

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

2019-2020

❖ Earn While You Learn

Following the western concept of making the students economically independent, this year the Department of English encouraged the students to conduct a sales program titled “Earn While You Learn”. Under this project, the students of UG and PG English students conducted a food fest in our college auditorium on 11-2-2020. They sold items like homemade food products, clothes, cosmetics, and other accessories. They also conducted various games. Ms. Mahalakeshmi gave a motivational talk to the students. They not only gained financial benefits but also gained practical experience in the field of business.



❖ Literary Competitions

- Students of II B. A. English Literature were taken by Deepa Nair for literary competitions conducted by the English Department of St Xavier's College, Palayamkottai in February 2020 and they won several prizes in the competitions.



- Another group from the same class participated in English literary competitions conducted as part of the Hind Fest by S. T. Hindu College, Nagercoil. They won the runner-up trophy in the competition.
- Students from Second B. A. English Literature also won prizes in the literary competitions conducted by Scott Christian College.

❖ Extension Activity

The Department of English conducted a One Day Entrepreneurship Program as a part of extension activity on 29 Jan 2020 (Wednesday) at Chunkankadai. Dr K.E.Padmam, Dr Sreelatha and J Sreethi Krishna made necessary arrangements for the [Entrepreneurship](#) Program. The program was held in the Potters colony, in Chunkankadai as it has a closely-knit community of potters where the old town tradition is still kept uncompromisingly alive. The students of PG final year took part in the program and learned how raw clay becomes a usable pot. It is sad to learn that the lack of regular income from pottery has forced many to look around for jobs that have taken them away from pottery. These people have to travel far to collect mud from the drying pond beds. In most of the Potters houses, the women in the family too sweat it out with their men in beating the pots to shape. The students learned the making of pots which is a long

process starting with the selection of clay, seasoning, trimming, molding, painting and finally burning the pots in the kilns. It was an informative program for the students.



❖ Corona Awareness Programme

The Department of English conducted a Corona Virus Awareness Program on 05/02/2020 (Wednesday). The students of second year PG took part in the program and created awareness about corona virus to the people of Potters' Colony in Chunkankadai. The students and the faculty members highlighted some dos and don'ts to prevent oneself from getting infected with Covid 19. Majority of the people showed high levels of concern and had taken precautionary measures. Dr K.E.Padmam, Dr Sreelatha and J Sreethi Krishna made necessary arrangements for the corona virus awareness program.



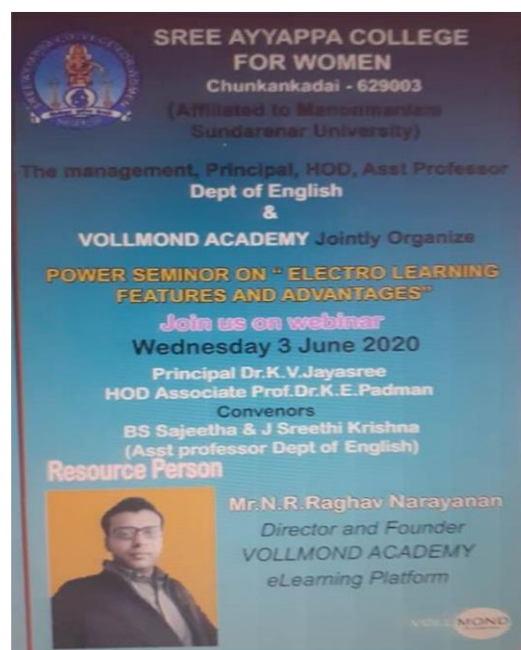
As part of the department extension activity, some students from second year English Literature accompanied by Mrs. Deepthy Chandran and Ms. Prasaja visited Cape Flour Mills Pvt. Ltd., Chunkankadai, on 14-2-2020. Their academic learning experience was further supplemented by their exposure to their social environment.

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❖ National and International Webinars:

• WEBINAR ON E-LEARNING : FEATURES AND ADVANTAGES

A webinar on the topic **E-Learning : Features and Advantages** was organised by the Department of English, Sree Ayyappa College for Women in association with Vollmond Academy on 3rd June 2020. Resource person Mr. N. R. Raghav Narayanan, Director and Founder of Vollmond Academy stressed upon the importance of E-learning and many useful learning apps used in online education. Mrs. Sreethi Krishna J and Dr B.Sajeetha organized the webinar. About 88 participants comprising faculties and students from various affiliated colleges joined online through the google meet platform and attended the webinar.



