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Col. R.Sivanathan, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters, Tiruchirappalli Conferring the Honorary Title "Colonel Commandant" of NCC on Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

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From the Vice-Chancellor

The University witnessed a series of academic events such as seminars, conferences, workshops and invited lectures by scholars of repute during the first quarter of 2019. In fact, not a single day passed without the conduct of an academic event. All these intense academic activities kept everyone of us busy on the campus. This January-March 2019 issue of *Azhagu Newsletter* carries reports of such events of academic significance.

The Ministry of Defence, Government of India, through the NCC conferred the title “Honorary Colonel Commandant” on the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University in an investiture ceremony held on 19.03.2019 at the University. Among the 8 Vice-Chancellors selected across India for this honour, the only Vice-Chancellor from Tamil Nadu is the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University and we deem it an honour conferred on the University. The digital launching of “Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Career Hub” at the University by the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi on 3rd Feb 2019 was a noteworthy event. It was organized under the aegis of RUSA 2.0 Scheme. Similarly, the Start-Up Cell started at the School of Management has multiple objectives and the major aims are to bring down the hiatus between academia and industry and to encourage the budding entrepreneur to incubate their innovative ideas.

Three Senior Faculty Members of our University, who were selected on merit, attended the three-week intensive “Leadership for Academicians Programme” (LEAP) sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. This well-designed programme is a very significant innovative and timely initiative of M.H.R.D that aims at equipping senior professors to take up leadership roles in existing and new institutions. Similarly, two of our young faculty were recognized for their innovative research work under SPARC programme of MHRD. This is yet another feather in the cap of our University.

Under the Distinguished Lecture Series, the former Chief Election Commissioner of India Shri Navin B. Chawla delivered a scintillating lecture on “Elections in India”; and he called India as a mature democracy which, he added, is evident in the defeated political parties accepting the debacle suffered at the elections and honouring the people’s verdict. He also referred to the massive work undertaken by the Election Commission during the elections in a vast and thickly populated democratic country like India.

I am happy to note that Alagappa University is marching ahead in quite a number of areas such as MOOCs, Online Learning and uploading of 3-lakh students’ data in the National Academic Depository (NAD) Portal. In an endeavour to achieve global standards in curriculum, foreign faculty and industry experts have been included in the Broad-based Boards of Studies in each area of specialization. And concerted efforts are being taken to enhance quality and excellence in teaching and research, which are mandatory in RUSA 2.0 Scheme.

I conclude this brief editorial with the famous saying: “Excellence is never an accident. Choice, and not chance, determines your destiny”.

Prof. N.Rajendran
Vice-Chancellor

NCC HONOURS THE VICE-CHANCELLOR WITH HONORARY TITLE OF COLONEL COMMANDANT



Dr. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, has been honoured with the conferment of the title “Colonel Commandant” of the National Cadet Corps. The honour was bestowed on him in an investiture ceremony held on 19.3.2019 on the University Campus. The Vice-Chancellor will hold this honorary rank during his Vice-Chancellorship at Alagappa University. He will be Ex-officio Commandant for all NCC Units functioning in Alagappa University’s Affiliated Colleges.

Col R. Sivanathan, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters, Tiruchirappalli, piped the Vice-Chancellor with the badges of the “Colonel Commandant” in the presence of Col Ajay Joshi, Commanding Officer, 9 (TN) BN NCC, Karaikudi, Lt Col Ratna Reddy, Administrative Officer and other NCC officials. Col R. Sivanathan also gave a certificate stating that the Vice-Chancellor has been conferred with Honorary Colonel Commandant title and addressed the gathering, highlighting the activities of NCC for building a powerful youth force; and he added that NCC aimed at grooming the youth into patriotic and responsible citizens. He said only eight Vice-Chancellors at the National level were selected for this year’s conferment of Honorary Colonel Commandant title and Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, was one among them.

In a communication received earlier, Lt Gen PP Malhotra, VSM, Director General

National Cadet Corps & Colonel Commandant, New Delhi, said: “In the Armed Forces, the “Colonel Commandant” is an honour conferred upon distinguished and very senior officers. We in the NCC, are proud of your association with us”.

In his acceptance speech the Vice-Chancellor Col N.Rajendran thanked the Government of India for honouring him. He said that he would endeavour to promote certain core values among all ranks of the NCC cadets. He added that NCC plays a key role in building a youth force with sterling qualities of head and heart with unity and discipline as motto. The NCC battalion in Karaikudi was started on 23rd May 1956. Each year it is gathering momentum and moving from strength to strength, and it has 37 Units covering 4 Districts of Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai and Thanjavur.

Earlier the Vice-Chancellor accepted a guard of honour presented by the cadets of 9 (TN) BN NCC, Karaikudi.

Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, welcomed the gathering and Mr.KR.Jayakumar Associate NCC Officer, proposed a vote of thanks. Among the participants were Mrs. Shanthi Rajendran, Ms.Devi Alamelu Vairavan, Syndicate Members, Deans, Directors, HoDs, Principals of Constituent Colleges, Administrative staff, VIPs from Karaikudi town and 12 Associate NCC Officers from various schools and colleges, NCC cadets and students.

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub Digitally Launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India



The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi digitally launched (through video conference) the "Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub" at Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 3rd February 2019. The launching ceremony was organized under the aegis of the Centre of Excellence for Skill Development, Alagappa University, at the Conference Hall on the Science Campus.



Thiru. Mangat Ram Sharma, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Higher Education Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar were present on the occasion.

Sixty-six Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hubs spread over 51 districts of 25 States and one Union Territory were launched by the Prime Minister from Srinagar besides laying the foundation stone through video conferencing for the establishment of 70 Model Colleges, 11 Technical Colleges, one Women's University and three infrastructure Schemes. The Hub started in Alagappa University is one among the sixty-six launched on 3rd February 2019.

In the interactive session with students the Higher Education Secretary Thiru. Mangat Ram Sharma stated that the Government would provide all facilities to the students for honing their skills; and it is for them to utilise all the offers and help extended to them for their self improvement and self employment; and he also exhorted them to contribute to the nation's growth and development as a token of their gratitude. The Vice-Chancellor while interacting with the students said though there are 5600 students pursuing various programmes of study in Alagappa University, 250 students from the Skill Development Centre are really fortunate to witness this great event. He appealed to them to be studious and earnest in acquiring skills which would stand them in good stead in their future life.

Under RUSA 2.0 Scheme Alagappa University has established a Centre of Excellence for Skill Development as an Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub at an estimated cost of Rs.15 Crores and will train 2000 students per year to become skilled workforce and entrepreneurs. The Centre has been establishing 10 Skill Development Laboratories and Learning Facilities.

Prof. K. Gurunathan, Member of the Syndicate, Dr. B. Dharmalingam, Director, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Dr. V. Balachandran, Coordinator, RUSA Scheme and 250 students participated in the function.

Distinguished Lecture on Elections In India

Under the Distinguished Lecture Series arranged by the Department of Social Work and Voters Awareness Forum of Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 6th February 2019 the Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Shri Navin B Chawla I.A.S. spoke on "Elections in India" .

Presiding over the function Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, stated that election is the anchor-sheet of democracy and India has proved to be a vibrant democracy; and the eighteen general elections held since India's independence point to this fact. He said that the Indian history shows that the monarchs of India encouraged local self-government. He cited the instance of Uthiramerur inscriptions which show how Chola Emperor Paranthaka-I, encouraged the local self government and the inscriptions clearly indicate the effective election process and the grass-root level democracy obtaining in the ancient Chola Kingdom. It reveals that the Indians have all along been giving importance to democracy.



The Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Shri Navin B Chawla I.A.S. said that India has grown into a very mature democracy in the last 70 years. Unlike some countries, the losers in the elections in India have accepted the result. This is a clear indication how democracy is upheld and sustained in India. He added that the election commission, an

autonomous body, is doing a mammoth work of helping nearly 900 million voters to franchise their votes during general elections by utilizing the services of more than 2000 senior civil servants for efficient and effective conduct of elections in India. He stated that the electronic voting machine cannot be tampered with and enumerated the benefits accruing on account of using EVMs. He concluded his speech by saying that every vote counts in a democracy. He exhorted the first-time voters to be aware of their democratic rights to choose the right representatives carefully to preserve democracy and also for nation's growth and development. Finally he quoted "Leadership is not about the next election, it is about the next generation".

Thiru J.Jeyakanthan, I.A.S., District Collector, in his felicitation address, emphasised the need to learn Indian polity and a deep knowledge of it would be highly beneficial to students who aspire for Civil Service Examinations. He appealed to the students to study their subjects with real interest and involvement, which would help them to succeed in all types of competitive exams.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which students raised a lot of thought-provoking questions to the distinguished speaker about the elections. After giving convincing replies to their queries, he congratulated them for posing pertinent questions and as a token of encouragement he presented them books written and published by him recently.

Dr.H.Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Deans, Faculty Members and 750 students were present on the occasion. Earlier Dr. K.R.Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, welcomed the gathering. Dr.AR.Saravanakumar, Nodal Officer, Voters' Awareness Forum, proposed a vote of thanks.

District Youth Parliament-2019 Organised



The District Youth Parliament-2019 was organised by the National Service Scheme of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in association with NSS Regional Directorate, Chennai, at the Convocation Hall on 27-1-2019 .

Presiding over the function Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, briefed the history of British Parliament and also narrated the evolution of Indian Parliamentary System which was formed by taking into consideration some of the best features of the Parliament of England as a model. Comparing the Parliamentary Systems of various countries, the Vice-Chancellor referred to the unique features of Indian Parliamentary System which helped to protect the democratic values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Parliament is, indeed, the place where the voices of the people are heard through their elected representatives. He lauded the speech delivered by Thiru. PR.Senthilnathan, MP, Sivagangai Parliament Constituency which he described as really pragmatic and added that it could help the students to know the real functioning of the apex body of India – Parliament. Thiru PR.Senthilnathan, MP, Sivagangai, Lok Sabha Constituency, who inaugurated the programme, elaborated on the activities of Parliament and especially the significance of the debate timings and congratulated the members of Youth Parliament who evinced great interest in conducting the proceedings of the mock parliament.

A total of sixty-five student-participants were selected from the University Departments and Affiliated Colleges of Alagappa University. They were encouraged to initiate a debate which focussed on “Global issues related to Terrorism, Economic Offenders and Climate Change”. Eminent resource persons Dr. M. Chidambaram, Associate Professor, Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi, Dr. K. Parthiparaja, Theatre Activist and Writer, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, Dr.M.Jothi Basu, Dr. M. Eswaran, and Dr. M. Natarajan of Alagappa University evaluated the presentation of DYP participants in different parameters namely articulation, content knowledge and clarity of thought. The DYP participants showcased their remarkable ability by powerfully arguing on the topic of debate and acted as good parliamentarians. At the end of the event, five best DYP participants were selected and recommended for participation in the State Youth Parliament (SYP, 2019) to be held in Chennai. Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Dr.V.Balachandran, Finance Officer i/c, Deans, Heads of the Departments, faculty members, students and NSS Volunteers of Alagappa University, and VIPs from Karaikudi participated in the function.

Dr.P. Srinivasan, NSS Co-ordinator, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering. Dr.J. Vimala, Nodal Officer and Organising Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

Participation of Senior Faculty Members In Leap Programme



Two senior faculty members of Alagappa University Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Department of Bioinformatics and Prof. C. Sekar, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors, participated in the Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP), sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and jointly hosted by the National Institute of Technology-Tiruchirappalli (NIT-T), the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Sri City (Andhra Pradesh) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU)-Singapore during 4th to 23rd February 2019. The LEAP programme is an important and timely initiative of MHRD that aims to equip senior faculty members to take up leadership roles in existing and new institutions. In the era of global competition for world rankings, accreditation, and ever growing influence of technology on teaching, learning and research, higher education sector is increasingly becoming important in India's growth strategy. Higher education institutions including State and Central Universities need to focus on their global positioning through a strategic transformation.

Both the participants met the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof.N.Rajendran at his chamber and received his blessings. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated them on their meritorious achievements and for bringing laurels to the University.



Another senior faculty of the Alagappa University, Dr. G. Ravi, Professor and Head of the Department of Physics, was selected on the

basis of the academic merit for participation in the Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) initiated by the MHRD, Government of India. The main purpose of conducting the LEAP is to train and develop the individuals presently holding leadership and administrative position in the higher education sector to take up leadership roles in future at various levels in many different kinds of higher educational institutions in India. This programme was conducted by different nodal institutions identified by the MHRD and one of the institutions was the Central University of Hyderabad. Twenty seven senior academicians from different parts of the country participated in this 3-week programme conducted from 11th February to 3rd March, 2019. The initial two-week training was given at the University of Hyderabad and the last one week training was given at the Monash University, Melbourne, Australia. During the training programme, participants were trained (i) to provide visionary leadership and strategic thrust to higher educational institutions leading to academic excellence, (ii) to lead and enable the academic as well as administrative teams, diverse workforce, through positive work culture and team work in the institution, (iii) to facilitate higher education leaders to competently deal with leadership challenges that arise in academic institutions, (iv) to bring in performance culture and efficiency, (v) to facilitate innovation and creativity in teaching as well as learning, and (vi) to explore technology for both deeper engagement and wider delivery. The focus was not only conceptual or theoretical, but also practical and participatory. Participants were required to apply the learnt skills in simulated situations and also identify actual leadership and management.

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Elected Fellow of the Academy of Sciences



The Academy of Sciences, Chennai, has elected Prof. K. Gurunathan, Head of the Department of Nano Science & Technology, Alagappa University as a FELLOW of the Academy of Sciences, Chennai, in the year 2018 recognising his contribution to the advancement of sciences, especially in Chemical and Physical Sciences. Since June 2008 onwards, he has been serving as Prof. & Head in the Nano Science Department of Alagappa University.

Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, congratulated Prof. K. Gurunathan on his achievements.

Young Scientist Award Conferred on Faculty Member



Dr. R. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has been given the “Young Scientist Award” in Physical Sciences for the year 2018 (YSA-2018) from The Academy of Sciences, Chennai, in recognition of his remarkable research contributions in the field of Materials Science. Dr. R. Sivakumar received this award

from Dr. T. Ramasami, Former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, in a function held at the University of Madras, Guindy Campus, Chennai, on March 15, 2019.

Six scientists from Tamil Nadu were given the Young Scientist Award 2018 (YSA-2018) in disciplines such as Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Biological Sciences, and Engineering & Technology. Dr. R. Sivakumar was one among them. The other recipients of YSA-2018 were from IIT Madras, Chennai; CLRI, Chennai; Anna University, Chennai and Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvavur.

Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, congratulated Dr. R. Sivakumar on his achievement. Prof. Dr. G. Ravi, Head, Department of Physics, Alagappa University, was also present on this occasion.

