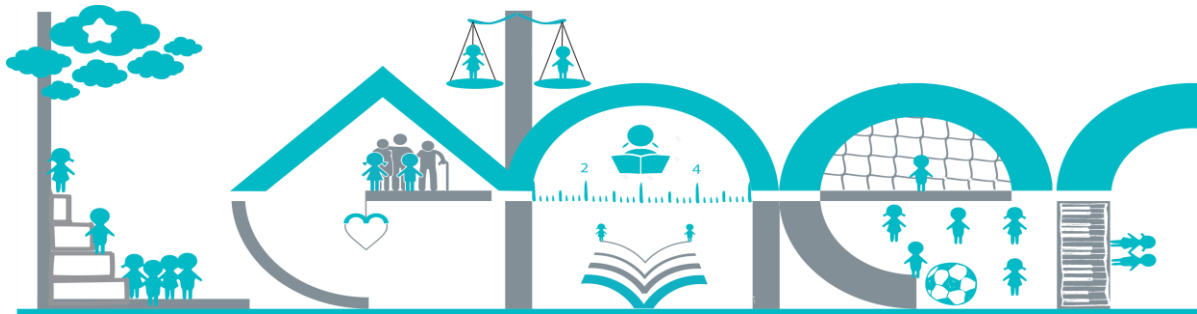# PAZHASSI RAJA COLLEGE
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CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION
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Children's Day is celebrated every year on November 14 in India remembering the extreme fondness of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for children. The day is celebrated with fun and enthusiasm in schools across the country. Every now and then, even we wish to transport ourselves to the fun and carefree childhood days.

The Department of English has organized '**Mambazhakkalam: Back to the Memories'** a four days programme aimed to celebrate Children's day through inter departmental competitions and the valedictory segment named 'Vanka'.

The programme was announced by a flashmob performed by the students of the department. The programme offered a platform for the children from the nearby school- St. Mary's English Medium School to exhibit their talents.

Essay writing competition, Light music competition, and Pencil drawing competition, were conducted on November 10, 11, and 14 respectively. The overall winner of the programme was Department of Microbiology. The competitions were concluded with the large segment

'VANKA'.

VANKA is a short story by Anton Chekhov, the famous Russian writer. The plot of the story is the plight of the children who are victims of child labour. The nine year boy Vanka is presented as a representative of children victimized to the social evil of child labour. Mr. Lipson of second year B A English enacted the role of Vanka. He skillfully sketched Vanka's characteristics of innocence and ignorance on the stage which appealed much to the audience.

Fr. Kuriakose V. C, Assistant Professor headed the programme with the coordination of other staff members and students. Mr. Saleel M M., Associate Professor prepared the script and materials for the screening of the story.

The programme was efficiently conducted with the support of Head of the Department Mr. Rajagopalan, Principal Dr.A.O.Roy, Lipson Thomas, the Student Union Chairman of the college, and Nikhil Paul, secretary of the association. Altogether 98 students participated in the various competitions.