• Fostering Academic Research and Writing Skills – June 13,14, 2020

The two day international webinar on "Fostering Academic Research and Writing Skills" was conducted by the Department of English and Research Centre, Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai on June 12 & 13, 2020. The webinar was inaugurated by Dr. Thomas Baby, Associate Professor, Dhofar University, Oman. He delivered the inaugural address on "The Importance of Research in Academia". Dr. K. V. Jayashree, the Principal, presided and delivered the presidential address. The plenary session one was handled by Dr. Binu Zachariah, Associate Professor of English, Pondicherry Central University, Puthucherry. He delivered a talk on "How to write good research papers?". Dr Soumy Syamchand delivered a talk on "Research Methodology and the nuances of Eighth Methodology".

The second day programme started with a talk by Dr Nandini Sahu, Professor of English, IGNOU, New Delhi on "Academic Research and Writing Proposals for projects". The final session

was taken up by Dr Regin Silvest, president, Cape Comorin Trust, Nagercoil. He delivered a talk on " Publishing Research papers in Ugc Carelisted and Scopus Indexed Journals".

More than 500 participants from all over India and abroad participated. Dr R. Janatha Kumari and Dr. Sheeba S.Nair organised the webinar. The whole department strived hard to make the webinar an enriching and fruitful one.

❖ Lecture Series -- Tribal Literature – 22-0-2021 to 24-07-2021

A Lecture Series on Tribal Literature was held from 22-07-2021 to 24-07-2021. On July 22, 2021, Dr S. Sushma Jenifer, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of English, Nanjil Catholic College, Kaliyakkavilai, delivered a talk on "Interlocked Invisible Indigenous Interconnections of Cherokee Tribes".

Dr Soumy Syamchand, Assistant Professor, St. Gregorious College, Kottarakara detailed about "The Tribal Literature and Tribal writings in Malayalam " on July 23, 2021. Mrs Lekshmi, Assistant Professor of English, N. I. College of Arts and Science, Kumaracoil, delivered a talk on "Mystical Elements and Stories in Tamil Tribal Literature" on July 24, 2021. The Lecture Series was organised by Dr. R. Janatha Kumari.

❖ Online Motivation Programme:

Due to the lock down, the activities for the students depended on online media. Dr. Vidu P. Nair IFS(Indian Ambassador to Turkmenistan)addressed the UG and PG students of the Department of English .Dr. K. E. Padmam welcomed the chief guest to the online platform. Dr. L. Dhowmya introduced the speaker to the students and Dr N. U. Lekshmi, the Organising Secretary proposed the Vote of thanks. Students were highly motivated.

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❖ Online Workshop on Life Skills

The Department of English organised an Online Workshop on Life Skills for PG and UG students on 26 March 2022 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Resource Person Dr K Suresh Kumar, Senior Vice-President, Aurobindo Pharma Ltd, Hyderabad, delivered a motivating talk on basic life skills and the students interacted actively.



❖ EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

With an objective to develop the entrepreneur skills of the students the Department of English organised "Earn While you Learn" program on 12th April 2022 at the college auditorium. The event with more than 30 stalls by students was a great success.



❖ **LITERARY EXHIBITION AND QUIZ COMPETITION –
FOREGROUNDING EMERGING VOICES**

The Department of English of Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai, Nagercoil, conducted a literary exhibition called Foregrounding Emerging Voices on 11 May 2022, at the college auditorium. An intercollegiate quiz competition on Dalit Literature in Tamil was also conducted, along with the exhibition. The events were organised by Deepa Nair and J. S. Divyasree, Assistant Professors of English, Sree Ayyappa College for Women. Seven teams from neighbouring colleges participated in the quiz competition. The first prize was won by the team from Malankara Catholic College of Arts and Science, Kaliyakkavilai. Charts and models on Chicano-Caribbean literature, North-Eastern literature, Regional literature in

Translation and Pandemic Literature made by the undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Department of English of the college were displayed in the auditorium.

CAMPUS CONNECT

Literary exhibition

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Quiz competition under way at Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai.

