## GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, MOKERI DISABILITY CLUB 2024-2025

## Online Talk on Challenging Norms: Disability in Dialogue

In connection with International Day of Persons with disabilities, the Disability Club of Government College, Mokeri, collaborated with the Gender Club and organised an online talk on **"Challenging Norms: Disability in Dialogue"** on 04-12-2024 at 7 P.M. on Google Meet. The session was led by Ms. Ashla Rani, Trustee of *Pallium India*, who is also the recipient of Kerala Government's Youth Icon Award and the Most Efficient Employee Award in the Non-Governmental Sector, 2017. The co-ordinator of the Disability Club and Gender Club, Ms. Miby Miriam Jacob, Asst. Professor in English, welcomed the guests and the participants.

With an aim to foster a disability-friendly society, the session focused on accessibility issues at the institutional level and explored how both teachers and students can contribute to create a barrier-free environment for all. The keynote speaker discussed the environmental barriers and social oppression disabled individuals encounter daily, highlighting issues such as inaccessible infrastructure, discrimination, societal stigma, medicalisation and infantilisation of disabled bodies and so on. She emphasised how these obstacles not only limit physical mobility, but also restrict opportunities for education, employment and social participation, urging a collective responsibility to create a more inclusive environment. The students opined that the session provided valuable insights into how institutions can better support individuals with disabilities and create a positive, lasting change. As the session came to an end, the student representative of the Disability Club, Mr. Muhammad T.P of II B.A. History, expressed gratitude to the guest for the insightful contributions and to the participants for their engagement. Based on his personal experiences, he also explained the necessity of audiobooks that provide study materials for blind students.

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## CHALLENGING NORMS: Disability in dialogue

Jointly organised by Disability Club and Gender Club



Ashla Rani Trustee, Pallium India

04.12.2024, Wednesday 7pm *@Google Meet* 

