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The month of May also welcomed us with more freshness and fragrance. A remarkable event took place for our digital natives. That was as a part of STEM education initiative, a short-term blended course for teachers and student teachers was successfully organized by PKM College of Education in collaboration with Shrishti Robotics and the IEEE OES Student Chapter of KMEA Engineering College, Kochi.

STEM EDUCATION IN THE CONTEXT OF NEP

As part of STEM education initiative, a short-term blended course for teachers and student teachers was successfully organized by PKM College of Education in collaboration with Shrishti Robotics and the IEEE OES Student Chapter of KMEA Engineering College, Kochi. The program was conducted from April 3 to April 7, 2025. And the inaugural ceremony of this short term course was planned to be held on 4th April, 2025. This course was designed for teachers and student teachers, offering a combination of hands-on and virtual training. The hands-on sessions were held on April 3 and 4 at the Multipurpose Hall of PKM College, providing participants with practical exposure to robotics tools and techniques. The virtual training sessions continued from April 5 to 7, facilitating flexible and extended learning opportunities. Approximately 20 student teachers from various departments came forward enthusiastically to participate in the course, showcasing their interest in integrating modern technology into classroom practices. Mr. Prashanth Mathew served as the Course Director, ensuring smooth execution of the program. The technical sessions were led by Mr. Sunil Paul, CEO of Shrishti Robotics, who acted as the resource person, bringing valuable industry insights and expertise. Ms. Ashly Joseph and Ms. Mera.K.V were selected to organize and manage the program efficiently. This initiative stands as a step forward in equipping future educators with the necessary skills and knowledge in emerging technologies, thereby strengthening the foundation of STEM education in teacher training. While concluding participants actively shared their theoretical and practical knowledge with family members and friends, sparking curiosity and interest in STEM among the wider community. As STEM Ambassadors, the participants are now equipped to help others understand the interdisciplinary nature of STEM education and its real-world applications. In addition to offline sessions with expert guidance, students also explored independent projects and submitted online assignments, enhancing their understanding and engagement. The course offered a well-rounded and immersive learning experience, empowering students to develop a strong foundation in STEM and motivating them to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This short-term course, conducted by PKM College of Education, aims to extend its impact to various schools by reaching around 10,000 students through the STEM@Schools academic project. This initiative marks the beginning of several STEM-focused programs at PKM College, positioning the institution as a center for STEM education and innovation. Additionally, the course paved the way for collaborative activities between PKM College of Education, Madampam, and Shrishti Robotics through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Overall, the five-day short-term course was completed with great enthusiasm and active participation by all 20 students, each of whom received a certificate upon successful completion. What began as a short-term course has now evolved into a long-term vision, with PKM College leading the way as a centre for STEM initiatives.



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P.K.M. Family

Birthday

wedding Anniversary



Bon Voyage to Dr. Jessy N.C to the land of Saints



Birthday celebration

Mrs. Mary Joseph's birthday celebration was held on 03/04/2025 in the Physical Science classroom under the leadership of Principal Dr. Jessy N.C. Mrs. Mary Joseph cut the cake and distributed it to all her colleagues. The Principal congratulated her by giving a bouquet and wishing her a happy birthday. Vice Principal Dr. Prasanth Mathew and other colleagues also extended their wishes. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Deepa John.

A Tribute to Dedication: Mary Chechi's Fond Farewell

Mary Chechi, who is retiring after her remarkable service at the P.K.M. college, was bid a fond farewell by the P.K.M. family. On the evening of April 30, staff members gathered to pay tribute to her dedication and commitment. During the ceremony, colleagues shared heartfelt words of appreciation, and Mary Chechi signed her final document, marking the end of her official tenure. As a token of respect, a procession was organized from the college premises, led by her colleagues, to escort her home. Upon reaching her residence at around 5:30 PM, she was warmly handed over to her husband, Tommy Chettan. A gathering followed, where friends and family came together to celebrate her remarkable career and contributions. The evening concluded with a sense of gratitude and well-wishes for her future endeavors.

Get Kids Fit – Zumba Fitness Class

PKM College of Education organized a two-week Zumba fitness program titled "Get Kids Fit – Zumba Fitness Class" starting from 10th April, held at the college auditorium from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The sessions were led by trainer Anaswara Muraleedharan and aimed at introducing children to an energetic and engaging form of physical activity. The program sought to promote fitness, improve coordination, and encourage a positive attitude towards exercise among the participants. Throughout the two weeks, children enthusiastically participated in daily sessions that included warm-ups, fun dance-based aerobic routines, and cool-down stretches. The interactive nature of the classes kept the children motivated and excited to return each day. Not only did the program focus on physical health, but it also helped the kids build confidence, improve their sense of rhythm, and develop teamwork skills. The two-week Zumba program successfully achieved its goal of promoting fitness among children in a fun and supportive environment. There is a keen interest among participants to continue similar sessions regularly, and it is recommended that the college consider organizing more such programs in the future.