College gets A+ grade

Kamaraj College, Thoothukudi, has been awarded A+ grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). It has secured 3.31 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) on a seven point scale, valid for five years from May 17, 2022. A three-member NAAC peer team visited the college on May 13 and 14. They assessed the facilities in the college, verified academic and administrative records and inspected all the

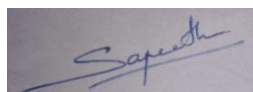
departments and the nine research centres. They inspected the library, physical education and ICT facilities, Placement Cell, incubation centre, basic amenities available at the college and assessed the performance of NSS, NCC, UBA, YRC, Green and Clean Club, Enviro Club, consumer club, Yoga Club, Cultural Club etc. Principal D. Nagarajan said the A+ grade was the result of hard work and commitment of the management, faculty and students.



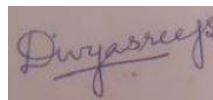
❖ ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON POSTHUMANISM

One day international webinar on Posthumanism was organized by Dr. B. Sajeetha and Mrs. J. S. Divyasree of the Department of English on 13-05-2022. The webinar began with the presidential address by Dr. K E Padmam, Head of the Department of English followed by the inaugural address of Mr. Joan Josep Barcelo, a Spanish poet. The first session started with a talk by Dr. T K Rajendran, Assistant Professor of English, University of Kerala on “Posthumanism”. The afternoon session started at 2 pm with Dr. Catharine Edward, Head and Associate Professor of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy addressing the audience on the topic “Posthumanism Coexistence and Human Potential”. The webinar ended with the vote of thanks by organizing secretary Dr. B. Sajeetha, Assistant Professor of English. Students from UG and PG classes, Research scholars and academicians from our institution and other institutions participated and got benefited from this seminar.




Organizing Secretaries

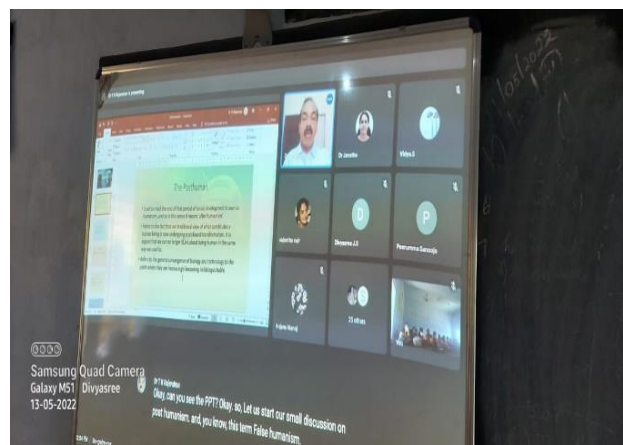
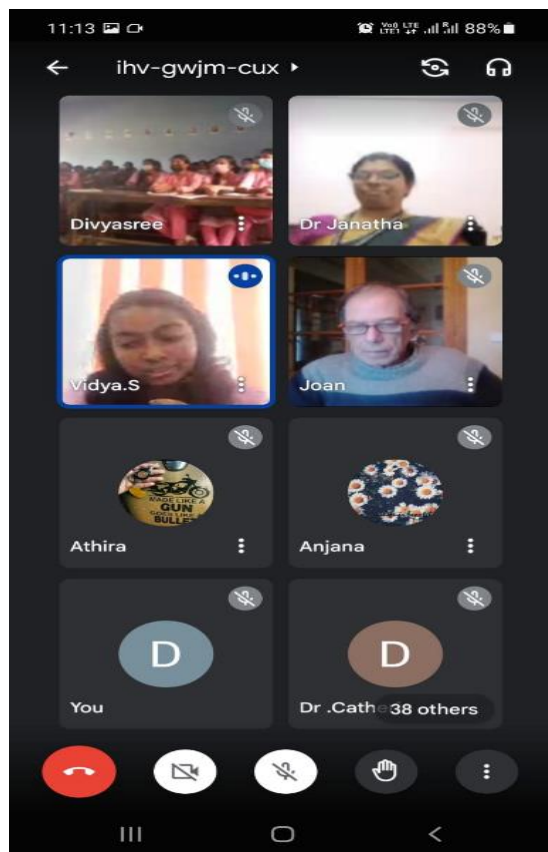


