



ST. TERESA'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) ERNAKULAM

PLANNING FORUM & ELECTORAL LITERACY CELL

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES: 2020-21

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ACTIVITIES

The Department of Economics has organized various activities under the broad banner of Planning forum & Electoral Literacy Cell of the College. The detailed report of the activities are mentioned below.

1. TITLE: - “ We the Billion People-Boon or Bane” – A Discussion on “Population Growth vs Environment” -Students' Response

DATE: 11th August 2020.

VENUE: Google Meet.

Participants: Students of III BA Economics.

On 11th of August, four final year UG students from the department of Economics under the guidance of Dr. Swathy Varma P.R, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St, Teresa's College conducted a discussion and analysis on the topic “We the Billion People-Boon or Bane” The session started off by a brief introduction by Swathy ma'am on the topic. Ms. Antonia Savio and Ms. Marya Megha Raphael (III BA Economics) did a positive study whereas Ms. Diya Nelson and Ms. Anila B Joy (III BA Economics) did a critical study on the topic. The positive impact of population growth mainly focused on areas like economic boost, Technological advancements and innovations, also how it indirectly helps to improve the Health sector. The negative impact of population outlined the adverse effects of booming population on areas like

increasing burden of unemployment, reduction in the welfare activities, capital formation etc. Also arguments were raised on how population growth have implication on sustainable development goals, especially goal numbers 1, 2 and 3. It was a fruitful session.

The session concluded on a brief feedback and thankyou note by Swathy ma'am.

We the Billion People ...Boon or Bane
Population Growth Vs Environment
Students' Response...

Antonia Savio
III BA

Marya Megha Raphael
III BA

Diya Nelson
III BA

Anila B Joy
III BA

Date: 11.08.2020
Time: 9am-10am

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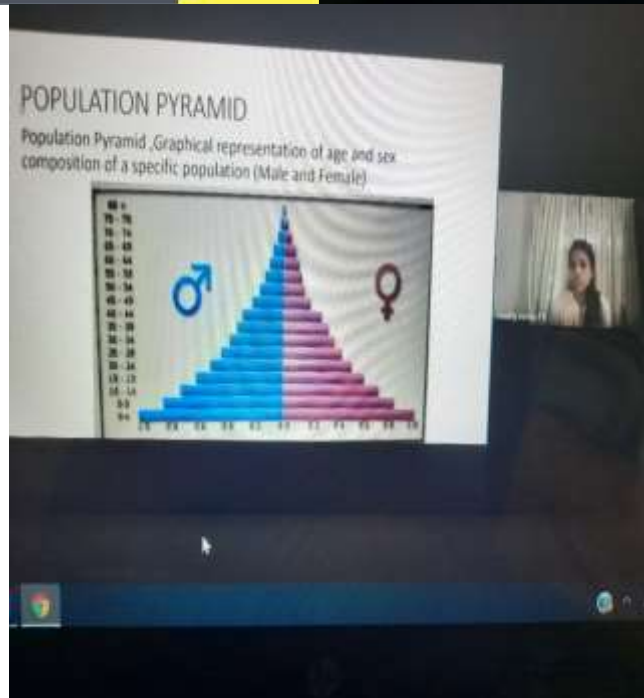
4) Implications in Sustainable development goals

It's about people, their well-being and results in their relationship with each other.

In Sept 2020, the General Assembly adopted the 2030 agenda for sustainable development that includes 17 SDGs.

Population growth can have an adverse effect on achieving SD goals.

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2. TITLE: WEBINAR ON THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY

DATE: 18th AUGUST 2020

VENUE: GOOGLE MEET

PARTICIPANTS: AROUND 100 PARTICIPANTS (WAS OPEN TO ALL)

National Policy on Education which called for special emphasis on the removal of disparities and to equalize educational opportunity especially for Indian Women, Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC). A webinar on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was organized by the Student wing of the Economics Department and Centre for research of St' Teresa's College ,Ernakulam on 18th August 2020. The webinar was conducted in the google meet platform at 7.00 pm. There were around 100 participants and the webinar started off with Anasooya Nair, Joint secretary of the Economics Association delivering the welcome speech.

The Resource Person for the webinar was Dr. Sunaina Shahida Iqbal, who is an Associate Professor in Psychology at Ambedkar University, Delhi and who was a former research scholar at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

Sunaina Mam started the session with introducing to us the history of the Education policy. The First National policy on Education was in 1968 which called for radical restructuring and proposed equal educational opportunities in order to achieve national integration and greater cultural and economic development. She also told how in 1986 Rajiv Gandhi introduced a new She told us that it was in 2019, the Ministry of Human Resources Development released a Draft New Education Policy 2019, which was followed by a number of public consultations.

