Best Practice 2

Eradication of Illicit Drugs and Inculcation of Social Awareness within and beyond the campus.

Objectives of the Practice

- To educate youth about the illicit usage of narcotic drugs
- To inculcate social awareness on drug abuse in the neighborhood.
- To encourage occasional users to abstain from drugs
- To ensure the campus free of substance abuse

The Context

Rampant use of narcotic substances among the youth of the present generation is creating a menace in the society, which is adversely affecting their physical and mental wellbeing. By persistent use of abusive substances, students experience academic difficulties, mental and health problems, poor peer relationships which create problems among family members, community and the entire society.

St. Mary's College has an active Anti Drug Cell constituted under Kerala State Anti-Drugs Mission-VIMUKTHI, which works in collaboration with various government agencies and NGOs.

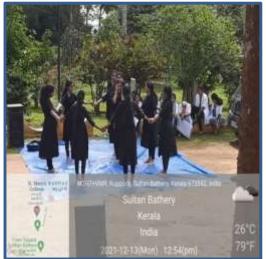
Awareness programmes are conducted every year to create perception about the perils related to drug abuse among the youth and society.

Awareness Programmes through Flash Mob by Assumption Hospital



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St. Mary's College in association with DM WIMS Nursing College and Assumption Hospital jointly conducted flash mob, street play and anti drug awareness class.

Psychologist Kailas Baby and social worker Jobin C .S took classes on 13-12-2021.

ANTI DRUG CLUB-INAUGURATION







Anti drug Club, St Mary's college organized a one-day drug prevention awareness campaign named 'Vimukthi' on 17th October 2019.

The Chief Guest of the program was Smt. Remya Ragavan (Asst. Wild life warden, Sulthan Bathery).

In the inaugural session, the chief guest created an awareness on the ill effects of drugs and highlighted the purpose of prevention of intoxication from the society. She insisted the students to strengthen the action and cooperation for the prevention of drug abuse for the physical and mental well being of the future generation.

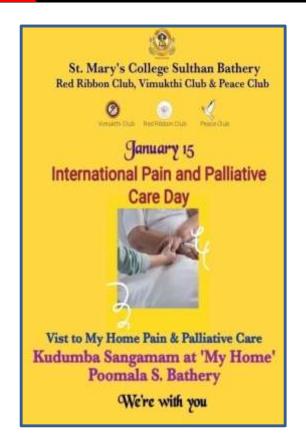
Awareness Programmes through Street Play by DM WIMS Nursing College







A visit to "My Home" - Pain and Palliative Care







Vimukthi Club, Red Ribbon Club & Peace Club jointly visited Pain and Palliative Care home, Poomala and distributed dress materials to all the residents.

Seminar on Drug Abuse among Youth (21-02-2022)







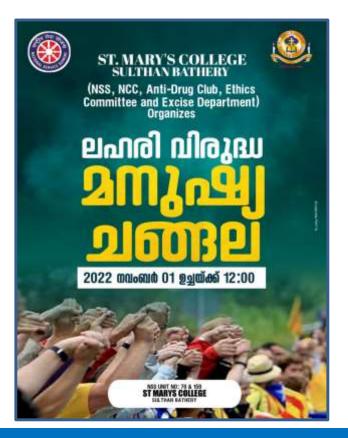
Anti Drug Cub and Red Ribbon Club jointly Conducted seminar on the topic "Drug Abuse among Youth" at Mini Seminar Hall of the college on 21-02-2022. The resource person was Dr. Ramesh P R.

An Awareness initiative by NCC Unit under 'VIMUKTHI'



NCC Cadets in coordination with 'Vimukthi' propagated awareness regarding anti drug through questionnaires which was to be filled by faculty members of the college.

Anti Drug Human Chain-2022







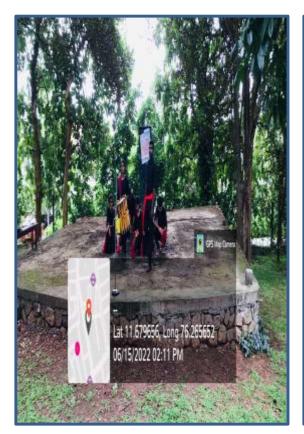
As part of the anti drug awareness campaign, students formed a human chain and took a mass oath to refrain from substance usage.

The event was also aimed at creating social realization about the menace in community.