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 <p>SREE AYYAPPA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (Re-accredited with B Grade by NAAC) Chunkankadaï, Nagercoil</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH organizes One-day International Webinar on POSTHUMANISM</p> <p>Date: 13 May 2022 Time: 11-3 pm</p> <p>Programme Schedule</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>Chairperson Dr. K. V. Jayashree Principal</td><td>Presidential Address Dr. K. E. Padmam Head of the Department</td></tr></table> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="margin-left: 10px;"><p>Inaugural Address (11am) Joan Josep Barceló i Bauçà Poet, Spain</p></div></div>	Chairperson Dr. K. V. Jayashree Principal	Presidential Address Dr. K. E. Padmam Head of the Department	<p>Forenoon Session (12-1 pm) Resource Person - Dr. T. K. Rajendran Assistant Professor, Department of English University College, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="margin-left: 10px;"><p>Afternoon Session(2-3pm) Resource Person - Dr.Catherin Edward Associate Professor in English Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli</p></div></div> <p>Meeting Link: https://meet.google.com/ihv-gwjm-cux</p> <hr/> <p>Organizing Secretaries: Dr. B. Sajeetha Mrs. J. S. Divyasree</p> <hr/> <p>Organizing Committee</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>Dr. A. R. Savitha Mrs. Deepa Nair Dr. N. U. Lekshmi Dr. I. Dhowmya Dr. S. Sreelatha Mrs. J. Sreethi Krishna</td><td>Dr. R. Janatha Kumari Dr. Sheeba S. Nair Dr. C. Lakshmi Prasad Mrs. Deepthy Chandran L. Mrs. V. P. Prasaja</td></tr></table>	Dr. A. R. Savitha Mrs. Deepa Nair Dr. N. U. Lekshmi Dr. I. Dhowmya Dr. S. Sreelatha Mrs. J. Sreethi Krishna	Dr. R. Janatha Kumari Dr. Sheeba S. Nair Dr. C. Lakshmi Prasad Mrs. Deepthy Chandran L. Mrs. V. P. Prasaja
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❖ Meet the Author



Dr C. S. Lakshmi (Ambai), renowned author and researcher came to Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai on 19 May, 2022. There was an interactive session from 11 am to 1 pm. Undergraduate, postgraduate students and research scholars of the English department of Sree Ayyappa College for Women participated in the session. Deepa Nair, Assistant Professor, Department of English was the event coordinator of the program, organised by the Department of English, Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai.



❖ Drama Competition

Curtain Call, the Theatre Club of the Department of English conducted a drama competition for English Literature Students on 20.5.2022. Dr. Susan Roy from Scott Christian College and Dr. Ezhil Prafula from Women's Christian College served as the judges. Ten teams participated in the event and displayed their talents. The first prize was won by III BA English Literature students. Three best actors were selected. The

event was organized by Dr. L. Dhowmya and Dr .C. Lakshmi Prasad.





❖ LITERARY COMPETITIONS

The Department of English conducted Literary Competitions for students on 25th May 2022. Various events like Elocution, Essay Writing, Verse Writing and Short Story Writing were conducted on the topic “Black Narratives”. Mrs. Deepthy Chandran, Mrs V.P. Prasaja and Mrs.J. Sreethi Krishna were the coordinators.



❖ INDUCTION PROGRAMMES AND REFRESHER COURSES

As a part of academic development teaching faculty of English department attended Induction Programmes and Refresher Courses. Dr Sree Latha, Prasaja V.P. and J. Sreethi Krishna attended Induction Programmes; Dr Lakshmi Prasad, Dr Sajeetha and Dr Dhowmya attended Refresher Courses. Dr Lakshmi Prasad was awarded Ph.D. from MS University. Seven faculty members are guiding Ph.D. scholars.

❖ PhDs PRODUCED AND GUIDESHIP

- Under the guideship of Dr R. Janatha Kumari, S Shalini and S Sushma Jenifer were awarded PhD degree on 29-10-2019 and 07-10-2021 respectively.
- Under the guideship of Dr Sheeba S. Nair, Ezhil Prafula was awarded PhD degree on 28-03-2022.
- Under the guideship of Dr L. Dhowmya, A.J.Gayathri was awarded PhD degree on 04-04-2022.

❖ BOOK RELEASE OF A *BUNDLE OF JOY*

Dr. R. Janatha Kumari released her first poetry collection "A Bundle of Joy" on February 2021, edited anthology of poems "Strings of Symphony" and two edited anthologies on Human Rights. Dr. R. Janatha Kumari is pursuing her second doctrate on Education at Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai.

❖ **RANK HOLDERS**

- T.S.Aathira Suresh secured 1st rank in BA English Literature and II rank in Part II English.
- Anjana Manoj secured IV rank in BA English Literature and 15th rank in Part II English.
- R Lekshmi secured VII rank in BA English Literature and IVth rank in Part II English.
- Ajithra Ashokan of MA English literature secured 6th rank of the PG level from MS University.