FACULTY OF ARTS

Round Table Meeting on Development of Course / Curriculum Engagement of Students with Rural Communities



Under the aegis of the Faculty of Arts, NSS and Curriculum Design and Development Cell of Alagappa University, a Round Table Meeting was conducted on 01.03.2019 as per the instructions of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu. The meeting was conducted to take appropriate steps to develop course / curriculum engagement of

students with rural communities in association with Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education, Hyderabad. The meeting was held under the presidentship of Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Rajendran. Ms. Chintalapudi Naga Vaishnavi, Programme Coordinator, Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education, Hyderabad, participated in the meeting. The other participants included Heads of the Departments of Social Work, Women's Studies, History, Economics and Rural Development, Journalism and Mass Communication, Commerce, Education, Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, Bank Management, Alagappa Institute of Management, Logistics Management, Tourism and Hotel Management, Corporate Secretaryship and International Business.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

World Poetry Day – 2019



The Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, organised the World Poetry Day on 21st March 2019. Dr. P. Madhan, Associate Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, delivered the welcome address by delving on the richness of both English and Tamil poetry. Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University delivered the presidential address. He said that poets in general are great humanists and they propagate the humanistic ideals to the world at large. Reading of poetry ennobles our life. He stressed the importance

of reading books, especially the recent and bestselling ones to remain updated. He added that continuous reading is essential for teachers and they can inspire students with their profound knowledge. A good teacher is, in fact, an inspirer and motivator showing the right path.

Dr. Noel Joseph Irudayaraj, Professor and Head (Rtd), Department of English, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, spoke on the topic "The Theory of Poetry and the Poetry of Theory." He described theory as an interdisciplinary mix. He added that it is a polysystem, which enables the readers to see the concrete things from abstract things. He also pointed out that theories are rather abstract descriptions. The speaker promoted the idea that Rhetoric is a sequel, which completes poetics and reiterated the idea that an understanding of poetry is incomplete without rhetoric. Then he referred to Lange's Concept of Metaphysics, which is a kind of poetry and also mentioned F.H. Bradley's point that "if we have a loving care for words, we can become a metaphysic." He added that poets are explicit and implicit about their poetry. In every poem, there is some implicit theory and only certain poems have explicit theory. Poetry in which there is some theory of poetry is called Metaphysic poetry.

The session was shared by another eminent scholar, Dr. PL.Muthuveerapan, Former Professor and Head, Department of Tamil, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar. He shared his views on "Welfare of Society in Tamil Poetry." He profusely quoted from the classic and modern poetry to illustrate how the poets have evinced keen interest in protecting the welfare of the society.

Dr. SPM. Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages proposed a formal vote of thanks at the end of the programme. Faculty members, research scholars and students participated in the function.

Special Lecture on American Poetry

The Department of English and Foreign Languages held a special discourse on 9th March 2019 with Dr. Mallikarjun Patil, former Head of the Department of English, Karnatak University, Dharwad, as the resource person. The eminent professor in his discourse analysed the growth and development of American poetry with reference to Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost. In the beginning of his lecture, he stated that for the sake of convenience of study only, literature is classified under various heads. In reality, literature, wherever it comes from, revolves around human passions, human sentiments, human feelings and emotions and so on. The distinguished speaker held that the nature of literature has given rise to the concept that "humanity is one and literature is one."

Earlier, Dr. P. Madhan, Associate Professor of English, welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. Natarajan proposed a formal vote of thanks in the end. Faculty members, Visiting Professors, research scholars and students participated in the special lecture programme.

Special Lecture Programme



The Department of English and Foreign Languages organised a special lecture programme on 18th February 2019 with Prof. Rambhau Badode from Bombay University as the resource person. The eminent academician in his lecture took up the analysis of Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey" poem. In the beginning, he said that Wordsworth's

joint publication of Lyrical Ballads along with Coleridge marked the beginning of Romantic Movement in English Literature. He further illustrated that unlike neo-classical school of poetry which focuses on reason, adoption of classical rules, depiction of urban life, romantic poetry chooses rural life, natural landscape, rich novelty and deep imagination and supernatural ideas as its themes.

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DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

பேரா. வ. சுப. மாணிக்கனார் நினைவு
அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு



தமிழுக்கு அருந்தொண்டு ஆற்றிய மூதறிஞர் செம்மல் பேரா. வ. சுப. மாணிக்கனார் அவர்களின் நூற்றாண்டு விழாவை முதன்முதலாக அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறை தொடங்கி வைத்தது அவ்விழாவினையொட்டி வெளியிடப்பட்ட அறிஞர்களின் கட்டுரைகள் அடங்கிய நூற்றாண்டு மலர் 20.02.2019 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறை கவியரசர் கண்ணதாசன் அரங்கில் நிகழ்ந்த மூதறிஞர் பேரா. வ. சுப. மாணிக்கனார் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு விழாவில் மாண்பமை துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. ந. இராஜேந்திரன் அவர்கள் வெளியிட கவிச்செம்மல் டாக்டர்.ரெ. முத்துக்கணேசனார் அவர்கள் பெற்றுக்கொண்டார். விழாவில் பேரா. பழ. முத்துவீரப்பன் பேரா. க.நெடுஞ்செழியன் ஆகியோர் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினர்.

Centre for Tamil Culture

பொங்கல் விழா



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையம் சார்பில் 11.01.2019-அன்று பொங்கல் விழா சிறப்பாக கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக மேலாண்மை புல முதன்மையர் மற்றும் நிதி அலுவலர் (பொ) பேராசிரியர் வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு தலைமையேற்று சிறப்பித்தார்.

இவ்விழாவில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்ட தகைசால் பேராசிரியர், தியாகராசர் கல்லூரி, கலைமாமணி முனைவர் கு.ஞானசம்பந்தன், அவர்கள் “தரணி போற்றும் தமிழர் திருநாள்” எனும் தலைப்பில் சொற்பொழிவு ஆற்றினார். அவர் தம் உரையில் தமிழர்கள் கொண்டாடும் தைப் பொங்கல் திருநாள் ஐம்பூதங்களுக்கும் வணக்கம் செலுத்தும் ஒரு நன்னாளாகும். உலகில் மனிதர்கள் உயிர்வாழ உதவும் சூரியன் உள்ளிட்ட ஐம்பெரும்பூதங்களுக்கும் நன்றிக் கடன் செலுத்தும் முகமாகப் பொங்கல் விழா அமைந்துள்ளது. இப்பொங்கல் திருநாள் மனமாசுகளைப் போக்கும் போகிப் பண்டிகை (போக்கி), உணவு கொடுக்கும் உழவர்களைப் போற்றும் உழவர் திருநாள், உழவுக்கு உறுதுணையாக இருக்கும் காளைகளைப் போற்றும் மாட்டுப்பொங்கல், உலகப் பொதுமறையைத் தந்த வள்ளுவாரின் நினைவாக மக்கள் அனைவரும் ஒன்று கூடும் கானும் பொங்கல் என்னும் திருவள்ளுவர் திருநாள் என நாம் கொண்டாடும் அனைத்து விழாக்களும் தமிழர்களின் பண்பாட்டைப் பாரம்பாரியத்தைப் பறைசாற்றுகின்றது என்று எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

இவ்விழாவிற்கு தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டுமைய இயக்குநர் பேராசிரியர் சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை வரவேற்புரை நல்கினார். உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் கா.கணநாதன் நன்றியுரை வழங்கினார். பல்கலைக்கழகப் பேராசிரியர்கள், அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் திரளாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

தாய்மொழி நாள் விழா

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மையம் சார்பாகத் தாய்மொழி நாள் விழா 21.02.2019-அன்று பல்கலைக்கழக பட்டமளிப்பு விழா அரங்கில் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. விழாவில் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மைய இயக்குநர் பேராசிரியர் சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரை ஆற்றினார்.

விழாவிற்கு பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் பேராசிரியர் ஹா.குருமல்லேஸ் பிரபு அவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கினார். அவர் தம் உரையில் தாய்மொழி நாள் கொண்டாடப்படுவதற்கான காரணத்தையும், தாய்மொழியின் பெருமைகளையும் எடுத்துரைத்தார்.



கலைமாமணி. கவிஞர் ஆண்டாள் பிரியதர் ‘சினி அவர்கள் “யாமறிந்த மொழிகளிலே” என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். அவர் தம் உரையில் தாயின் கருவறையிலிருக்கும் போதே நாம் கற்றுக்கொள்ளும் மொழி தாய்மொழி, என்றும், எக்காலத்தும் ஒரு மனிதனுக்கு உலக வாழ்வைக் கற்றுக் கொடுப்பது தாய் மொழியே, மொழியால் உலகம் முழுவதையும் உறவாக்கிக்கொள்ள முடியும். மொழியை உள் வாங்கும் போது அது வீரியமாக வெளிப்படும். தாய்மொழியே அரிய சிந்தனைகளைத் தூண்டும் என்றும் தாய்மொழியின்; பெருமைகளை அழகுற எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

நிறைவாக முனைவர். கா.கணநாதன் அவர்கள் நன்றி கூறினார். விழாவில் பேராசிரியர். இராம. இராமநாதன், தொலை தூரக் கல்வி இயக்கத்தின் இயக்குநர். பேரா. சு.இராசாராம் உள்ளிட்ட பல்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்களும், பல்துறை மாணவர்களும் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர்.

On Books

Books have a great place in life. They are our reliable and abiding companions in the pilgrimage of life. They give us both light and delight. A writer or professor without his own books is like a soldier without his gun, a workman without his tools..... Few things give

more conclusive and intimate knowledge of a man's character and views than an hour in his library... The understanding of Gandhiji's or Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's mental background is clear when we know what authors they read and loved to read

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

Special Lecture on Social Responsibilities of Citizens



A special lecture on "Social Responsibilities of Citizens" was organized on 23.01.2019 under the aegis of the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

Prof.K.Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University while welcoming the gathering, highlighted the status of women in India. She explained the concepts related to gender issues and how it is operated in the patriarchal society.

Mr.Bhupendra Mistry, Advisor, British Government Bodies, working with Member of the British Parliament, Government Agencies, Senior Civil Servants, Regulatory Bodies and Director-Kamla Foundation, United Kingdom, delivered a special lecture on 'Social Responsibilities of Citizens'; he dwelt on the issues faced by women in their day-to-day life. According to Indian Constitution, women are legal citizens of the country and have equal rights with men. Yet, women are traditionally discriminated and excluded from political and family-related decisions. Women are the backbone of every family and it is accepted by the Indian society

but it is invisible. However, in the last few decades, the situation of women in India has greatly improved. In the United Kingdom, both women and men are breaking the glass ceiling. In India, men should play an important role in the empowerment of women. In his lecture, he focused more on understanding the women's issues and the parameters for the development of women.

Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, delivered a vote of thanks. More than 100 students from the University, Mr.Poul Azhagarasan, Director, Ford Trust, and staff of Ford Trust participated in the programme.

One-Day Workshop and Competitions for School Students

The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University and Tamil Nadu Industries Development Corporation jointly organized a one-day workshop and competitions for school students on 31.01.2019 in Mary Wolstone Craft Hall of the department.

Professor K.Manimekalai, Head of Women's Studies, while welcoming the gathering highlighted the objectives of the workshop. In her speech, she said that school students must learn about the importance of industrial development. Through this programme students could enrich their special talents. Transforming the students as future entrepreneurs is possible; and this transformation is a must in the current scenario, she added.

In the Inaugural Speech Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University highlighted the benefits of this workshop to students. We must not stop with appreciating the winners alone but must appreciate and encourage losers also so that they would take efforts to succeed, he added. Instead of registering and getting a job through employment office they can earn by becoming entrepreneurs.

On this occasion Industrialist Mr.Senthil and Ramalinga Rao trained students and conducted competitions. The Vice-Chancellor distributed prizes and participation certificates to the participants. A vote of thanks was delivered by Assistant Professor Dr. P. Veeramani.

Two-Day National Conference on “Towards Clean India: A Vision for New India by 2019”

Under the aegis of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) a Two- Day National Conference on “Towards Clean India: A Vision for New India by 2019” was organised by the Department of Women’s Studies, Alagappa University on 6th and 7th March, 2019.

Prof.K.Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women’s Studies, Alagappa University while welcoming the gathering, highlighted the relevance and current significance of this National Conference and said how cleanliness and health are intrinsically linked to our day-to-day life and activities. After elaborating on the objectives of the conference, she said that effective awareness programmes would bring behavioural changes in people and motivate them to adopt hygienic practices. She referred to the “World Bank Project on Total Sanitation Campaign” undertaken by the Department of Women’s Studies, Alagappa University, during the year 2004 – 2006 at Ramnad District for creating awareness about the problems and health related issues involved in open defecation.

Presiding over the function, Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University stressed that Swachh Bharat Mission is counted as a major awareness campaign in India which has become really viral. He appreciated the Department of Women’s Studies for organizing a conference on a topic of vital interest, which is the pressing need of the hour. He stated that Alagappa University has attained the 4th rank in Swachh Campus Ranking 2018 by the MHRD. He stated that 39 Departments of study in the University and 41 Affiliated Colleges

of Alagappa University have adopted a village each for the community development. The village extension programmes lay great stress on keeping the environment clean and green and aim at creating awareness on the significance of healthy living. He stated that Swachh Bharat Campaign initiative by the Indian Government covers all the backward statutory towns for making them clean, so as to help people live in healthy environment. It is very necessary and urgent to solve the problems of sanitation, by providing safe toilets, and also by providing proper waste management systems. He added that all health promotion activities directly or indirectly create a healthy relationship between human beings and environment. If the environment is unpolluted, the system itself will promote the health status of every individual. He concluded his speech by exhorting the students to spread the message of “Clean India Mission” among the people, especially to the rural community and help them lead a healthy life.



Thiru. J.Jayakanthan, I.A.S., District Collector and Coordinator for Swachh Bharat Mission, Sivagangai District, Tamil Nadu, in his key - note address said that Mahatma Gandhi had dreamt of a clean India and went to the extent of saying that, “Sanitation is more important than Independence”. The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi made a reference to ‘Clean India’ during his speech on 15th August, 2014 on Indian Independence Day and the mission was launched on the birth anniversary of Gandhiji on 2nd of October, 2014. He stated that this mission targeted its completion in 2019, the 150th birth

anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in order to ensure hygiene for all in the entire country. He also noted that cleanliness is most important for physical well-being and a healthy environment would ensure it. It has a bearing on public and personal hygiene. He added that it is essential for everyone to learn about cleanliness, hygiene, sanitation and various diseases that are caused owing to poor hygienic conditions. According to the data of 2011 census, it was estimated that only 32.70% of the total rural population had access to the toilets. He pointed out that India is one of the countries where large number of people resort to open defecation according to UN report. However after the launch of this campaign the figures have drastically changed. As of November 2018, 96.55% of the total rural population has access to toilets and more than 5 lakh villages have already been made open defecation free. He stated that one lakh toilets have been constructed in Sivagangai District so far under this scheme. He added that the Panchayat Act, 1994 has made provision for maintenance of sanitary facilities in rural areas. He said that the potential of the youth has to be realized through education, and through proper education our youth should be made to offer productive services to rural society.

