



# St Berchmans College

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## PARTICIPATIVE LEARNING

Participative learning is a student-centric approach to education that emphasizes active participation and engagement from students in the learning process. Participative learning is a highly effective method for student-centric learning as it increases student engagement, motivation, and understanding of the material. It also helps students to learn at their own pace and promotes social interactions and collaborations. St Berchmans College enhances Participative learning through the following means,

### ➤ Conferences



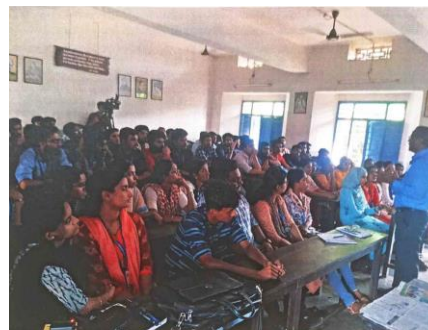
Conferences can enhance participative learning among students by providing opportunities for them to present their work, engage in discussions and debates with their peers and experts in the field, and gain feedback on their ideas. Additionally, attending conferences can expose students to diverse perspectives and new ideas, which can inspire and motivate them to continue learning and developing their skills. Conferences also provide networking opportunities which can help students connect with professionals in their field and learn about potential career paths.

Numerous conferences and paper presentations were held by different departments of the St. Berchmans College. The Berchmans Institute of Management Studies had conducted a national level conference on the topic “**Evolving business ecosystem and emerging business models**” on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Department of Commerce conducted “**Eunoia**” a national level paper presentation on the topic “**Recent Developments in Commerce & Finance**” on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### ➤ Seminars

Seminars also provide an opportunity for students to practice critical thinking and analytical skills by discussing and evaluating the ideas and arguments presented by the presenters. Moreover, seminars can provide a dynamic and engaging learning environment, as they allow students to actively participate in the class, and to learn from the presenters, which can help to increase their motivation and enthusiasm for the subject matter.

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## ➤ Workshops



Workshops can enhance participative learning by providing hands-on, experiential learning opportunities for students. By actively participating in the activities and exercises of the workshop, students can apply the concepts and skills they are learning in a real-world setting, which can increase their understanding and retention of the material. Additionally, workshops often provide opportunities for students to collaborate and work together in small groups, which can foster teamwork and communication skills.

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## ➤ Debates

Debates can enhance participative learning by providing an opportunity for students to actively engage with and critically analyze the material they are studying. Debating encourages students to think critically and develop their reasoning and argumentation skills. It also encourages students to think creatively, by presenting different perspectives and ideas. The College has its own Debate Club. Debate club provide training, recognition and support for students participating in speech and debate activities. Club members meet every week for the training session. Every year the club organizes an all-Kerala intercollegiate debate competition for students across the state.



## ➤ Student Seminars



Student seminars can enhance participative learning by providing an opportunity for students to actively engage with the material they are studying and to share their ideas with their peers. In a seminar setting, students are given the opportunity to lead the discussion and present their own perspectives and ideas on a given topic. This encourages students to take ownership of their learning and to actively engage with the material. In the St. Berchmans College, seminars are a component of Internal Assessment along with attendance and In-

Semester examinations.

## ➤ Demonstrations

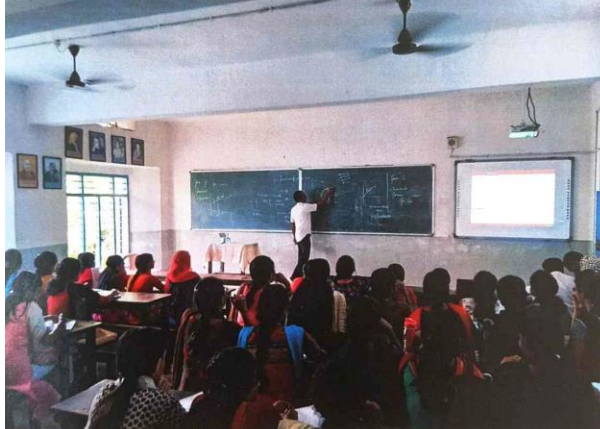
A Teacher demonstration involves showing your students a live experiment, process or phenomenon to give a greater understanding on a topic. A demonstration provides a shared experience that allows teachers to focus their students on particular aspects that they might otherwise miss. Demonstrations can be used to support your explanations and scaffold your students' understanding. Demonstrations offer useful opportunities for purposeful participation in learning that can enhance understanding of the concepts given in the textbook.



The St. Berchmans College is blessed with a Zoological Museum, an Herbarium, a Botanical Garden, a organic waste management facility, several laboratories and computer labs which offer opportunities for the faculties to demonstrate any concepts being taught in the classrooms.

## ➤ Presentations

PowerPoint presentations can enhance participative learning by providing a visual and interactive way to present information to students. When used effectively, PowerPoint presentations can help

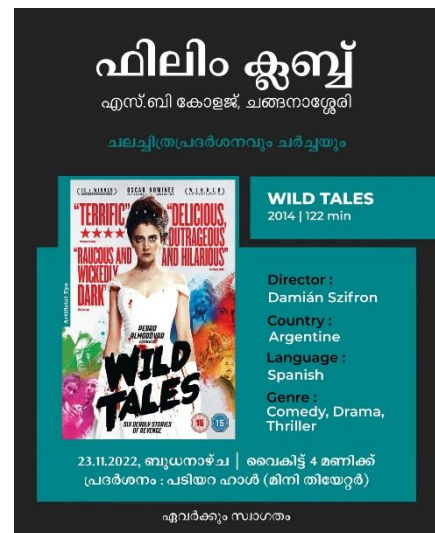


to engage students and make the material more accessible and interesting. They can include multimedia elements such as images, videos, and audio, which can help to illustrate key concepts and make them more memorable. Additionally, PowerPoint presentations can be used to create interactive activities and quizzes, which can help students to actively engage with the material and test their understanding. Furthermore, PowerPoint presentations can be used to create group activities, where students can work together to create their own presentations, which can foster teamwork and

collaboration. Most of the classrooms in the college is provided with the facility of projectors which are used by the teachers and students alike to present their seminars.

### ➤ Club Activities

Club activities can enhance participative learning by providing students with opportunities to actively engage with their interests and passions outside of the classroom. Clubs often provide students with hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that allow them to apply the concepts and skills they are learning in a real-world setting. This can help to increase their understanding and retention of the material. There several clubs which are active in St. Berchmans College. They include the Film Club, the debate club, the Quiz club, Music Club, Tourism Club, NSS, NCC naval unit, and NCC army unit. The Film club in every week screens a movie with great critical reception in the premises of the college. A poster of one such screening of the movie “Wild Tales” that took place is attached thereof.



### ➤ Language Lab

The Language Lab is a laboratory to train the English-speaking skills of the students on the campus. The lab provides a very different experience from the traditional system of teaching and learning language and offers more advanced features. Language labs can foster participative learning by providing students with the opportunity to practice and improve their language skills in a controlled and supportive environment. Language labs often provide students with a variety of interactive activities such as listening exercises, pronunciation practice, and conversation simulations, which can help to improve their speaking, listening, and comprehension skills. The College has a English language lab installed in its premises.