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❖ INAUGURATION OF ASSOCIATION

The English Literary Association of Sree Ayyappa College for Women was inaugurated on 23-09-2022 by Dr. Abhilasha, Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil. The resource person delivered a lecture on the significance of English Literary Association in the campus. She also highlighted the need to improve English language skills like listening, speaking, reading and writing. The talk was highly motivating and the students promised that the literary association will be a beehive of activities. Meeting was presided by the Principal of the college, Dr. K. V. Jayashree. The Head of the Department, Dr. K. E. Padmam welcomed the gathering. Student representatives Miss Vidya, president of English literary association, introduced the chief guest and the secretary of English literary association, Miss Varshini proposed the vote of thanks.



❖ GREENING OUR CAMPUS

In Connection with World Habitat Day 2022, Department of English in collaboration with "Iyarkayudan Oru Payanam" organised "Greening our Campus" programme on 19 October 2022. To create a natural environment for better learning, more than 40 saplings with different species

of trees were planted inside the campus. Ms. J. Sreethi Krishna organised the programme as a positive step towards achieving a healthy environment. Mr N. Swaminathan, special correspondent in "The Hindu" (Tamil), Adv Krishna Moorthy and Mr K.V. Pradheesh, social worker, were the chief guests. They shared the importance of nature and how students can protect and take care of it for the betterment of future. To encourage the students to preserve their surroundings green and clean by engaging in tree planting, the Principal, the Head of the Department, faculty members, and students planted saplings on the college campus.



❖ Report on Intercollegiate Literary Competition

The Department of English of Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Chunkankadai, conducted an Intercollegiate Literary Competition 'Lit Pulse' on 4th November 2022. The competition based on the theme of 'Travelling through the Seasons' was organized with an aim to encourage the students to showcase their writing skills and literary talents. The event was a huge success with a large number of participants from various colleges taking part in the competition. Around 150 participants from 8 colleges participated in various events. The host college did not participate in the event so as to give a fair judgment.

The event started at 10 am with the registration of participants. The participants were then guided to the auditorium where the event took place. Essay writing, verse writing and short story writing were conducted in the morning session. Post lunch session was devoted to recitation and elocution. The judges carefully monitored the performances and gave their valuable suggestions for improvement to the students.

The valedictory function was started at 2.30 pm. The Head of the Department addressed the gathering and shared her happiness in hosting such a grand event. Winners were announced by the judges and prize was distributed by the Head of the Department. Trophies were awarded for individual events. Arunachala Arts and Science College for Women, Kanyakumari bagged the overall trophy. The event was a great learning experience for the participants and provided an

opportunity for them to interact with students from other colleges. The vote of thanks was delivered by the president of the Literary Club. The event came to an end with National Anthem.

Coordinators: Ms. L.Deepthy Chandran, Ms. V. P. Prasaja Ms. J. Sreethi Krishna

❖ **Report of the Intercollegiate Drama Competition**

Curtain Call, the Theatre Club of the Department of English conducted an intercollegiate drama competition SAC LIT FIESTA on 22.2.23. Dr. C. Lakshmi Prasad and Dr. L. Dhowmya were the event co-ordinators. With *Shakespearean Plays* as the theme, the following events were enacted on stage - soliloquy, drama and strange meeting. The competition commenced by giving a precise history of the origin and functioning of the theatre club of SAC, and introducing the judges - Dr.Xavier Dhas, Formerly Head, Dept. of English, St. Jude's College, Thuthoor and Dr. D. John Bennet, Supervisor, Block Resource Centre, Cheranmahadevi, Tirunelveli. More than hundred students from ten different colleges in and around Kanniyakumari District participated in the competition. During the valedictory session, the winners of the competitions were announced and awards and certificates were distributed. The overall championship trophy was bagged by Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam.

❖ **Report of the Student Participation in Competitions Outside -- Hind Fest 2023**

S. T. Hindu College conducted Hind Fest 2023- an Inter-collegiate Literary Competition on Green Literature on 13/3/23. Nearly 40 students from the Department of English participated in the events listed below – Dance, Drama, Mime, Rap Song, Quiz, Drawing, Face Painting, Slogan Writing and Photography. The following students won prizes in the following events:

Dance –Keerthana and team – I Prize

Drama –Vaishnavi and team- III Prize

Rap Song–Varsha &Anjana–III Prize

Quiz -Saleeha and Athira – II Prize

Photography –Abhishini– II Prize

Our college bagged the Runner Up trophy.