Dr.P.Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, delivered a vote of thanks. More than 200 students, scholars and faculty from the Departments of Study and Affiliated Colleges participated in the Conference.

International Women's Day Celebrations

The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, celebrated the International Women's Day on 8th March 2019 at L.C.T.L Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium.

Prof.K.Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, while welcoming the gathering, stated that Women's Day is a great event celebrated across the globe to recognise women's labour. She added that women

are working on all the 365 days in a year but unfortunately in a man-made world women's unending labour and contributions remain unrecognised in both private and public spheres. She asked women to realise their inherent talents and potentials and use every opportunity to exhibit and prove their abilities and capabilities.

The event was chaired by Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. He pointed out that in a patriarchal society women are marginalised in all aspects. Owing to taboos and outmoded and superstitious beliefs and practices prevalent in the conservative society women are subjected to encounter problems and suffer untold miseries and relegated to the background. He added that history clearly shows how women were denied voting rights. In a country like England, which ruled the major territories of the world, women were granted the rights to vote only in the year 1918. A well-developed country like France provided voting rights to women only in 1948. The distinguished speaker recalled the historical incidents that occurred in China in the early 20th Century. In China young girls were denied freedom and subjected to a painful practice called "Foot Binding" which diminished the shape and size of the foot of those girls. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed in 1948 declared that men and women are equal and human rights are universal to be enjoyed by all citizens of the world. He concluded his speech by stating that women should have a thorough knowledge of their rights and at the same time they should also know about their duties and responsibilities to the society for leading a happy life.



Mr.V. Ponraj, Founder of Abdul Kalam Vision India Party, in his special address, said that women faced various social evils and despicable situations. They are trapped in various types of conspiracies and are subjected to degradation. Highlighting Dr. Abdul Kalam's quote "Dream at Day Too", the speaker said women can do wonders if they are given equal opportunities like men and they could achieve their dreams and goals by constant strivings. Women are empowered and respected in countries which are ranked high in education, economic and health sectors.

Prof. Paagai. Kannadhasan, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai, in his special lecture on "Women in Literature" stated that in the Tamil Sangam Literature, the role of women was considered very significant and they were adored as the pillars of their family. They served the cause of maintaining the family relationship, and they were respected by all. He concluded by saying that modern women should break all barriers that stand in the way of their progress.

In connection with International Women's Day celebrations various competitions were conducted to students and staff of Alagappa University and prizes were distributed to the winners. Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

National Conference on Preventing and Combating Trafficking of Women

Under the aegis of the National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi, a One-day "National Conference on Preventing and Combating the Trafficking of Women" was organized by the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, on 18th March 2019.

Prof.K.Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, while welcoming the gathering, highlighted the

significance of this National Conference and pointed out that 19,223 women and children were trafficked in 2016 as against 15,448 in 2015, with the highest number of victims from the eastern State of West Bengal. Women and children were trafficked for prostitution, sexual abuse, forced marriage etc. She stated that trafficking is considered as one of the 3rd major crimes globally and is increasing year by year.



Presiding over the function, Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that human trafficking is a major issue that has to be addressed seriously at the national and international levels. He said that owing to social taboos and social constraints, women are facing varied social problems, which prevent them from participating in public spheres. He said that youth should be sensitized about various kinds of social issues and must be made to be aware about the "do's" and "don'ts" which would safeguard them from many social evils.

Prof. Asha Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in her keynote address, said that human trafficking is a multi dimensional issue and one of the most serious forms of human rights violation. She stated that illiteracy, poverty, class clashes, natural calamities and migration increased vulnerabilities and led to social exploitation like trafficking. She elaborated on various forms of trafficking such as "forced labour", "bonded labour", "false marriages" "forced marriages", "commercial sexual exploitation of children", "child sex tourism", etc., She gave statistical data on human trafficking at national

and international levels. She added that in India, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh are considered “high supply zones” of human trafficking. She explained the process adopted by anti-social elements for human trafficking and she focused on gender dimension in trafficking. She concluded her speech by referring to some of the preventive measures such as conducting awareness campaigns, community policing and enforcing very stringent legal measures to combat human trafficking.

Dr.P.Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women’s Studies, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 200 students from affiliated colleges of Alagappa University participated in the conference.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Awareness Programme on Child Rights and Childline 1098

The Department of Social work, Alagappa University, in collaboration with CHILDLINE 1098, Sivagangai, organized a One-Day Awareness Programme on “Child Rights and CHILDLINE 1098” on 19.02.2019 at the Convocation Seminar Hall.

Dr. K.R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, in his welcome address, dwelt on the current status of the prevalence of child abuse and child trafficking and the need for creating awareness among the public to prevent crimes of these kinds; and he added that the current awareness programme aimed at this.



Presiding over the programme Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, highlighted the various recent accomplishments of the University and emphasized the important role played by the Social Work Department in extending its helping hands to the community and also referred to the significance of organising useful awareness programmes for the benefit of the society at large. He also spoke about the importance given in the Indian Constitution for protecting the child rights and their educational rights. The Social Work Department directly works for the welfare of destitutes, children, women and marginalized people in the society. In spite of many laws to prevent child abuse it would not be of any use, if they were not practised strictly. He added that “education makes a man a cultured being”. He said that Alagappa University has focused during this academic year on the Village Extension Programme (VEP) in which 81 villages were adopted. The main components of VEP programme are making villages open defecation free, maintaining public school toilets and encouraging sports activities in Government Schools. The University has also plans to adopt 900 villages in Ramanathapuram and Sivagangai Districts in a phased manner to extend VEP programme

Judge T.P. Vadivelu, Dist. Legal Services Authority, Secretary and Subordinate Judge, Sivagangai, handled the technical session on the function of District Legal Services Authority. He explained the various functions of the Legal Statutory Body in protecting children.

Mr. A. Ramanathan, Chairman, Child Welfare Committee, Karaikudi, handled the technical session on the functions of Child Welfare Committees. He explained the functioning of various Legal Bodies at the National, State and District levels and the process of approaching these bodies in safeguarding child rights.

Mr. A. Jeevanandham, Director, CHILDLINE 1098, Member-Child Welfare Committee, Sivagangai, gave a special address

on the CHILDLINE 1098 and explained how it works in protecting children from the evils of society and emphasized the importance of POCSO Act.

Mr. Muthu, Child Protection Officer, spoke on the procedure to be followed for child adoption. A vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. K. Muthukannu, Co-ordinator, CHILDLINE 1098, Sivagangai.

One-Day National Symposium on Tenets of Indian Philosophy & World Philosophy

A One-Day “National Symposium on Tenets of Indian Philosophy and World Philosophy” was organized by the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, in collaboration with the Indian Council for Philosophical Research, New Delhi, on 19th March, 2019 in the University Convocation Seminar Hall.



Dr. MA. Velusamy, Assistant Professor and Organizing Secretary, Department of Social Work, welcomed the gathering. He highlighted the purpose and the importance of national symposium on the tenets of Indian Philosophy as well as World Philosophy and referred to the history of World Philosophy Day celebrations.

Presiding over the inaugural session of the symposium, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that Philosophy is an inspiring discipline as well as an everyday practice that can transform societies. By enabling us to discover the diversity of the intellectual currents in the world, philosophy stimulates intercultural dialogue. By awakening minds to the exercise

of thinking and the reasoned confrontation of opinions, philosophy helps to build a more tolerant, more respectful society. The Western Philosophy was initiated and strengthened by the great philosophers such as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle and in the South East, Philosophy was initiated in China by Confucius. In India Philosophy was initiated by Mahaveer, Buddha and Adhi Sankarar which created a great impact in South East Asia as well as Indian Society. Rajaram Mohan Roy, Vivekananda and Aurobindo contributed to modern Indian philosophy during 19th and 20th centuries and in the west Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Their contribution to the meaning and formation of states is considered very important in the present context. He insisted that Philosophy departments should be created in all Universities.

Prof. S. Indira, Head, Department of Philosophy, Pondicherry University, Puducherry delivered the Special Address on Applied Philosophy – Bio Ethics. In her speech she highlighted the values and ethics which need to be followed by the medical professionals. Prof. C. Premkumar Immanuel, Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology, American College, Madurai, delivered an invited lecture on “Trends in Philosophical Research Methods”. He highlighted how philosophy influences social science discipline and elaborated on the procedures of conducting Philosophical Research.

Prof. K. R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head, Department of Social Work, offered felicitation; in his speech he highlighted the importance of philosophy of individual life as well as social life. More than 300 students including faculty members of the University departments and affiliated colleges participated in the symposium. Ms. P. Meenakshi, Guest Faculty, Department of Social Work, proposed a vote of thanks.

Awareness Programme on “Health Issues of Women and Home Remedies”

An awareness programme on “Health Issues of Women and Home Remedies” was conducted

on 5th March 2019 at Mary Wollstone Craft Hall by the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Mrs. K. Manimozhi, Women Health Counsellor, Trichy, served as resource person. Health problems arising during menstrual stage and the ways of overcoming the problems were explained in the programme. An interactive session with students was held at the second session of the meeting. Students asked various questions on their own health and hygiene and the health hazards experienced by them in day-to-day life as well as during their menstrual period and got clarifications for their doubts.

Around sixty girl students from various departments participated in the programme. Dr. K.R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Social Work, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering earlier. Ms. P. Meenakshi, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

Grama Sabha Meeting at Piravalur Village

The first year MSW students Miss. Soniya and Miss. Alagupriya, Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, attended the Grama Sabha Meeting held at Piravalur Village, arranged by IRCDS on 26th January 2019. The Grama Sabha concept created more expectations at the time when 73rd Constitutional amendment came into practice. It was treated as Grama Parliament. It was meant for direct democracy at village level. The Gram Sabha is the fulcrum of the Panchayati Raj and ensures village development. People use the forum of the Gram Sabha to discuss local governance and development, and make need-based plans for the village. The Panchayat implements development programs under the overarching mandate, supervision and monitoring of the Gram Sabha.

The Social work trainees went to the Piravalur village and made all the arrangements in consultation with the local leaders and the public. Discussions were held on public cooperation in maintaining sanitation in villages by not dumping waste in open, avoiding open defecation and using

toilets, measures to weed out 'seemai karuvelam' trees, digging bore wells in water shortage areas, implementing the solid waste management in all village panchayats and selection of works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. Financial statement of last year and proposed works for the current year were also discussed during the meeting.

The social work trainees came to understand the process and the importance of Grama Sabha and the local governance. Dr. K. R. Murugan, HOD, Department of Social Work, encouraged the students to participate in the Grama Sabha meeting.

Entertainment Programme for Children with Disabilities

A One-day Entertainment Programme for Children with Disabilities was held at Alagappa University's Special Education Department on 27-03-2019. The programme was organized by the first year MSW students Miss. Ilavarasi and Miss. Rushya, Department of Social Work, Alagappa University. The aim of the programme was to increase the concentration power of children with disabilities through play therapy. The play method consisted of individual and group games. The children were grouped according to their functional level. All categories of children with disabilities were made to involve themselves in the programme. The social work trainees planned to give "physical activities" and motivate children with disabilities to participate enthusiastically in the activities. The resource persons followed various play techniques to make all the children participate in the session. Children's fine motor, gross motor, eye-hand coordination, concentration power were found increasing. The individual talents of the children came to light through the programme. The staff members of the special school were happy to see the talents of the children which were revealed on the day, through play therapy. Each and every child of the school enjoyed the programme.

Awareness Programme on Child Sexual Abuse

The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, organised a community organisation programme to create awareness on child sexual abuse among school students. The programme was organised by Miss. Aiswarya and Mr. Christopher, I MSW students of Alagappa University for the benefit of students of Panchayat Union Middle School, Vannakankadu, Mrs.K.Jothi, MA, B.Ed served as resource person. 36 students from below 6th standard participated in the programme. The resource person gave a speech on how to prevent sexual abuse. She also discussed various child issues. The programme was successfully organised with the cooperation extended by the Head Master and staff members of Panchayat Union Middle School, Vannakankadu.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Seminar on Act-Next: Nobel Prize in Economics 2018

A Seminar on “ACT-NEXT : Nobel Prize in Economics, 2018” was organized by the Department of Economics and Rural Development of Alagappa University on 14.03.2019.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Rajendran in his presidential address observed that there is no boundry for gaining knowelege and no disparity or highierarchy in subjects. All the subjects are equally important; and acquirement of knowledge in more than one subject would broaden our

perspective helping us to lead a fruitful life . History tells us that many Nobel Laureates have speacialized in more than one subject. It may be painting, sports, drawing, dancing, music, physics, chemistry, literature, mathematics and so on. He gave many examples illustrating from the world history.

Dr. M. Selvam, Member of Syndicate, Alagappa University, who spoke on the occasion, stated that innovative technological development has led to unexpected climatic changes affecting human health and life but at the same time it has contributed remarkably to economic growth. Efforts should be taken to preserve nature and for this appropriate technology should be utilised. Professor S. Iyyampillai, Former Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, spoke on the significance of understanding the models on intergrating technological change into long-run macroeconomics analysis. Dr. B Dharmalingam, Head i/c, welcomed the gathering and Dr. Suresh, Assistant Professor, Departemnt of Economics, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

One-Day Seminar on Multidimensional Values of History for Career Development

A One-Day Seminar on “Multidimensional Values of History for Career Development” was organized by the Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 14.03.2019. Dr. AR. Saravanakumar, Head i/c, Department of History, who welcomed the gathering, appealed to the participants to utilize all the opportunities to develop their skills for their future career development.

Presiding over the inaugural function, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, highlighted the importance of history quoting Cicero's words “That those who do not know history will forever remain children”. He stressed the importance and relevance of History



for IAS aspirants for securing national-level rankings in civil service examinations. He added that in India every year 17.5 lakhs of candidates appear for the UPSC Civil Service Preliminary Examinations but only about 17,000 candidates become eligible for appearing for UPSC main exam and the ratio works out to 1:10. The Vice-Chancellor also emphasized the significance of various skills that are needed for the students to put a firm hold in their career. Elaborating on the two terms “studying” and “learning” he said that studying is simply gaining knowledge and learning is gaining knowledge through skills and experience. He asked the students to learn their subjects assiduously and develop skills which could help them gain jobs later. He mentioned that history students should learn the technique of reading inscriptions. He highlighted the greatness of some works of eminent historians such as D.D. Kosambi and James Princep. He added that the scientist Sir ISAAC Newton knowing the importance of history has written a history book. He had a word of praise for the historian and columnist S. Muthiah who has written interestingly and extensively on the 400-year history of Chennai.