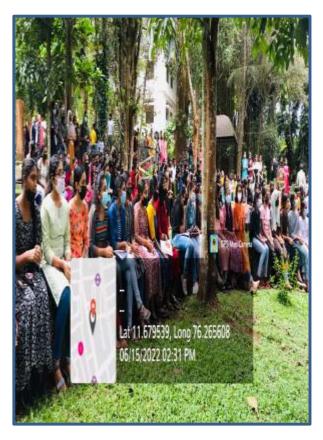
Message by Chief Minister of Kerala: "Say NO to Drugs"



Street Play







A street play VIMOCHANAM was organised by Red Ribbon Club and Anti Drug Cell at the amphitheatre of the college creating consciousness among students showcasing the menace caused in the family and the society due to the use of drugs.

Anti Drug Campaign - 'DRUXIT'









Anti drug campaign jointly conducted by Anti Drug Club and MGOCSM, SMC Unit.

A tableau was also arranged followed by street play and anti drug awareness class by Mr.
Shaji K.S, Deputy
Commissioner Excise,
Wayanad District.

Anti-Tobacco Day celebration -4th June 2017





The Indian Dental Association (IDA) & the NCC unit celebrated Anti-tobacco day on 4th June 2017.

- •A 10km marathon race was conducted for men and 5km race for women from PBM hospital, Meenangadi.
 - An anti tobacco rally was also conducted which was inaugurated by Mr I C Balakrishnan, MLA.

Anti Drug Magazine



St Mary's college, Sulthan Bathery invited literary creations for the Antidrug magazine as a part of World Tobacco day celebration.

Various literary creations like short stories, drawings, poems, collage and cartoons were invited from the students exhorting to make the theme of drug free tomorrow in the creations.

Commit To Quit 26-05-2021 to 05-06-2021



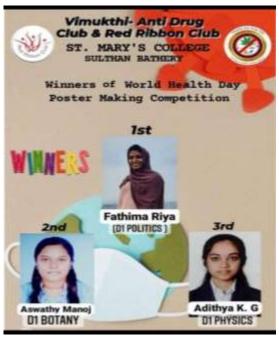


St Mary's college, Sulthan Bathery organized online social media campaign #Commit To Quit as a part of World Tobacco day celebration from 26-05-2021 to 05-06-2021.

The campaign was intended to inform the students on dangers of using tobacco, and what individuals and communities can do to help young minds tobacco-free.

Photo contest, Quiz competition and Poster making competition







'Vimukthi' Anti Drugs Club, St Mary's college, Sulthan Bathery organized a three day World Health Day observance in association with Red Ribbon club through poster making competition, Quiz competition and Photo contest from 5th Feb to 7 th Feb, 2021. The programme had the presence of renowned resource persons like Prof. Varghese Vaidyan and Prof. Mohan Babu.

The function was presided by the Principal of the College, Dr. Santhi George. A total of 75 students took part in the session. The program came to an end by the distribution of certificates to the Winners of world health day observance

Oru Nimisham on 26th May, 2021



In Association with Anti- Drug Club, Red Ribbon Club & Peace Club, St Mary's college, Sulthan Bathery organized a one day Covid awareness program 'Oru Nimisham' on 26th May 2021 in online mode. The function was inaugurated by Mr. T.K Rameshan (Municipal Chairman, Sulthan Bathery). The function was presided by the Principal of the college, Prof. John Mathai Nooranal. A total of 98 individuals including students and faculties took part in the session. The chief guest delivered speech on the topic 'The Covid Pandemic'.

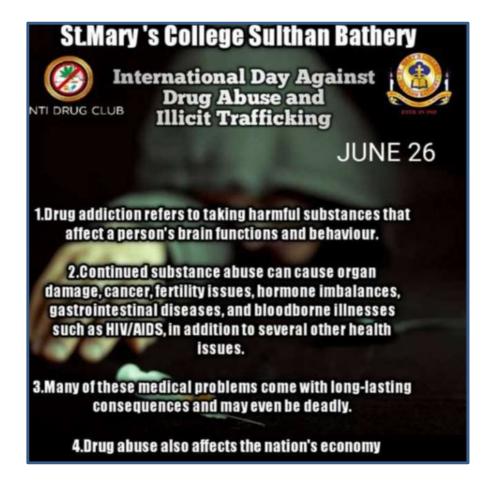
Quiz Competition





The Sulthan Bathery Municipality in association with the Excise Department conducted Inter college Quiz Competition where Muhammed Ashiq of St. Mary's College bagged the First Prize.

Awareness drives- Poster Creation



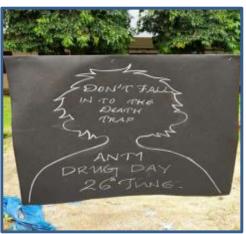


The college observed the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June 2018 for the students. The club realized the rampant use of these substances among the youth in particular. The theme for the competition was DRUGS END ALL DREAMS. The best poster was decided by a judging panel.

