

# **WALK WITH A SCHOLAR- MOTIVATIONAL VISIT REPORT 2018-2019**

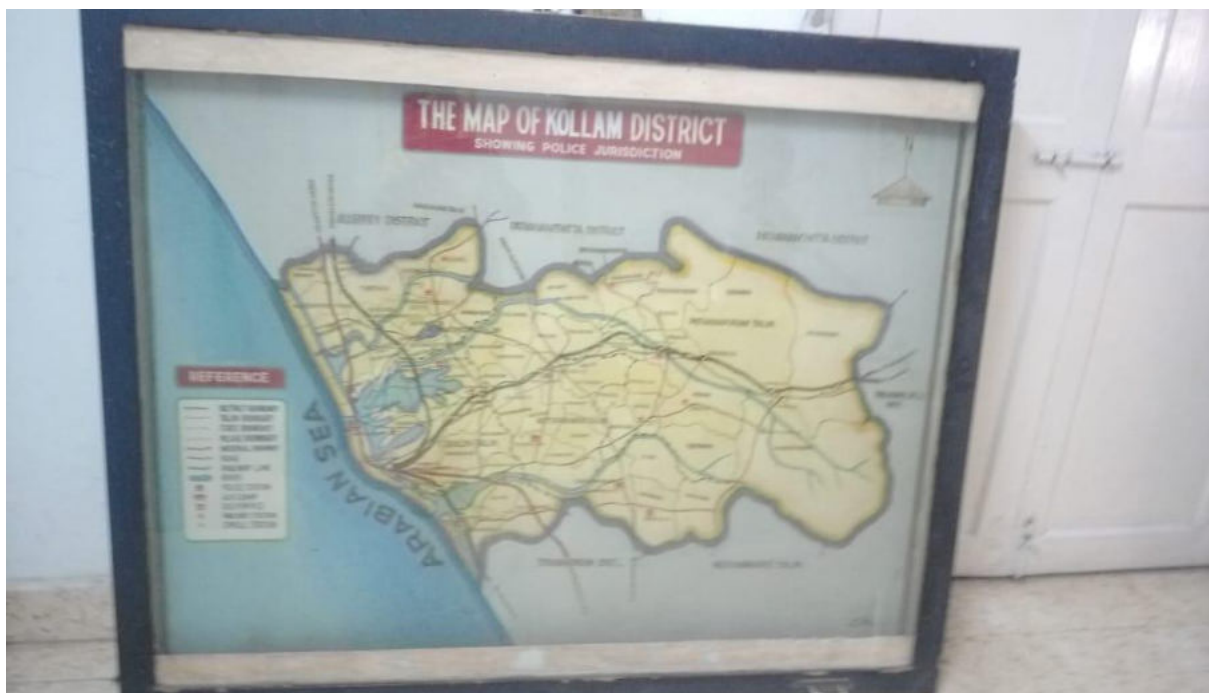
## **ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

The Walk with a Scholar motivational visit for the second year students of All Saints' College was held on January 11, 2019. The places visited were Sardar Vallabhai Patel Police Museum which upholds a small museum situated at Kollam that upholds and showcases the history of Indian Police Force. The second destination was The Central Plantations Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kayamkulam, which is a warm and welcoming research institute for plantation crops. The final destination was a turn towards our past, The Krishnapuram Palace, built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century with a truly mesmerising style of architecture.



**KRISHNAPURAM PALACE**

The journey started off from the college at 7:00 am with the batch of excited students and three faculty members. We reached the first destination The Sardar Vallabhai Patel Police Museum at Kollam by 9:00 am. The students had a nice time exploring the old canons and pistols displayed along with the old newspaper cutting framed up regarding some old incidence of bravery from our police force. There was a display of old police uniforms dating from the British Raj and the specified caps from each ranking of officers under different rankings. The museum provided us with lots of information regarding cases and incidents that we only have little knowledge.



We left Kollam by 10:00 a.m and started of to the next destination CPCRI, Kayamkulam. We reached the research centre by 11:15 a.m. On reaching there, we were greeted by Dr. Ranjith, who directed us to the Conference hall. There we met the Head of the Station Dr. KrishnaKumar V who gave the students a brief introduction on the history and the current activities undertaken by the



institution. The next session was followed up by Dr. Ranjith who gave a detailed information regarding the establishment of the station at Kayamkulam based on the interest of the students he handed over the session to Dr. Reji Jacob, Scientist, CPCRI, Kayamkulam who briefed up the students about some significant events in the history and some notable personalities such as Ms. Swaminathan, Varghese Kurian and Janaki Ammal.





**Dr. Reji Jacob, Scientist, CPCRI, Kayamkulam also explained about the various hybridisation techniques in a simpler way and took the students to the incubation lab where the tools used and the procedure for the same were explained to the students.**







**The lab was followed by a field visit where the hybridisation technique was demonstrated with active participation of the students. One of the students did emasculation on one of the hybrid coconut plants as directed by the Scientist Dr. Reji Jacob.**







**Following this the students parted for the lunch break soon after the students also visited the dairy unit in the CPCRI campus.**







**There was also a display of various coconut varieties. The diverse coconut trees spread over hectares of land was a beautiful sight. They also visited the pathogenic lab where a varied specimens of pathogens that infected the coconuts were observed.**







**The visit proved beneficial to all the students though they were from different academic personas. This was possible due to the simplicity and student friendly environment created by the Scientists at CPCRI.**

**Finally parting from CPCRI by 2:45 p.m we reached the last destination, The Krishnapuram Palace by 3:00 p.m which is located at a small distance from CPCRI, built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by Anizham Thirunal Marthanda Varma, which upholds the majesty of the Travancore Royal Family where the students witnessed the roots of old architecture and the mesmerising beauty of the palace. Built in the old 'Patinarukettu' style. With its cool wooden floors, narrow pathways and the display of various exhibits left the students in a world of wise and wonder. There was also a display of old embossed Travancore coins used during the time of monarchical rule.**



**We started the journey back by 4:00 p.m and reached by 8:00 p.m. Overall the students found the trip very much enjoyable and beneficial to them. The students could take with them a memory and an experience that they can cherish something scholarly and marvellous. The students had a wonderful time in the palace they got to see old methods of burial and burial bed illustrated in one of the rooms. The palace gave the students an exposure to the history of Kerala.**