Dr.K.R.Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, stated the objectives of the seminar was to create an awareness among the history students about the career opportunities and to help them assess the career goal framework for professional fulfillment. He explored the various avenues of job opportunities available for history students. Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History, proposed a vote of thanks.

In the four technical sessions that followed the inaugural session, Dr. P. Suresh Kumar, Co-ordinator, Alagappa University Study Circle, delivered an expert lecture on the topic “History for Competitive Examinations” and interacted with the students. Prof.L.Thiyagarajan, Former Head, Govt. Arts College, Ariyalur, spoke on the topic “Archaeology”. Dr. P.S. Sibi, Assistant Professor, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, delivered an invited talk on “Tourism and History”. Dr. J. Raja Mohammed, Former Curator, Government Museum, Pudukkottai, spoke on the topic “Museum”. All the speakers highlighted the career opportunities available in their respective fields for students of history.

Field Visit Programme



The Department of History organized a One-day Spot Study Programme for the students on 25.01.2019 to places of historical interest such as Kalayarkovil, Sivagangai Palace, Marudhu Brothers Memorial Temple, Marudhu Pandiyar Fort, Kuyili Memorial Temple, Velu Nachiyar Memorial Block and Mallal in Sivagangai district. The first destination of the visit was Marudhu Pandiyar Fort which is situated at Aranmanai Siruvayal. This fort is preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India. The fort measures approximately 0.650 Hectares. Then the team visited the Kalayarkovil Temple. This massive temple was built by the Maruthu Brothers who ruled over the Sivagangai region since 1800 A.D. Then the team visited the Maruthu Brothers Memorial Temple, Sivagangai Palace and Kuyili Memorial Temple. Kuyili was the Commander-in-

Chief of Velu Nachiyar. She destroyed all the weapons of the British Army and her bravery was hailed. Then the team visited Velu Nachiyar Memorial Block. Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar was the first queen to fight against the British in India, even before the famous Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi. The final destination of the visit was Mallal where a Buddha idol was discovered. It is said that it belongs to 11th Century AD. The visit to these places gave plenty of opportunities for the students to discover many interesting and amazing historical facts.

Special Lecture on Career Opportunities for History Students

A Special Lecture on “Career Opportunities for History Students” was organised by the Department of History on 04.02.2019. Dr.AR. Saravanakumar, Head i/c, gave the welcome address and introduced Dr. Harishankar Singh, Head, Department of Education, Baba Saheb Bhimarao Ambedkar University, Lucknow(UP). In his scintillating lecture, Dr. Harishankar Singh stressed the importance of learning History. He said that there are many employment opportunities for History students in the Tourism Department as well as Civil Services. There was an interactive session in which the distinguished speaker clarified the doubts raised by the students. Dr.G.Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

Special Lecture Programme on “Study of History Leads to Gratification”

A Special Lecture on “Study of History Leads to Gratification” was organised by the Department of History on 12.02.2019. Dr.AR. Saravanakumar, Head i/c, gave the welcome address and introduced Dr.P.Rajan, Associate Professor, Department of History, Annamalai University, Chidambaram. In his lecture, Dr.P.Rajan highlighted the values of history and how the sense of the past gives one a proper direction to lead the present life in a pleasant

manner. He also noted that the subject of History has multidimensional values for the career opportunities. Dr.G.Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

One-Day Workshop on “Contribution of Nayika and Nayaka Pathams”

A One-Day Workshop on ‘Contribution of Nayika and Nayaka Pathams’ was jointly organized by the Department of Fine Arts, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Kalai Kaveri College of Fine Arts, Thiruchirapalli on 13th February 2019 at the Mini Auditorium of Vallal Alagappar Museum.



Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Alagappa University, presided over the inaugural function. In his inaugural address, he said that, for centuries India is being admired by people all over the world for its rich cultural heritage. The learning of Fine Arts helps one to understand our own culture and tradition and to preserve it for the next generation.

In the keynote address, Mrs. Muthukannammal, Sathir Artist, Viralimalai, narrated how transformation happened over the years from the Sathir to Bharathanatyam with illustrations of various dance movements. In the following sessions of the workshop, she demonstrated and taught various Nayika and Nayaka Pathams to the participants.

Dr. K.R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, offered his felicitations.

Dr. B. Dharmalingam, Professor & Head, Department of Fine Arts, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M.S.Sarala, Academic Coordinator, Department of Fine Arts, proposed a vote of thanks. 75 students from the Department of Fine Arts and the Kalai Kaveri College of Fine Arts participated in the workshop.

NATYANJALI FESTIVAL – 2019



'Natyanjali Festival – 2019' was organized for the 9th consecutive year, on the auspicious Day of Maha Shivarathri by the Department of Fine Arts, Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 04th March 2019 at Annamalai Chettiar Lakshmi Achi Mandabam, Nagara Sivan Kovil, Sekkalai, Karaikudi. During the inaugural function, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said in his presidential address, "Music and Dance are the common languages of the world. No one can draw a boundary to Music and Dance. The human community used Music and Dance to nurture and disseminate their culture and values".

Prof.T.R.Gurumoorthy, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University and Dr.M.S.Sarala, Academic Coordinator, Department of Fine Arts, offered their felicitations.

Dr. B. Dharmalingam Professor & Head, Department of Fine Arts, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M.S. Kanagathara, Department of Fine Arts, proposed a vote of thanks. Nearly, 50 students from the Department of Fine Arts and various Dance & Music Schools of Karaikudi performed dance recitals in the Natyanjali Function which was a great treat to the eyes and ears.

Two-day Workshop on "Art of Terracotta"



A Two – Day Workshop on 'Art of Terracotta' was jointly organized by the Department of Fine Arts and University Business Collaboration Centre, Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 22nd & 23rd March 2019.

The inaugural function was held on 22nd March 2019 at the Alagappar Museum Mini Auditorium. In his presidential address, Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabhu, Registrar, Alagappa University, explained the entrepreneurial opportunities in the Terracotta Arts and urged the participants to make use of the workshop to become entrepreneurs.

Dr. K.R. Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, Dr. A. Morarji Coordinator, University Business Collaboration Centre and Dr. M.Jothi Basu, Coordinator, Cultural Club offered their felicitations.

In the key-note address, Kalaimamani Thiru. V.K. Munusamy, Terracotta Artist, Villianur, explained the importance of Terracotta Art and the international-level business opportunities.

Dr. B. Dharmalingam, Prof. & Head, Department of Fine Arts, welcomed the gathering. Mr. P. Stubert Sibi, Department of Fine Arts, proposed a vote of thanks.

On 23rd March 2019, valedictory function was held in the Department of Fine Arts Seminar Hall. Dr. B. Dharmalingam Professor & Head, Department of Fine Arts, presided over the function. In his presidential address, he referred to the modern business tactics and many success

stories of entrepreneurs of Terracotta Art. Dr. G. Ilankumaran, Deputy Coordinator, University Business Collaboration Centre and Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Coordinator, Cultural Club, offered felicitations. Kalaimamani Mr. V.K. Munusamy, Terracotta Artist and other dignitaries distributed the certificates to the participants.

Earlier Dr. K. Valayapathi, Department of Fine Arts, welcomed the gathering. Mr. P. Devaraj, Department of Fine Arts, proposed a vote of thanks. Nearly 50 students from the Department of Fine Arts, participated in the workshop.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

National Conference on Advanced Materials for Sustainable Energy and Sensors

A Three-Day National Conference on Advanced Materials for Sustainable Energy and Sensors (NCAMES-2019) was inaugurated on 20th March 2019 at the Seminar Hall of the Science Campus of Alagappa University. Prof. K. Uthayasuriyan, Controller of Examinations, Alagappa University, who inaugurated the conference, lauded the research achievements of the Department of Physics and the contributions of the Department to the fame of Alagappa University. He also highlighted the importance of this conference in the present scenario.



Prof. P. Ramasamy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University and currently Dean- Research Centre, SSN Institutions, Chennai, shared his vast research experiences

to the august gathering in his speech. He also exhorted the research scholars to carry out high quality research and stressed the importance of the sanctity of publishing the research articles in SCI journals.

Later, in his keynote address Prof. S. N. Piramanayagam, School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, advised the students to focus more on application oriented research, which will be useful to the upliftment of the society. The special invitee, Prof. Ramasamy Paul Murugan of Stanford University, USA, pointed out the emerging applications of artificial intelligence in health industries and the expected developments in the near future.

Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice-Chancellor, Periyar University, Salem, appreciated the progress of the Department of Physics, Alagappa University in his felicitation address. He also explained the significant role of student-teacher relation in the value based research and education. He further emphasized that academicians from the faculty of science should popularize the science among the rural community.

Prof. D. Velmurugan, UGC-BSR Faculty and Former Head, Department of Bio-Physics, Madras University, Chennai, highlighted the importance of advanced materials for the sustainable energy and sensor applications. He also motivated the students to get placed in internationally reputed institutions for their higher studies.

Prof. K. Baskar, Former Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli and Crystal Growth Centre, Anna University, Chennai, offered his felicitation and narrated the employment opportunities available for physics graduates and also referred to the available avenues of research areas for science graduates. He also advised the students to utilize the expertise of the internationally reputed scientists from Stanford University and Nanyang Technological University.

Prof. R. Jayavel, Centre for Nanoscience and Technology & Crystal Growth Centre, Anna University, Chennai, appreciated the Organizing Committee for their thoughtful planning and organization of this kind of conference in the thrust area among the various emerging fields.

Earlier, Dr. G. Ravi, Professor and Head of the Department of Physics, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Ramesh Prabhu, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, outlined the theme of the conference. Finally, Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, Professor, Department of Physics, proposed a vote of thanks.

Adjunct Faculty under RUSA-2.0 Scheme

Prof. S. N. Piramanayagam, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore visited Department of Physics, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, during March 18-22, 2019 under RUSA 2.0 scheme as adjunct faculty and involved himself in various academic activities of the Department. He took part in Board of Studies meeting conducted on 19th March, 2019 and delivered lectures in the “National Conference on Advanced Materials for Sustainable Energy and Sensors” as an Invited Speaker. He also handled classes for M.Sc. students on magnetism under the courses of Condensed Matter Physics and Materials Science during March, 18-22, 2019, as a subject expert.

Best Thesis Award to a Research Scholar

Mr. V. Govindan, Research Scholar under the supervision of Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, Professor, Department of Physics, presented a thesis entitled “Unidirectional Growth and Characterization of Organic Single Crystal” and won the best thesis award in the 23rd National Seminar on Crystal Growth and Applications (NSCGA-2019) held at the Department of Physics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, during January 28-30, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

ACT NEXt: Nobel Prize in Chemistry-2018

The chief guest of the function Dr. S. Anandan, Prof. and Head, Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli, provided comprehensive information about the history of chemistry and traced the history of the institution of the Nobel Prize, subjects for which the prizes are awarded, past awardees in Chemistry etc. The second lecture was delivered by Dr. Rajan, Assistant Professor, Department of Natural Products and Chemistry, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. He spoke about the contribution of the Nobel Prize Winners in Chemistry-2018. He said that half of the prize money was given to Dr. Frances H. Arnold “for the directed evolution of enzymes” and the other half was awarded to Dr. George P. Smith and Dr. Sir Gregory P. Winter, “for the phage display of peptides and antibodies”. Dr. Rajan while highlighting the significance of the research work said ‘how the enzymes produced through directed evolution are used to manufacture everything from biofuels to pharmaceuticals and antibodies evolved using a method called phage display can combat autoimmune diseases and in some cases cure metastatic cancer’. Afternoon session began with a lively and dynamic presentation by Dr. V. Ganesh, Senior Scientist from CECRI, Karaikudi, who spoke about the fundamental aspects of electrochemistry, Chem-Bio-interface and some of the applications of electrochemical techniques in bio-sensors field. The session ended with another remarkable presentation by Dr. V. Saraswathy, Chief Scientist, CECRI, Karaikudi, who shared her own research experiences and referred to the expertise available at Corrosion and Material Production Division of CECRI, Karaikudi and she made a mention of some of the important projects in which their expertise was availed. The talk provided a glimpse of how

the scientist can work at the interface of science, industry and cater to the needs of the industries, government and the society. The Morning Session of the seminar began with a welcome address delivered by Dr. Paruthimal Kalaignan and the evening programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. P. Muthumareeswaran, Department of Industrial Chemistry.

DEPARTMENT OF NANOSCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Two-Day International Conference on Applied Nanoscience and Technology -2019

A Two-day International Conference on Applied Nanoscience and Technology -2019 (ICANN-2019) was inaugurated on 18th March 2019 at the Science Campus Seminar Hall of Alagappa University, Karaikudi. On the occasion of the Conference, a Memorandum of Understanding between Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea and Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was signed for collaborative research, joint collaborative publication in the area of Nanoscience and Technology and also for mutual faculty and scholar exchange between the two institutions.

Presiding over the inaugural session, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said the University has received a fund of Rs.100 crore under RUSA 2.0 scheme. The University has purchased instruments such as NMR and XRD worth Rs.7 crore in order to facilitate good research in interdisciplinary science fields. He added that the University has been endeavouring to provide world class facilities and conducive research atmosphere for students, scholars and faculty to come up with innovative ideas for development of our society. He said that the students of the Department should feel proud to be in an institution which is a top-graded MHRD category I University and prove themselves to be worthy products of this

University by actively involving themselves in useful research.



Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director, Central Electro Chemical Research Institute, Karaikudi, in her keynote address shared her rich research experience at CECRI. She highlighted the importance of learning the basics of nanotechnology so as to design new products. She also pointed out the use of nano materials for efficient energy production.

The eminent scientist from South Korea Dr. Sejoon Lee, Associate Professor, Dongguk University, Seoul, in his speech, referred to the current research trends in Nanotechnology research. He mentioned the significant role of semi-conductor materials for various Nanotechnological applications in industry. He explained how Nanotechnology helps in the fabrication of energy devices and also referred to the immense use of this technology in medical field, especially in the diagnosis of diseases. In a useful interactive session the scientist gave answers to the questions raised by the students and researchers.

