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RELEVANCE OF READING DAY

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June 19 Reading Day. June 19 is celebrated as Reading Day, the death anniversary of PN Panicker, who took the people in Kerala by the hand into the world of reading. Reading is knowledge and recognition. It's like a road that stretches endlessly in front and behind. The pages of each book are known beyond the ears. Words are the guardian of memories beyond time. Reading is the music of dreams and life.

The Government of Kerala has been observing Reading Day since 1996, the death anniversary of PN Panicker, the founder and propagandist of the Kerala Library Association. On March 1, 1909, he went to his house with his friends in Alappuzha and collected books from houses and started library named "Sanadana Dharmam" and it was starting for Library Association. The Kerala Library Association was formed after this growth. He worked hard to ensure that there would be no village in Kerala without a library. The cultural march from Parshalla to Kasaragod on November-December 1970 under the leadership of PN Panicker was an unforgettable historical moment.

The motto of the march was "Read, grow, think and gain wisdom"

Let us go through some glorious verses related to reading.

- Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller
- "A word after a word after a word is power." – Margaret Atwood
- "One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for 1,000 years. To read is to voyage through time." – Carl Sagan

- “Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.”
– Napoleon Bonaparte
- “A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counsellor, a multitude of counsellors.” – Charles Baudelaire

Darkness cannot enter a place full of light. Books are inexhaustible vessels full of knowledge and experience. The role that reading plays in shaping a person is very important. It is through reading good books that one can cultivate and fill the social consciousness of goodness, love and humanity in man.

“If we reads we will grow
If we wont read we will grow
If we read and grow we will yield
If we wont read and grow we will bend”

Kunjuunni Mash

The words of the poet Kunjuunni Mash are meaningful. Here the poet makes clear the influence that reading has on the development of the individual. Books have had a profound effect on the development of mankind, which has made great strides as a social being. Reading makes one complete. Books give man access to the wider world of knowledge. It is in this sense that books are said to be man's teacher and friend. Books comfort and delight us.

Books are treasures that reveal to us today the genius addresses of great people who lived centuries ago. We get their thoughts and the knowledge she gained through books. All the knowledge gained by mankind is recorded in books. Reading books also paves the way for intellectual awakening and mental awakening. The knowledge gained from experience is great but not every person has the experience of everything. We get different experiences of many people through reading good books.

There are many types of books. Literary books, science books, autobiographies, biographies and so on. It is said that one should learn to look back and live forward. Most to look back and learn. Biographical books are helpful. Scientific texts open up a vast world of knowledge before us.

Today, newspapers, radio, television, and the Internet all contribute to the spread of knowledge. But books are still at the forefront of the spread of knowledge and experience.

The educational process becomes meaningful if the habit of reading is developed. There is no limit to the knowledge gained through reading. Books are said to be the best teachers. Gandhiji, Ambedkar and Abraham Lincoln all grew up by reading. We can understand this when we go through their life history

Books play an important role in creating a cultured generation. In that bibliography paves the way for the spread of culture and the development of thought no doubt. So we too can become a culture that loves reading and loves books for the good of society.