Poster making Competition – Theme DRUGS: CHOOSE NOT TO USE





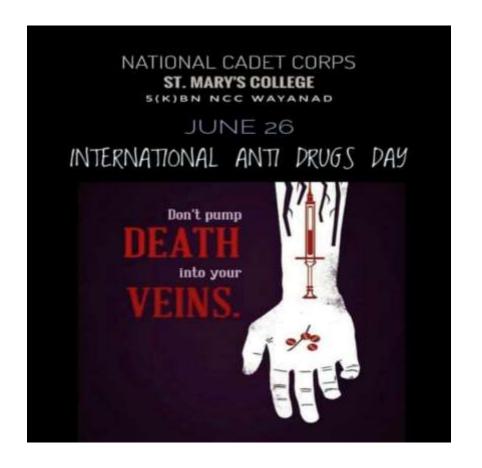




On the International Anti Drug Day – 26th June 2019 the Anti Drug Club and NSS organized a departmental level poster making competition with the theme DRUGS:CHOOSE NOT TO USE.

The posters were displayed in the bamboo gardens for wider reach.

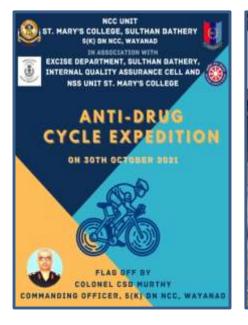
Poster Making Competition- DEATH INTO YOUR VEINS





NCC Unit conducted competition titled 'Don't pump death into your veins'. The programme conducted on 26 Jan 2019. These programmes were aimed to create impacts in the mind of the students.

Cycle Expedition-30th Oct, 2021





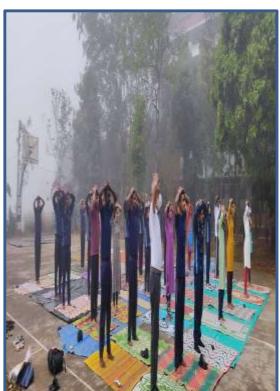




NCC Unit and Excise department jointly conducted an anti drug cycle expedition through tribal colonies with starting point at St. Mary's College. The programme created an awareness to have a life devoid of drugs.

Fitness Fest Plan -AYUSH 2021-22







Yoga is being conducted by AYUSH department and NCC Unit of the college to improve physical and mental fitness.

The programs by the AYUSH department is conducted every Friday morning and is found to help reduce stress, improve mental health and create a deep sense of purpose. A method of mindfulness meditation.

Counselling Centre







The Wednesdays Counseling Centre run by certified counselors from Kudumbasree which can be availed by both Faculties and Students of the St. Mary's College. The counseling sessions help identify the roots causes of the problems. These support systems help develop coping mechanisms to fight the urges and to be stress free.

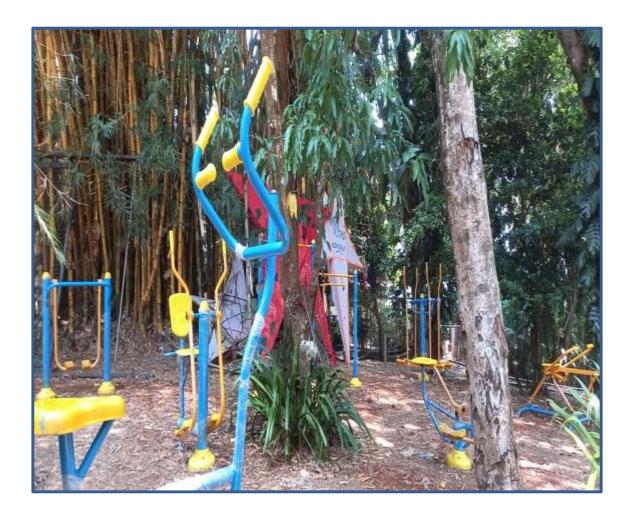
Health And Fitness centre





The college has a gender neutral open air gym where students actively join to improve their physical fitness. The gym is maintained by the Physical Education department with the objective to encourage students to develop healthy habits and to exercise regularly.

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The college also has a wellness park and open gymnasium with equipments set in a green ambience.

Evidence of Success

- Students joined the Anti-Drug Cell and actively participate in various programmes put forth by the Cell.
- Students showed active interest in joining sports, Gym and yoga clubs to attain mental and physical fitness.
- Identification of hot-spots and corners of drug dealers and users which is intimated to the excise department and later became safe havens.

Problems encountered and resources required

- Identification of addicts and their recovery is a tedious process.
- Systematic follow-up is found difficult to attain, as they are exposed to other elements outside the campus.