Earlier Prof. K. Gurunathan, Professor and Head, Department of Nanoscience and Technology, in his welcome address, stated that the objective of the seminar was to deliberate on the current status of Nanotechnological research. Dr. C. Balalakshmi, Assistant Professor and Organising Secretary of the Conference, proposed a vote of thanks

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTATIONAL LOGISTICS

News in Brief:

- The Department of Computational Logistics participated in the “Visitors Day” organized at the Science Campus of Alagappa University on 28th February 2019 on the eve of National Science Day-2019 celebrations. The students of DCL exhibited the Internet of Things based Smart Gardening System. Computer and Internet related devices were displayed in the Exhibition and Internet facilities available in the University Campus were explained to the visitors through visual aid.
- M.Sc (IT) Students participated in the TECHQUEST '19 Project Expo Competition and won the second prize at a function hosted by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Mount Zion College of Engineering, Pudukkottai on 8th March 2019.
- A One-day Workshop-cum-Guest Lecture was organized by the Department of Computational Logistics in the area of Network and Troubleshooting on 22nd March 2019. Mr.G.Krishna Kumar, Computer Network Specialist, Chennai, presented and demonstrated the Network Troubleshooting tools.

DEPARTMENT OF BIO TECHNOLOGY

National Seminar-cum-Workshop on Genomics and Proteomics

On behalf of the DBT-Bioinformatics Infrastructure Facility of the Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, a three day “National Seminar-cum-Workshop on Genomics and Proteomics - 2019” was conducted from February 6th to 8th, 2019. This theoretical-cum-practical training course was attended by 32 participants comprising young Faculty Members

and Research Scholars from various parts of the country. This Workshop was sponsored by UGC and DBT, Govt. of India. Senior Professor S. Karutha Pandian, Organizing Secretary, delivered a special lecture on “Next generation DNA sequencing”. Professor K. Balamurugan acted as Resource Person and delivered a lecture on “Real-Time PCR”. Hands-on -training was given to participants in Genomics, Isoelectric Focusing (1D), Two Dimensional Electrophoresis (2D-GE) and MALDI-ToF-ToF. Demo was given in the application of Real Time PCR, Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy (CLSM) and MALDI-ToF-ToF. Internal Faculty and experts from outside viz. Prof. K. Dharmalingam, Director–Research, Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai, Dr. D. Bharanidharan, Scientist, Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai, Dr. S. Mathavan, Chief Scientist & Senior Professor, Vision Research Foundation, Chennai, Dr. G. Ramesh Kumar, Faculty Scientist, Anna University, Chennai and Dr. K. Syed Ibrahim, DST-SERB Young Scientist, Mizoram University, Mizoram, shared their research experiences with the participants.



Award for Biotech Faculty

Dr. S. Gowri Shankar, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, has received the "Outstanding Researcher Award - 2019" from Saveetha Dental College & Hospitals, SIMATS, Chennai at the International Conference “Horizon-2019 : The Epitome of Biomedical Research”, held on 28th February & 1st March, 2019.

Special Lectures by Eminent Scientists

- Dr. D. Bharanidharan, Scientist, Department of Bioinformatics, Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, delivered a lecture on “Hunting Disease Variants From Genome and Exome Sequencing Data” on 6th February, 2019
- Dr. S. Mathavan, Chief Scientist & Senior Professor, Vision Research Foundation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu delivered a special lecture on “NGS Data Analysis Strategies and Gene Discoveries” on 7th February, 2019
- Dr. G. Ramesh Kumar, Faculty Scientist, Bioinformatics Laboratory, Anna University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, delivered a lecture on “Functional Genomics in Life Sciences and Its Applications” on 7th February, 2019.
- Prof. K. Dharmalingam, Director–Research, Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, delivered a special lecture on “Clinical Proteomics” on 8th February, 2019.
- Dr. T. Subba Rao, Head, Biofouling & Biofilm Process Section, Water & Steam Chemistry Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, delivered a special lecture on “Microbiome – Some Observations on Humans” on 15th March, 2019.

Awards for Biotech Scholars of the University

- Ms. M. Pooranachithra, Research Scholar, Department of Biotechnology, was chosen for “Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research(AWSAR) Award 2018”. She was given a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a certificate of appreciation for her popular science story entitled “Wound research: insights from a mighty miniature model,

Caenorhabditis Elegans” by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India on 28th February, 2019.

- Ms. R. Sharika, Research Scholar, won the 3rd prize for oral presentation on her research work entitled “A kinetic approach to study the reproductive events in Caenorhabditis elegans during uropathogen mediated infection” at the International Conference on “Recent Trends in Microbiology (RTM-2019)”, held in the Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, India on 24th-25th January, 2019.
- Ms. P. Rathinapriya, Research Scholar, won the first Prize for oral presentation on her research paper entitled “Effects of seaweed liquid extracts in alleviating the agronomic performance of foxtail millet” at the “National Conference on unraveling Biometabolites with Bioactivity (NCUBB’19)” organized by the Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, on 25th February, 2019. She also won the Young Scientist Award for her research work presentation (Radical scavenging mechanism of polyamines ameliorates the salinity stress tolerance in foxtail millet (*Setaria italic L.*) at the National Seminar on “Current Status and Future Prospects in Life Sciences Research (CSFPLR-2019)’ held during March 28-29 , 2019 at Dravidian University, Kuppam.
- Mr. D. Jaya Balan, Research Scholar, won the best oral presentation award for his research work entitled “Nanoencapsulation of β -sitosterol for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer” at the National Conference on Biochemistry and Therapeutics of Diabetes and Cancer Treatment and Challenges (BTDCTC 2019), organized by Loyola College, Chennai, on 28th February & 1st March, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT

Paper Presentation in 6th World Congress of Nanomedical Sciences

- Dr.M.Biruntha, Assistant Professor, presented a paper entitled “Proteomic analysis and cytotoxic effect of ZnO nanoparticles in the seed germination on Trigonella foenum – graecum and Phaseolus aureus in the 6th World Congress on Nanomedical Sciences- (ISNSCON) held during Jan 7th to 10th 2019, in New Delhi.

Research Awards Received

- Dr.P.Kumar, Assistant Professor, received the “Outstanding Research Award” at the International Conference – “HORIZON – 2019 : The Epitome of Biomedical Research” jointly organized by Biomedical Research Unit and Lab Animal Centre (BRULAC) – Dental Research Cell (DRC), Saveetha Dental College and Hospitals, SIMATs, Chennai and Innoscience Research Sdn Bhd, Malaysia. He participated in the 6th World Congress on Nanomedical Sciences organized by the Jamia Hamdard and University of Delhi, New Delhi from 7th to 10th January, 2019. He also participated in the 5th International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology organized by SRM University, Chennai during 28th to 30th January, 2019.

Campus Placement Drive

The Department of Animal Health and Management organized a Campus Placement Drive on 13.03.2019, for the posts of Sales & Marketing, Hatcheries, Farms and Processing Plants of CP Aquaculture (India) Pvt. Ltd. Dr.N.M.Prabhu and Prof. Balamurugan, made arrangements. Totally 19 candidates attended the interview from Animal Health and Management, Biotechnology, Oceanography and Coastal Area Studies and Microbiology Departments.

Special Lecture Delivered

- Dr. Senthamil R. Selvan, Vice-President, OMNI Array Biotechnology, Silver Spring, MD, Maryland, USA delivered a special lecture on 5th March 2019 at the Department of Animal Health and Management, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

Discussion on Indo–Malaysia Collaborative Research Work



Dr. Richard Ng, Associate Professor, and Director IPD, Open University of Malaysia visited the Department of Animal Health and Management, Alagappa University. During his visit, he held discussions with faculty members on the best environmental and recycling practices to be adopted and carried out at both the countries. Further he also discussed the development of the already initiated projects about the Zero Carbon emission and reduction of global warming for the development of sustainable environment. In addition Dr. Richard Ng also interacted with research scholars and students of the DAHM and other University departments and delivered a lecture entitled “Social Business & Recycling”.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS

INDO-TAIWAN Research Project Approved

A Research Project to be undertaken in collaboration with Prof. C.J. Chen, NSRRC, Taiwan, under the INDO-TAIWAN scheme was accepted and an amount of Rs. 227.29 lakhs

was granted in December, 2018 for a period of three years to Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Professor and Head, Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University.

Invited Talks Delivered by the Faculty

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan delivered a talk on “Structural and functional analysis of Asparaginyl-tRNA synthetase (TtAsnRS) from *Thermus thermophilus* HB8 and its complexes” in the International Conference on “Extremophilic Microbes for Sustainable Development in Agriculture, Environment and Health (EMAEH-2018) organized by the Department of Microbiology, Periyar University, Salem on 21st December, 2018. He delivered a talk on “Protein Structure Prediction and its importance in Drug Discovery” in a Special Interdisciplinary UGC Sponsored Workshop on the Bioinformatics and Chemoinformatics tools for Molecular Analysis (BCTMA'2019) organized by the PG and Research, Department of Physics, National College, Tiruchirappalli on 08th March, 2019.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh delivered an invited lecture on “Computational Drug Discovery Approaches” at Bishop Heber College, Trichy (23rd January, 2019).

Dr. M. Karthikeyan delivered an invited lecture at the “Workshop on Pharmacoinformatics” organized by NCoE (MHRD), Thiagarajar College, Madurai on 02nd December, 2018.

Dr. J. Joseph Sahayarayan delivered the keynote address and presented his research finding entitled “Enhancement of Acibenzolar-S-methylon on the expression of Phenylpropanoid Biosynthetic Genes and the collection of Phenylpropanoids in *Mentha* species” in the International Conference on New Frontiers in Engineering, Science, Law, Management, Humanities and Social Science 2019 (INFES 2019) held at Gauhati University on 23rd and 24th February, 2019.

11th National Symposium-cum-Workshop on “Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design” and 2nd Annual Meeting of Bioinformatics and Drug Discovery Society



The 11th National Symposium-cum-Workshop on “Recent trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design” (SBCADD'2019) and 2nd Annual Meeting of Bioinformatics and Drug Discovery Society [BIDDS] was organized by the Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University on 12th February 2018 for the eleventh consecutive time.

Presiding over the inaugural function, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, referred to the remarkable growth the University has achieved over the years and its recognition at the global level. He added that the University has been linked in the form of collaborations with the top ranking global Universities. He lauded the faculty members of the Department of Bioinformatics for their contributions which helped the University to attain NAAC “A+” Accreditation, NIRF ranking and to receive the grant of Rs.100 Crore from MHRD-RUSA 2.0. Further, he quoted the importance of Biosciences towards transforming lives towards finding immediate therapeutics from nature breakthroughs.

Prof. T.P Singh, INSA-Senior Scientist, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in his inaugural address appreciated



the successive Vice-Chancellors who were inspirational in the creation of “Department of Bioinformatics” at Alagappa University. The aim of BIDDS is to promote and encourage Bioinformatics and Drug Discovery from the bottom up approach and the society will have its headquarters at Karaikudi that will serve the purpose of familiarizing the place among the scientific community. He also added that India remains as an enriched source of human resource and technologies. He appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for his strenuous efforts to promote quality research.

Prof. Pinakpani Chakrabarti, Bose Institute, Kolkata in his keynote address, enlightened the gathering about the Origin of Bioinformatics and said in 1952 the theoretical prediction of biological molecules was predominant among the scientists which fetched them the coveted Nobel Prizes for instance to Watson & Crick for the structure determination of DNA and for the study and function of ribosome to Venkatraman Ramakrishnan. Efforts to identify and discover potent drugs to cure influenza and HIV have been feasible with the aid of Computational Chemistry and Drug Discovery. Subsequent validation which is crucial to realize the hypothesis was made by the theoretical scientists. He also laid emphasis on three words of wisdom that reflect the complete Bioinformatics profile “PROPOSE, HYPOTHESIZE AND VALIDATE”. He advised the participants to make use of the experts’ deliberations in Structural Biology and Computer Aided Drug Design.

Prof. G.P.S. Raghava, Indraprastha, Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi, in his thematic address, highlighted the strength of Indian Scientists excelling in Structural Biology and referred to many contributions made towards the prediction of protein structures deposited in the protein repository data bank (PDB). He also mentioned the need to develop a best benchmarking method that will utilize the open source tools to solve the scientific problems and also promote them among the Bioinformatics community. In his concluding speech, he recounted the qualities that need to be enriched and propagated among the fellow scientists that will in turn be beneficial to our society.

Prof. D. Velmurugan, UGC-BSR Faculty, CAS in Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras, Chennai, delivered the Felicitation address. In his address he appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for the rapid progress the University has made and congratulated the Organizing Secretary for having organized the National Symposium-cum- Workshop for eleventh consecutive time and starting the Bioinformatics and Drug Discovery Society [BIDDS]. He asked the faculty members to keep continuing the same pace towards progress and put hard work for promoting Bioinformatics on a global level.

Nineteen eminent scientists from various prestigious institutions delivered lectures on the Computation methods which could play a major role in developing drugs for the human kind and the importance of Bioinformatics tools in Human Health care. About 150 participants from across the country, including Faculty members and Research Scholars, attended this four-day event.

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Professor, Department of Bioinformatics, Organizing Secretary of SBCADD’2019, welcomed the gathering earlier and highlighted several issues confronting India and the immediate need to find solutions using computational sources. Dr. M. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

Two-Day International Conference on “Recent Trends in Microbiology”

The inaugural function of a Two-Day International Conference on “Recent Trends in Microbiology” was organized by the Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 24th Jan, 2019 at the Seminar Hall of the Science Campus of the University.



Presiding over the function, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that useful knowledge has to be disseminated to the society through effective research and it should be done “not as a fashion but as a passion”. A certain inquisitiveness, a passion for innovation and a thirst for new knowledge are the hallmarks of a researcher, he said adding that the outcome of all research should ultimately reach people and help industry. He asked the researchers in all disciplines to give importance to quality research rather than the quantity of publications to elevate the host institution and today the researchers have many opportunities as well. It is often said that India has not produced Nobel Laureates after Sir. CV Raman. He asked the researchers of India to toil a lot with dedication to stamp their legs as Nobel Laureates to get recognition for the country globally.

Dr. M. Sudhakar, Senior Scientist, CSIR-MSM Unit, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in his

inaugural address, said tons and tons of non-degradable plastics are under accumulation everyday which creates environmental hazards affecting the society through formation of microplastics owing to partial chemical degradation that mix with soil and pollute water bodies. Research on Bioplastics to produce degradable plastics which are ecofriendly to the nature shall open up new applications and new avenues for plastic usage. Microbial production of bioplastics is a thrust area of research today that promises new applications and new avenues. In a thickly populated country like India the production of bioplastics has assumed greater relevance and significance, he added. He asked the students to deepen their knowledge and sharpen their skills so as to thrive well in personal life, professional life and societal life.