She mainly focused on expressing her view on every aspect of the New Education Policy. She explained every changes which is included in the new policy. The Draft NEP discusses reducing curriculum content to enhance essential learning, critical thinking etc. It also talks about a revision on the curriculum and pedagogical structure from 10+2 system to a 5+3+3+4 system design in an effort to optimize learning for students based on cognitive development of children. It was on 29th July the cabinet approved a new national education policy with an aim to introduce several changes to the existing Indian education system. Pre-primary schooling or anganwadis will be from now on 3 years followed by classes 1 and 2 in primary school. According to her she is in favor of the 10+2 system.

The main change which she was against was the imposition of mother tongue as a medium of communication. She explained to us how this cause many anxieties in places like Kerala where there are variations in dialect moving from one district to another and in places like Goa where we have witnessed complex politics of scripts. The mother Tongue usage is also a problematic thing when we consider children of other states joining in schools of different states due to their parent's jobs or for any other reason. So for such students the mother tongue would be difficult.

Another problem she pointed out was of the gender aspect which is not talked much or given importance in the New Education Policy. She also talked about how the execution of this policy require a huge budget which is estimated to be 6% of our GDP. It is really difficult to see how it will find its finances. The new system also requires improved and expanded infrastructure for the schools to run its choice-based modules as well as make room for vocational courses which is difficult thing especially for schools in rural areas where they even lack basic facilities.

She concluded by stating that the new education policy have several strengths but being a visionary document it remains vague and has several ambiguities and loose ends that are confusing if not disturbing.

Last part of the webinar was a question answer session where several participants clarified their doubts and asked questions to the resource person like how the government can meet the expenses and is it through increasing the fees and does a student has the option to restrain from the policy and so on.

Overall the session was an informative one which made us also think about the policies drawbacks and advantages and how it would affect the future generation.

The session was concluded with the Vote of Thanks Delivered by Afreen Shyam, Joint secretary, Economics Association

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THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020

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Asst. Professor in Psychology
Ambedkar University, Delhi
Former research scholar at
 Jawahar Institute of Education, Delhi

AUGUST 18TH
7.00pm - 8.00pm

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Dr. Linay Mathew, Principal

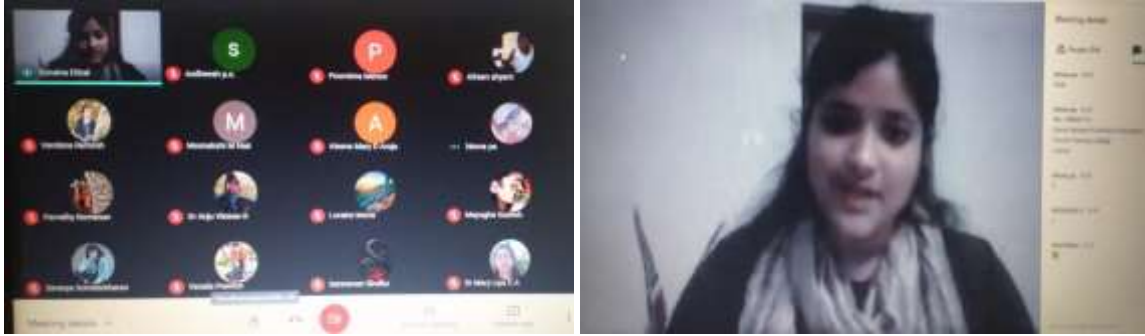
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3. MOU with Kunnukara Panchayat for documenting the 5 year Development activities of the panchayat

The Department of Economics and Kunnukara Panchayat entered into an MOU for documenting five year development activities of the panchayat. Dr. Mary Liya C.A, Head of the Department was the staff advisor of the Planning forum. Discussions and sessions were done through google meet. Student project group was formed to analyse the activities of the Kunnukara Panchayat. The following projects were undertaken by the students of III B.A.Economics

1. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: A STUDY OF KUNNUKARA PANCHAYAT

Group members: Anjana Menon, Devika C N, Vibha, Vinitha P V -Under the guidance of Dr. Nirmala Padmanabhan

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE IN KERALA: A CASE STUDY OF BUDGETED OUTLAY AND FUND UTILISATION OF KUNNUKKARA GRAMAPANCHAYTH

Group members: Dina Suzan Jacob, Sivapriya Sivadas, Loraine Maria, Dwittheyamol. R, Marya Megha Raphael -Under The Guidance Of : **DR. SWATHY VARMA P.R**

3. A STUDY ON RURBAN MISSION IN KUNNUKARA PANCHAYAT

Group members: Elsa Eappen, Theresa Dennis, Alka Mereen Shiju, Maggie Saniya D'silva, Liya Shajan- Under the guidance of Dr. Nirmala Padmanabhan



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