

Young Innovators Program (YIP)- 2019-20

All Saints' College

The Young Innovators Program of Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) seeks to promote a culture of innovation in Kerala. It is structured around a philosophy of design-based learning, and is envisioned to be a massive, open, inclusive, collaborative program aimed at identifying and nurturing young innovators. Through a multi-stage process, K-DISC selects the best young innovators with innovative ideas to critical issues from across Kerala. The young innovators are provided requisite training and skill development, mentorship and resources to help them work towards building their solutions to their chosen problems.

All Saints' College is registered as a Premier Institute with the Young Innovators Program 2019-22 organized by K-DISC. The Facilitators of the Program are Dr. Sr. Pascoela Adelrich D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Dr. Vidya Nair, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. Dr. Sr. Pascoela and Dr. Vidya Nair attended the two-day YIP Facilitators Workshop on 'Design for Kerala' conducted by ICT Academy of Kerala in association with K-DISC on 30th and 31st October 2019 at ICFOSS, Kariyavattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

After three rounds of rigorous screening at the college level, ten teams from our college registered their innovative ideas for the YIP Maestro Challenge 2019-22. The Maestro Challenge dealt with problems of children and elderly in Kerala and our teams came up with innovative ideas to solve these pertinent issues. After the pre-screening of ideas by K-DISC, five teams presented their ideas at the District Level Screening at Technopark in October 2019. Two teams, Keerthana M.P and team of DC II Economics and Bhadra R and team of DC I B.Com. were selected at the District Level. Both teams presented their ideas in front of an elite panel of judges at the State Level Screening held at NISH and Gulati Institute in December 2019.

Keerthana M.P, Ann Paul and Amina A.S. of DC II Economics (Idea- Development of New App and Special Curriculum) were adjudged as one among the best ideas in the State of Kerala.

Keerthana M.P. attended the National Knowledge Session for upcoming Innovators and Entrepreneurs and the Inauguration of the first Kerala Innovation Day by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala followed by a special photo session of YIP 2019-22 winners with the CM and K-DISC members on 22nd and 23rd January 2020 at Jawahar Sahakarna Bhawan, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Vidya Nair, Facilitator YIP and Sr. Carvalho Faustina Cecilia also attended the event.

Keerthana M.P., Ann Paul and Amina A.S., winners of YIP 2019, attended the technical session on Annual Plan preparation for assistive technologies at National Institute of Speech and Hearing, Thiruvananthapuram on 20th February 2020.

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At Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council's (K-DISC) Kerala Innovation Day (KID) on 23rd January 2020, the batch of Young Innovators' Programme (YIP) 2019 with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, **Shri Pinarayi Vijayan**, Chairman, K-DISC, **Dr K. M. Abraham**, Strategic Advisor, K-DISC, **Dr P. V. Unnikrishnan** and CEO, Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), **Dr Saji Gopinath**