The conference abstract manual with ISBN:978-93-88398-26-8 in digital format as CD was released by the Vice-Chancellor, and the first CD was received by the Chief Guest. Participants numbering around 150 from various universities, institutions across the country and a few delegates from abroad attended the inaugural ceremony.

Members of the Syndicate, Faculty Members, Research Scholars and Students from various departments of Alagappa University were present on the occasion.

Earlier Dr. Arun, Convener and Head (i/c), Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering and presented the Thematic Address of the conference.

Dr. T. Kavitha, Organizing Secretary, Department of Microbiology, proposed a “vote of thanks”.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Invited Talks Delivered

Dr. S. Ravikumar, Professor and Head, Department of Biomedical Sciences, gave an Invited Talk on “Bioprospecting of infectious disease therapeutic agents from marine resources” in the 3rd Asian Conference on Science Technology & Medicine (ACSTM-2019), Dubai, held from 12th to 14th February 2019. He also attended the 8th Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences & Conference on Deliberation on Translation of Basic Scientific Insights into Affordable Healthcare Products and presented an invited talk on “Bioprospecting of Marine Resources for the exploration alternative biomedicines” held from 25th to 27th February 2019 at the National Institute (NIIST-CSIR) Thiruvananthapuram.

Elected Fellow of Academy of Sciences

Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Assistant Professor in Biotechnology, DDE, has been elected as The Fellow of Academy of Sciences, Chennai in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of sciences.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

National Workshop on “Late Quaternary Palaeoclimate and Evolving Hypothesis”

The Department of Geology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, organized a One-Day National Workshop on “Late Quaternary Palaeoclimate and Evolving Hypothesis” on 07.01.2019.

The workshop was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Rajendran and he also delivered the presidential address. He mentioned in his speech, if teaching and research are well-defined in nature, the institution will get a position among world class institutions. Various steps have been initiated for the promotion of

teaching and research in Alagappa University. The Vice-Chancellor announced that deserving faculty members of the University Departments will get chance to pursue their research activities at famous foreign Universities and they would be given funds from RUSA Phase 2.0 scheme. If different departments of the University jointly do research they will get the possibility to score more points in ‘H’ index. The Department of Geology has collected various kinds of minerals and they are displayed at the Department. During the nineteenth century the British conducted research in India to find out mineral resources. Geology and history are interlinked, because the science of Remote Sensing and Geology help us to understand history.



In this workshop, Professor Priyadarsi Debajyoti Roy from the National Autonomous University of Mexico delivered a lecture on the change of climate and its impact on the Earth. The researchers have to create an awareness among the people about the global warming, glaciers melt and sea level rise. Professor Roy congratulated Alagappa University for obtaining the 20th place in QS Ranking of Indian Universities. Further, he assured that National Autonomous University of Mexico will support teaching and research activities of the Department of Geology, Alagappa University.

Researchers, Postgraduate Students and Faculty Members from various Indian Universities participated in the workshop. Earlier the welcome address was delivered by Dr. R. Karikalan, Head (i/c) and at the end a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. K. Prabakaran

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Conference on Cognitive and Techno Pedagogical Skills for 21st Century Learners

The Department of Education, Alagappa University, organised a Two-day National Conference on “Cognitive and Techno Pedagogical Skills for 21st Century Learners” on 7th & 8th March 2019.

Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, who inaugurated the conference, said that if education is considered to be the backbone of a nation, the education department is the backbone of all other departments of the Universities and Colleges. Now, there is a paradigm shift from teacher-centred method to learner-centred method and hence the teaching-learning, curriculum and planning all revolve on the axis of learners. The blooming technologies have become part and parcel of the day-to-day life and especially in the educational scenario its role has become immense. But teachers must not solely depend on technology to teach learners. A skilful teacher is one who can enter the classroom without book. Technology will never replace teachers. But, the teacher who knows technology may replace the teacher who does not know technology. In terms of the cognitive concept, the teachers must have qualities such as innovativeness, joyfulness and understanding of the perspectives of the learners. For instance, Guru Dhurona identified the special talent in Arjuna and asked him to prefer the special strategies to take him to the optimum level. Teachers must be particular in developing the prior cognitive skills such as listening observing and understanding. Once the teacher is able to use the technology effectively and appropriately, he or she can be fit for the 21st century classroom”.

Prof. T.G. Amuthavalli, Head, Department of Education, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupathi, delivered the keynote address. In her address, she added

“Teacher has to be updated with the 21st century skills. The technology must also be a part of today’s curriculum. These technologies without psychology will not be of much benefit to the learner community. Such technology would be considered as a boon to the education. Multi-sensory approach learning is possible only through technology. That is why the MHRD has launched a scheme “Operational Digital Classroom” from 9th class onwards. Article 26 of UDHR advocates to provide quality education to all. It is in our hands to suitably combine psychological and technological knowledge to be fit for 21st century classrooms.

Prof.G.Kalaiyaran, Head, Department of Education, welcomed the gathering, Prof.B.Dharmalingam, Dean, Faculty of Education, offered felicitations and Dr.N.Sasikumar Organising Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Workshop on Cinematography Conducted

The Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, conducted Cinematography Workshop on 15.03.2019 at Amphi Theatre of the Faculty of Education. Mr.Santhanamoorthy Chidambaram, Film Director, Tamil Cinema Industry, acted as the chief resource person for the workshop. He taught the 7 C’s of Cinematography and explained how far it is important for media professionals to acquire required knowledge. He emphasized the nature and art of cinematography to the students and motivated them to learn important techniques quickly with ease and confidence. Further, he narrated his personal experiences in the field of cinema and the struggles & challenges that he met as director. His interaction and the way of handling things were really fruitful for the young learners who aspire to become directors in film industry. Moreover, he conducted one

more interesting programme popularly known as “To Know Yourself”. Students from the Department of Lifelong Learning & Department of Special Education, enjoyed the workshop and gave positive feedback about the workshop. Prof.P.Sivakumar Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, welcomed the gathering. Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning proposed a vote of thanks.

Guest Lectures Delivered at the Department



- The Department organized an Invited Guest Lecture on 21.02.2019 on the topic of “Role of Mass Media for Social Change” by Dr.K.Anandhan, Professor & Head, Department of Education (CDE), Bharathidasan University, Trichy. In his Lecture, he pointed out how mass media could serve as mediator in transmitting new information and bringing the needed social change. Further, he cited some examples of social transformation brought about in India through mass media. He exhorted Journalism students to develop competency to survive in modern society and become a conscientious journalist.
- The Department organized an Invited Guest Lecture on 4th February 2019 on the topic “Current Trends in Social Science Research” by Dr.Harishankar Singh, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Education, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow. In his Lecture

he referred to the current trends in Social Science Research and also to the positive and negative outputs. Further, he emphasized the need of Social Science Research for social development; and in addition he motivated the students to do research on the current topics of significance. Moreover, he directed the students to concentrate on innovative research.

- As part of Guest Lecture Series, the Department of Lifelong Learning organized an Invited Guest Lecture on “Role of Media Professionals in Short Learning Objects (SLO). Dr.E.Ramganes, Professor & Head of the Department of Educational Technology, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, was the Resource Person. In his lecture he emphasized the importance of Short Learning Objects for media professionals and its role for betterment of media professionals to exhibit their individual and survival capacity in the media field. Further, he exhorted the students to learn properly Short Learning Object which will help them in getting a firm foot-hold in the field of journalism.
- A Guest Lecture was delivered by Dr.R.Rajan on “Leadership and Communication Skills”. He was a Former Professor at the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. He explained the importance of Leadership and Communication Skills for Journalism Students. He asked the students to have a passion for cultivating Leadership Qualities and Communication Skills. He conducted some interesting games for developing Communication Skills and Leadership Qualities. Further, he asked the students to develop their self courage and update their knowledge to survive as media professionals.

In all the guest lecture programmes Prof.P.Sivakumar, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, welcomed the gathering.

Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

Prizes Distributed to Winners



In order to motivate and appreciate the Department of Lifelong Learning students who got 1st , 2nd , and 3rd prize in various competitions jointly conducted by Tamil Nadu Science Forum, District Collectorate, Sivagangai and Indian Express, Madurai, Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Rajendran congratulated the winners and motivated them to venture more in their own field for the progress of the nation.

International Women's Day

The Department celebrated International Women's Day on 08.03.2019 at the Amphi Theatre of the Faculty of Education. Prof. P.Sivakumar, Professor and Head i/c , Department of Lifelong Learning, welcomed the gathering. Tmt. Kalyani, Radio Jockey (RJ), Suryan FM, Madurai, delivered a special address. In her special address, she shared her personal experiences to the students which she hoped would be helpful to them to achieve more in the field of Journalism. She also stressed the importance of self courage and positive attitude. Further, she also highlighted the importance of moral values/ ethics and self discipline for women and men working in the field of Journalism. The students enjoyed her special address. Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning proposed a vote of thanks.

International Happiness Day Celebrated

On the eve of International Happiness Day - 2019 on 19.03.2019, the students of

the Department of Lifelong Learning with the students of the Department of Bank Management organized a function to celebrate the day. Prof.P.Sivakumar, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, welcomed the gathering. Prof.B. Dharmalingam, Dean, Faculty of Education, was the Chief Guest. In his presidential address, he highlighted the importance of real happiness by narrating a story. He also spoke on the significance of celebrating happiness day and suggested ways and means to be self content in life so as to derive inner happiness. Apart from that, the students of Department of Lifelong Learning conducted various events/ games for the inter department students on the theme of happiness. Prizes were distributed to the winners by Prof.P.Sivakumar, Head i/c & Faculty members of the Department of Lifelong Learning. The entire function was arranged by MJMC and MBA Bank Management students.

Two-day Workshop on Entrepreneurship Skill Training in Videography & Editing

A Two-day Workshop on Entrepreneurship Skill Training in Videography & Editing was organised by the Department of Lifelong Learning in association with University Business Collaboration Centre, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 28th & 29th March 2019 in Amphi Theatre of the Faculty of Education.



Dr.P.Sivakumar Prof & Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, welcomed the gathering. He highlighted the importance of

imparting skill training to the students of Mass Communication and Journalism in Videography and Editing. He said the students will be given intensive practical training on various techniques of videographic editing.

Presiding over the inaugural session of the workshop, Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that serious learning of theoretical aspects of a subject is important and equally important is concentrating on the practical aspects. Only then the students can acquire real knowledge and mastery over the subjects. Highlighting the importance of reading habit, he told the audience that books he read deeply and avidly helped him in the long run to occupy the highest position in the University. He stated that a good teacher's first passion and responsibility should be learning his subject enthusiastically and thoroughly; and his creative teaching should inspire his wards to evince keen interest in learning the subject avidly. He exhorted the students to be creative and innovative for their progress; and in this context he cited the lines from Robert Forst's poem "The Road Not Taken".

The chief guest Mr.S.Marimuthu, Chief Editor, Arena Animation, Madurai, explained how to edit raw footages and cited the importance of editing. He also dwelt on the principles of editing. Referring to the increasing importance given to videography in today's context, he asked the students to learn the art of videography. He also referred to various job avenues available in the field of videography and editing to students of mass communication.

Dr.A.Morarji, Co-ordinator, UBCC, offered his felicitations. He said that mastering this skill is the need of the hour for journalism students. Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor Department of Lifelong Learning, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

Skill Training for Persons with Disabilities

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, Alagappa University in association with University Business Collaboration Centre & Para Sports Centre organised a One-Day Orientation on Skill Training for Persons with Disabilities on 04.03.2019 at the Seminar Hall of the Central Library.

Dr.J.Sujathamalini, Associate Professor & Head i/c, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, welcomed the gathering.



Prof. H.Gurumallesh Prabhu, Registrar, presided over the function. He stressed that skill training is a vital part which needed greater attention in the present scenario. Every student should improve his or her employability skills to be placed in a better position. The skill training for persons with disabilities is more important as it could help them to become useful citizens and contribute to the society in a more fruitful manner. He highlighted various recent achievements and activities of the University and emphasized the important role played by the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science in extending its helping hands to the welfare of the society. He also stated the significance of organizing orientation on skill training for persons with disabilities and congratulated the faculty for organising very useful training programmes.

Dr.Samy Sathiyamoorthy, District Educational Officer, Devakkottai, in his inaugural address, stressed the need for imparting skill training to persons with disabilities. He said that there are various governmental schemes available for persons with disabilities. It has to be availed by the parents of persons with disabilities. He added that awareness should also be created among the parents to use various aids available for the welfare of the persons with disabilities. He said that there are two important persons who could seriously help persons with disabilities. One is parent and the other is the teacher. It is in the hands of teachers to identify the vision or hearing problems of a child in the classroom.

The Resource Person from the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Chennai, handled the sessions; and practical demonstration on paper cover making, fashion jewellery-making was also done by Alagappa University Resource School Teachers Devika, Muthulakshmi and Selvinal.

Dr.M.Morarji, Coordinator, University Business Collaboration Centre, offered felicitation and Dr.K.Gunasekaran, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 110 students from the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, participated in the Orientation Programme.

Braille Day Celebrations

On the eve of Braille Day, competitions were conducted to the students of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science on 04.01.19. Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Dean Faculty of Education, Alagappa University, distributed prizes to the winners and addressed the gathering.

New Building Declared Open

Vice Chancellor Prof. N. Rajendran declared open the newly constructed building for Alagappa University Resource School for Differently Aabled on 01.03.19. Prof.



H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar and Syndicate Members of Alagappa University, Heads of the various Departments, and Head of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science and students of the Department participated in the inaugural function.

ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Two-Day Workshop on Development and Marketing of Home Textile Products & Opportunities in Digital Imaging Business

Two Different Two-day Workshops on Development and Marketing of Home Textile Products & Opportunities in Digital Imaging Business were organized by the Alagappa Institute of Skill Development in collaboration with University Business Collaboration Centre on 27.02.2019 and 28.02.2019.



The workshops were inaugurated by Prof. V. Balachandran, Special officer (P&D), Alagappa University on 27.02.2019 at the University Convocation Seminar Hall. In his presidential

address, he said that the Textile industry is one of the most important industries in the world trade. Textile business is not an isolated one rather it is an integral part of the society and an important component of Indian economy. Moreover, at present, the market trend has been transformed from seller-market to buyer-market. Inculcating the skills for innovative ideas and quality finishing would help the students to become successful entrepreneurs. Further, he urged the students to develop their creative and marketing skills along with their studies.

Dr. G. Ilangumaran, Dy. Coordinator, University Business Collaboration Centre, offered his felicitations. Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Dean, Faculty of Education and Director, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. Mahesh, Assistant Professor, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, proposed a vote of thanks.

