



MACFAST KNOWLEDGE SCHEME

ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE YEAR 2018-2019



INTRODUCTION

The MACFAST Knowledge Scheme (MAKS) is an endeavour of MACFAST to bigger knowledge revolution by identifying, training, and developing talented school students providing an opportunity for social change and personal growth. The program aims at students studying in the seventh grade leading to a continuous association till the tenth grade during which several sessions would be given to help them develop their skills and qualities. MACFAST promotes institution-neighbourhood-community network and student engagement, contributing to good citizenship, service orientation and holistic development of students through this unique programme MACFAST Knowledge Scheme (MAKS) initiated by the college in 2011 with a view to disseminate knowledge to the neighbourhood schools. Selected meritorious high school students of Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Kottayam and Alappuzha districts are given continuous training programmes for four years during the Onam, Christmas and Annual vacation as residential coaching. The aim is to instill in the students self-confidence and the capability to attend any type of competitive examinations starting with PSC/UPSC exams to Civil Service exams like IAS, IPS and IFS. This programme identifies the inherent talents and potentials of each student and directs them to achieve the highest possible level of progress. The classes for MAKS programme are planned and executed through eminent faculty members and invited experts from various fields. Dr. Alexander P Jacob, IPS, DGP, Govt. of Kerala is the chief mentor of this programme. The first batch completed their SSLC/ CBSE/ ICSE exams with flying colors, indicating the success of this programme. Current MAKS sessions include Batch 5, 6 and 7 of selected students.

MAKS Organizing Committee Members

CHIEF COORDINATOR : Fr. Dr. Cherian J. Kottayil (Principal)

COORDINATOR : Prof. Varghese Abraham (Administrator)

ASSISTANT COORDINATORS

Ms. Jerly Akku Cherian (Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies)

Ms. Ranjini Mariam Philipose (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications)

Dr. Jenny Jacob (Associate Professor, Department of Biosciences)

MAKS Christmas Vacation Classes, December 2018

The MAKS Christmas vacation classes were conducted on 27th, 28th and 29th December 2018.

The sessions handled on the first day were as follows:

Date	Technical Session	Speaker
27.12.2018	Technical Session 1: Goal Setting ,Talent Orientation and Career Setting	Binu Mathew Job (HoD of Post Graduate and Research, S.B, College, Changanassery)
27.12.2018	Technical Session 2: How to maintain a good Civic Sense , Traffic Awareness and Caution against Abuses	Sri. Santhosh Kumar, D.Y.S.P, PTA Kerala Police
27.12.2018	Technical Session 3: Management Games, Ice Breaking,Team Building and Group Skills	Dr. Vinay Goyal, IAS ,RDO Tiruvalla
27.12.2018	Technical Session 4: Understanding Mathematics "Mother of All Sciences"	Dr. Varghese Cherian Principal, K.E Teacher Education College, Mannanam
27.12.2018	Cultural Programmes by students	

On 28th December, the programme started with a holy mass. After the breakfast, students are set out to an educational tour to Hill Palace Tripunithura , Fort Cochin, Jews Church Jews street.,Lullu Mall etc. The students were really happy with the trip and they have enjoyed a lot. After the visit, the students reached MACFAST at 8.00pm.

The sessions handled on the final day were as follows:

Date	Technical Session	Speaker
29.12.2018	Technical Session5: “ Surface of the earth, Volcanos, Natural Disasters, its simple Management ”	Dr. Benno Joseph Rtd Principal, Kristujyothi College, Changanassery.
29.12.2018	Technical Session 6: “ Media and Environment ”	

The valedictory function was held on 29th December 2019 and the three day MAKS programme came to an end.

MAKS Selection Procedure of 7th BATCH

Selection test was conducted during the month of April and 234 students from different schools in and around Pathanamthitta were participated. 67 students were shortlisted for the interview and 45 students were selected for the 7th batch MAKS training programme.

Orientation Programme for 7th Batch

An orientation programme was conducted for the selected students on 30th and 31st May 2019, explaining the objectives, rules, training sessions etc. of the MAKS programme. The programme was commenced on 30th May 2019 with an inauguration function. The following sessions were handled on that day.

Date	Technical Session	Speakers
30.05.2019	Technical Session1: “ Value Education ”	Fr. Dr. Thomaskutty Pathinettil Director, Radio MACFAST
30.05.2019	Technical Session 2: “ Career Orientation ”	Prof. Sanesh P Varghese Deputy Director, MACFAST
30.05.2019	Technical Session 3:	Fr. Dr. Cherian J Kottayil

	“Introduction to MACFAST and MAKS”	Principal, MACFAST
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After the technical sessions, the students conducted various cultural programmes and showed their talents and the programme came to an end by 8.30pm.

The second day was started with a holy mass in the chapel. News update sessions were conducted after the breakfast. Dr. Benno Joseph, HOD(Geology),Kristujyothi College, Changanassery gave a technical session on “ Natural Disasters, its simple Management ”.After the session ,the students went for an Exhibition of Rocks and Stones and also visited Radio MACFAST.

MAKS Onam Vacation Classes, September 2019

The new organizing committee took charge from July 2019 and organized the Onam Vacation Classes from 7th to 9th September 2019. 49 students from batches 5, 6 and 7 participated in this session. The session was inaugurated by Dr. Vinay Goyal IAS, Revenue Divisional Officer, Tiruvalla and he conducted a session on experience sharing with the participant students. Dr. Vinay Goyal was highly appreciative of this MACFAST initiative that he has offered a visit to the revenue divisional office for the students to give them hands on experience regarding the working of the office.

Date	Technical Session	Speakers
07.09.2019	Technical Session 1: Life Saving Skills	Pushpagiri Medical Team
07.09.2019	Technical Session 2: Introduction to Bird Watching	Dr. Nishad P M Associate Professor, Dept. of Comp. Appls, MACFAST
07.09.2019	Exercise with Zumba Dancing -	Ms. Anupama Rahul Zumba Trainer
08.09.2019	Technical Session 3: “Introduction to Nanotechnology”	Dr. Jenny Jacob Associate Professor, School of Biosciences, MACFAST
08.09.2019	Technical Session 4: “Functional English”	Ms. Jeena Sara Viju Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Comp.Applincs, MACFAST
08.09.2019	Technical Session 4:	Mrs. Beena Cherian

	“ Food Preservation and practical sessions“	Dean, School of Biosciences, MACFAST
08.09.2019	Practical Session on “Chromatographic Techniques” and Herbal Garden visit	Dr. Jenny Jacob Associate Professor, School of Biosciences, MACFAST
08.09.2019	Technical Session 5: Career Options after International English Tests”	Mr. Shibu Itty Mathew
09.09.2019	Technical Session 6: “Robotics”	Rabbitsquare Limited

The valedictory session was conducted on 9th and the session came to an end. The feedback from the students indicated that they were extremely happy with the training sessions included.

Conclusion

MACFAST Knowledge Scheme is a platform which enables to support the young talents to shape their future. The success of MAKS 2019 lies with the efforts of organizing committee members and the whole hearted support of the student volunteers from MBA, MCA and M.Sc. The main highlights of MAKS 2019 were the unbeaten participation of all students from various schools. The next MAKS session is proposed for 3 days starting from December 27th 2019 onwards.

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