Route Escapes. The latter was organised in association with Ideogora – Innovation And Entrepreneurship Development Center, St Thomas College, Ranni. On November 2021 a tourism promo video competition “Colours of Ranni” was organised under the leadership of Dr Rony Jian Raju, Coordinator of Tourism Department and faculty coordinator Asst Prof Arun Raj. This competition aimed to promote unknown tourism destination in and around Ranni.

“Holding on to Heritage” was an event organised on World Heritage Week Nov 19-25. Paintings and Photographs exhibiting Indian Heritage are selected from various entries of students by faculty coordinator Asst Prof Ansu M Sebastian. Tourism Association Inauguration for the year 2021-2022 was conducted on 22 December 2021 at the college Auditorium by Asst Prof. Anuvind P Aravind, Coordinator – Tourism Association. Mr Satheesh Miranda, Secretary of Pathanamthitta DTPC was the chief guest. Prof Aleyamma Kuruvilla - Principal, Prof Santhosh K Thomas - Manager, Dr Roni Jain Raju - Coordinator, Dept of Tourism, Asst Prof. Nancy Sara John - Head, Department of Tourism delivered speeches and prizes were distributed to students who won various events conducted by the department. A Memento was given to Ms Abisha Kuriakose, who secured 8th rank for BTTM in MG University. On January 12, a seminar on Research Methodology was conducted for the final year UG students of Tourism and Economics Department as well as for the PG students of Tourism Department. Dr Sajini S, Asst Prof, Department of Economics, St Thomas College, Ranni, delivered a session on research methodology and the seminar was jointly organised by Asst Prof Benny George- Dept of Economics and Asst Prof Sachin Saju, Dept of Tourism. A series of digital contests including poster making, travel writing and photo challenge were organised by Asst Prof Divyasree S on National Tourism Day 25 Jan 2022.