The resource persons Ms. N. Mathanki, Proprietor & Ms.S.Alamu, Dress and Accessory Designer, Sai Grace Art & Crafts, Madurai, Mr. PL. Manikandan, Proprietor, Poocharam Printers, Karaikudi and Er..K.Manivannan, Graphic Designer, Prop.Ponni Crafarts, Karaikudi, gave hands-on-training to 331 students of Alagappa Institute of Skill Development.

The valedictory function was held on the evening of 28.02.2019 at the L.C.T.L Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. In his presidential address, Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Alagappa University, said that these workshops were designed to create interest among students and also to make them understand the significance of business opportunities in both home textile products and digital imaging. These areas give massive scope to become entrepreneurs with very little investment. At present, the skills, knowledge, and creativity of the students are regarded to be more significant than just certification. Further, he advised the students to develop their individuality, productivity and creativity to reap success in life.

Dr. A. Morarji, Coordinator, University Business Collaboration Centre, offered his felicitations. Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Dean, Faculty of Education and Director, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, welcomed the gathering. Dr. C. Balakrishnan, Assistant Professor, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, proposed a vote of thanks. The pot paintings, jute fabric home accessories like bedspreads, cushion and cushion covers, wall hangers, table cloths and mats, kitchen linen and accessories, dolls like teddy bear and craft works were developed and crafted by the students during the training. The products were exhibited and the certificates were distributed by the dignitaries to the student-participants.

FACON FEST-2019

Alagappa Institute of Skill Development organized 'FACON FEST-2019' (Fashion Festival) on 06th March, 2019 in the L.C.T.L Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Dean, Faculty of Education and Director, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, welcomed the gathering

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Rajendran said that India is one of the leading countries in the sector of textiles and garments. In textile exporting sector, India has overtaken many countries and has become the second largest exporter in the world. In India, the textile industry makes a major contribution to the national economy in terms of direct and indirect employment generation and net foreign



exchange earnings. Since, the textile sector is the second largest provider of employment after agriculture, the students should focus on to improve their entrepreneurial skills to become job providers instead of job seekers.

Mr.Kumaran B. Jaghuva, Managing Director, Quality Knit Wears Pvt. Ltd., Madurai, delivered the inaugural address and he said that Textile industry is the oldest industry in India having huge cultural heritage with extensive range of textile stuffs, methods and types that show the identities of people and customs across the country. The textile sector offers huge employment opportunities for Indian people, especially for the people who reside in rural areas. Textile and apparel sector contributes 14% to industrial production, 4% to India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and constitutes 15% of the country's export earnings. Textile and apparel sector is the largest employment provider in the country employing nearly 51 million people directly and 68 million people indirectly in 2015-16, so in Textile field students can come up with their unique ideas, creativity and innovation. Dr. G. Mahesh, Assistant Professor, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

In the morning session of this FACON Fest - 2019, 200 participants from 8 institutions and various Departments of the University participated in the competitions namely, designer contest, fashion illustration, mehendi, face painting, wealth from waste, accessory making, nail art and saree draping and won prizes. Designer contest competition was held as a part of this function, followed by the designer show presented by B.Voc. and M.Voc. Fashion Technology students of AISD with their own designed and fabricated garments. Bharath College of Science and Management, Thanjavur, won the overall Championship.

Overall Championship Obtained in Inter Collegiate Competition

'HERRANDA' 19'



The B.Voc. & M.Voc. Fashion Technology Students of Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Alagappa University, won the overall championship in an Inter Collegiate Competition – HERRANDA '19 organized by the PG Department of Fashion Technology & Costume Designing, Bharath College of Science & Management, Thanjavur, on 13th March, 2019. In this function, 250 participants from various colleges participated in different competitions namely, Designer Contest, Fashion Show, Modelling Photography, T-Shirt Painting, Eye Makeup, Stunning Selfi and Ad-zap.

Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Alagappa University and Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Dean, Faculty of Education and Director, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, congratulated the student-participants who won the overall championship at the competitions.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

Start-Up Cell Inaugurated at the School of Management

A Start-up Cell at the School of Management of Alagappa University was inaugurated by Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University on 5.3.2019. While inaugurating the Start-Up Cell he advised the budding entrepreneurs to think laterally and differently for succeeding in business enterprises. He



asked the teachers to foster these skills among the management students by deploying and encouraging interactive pedagogy- – dialogues, debates, analysis of cases of successful entrepreneurs, while handling the classes. He encouraged the students to start their own business ventures which require hard work and perseverance. Now that many Indian Universities are finding their niche in the World and Asia Rankings, he said he could visualize the possibilities for Indian Universities to turnout Nobel Laureates in the near future. While recognizing 14 Young Entrepreneurs from among the present set of students of the School of Management who were provided with Young Entrepreneur Achievement Recognition (YEAR 2019) Certificates, the Vice-Chancellor observed that this initiative will motivate the other students to involve themselves in the promising journey of Start-ups. A placement brochure of the Department of Logistics Management was also released by him during the proceedings and it was received by the Start-up experts.

Prof. M.Senthil, President, Start-up Cell of the University's School of Management while welcoming the gathering, mentioned that this Start-Up Cell Initiative has multiple objectives: to bring in successful entrepreneurs in the start-up domain to share their experiences, thereby bringing down the gap between academia and industry; through professional hand holding, encouraging the budding entrepreneur to incubate their ideas. This will provide a fillip for the Universities while competing for the ranking in the innovation and incubation domain.

In his thematic address, Dean, School of Management, Dr.V.Balachandran said that unemployment and underemployment are the major problems encountered by young men and women in our country and the only solution before us is to encourage start-ups.

Mr.M.Jeyakumar, Founder & CEO, Teeteewood, Bengaluru, in his keynote address, advised the students to become job providers rather than job seekers in the employment market. He said that passion and perseverance are the essential requirements to succeed in business. He narrated his experiences in taking his start-up forward by not diluting the equity but through the loans, as his business model is unique. He also said that he reckoned his success by being nearer to the customers.

Mr.MansoorAliKhan, Founder & Chairman, M-Auto Group of Companies, Chennai, in his special address, exhorted the students to cast off their fear complex and develop enormous self confidence which alone would help them become successful entrepreneurs. Though he had ups and downs in his business journey, he waited patiently for his ambition to get fulfilled. He added that failure is part of the business enterprise and one should never shrink their passion for success.

Dr.G.Jayabal, Professor and Head, Department of Bank Management, offered felicitation. Dr.C.Yogalakshmi and Dr.P.Rajan Chinna, Coordinators of the Start-up Cell, proposed vote of thanks at different sessions.

ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Sangamam-2019 Organised

The Alagappa Institute of Management, Alagappa University, and the Alumni Association of AIM organized the Silver Jubilee function titled "Sangamam 2019". This function was held to commemorate the completion of 24 glorious years of the institute and to evoke the bond between the Alumni and the Institution. The two-



day celebration was held on 26.1.19 and 27.1.19 at L.C.T.L.PL Auditorium on the University Campus.

In his presidential address Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, said that the Silver Jubilee of the Institute marked the first mile-stone in its growth and achievement. He appreciated the contribution of the institute to the student community, industry and society. He highlighted the activities and achievements of the University and attributed the national and international recognitions to the tireless efforts of the alumni, faculty, staff and students in every aspects of quality improvement.

The Director of Alagappa Institute of Management Dr. S. Rajamohan referred to the successes of the University and the progress of the Institute in the recent years. He attributed the growth and development to the planning of the successive Vice-Chancellors and to the excellent execution of the work by Former Directors of the Institute. A placement brochure captioned "24th Aimers" was released by Prof. V. Balachandran, Dean, Faculty of Management and the first copy was received by Shri. K. E. Raghunathan, National President of AIMO, Managing Director of Solkar Solar India Pvt Lt.

The chief guest of the function, Shri. K. E. Raghunathan expressed the significance and advantages of arranging the Alumni Meet and shared his own experiences. He emphasized the importance of self learning that would pave the way to reach greater heights. He also appealed to the students to make use of all the opportunities

that are available around them and stressed on the usage of different clubs to enlarge their connection with efficient management personnel and renowned people of various industries. He said that he consciously developed the prime attitude "free from corruption" and that has helped him to climb the ladder in his career and added that he is enjoying the dividends accruing from it and asked the student-community to emulate it.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Dean, Faculty of Management, in his felicitation address, explained the great work done by the University and its achievements in the recent past. Prof. S. Kaliyamoorthy, Former Director of AIM, traced the growth of AIM and referred to its remarkable curriculum and pedagogy.

Dr. M. Senthil, Head, Department of Logistics, Dr. G. Jayabal, Head, Department of Bank Management, Dr V Sivakumar, Head, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management and Dr. G. Ilankumaran, Faculty for Alumni Relations, offered felicitations.

Mr. Peter Sahayaraj, Secretary of AIM Alumni Association, narrated the long journey of AIM Alumni Association and felt proud of its contributions to the University and Institute.

Mr. V.S. Sashi Kumar, President of AIM Alumni Association, welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Iyyappan, Treasurer of AIM Alumni Association, proposed a vote of thanks.

The session continued with a panel discussion on the topic "India Inc- The Road Ahead" with panel experts Shri L. Shevugan Annamalai MD - SV. A. Heritage Constructions Pvt. Ltd., Shri G. S. Dinesh Davidson, Sr. General Manager, J. K. Fenner India (Ltd)., Shri. M. Mohan, General Manager, TRW Steering System P. Ltd, Dr. R. Gayatri, Professor and Head DOMS, St. Peters University, Chennai and it was moderated by Shri. T. Senthilvel, Editor of News18 Channel. The office bearers of the AIM Alumni Association, Faculty and students of the institute made all the arrangements for

the successful conduct of the programme. The function ended with a captivating cultural programme by AIMERS and Alumni.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Seminar on Nobel Peace Prize 2018



The Department of Commerce, Alagappa University in association with the Faculties of Management and Arts organised a Seminar on “Nobel Peace Prize 2018” on 26th March 2019 in the Convocation Auditorium Seminar Hall.

In his presidential address, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, stated that tolerance is the key for peace. He exhorted the students to cultivate tolerance in themselves for the upliftment in their life. Peace becomes a foundation for the social and economic development of a nation. This world has experienced the dreadful menace and horrendous nature of war. It has impressed upon the world about the necessity of world peace. If there is no peace, there is no progress and development in a country. All countries should always be aware of this fact. Therefore we should design appropriate and systematic agenda for national and global peace that will contribute to peace in all walks of life and make this world a peaceful place for people to live in.

Prof. P. Lazarus Samraj, Professor, Department of Politics and International Studies, Pondicherry University, in his inaugural address, highlighted the significance of intranational and international peace. He asked the students of higher educational institutions to serve as

ambassadors for propagating the necessity of peace. He explained the services rendered by the Nobel Peace Prize Awardees 2018 for global peace, particularly to arrest sexual violence to women as a war weapon.

Prof. K.R Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, welcomed the gathering. Prof. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Head, Dept. of Commerce, delivered the thematic address. Students and teachers from Faculties of Management, Education and Arts participated in the seminar. Dr. B. Menaka, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, delivered a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

Two-Day International Conference on “Strategies for Global Business Finance and Management for Sustainable Societal Development

The inaugural function of a Two-Day International Conference on “Strategies for Global Business Finance and Management for Sustainable Societal Development” organised jointly by the Departments of Corporate Secretaryship & Commerce of Alagappa University was held at L.C.T.L.Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. The important objective of the Conference was to study the appropriate strategies needed for sustainable social development.

Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, while inaugurating the Conference stated that out of the ten Indian Universities identified by the MHRD, Govt. of India in the order of ranking, Alagappa University is the first State University receiving Rs.100 Crore under RUSA 2.0 scheme. He thanked the State Government for the timely release of RUSA grant to Alagappa University. The MHRD will review the progress of research and academic activities carried out under RUSA 2.0 in the month of November 2019. Based on the progress shown, the RUSA 2.0 funded ten

Universities will move to the next level of getting the distinction of the Institutions of Eminence (IoE).

Alagappa University is in continuous touch with 13 Universities of the United States of America for entering into MoU & MoA for academic and research collaboration for mutual benefit. Curriculum is the backbone for ensuring quality in Higher Education. Improvements in Curriculum on a par with global standards are needed for enhancing academic and research output of the institutions. He insisted on continuous enhancement of quality in teaching and research activities to build an academic institution as a world class one. Alagappa University has provided academic autonomy to all the 39 Departments in framing World Class Curriculum fulfilling the requirements of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS). He advised the students, scholars and faculty members to publish research articles in Scopus Index Journals that will help them to acquaint with “h” index, “i” index and Citation index and that would also increase “h” index of the respective departments. Language and rural background are not barriers for academic advancement. Commitment and determination will help students to solve any barrier in their academic life. The teachers should make the class room environment enjoyable to the students by using all modern technology devices.

Dr.Desti Kannaiah, Senior Lecturer, School of Business, James Cook University, Singapore, in his keynote address, stated that the research scholars and the faculty members should actively involve themselves in their research activities for the welfare of the society. He highlighted the glorious academic contributions of the Former President of India Dr.Radhakrishnan in enhancing the research activities of his Department when he was a teacher. He explained the importance of two noble professions – teaching and medicine – that contribute to overall development of a nation.

Dr.Jayaraman Krishnaswamy, Professor, Taylor’s Business School, Faculty of Business and Law, Taylor’s University, Selangor, Malaysia, delivered the special address. He compared Alagappa University with Taylor’s University, Malaysia on five parameters such as extensive area, gender ratio, hospitality, green environment and students’ calibre. In all these five parameters Alagappa University is equal to Taylor’s University, Malaysia, he added. He exhorted the students here to make use of the world class facilities available on this campus for furthering their progress.

Dr.M.Selvam, Member of the Syndicate in his felicitation, said that intellectual attainments of talented students and research scholars will improve the quality of Higher Educational Institutions. Appropriate Management strategies are to be designed and implemented for the sustainable development of society.

A Conference Souvenir was released by the Vice-Chancellor and the first copy was received by Dr.Jayaraman Krishnaswamy of Taylor’s University, Malaysia. 150 Research papers were submitted for presentation at this International Conference.

Dr.V.Balachandran, Dean, Faculty of Management, presented the thematic address. Dr.T.R.Gurumoorthy, Head of the Department of Commerce, welcomed the gathering. Dr.C.Vethirajan, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship proposed a vote of thanks. Faculty members from School of Management, Faculty from other Universities and students participated in this conference.



Symposium on Companies Act 2013 Organised under MHRD RUSA Phase 2.0 Scheme



The Department of Corporate Secretaryship and Salem Chapter of Southern India Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India jointly organised a Symposium on Companies Act 2013 under MHRD RUSA Phase 2.0 Scheme on 01.03.2019 in the Corporate Conference Hall, Management Campus, Alagappa University.

