



Department of English

The Department of English organised UGC sponsored National seminar on "Human Rights Violation and Resistance: Changing trends in Literature". **Human Rights Violation and Resistance: Changing Trends in Literature**

The two day seminar on "Human Rights Violation and Resistance: Changing Trends in Literature" was held at St. John's College, Palayamkottai, on 02.03.2017 and 03.03.2017. The registration for the program started at 8.30 am. Professors and Scholars from various colleges passionately registered their names.

The inauguration ceremony began at 9.00 am. The programme began with a prayer song followed by Thamizh Thai Vazlthu. Dr. S. John Kennady Vedthanathan, the Principal, St. John's College, welcomed the gathering.

Presidential address was given by Mr. David Augustine Karunakaran, the Head, Department of English. He listed out all the main objectives of this two day seminar and the need of conducting such kind of seminar in the current scenario.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. V. Christopher Ramesh, Assistant Professor of English, Govt. Arts College, Mellur, who gave a detailed explanation about the key ideas of this seminar and also the need of learning and knowing about the developing new theories in the field of literature. In addition to that he also talked about the concept of fourth and fifth world in the writings of contemporary writers. And at the end of inauguration function the vote of thanks was given by Dr. R. Jeya Sundararaj, the coordinator of the two day seminar.

The two day seminar was comprised of four lectures by four eminent professors from various educational institutions. All these eminent speakers delivered their lectures on the main topic in various dimensions.

The first speaker was Dr. S. Samuel Rufus, Associate Professor of English, Madras Christian College. In his lecture, he talked about the current theories in English Literature related to humanity. His speech brought clarification on application of

modern theories in the work of art by any writer from any century.

The second lecture was delivered by Dr. S. Mohammed Haneef, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli. He spoke about the human violation particularly in Africa and how the African writers and their works act as the voice for the voiceless. His speech also dealt with the theory Negritude and few movements like Apartheid which could be seen in the African Literature.

The first day of this seminar came to an end with the Paper Presentation of scholars, students and professors from Various Colleges and Educational institutions. All the presenters presented their papers on the given themes and thrust areas and chairpersons were allotted to check the originality of and quality of their papers.

In the second day of the seminar Dr. T. Marx, Associate Professor, Department of English, Pondicherry University was the resource person. He gave a lecture on the presence of social issues in literature and the reflection of writings and their impacts in society. His speech brought a new dimension to the seminar.

The fourth and final lecture of the seminar was about the cultural issues and how it led to violence. The last lecture was given by Dr. Jesica Selwyn, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. She talked about the Afro- American culture portrayed in the African literature and how it acts as a key source for the presence of immigration, sexual abuse, and physical violence in the land of Africa. Her speech provided more information about how cultural conflict and mixing of culture leads to a bitter life both in normal life and also in literature.

Finally, the seminar came to an end with the Valedictory function after receiving feedback from the fellow participants. Rt. Rev. J.J. Christdoss, Chairman and Secretary of our college, Mr. David Augustin Karunakaran, the Head, Department of English honoured the resource person with gift and shawl. Dr. R. Jeya

Sundararaj proposed vote of thanks. With National Anthem the programme came to an end.

Department of English organised a one day International Workshop on “Theatre and Literature for Language Teaching” on 07.03.2017 at the Research Centre, Department of English. Dr. Kandaiah Shriganeshan, Senior Lecturer, University of Jattna, Srilanka was the resource person.

The inauguration ceremony began at 10.30 a.m. The workshop began with the invocation to God by Rev. Dr. J. J. Christdoss, Chairman and Secretary of our college Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, offered a felicitation which was followed by the Presidential Address delivered by Dr. David Augustine Karunakaran, Head, Department of English. Then the Resource Person Dr. Kandiah Sriganeshan provided the objectives of the study and the need for teaching literature and language through his simple and thoughtful lecture.

Finally, the one day workshop came to an end with the vote of thanks. Dr. R. Jeya Sundararaj, Associate Professor, Department of English, proposed vote of thanks in which he thanked everyone for helping in organizing the seminar.

JOLITFEST, a state level cultural fest was conducted by the Department of English, 18.03.2017. The registration for the programme started at 9.00 AM. Students from various Arts Colleges passionately registered their names. The inauguration ceremony began at 10.30 AM. Prayer song spread the spiritual ideas through its meaningful words. It was followed by the Thamizhthai Vazhthu. A warm welcome address was given by Mr. U. Kethrapal, the Coordinator of JOLITFEST. Presidential address was given by Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal. He motivated the participants and listed out the objectives of such a function. In his speech he thanked the institution for conducting such a function. Vote of thanks was given by Prof. K. Paul Joel.

Environmental Cell

Environmental Cell organized an Environmental awareness programme on 02.02.2017 at our college auditorium. Two staff member coordinated and fifty students participated.

Environmental Cell conducted a programme to clean the river bed of Tamirabarani on 10.03.2017. Two staff members coordinated and twenty students participated. The members of the club cleaned a portion Tamirabarani River Bank at Tirunelveli.



Environmental cell organized an Environmental awareness programme on 02.02.2017. Two staff member coordinated and fifty students participated.

Environmental cell members took oath for cleanliness on 25.01.2017. 2 staff members and 10 students took part in the event.





National Cadets Corps

NCC of our college organised a “Water Conservation Rally” on 22.03.2017 focusing on the need of saving water and good usage of water. Lt. Dr. T.K. Stantley David, ANO, NCC coordinated the programme. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanthan, the Principal, gave an introductory talk on the theme of the rally.



NSS Units 28, 29 organized a Digital India Programme on 06.01.2017. Two staff members coordinated and seventy students participated. Mr.D Kathiravan gave a speech on Digital India launched by the Government of India and the Government's services that are made available to citizens electronically to improve the online infrastructure and the use of Internet that makes the country digitally empowered in the field of technology.



National Service Scheme

NSS Units 27, 28, 29 and 74 organised an orientation programme to the NSS volunteers on 22.09.2016 at the Seminar Hall. The volunteers were given instruction about the NSS.