

## Report on Mathrubhasha Bharanabhasha Varam Celebration (November 1-7, 2024)

The Department of Malayalam at St. Aloysius College, Edathua, celebrated "Mathrubhasha Bharanabhasha Varam" from November 1 to 7, 2024. This week-long event aimed to honor the Malayalam language and reinforce its importance as both a mother tongue and an administrative language. Under the guidance of Dr. Jomole Jose, Head of the Department of Malayalam, and with assistance from guest faculty Saranya A.V., the celebration brought together the college community in a series of thoughtful and inspiring activities.

The event commenced with an introduction by Principal Dr. Indulal G, who emphasized the role of language as a vital part of cultural identity and connection. Following the principal's address, Niranjana Sajeev., a second-year BSc Mathematics student, delivered a powerful Day Celebration speech that reflected on the richness of Malayalam as a language that shapes perspectives and traditions.

Anugraha Ajikumar, the Malayalam Association President and a first-year BSc Mathematics student, led the college community in a heartfelt oath. The oath captured the essence of language as a reflection of identity, dreams, and the comforting embrace of one's cultural heritage:

"My language is my home,  
it is my sky,  
the star I see,  
the breeze that touches me,  
the cool water that quenches my thirst.  
It is my mother's caress and her scolding too.  
My language is me,

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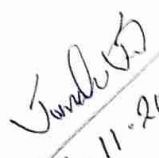
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wherever I go,  
my dreams are in my language.  
My language is me."

In addition to the ceremony, a Malayalam recitation competition was held to showcase the poetic talents of the students. Sharon Joseph of 3rd BCom Computer won the first prize for her captivating rendition of the poem "Anathan."

Throughout the week, a banner marking "Mathrubhasha Bharanabhasha Varam" was displayed at the college gate, symbolizing the spirit of the celebration. In a gesture that honored the Malayalam language in administrative contexts, all non-teaching staff took the Bharanabhasha pledge and signed a register, affirming their commitment to using Malayalam in official communications. Furthermore, a collection of Malayalam administrative terms was posted on the college office notice board for the entire week, encouraging the use of Bharana Malayalam within the campus.

The event was a resounding success, with participation from students, faculty, and staff, fostering a deep appreciation for Malayalam and highlighting its continued relevance in education and administration. The Department of Malayalam extends gratitude to all who contributed to making "Mathrubhasha Bharanabhasha Varam" a memorable and impactful celebration.

  
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