

Report on the International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples

Date: August 8, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: Fr Punnappadom Hall

The Department of English commemorated the International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples on August 8, 2024, with an insightful and culturally enriching program. The event was organized at Fr Punnappadom Hall, beginning at 11:00 AM.

The event commenced with a melodious prayer song by Alex Mathew from II BA English, setting a serene tone for the day. Following the prayer, Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim extended a warm welcome to the gathering, expressing the significance of the day and the importance of recognizing and understanding the struggles and contributions of indigenous peoples worldwide.

Principal, Prof. Dr. Indulal G, delivered the Principal's address, highlighting the importance of acknowledging and preserving indigenous cultures, and the role of educational institutions in fostering such awareness among students.

The highlight of the event was the invited lecture by Dr. Parvathy P, titled "Navigating Indigeneity: The Historical and Contemporary Struggles of the Adiyas in Wayanad." Dr. Parvathy's lecture was a profound exploration of the challenges faced by the Adiya community, an indigenous group in Wayanad. She traced their historical struggles, discussed their current socio-economic conditions, and emphasized the need for sustained efforts to protect their rights and heritage.

Following the lecture, a series of student presentations on various indigenous art forms of India took place. These presentations showcased the rich cultural diversity and artistic expressions of India's indigenous communities. The presentations were as follows:

1. Gadhika - Fida N, III BA
2. Vattakkali - Geo, III BA
3. Sarpamthullal - Muhsin, II BA
4. Mudiyyattam - Karthika Babukuttan, I BA
5. Tribal Paintings- Sharan, I BA

Each student offered a captivating presentation, bringing to life the vibrant traditions and rituals of indigenous art forms, thereby enriching the audience's understanding of India's indigenous cultural heritage.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Fida N (III BA English), expressing gratitude to the resource person, faculty, and students who contributed to the success of the program.

The event saw an enthusiastic participation of over 70 students. The Head of the Department, Dr. Gem Cherian, served as the event coordinator, ensuring the smooth execution of the program.

The event was a successful celebration of the International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples, fostering greater awareness and appreciation of indigenous cultures among the attendees.

Dr Gem Cherian
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