Prof. N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the function. In his presidential address, he exhorted the students to identify the best and rare qualities of their teachers, besides their administrative acumen and varied talents. Imbibing and emulating these qualities will enable the students to become successful in their life and career. He succinctly brought out to the student community the need to develop their varied skills and knowledge in the present competitive environment. Further, he asked the students to make use of the experienced professional speakers' valuable lectures for their indepth study.

Dr.V.Balachandran, Dean, Faculty of Management as well as Senior Professor & Head, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, in his welcome address, explained the purpose and objectives of the symposium on Companies Act 2013. Further, he informed that the new Companies Act 2013 was enacted repealing the old Act 1956 on account of various changes that took place not only at the national level but also

at the global level. He outlined the introduction of new concepts such as Secretarial Audit, Secretarial Standards, E-Voting, National Company Law Tribunal, Class Action Suits, Valuation and various enhanced punishments enshrined in the New Companies Act 2013.

Mr. A.Mohan Kumar, Chairman, SIRC of ICSI, Chennai, delivered the keynote address. In his address, he brought out the key provisions of Companies Act 2013 and highlighted various job opportunities available for the students pursuing Company Secretaryship course. Further, he motivated students to enrol for CS course to become leading professionals in the later years.

Mr. P.Boopalan, Chairman, Salem Chapter of ICSI & Vice-President, JSW Steels Ltd., Salem, in his Special Address, explained the job opportunities available for successful students in reputed firms and companies and asked them to get enhanced academic guidance from the Institute of Company Secretaries of India on account of Alagappa University having linkage with ICSI.

Prof. T.R.Gurumoorthy, Member of Syndicate and Dr. K.Uthaya Suriyan, Controller of Examinations, offered their felicitations in the symposium.

Mr. S.Solaiyappan, Former Chairman, Salem Chapter of SIRC of ICSI & Practising Company Secretary, Salem delivered a talk on Secretarial Audit for the benefit of participants. CS.A.M. Sridharan, Advocate, Chennai, brought out clearly the enactment and key features of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 and the various benefits available to the creditors.

Founder Professor of the Department of Corporate Secretaryship and presently Adviser of Department of Management Studies, VHNSN College, Virudhunagar, Dr. R.Neelamegam, explained in detail the Corporate Financial Disclosure Practices under the Companies Act 2013.

Mr. S.Paramasivam, Company Secretary of Virudhunagar Textile Mills Ltd., delivered a talk on Secretarial Standards, E-Voting, National Company Law Tribunal and E-governance.

Mr. N.Santhanam, Formerly Chairman, Salem Chapter of the ICSI & Senior Manager (F&A), SAIL – Salem Plant, Salem, delivered the valedictory address.

After the interaction with the students, Dr.C.Vethirajan, Professor of Corporate Secretaryship, proposed a vote of thanks. About 150 students of MBA and Faculty members participated in the symposium.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM & HOTEL MANAGEMENT

“Atelier de Cuisine” – 2019

A Three-Day Workshop on “Atelier de Cuisine” – 2019 was jointly organized by the Department of Tourism & Hotel Management and University Business Collaboration Centre at the University, from 7th March to 9th March 2019. The objective of the workshop was to impart entrepreneurial skills to students, staff members of Alagappa University and homemakers of Sivaganga District.

Dr. V. Sivakumar, Associate Professor and Head i/c the Department of Tourism & Hotel Management, welcomed the gathering and spoke about the objectives of the workshop. While highlighting the aim of the programme he said: “You have to see failure as the beginning and the middle, but never entertain it as an end”. He asked the students to endeavour to excel in everything they do.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Dean, Faculty of Management, presided over the function. Prof. T. R. Gurumoorthy, Syndicate Member, Alagappa University, in his inaugural address brought out the important skills needed to become as an entrepreneur. He explained various parameters to become as an entrepreneur by citing few

live incidents and the history of few brands like NIRMA, MTR, HALDIRAMS etc. Dr. A. Morarji, Co-coordinator, UBCC in his felicitation address hinted at various practical problems encountered in entrepreneurship, such as cash flow practice, competitive advantage, entry barriers etc. He made a reference to the remarkable achievement of many entrepreneurs like Jeff Bezos, Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, Dhirubhai Ambani, Ratan Tata and Narayana Murthy in his speech.



On the first day of the workshop, focus was laid on vegetable and fruit carving skills to the students. The target audience of the second day was women faculty and staff and they were imparted the basic bakery and confectionary making skills. The third day of the workshop focused on homemakers of Sivaganga District and trained them on the preparation of various North Indian dishes.

At the end of the workshop Mr. K. P. Karthilingam, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, summed up the training given to participants and proposed a vote of thanks.

PARA SPORTS CENTRE

Three Athletes Win Gold and Silver Medals in International Wheel Chair and Amputee Sports Federation World Games

Three athletes of Para Sports Centre of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, won gold and silver medals at the “International Wheel Chair



and Amputee Sports Federation World Games” – IWAS – 2019 held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, from 10th to 16th February 2019.

R.Balasubramanian won two gold medals in 100 metres and 200 metres running race under the DWARF category and in the same category A.Selvaraj won the gold medal in Javelin throw and S.Sivarajan won the silver medal in badminton singles.

It may be noted that 52 countries participated in the world-level sports competitions held at Sharjah. The three winners of Alagappa University Para Sports Centre, who were included the Indian contingent, met the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University on 20.02.2019 and sought his blessings. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the players on their remarkable feat and for bringing laurels to the University.

Prof.H.Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Prof.TR.Gurumoorthy, Member of Syndicate, Dr.M.Sundar, one of the coaches of the Indian contingent and Principal, Alagappa University College of Physical Education, were present on the occasion.

Blood Donation Camp

Alagappa Institute of Skill Development and Youth Red Cross jointly organised a Blood Donation Camp on 28.03.2019 at the Centre of Excellence for Skill Development premises. Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, inaugurated the Blood Donation Camp. Dr.V.Aruldas, Blood Bank Medical



Officer, Government Headquarters Hospital, Karaikudi and his team collected the blood donated by 45 students and staff of various Departments of Alagappa University.

Dr.T.R.Gurumoorthy, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, Mr. C. Bhaheeratha Natchiappan, President, Sivaganga District Indian Red Cross Society, Mr. V. Sundararaman, Vice-President, Mr.Ramamoorthy, Treasurer and Mrs.Chitra, Organizer, Sivagangai District Youth Red Cross, also participated.

Dr. B. Dharmalingam, Professor & Director, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Dr. G. Vinayagamoorthi, YRC - Zonal Coordinator and Dr.K. Ganesamurthy, YRC – Deputy Coordinator made the arrangements for the Blood Donation Camp.

Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education

தேசிய இளைஞர் தினமும்,
சுவாமி விவேகானந்தாரின்
156-வது பிறந்த தின விழாவும்

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக சுவாமி விவேகானந்தா உயர் ஆராய்ச்சி மற்றும் கல்வி மையத்தின் சார்பில் தேசிய இளைஞர் தினமும், சுவாமி விவேகானந்தாரின் 156-வது பிறந்த தின விழாவும் நேற்று சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் நா.இராஜேந்திரன் இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு தலைமை வகித்துப் பேசுகையில், சிறந்த மற்றும் ஆக்கப்பூர்வ செயல்களைச் செய்யும் மனிதர்களை உருவாக்கி அதன்மூலம் நாட்டினை முன்னேற்றப்



பாதையிலும், உலக அமைதியை ஏற்படுத்துவதுமே தான் கல்வியின் முதல் நோக்கமாக இருக்க வேண்டும் என்று சுவாமி விவேகானந்தர் குறிப்பிட்டதை நினைவு கூர்ந்தார் இக்கருத்தை நினைவில் கொண்டு உலகில் அமைதியை ஏற்படுத்த இளைஞர்கள் இடையராது உழைக்க வேண்டும் என துணைவேந்தர் கேட்டுக்கொண்டால்;

அவர் மேலும் பேசுகையில், வேற்றுமையில் ஒற்றுமையே இந்தியக் கலாச்சாரத்தின் அடிப்படைத் தத்துவமாகும். நமது பண்பாடு உலகை ஒரே குடும்பமாகவே நாம் அனைவரும் பார்க்க வேண்டும் என்ற கருத்தை வலியுறுத்தி உள்ளது என்பது சிறப்பானது. இதை நாம் ஒருபோதும் மறக்கக் கூடாது. இளைஞர்களின் ஆற்றலில் தீவிரமான நம்பிக்கை கொண்டவர் சுவாமி விவேகானந்தர். இளைஞர்களால் எதையும் செய்ய முடியும் என்றும் நாட்டை உயர்நிலைக்கு அவர்களால் எடுத்துச் செல்ல முடியும் என்பதையும் உணர்ந்தே அவர்களுக்கு எண்ணற்ற அறிவுரைகளைக் கூறியுள்ளார். அவருடைய கருத்துகளை இளைஞர்கள் பின்பற்றி தாங்களும் வளர்ந்து, தங்களுடைய நாட்டையும் முன்னேற்றப் பாதைக்குக் கொண்டு செல்ல வேண்டும் என்றார். அறிவியலையும், ஆன்மிகத்தையும் இரு கண்களாக நாம் கருத வேண்டும் என்ற கருத்தை விவேகானந்தர் வலியுறுத்தியுள்ளார். மூடநம்பிக்கைகளுக்கு முற்றுப் புள்ளி வைக்கவேண்டும் என்ற அவருடைய கருத்தை நாம் மனதில் கொண்டு செயல்பட வேண்டும் எனவும் கேட்டுக்கொண்டார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் மதுரை சுவாமி விவேகானந்தா சேவா ஆசிரமத்தின் தலைவர் சுவாமி சதாசிவானந்த மகராஜ் சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில், ஒவ்வொரு இளைஞரும் நல்ல உடல் ஆரோக்கியம், சிறந்த மன நலம், சீரீய சிந்தனைகள், இவற்றோடு ஆக்கப்பூர்வ உழைப்பையும் ஒருங்கிணைத்துச்

செயல்பட்டு நாட்டை முன்னேற்றப் பாடுபட வேண்டும் என்ற விவேகானந்தாரின் எண்ணத்தை எக்கணமும் நாம் நினைவில் கொள்ள வேண்டும் என கூறினார். இன்றைய காலகட்டத்தில் இளைஞர்கள் சமூக ஒற்றுமை, சமூக ஒருமைப்பாடு, சமூக வளர்ச்சி ஆகியவற்றிற்கு முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுத்து உலக அமைதியை நிலைநாட்டப் பாடுபடவேண்டும் என்றார். உலக அமைதி இன்றைய இளைஞர்களின் கையில் தான்; உள்ளது என்றும், உலக மக்களிடையே ஒரு இணக்கத்தை உருவாக்கவே மதங்கள் பாடுபடவேண்டும் என்றும், அனைத்து மதங்களும் அமைதியையும் நல்லிணக்கத்தையுமே போதிக்கின்றன என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டு இக்கருத்தினை வலியுறுத்துவதாகவே விவேகானந்தாரின் சிகாகோ சொற்பொழிவு அமைந்து இருந்தது என்றார். அதுவே இன்று வரை உலகளவில் அனைவராலும் பாராட்டப்பட்டு வருகிறது. விவேகானந்தாஜீன் சிந்தனைகளை செயலில்காட்டி நாட்டை வளப்படுத்த வேண்டும் என்ற உறுதி மொழியை இந்த நாளில் நாம் அனைவரும் ஏற்று செயல்படுவோம் என கேட்டுக்கொண்டார்.

முன்னதாக சுவாமி விவேகானந்தா உயர் ஆராய்ச்சி மற்றும் கல்வி மையத்தின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் பேரா. கே.ஆர். முருகன் வரவேற்புரை ஆற்றினார். துணை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் எம்.வசிமலைராஜா நன்றியுரை ஆற்றினார்.

அழகு ஆரம் - 2019



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக கலைமன்றத்தின் (Cultural Club) சார்பில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக இணைப்புக் கல்லூரிகளுக்கிடையேயான மாணவர்களின் கலைத்திறன்களை வெளிகொணர்தலுக்கான இரண்டு நாள் போட்டிகளின் (அழகு ஆரம் 2019)

- என்பதின் தொடக்க விழா இன்று 02.02.2019 பல்கலைக்கழக வெ.சித.வெ.பழனியப்பா செட்டியார் நினைவு கலையரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரர். நா.இராஜேந்திரன் இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு தலைமையேற்று உரை நிகழ்த்தினார். அவர் தம் உரையில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் எந்தவொரு விழா துவக்கத்திலும் கடவுள் வாழ்த்து, வள்ளல் வாழ்த்து மற்றும் முடிவில் தேசிய கீதம் ஆகியவை ஒலி நாடா மூலமே ஒலிக்கச் செய்யப்பட்டது. ஆனால் தற்போது மாணவர்களின் கலைத் திறன்களை ஊக்கப்படுத்தும் வகையில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் மாணவர்களாலேயே அப்பாடல்களை பாடுவதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டு வழக்கப்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது எனத் தெரிவித்தார். எந்தவொரு கலையாக இருந்தாலும் முழுஈடுபாட்டுடன் கற்கும் போது நிச்சயம் அவற்றை எளிதில் கற்றுக்கொண்டு அத்துறையில் முன்னேற முடியும். கலை என்பது பன்முகத் தன்மை கொண்டது. கலை சார்ந்த நுணுக்கங்களை நன்கு தெரிந்து வைத்திருப்பதோடு அதோடு தொடர்புடைய பிற கலைகளையும் கற்றுத் தேர்ந்தால் மட்டுமே அத்துறையில் நிலையான இடத்தை பிடித்து சாதிக்க முடியும் என்றார். தற்போது எல்லா கலைகளும் மாறி வருகின்ற சூழல் உருவாகி உள்ளது. இதனை இளைஞர்கள் நன்கு தெரிந்து கொண்டு அதற்குகேற்ப தங்களை தயார்படுத்திக் கொள்ள வேண்டும், மாணவர்கள் தங்களுடைய திறமைகளை வெளிப்படுத்துவதற்கு கல்லூரிகளும் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களும் அவர்களுக்கு வாய்ப்புகளை ஏற்படுத்தி தர வேண்டும். அப்போது தான் மாணவர்களிடம் பொதிந்து கிடக்கும் தனித்திறமைகளை வெளிக்கொணர முடியும் என்றும் தெரிவித்தார்.

சின்னத்திரை புகழ் கிராமிய கலைஞர் முனைவர் திருப்பத்தூரான் எஸ்.சேவியர் இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில் எந்தவொரு செயலை செய்தாலும் உடனே தீர்வு கிடைக்கக்கூடிய காலத்தில் இருக்கின்றோம். எந்தவொரு செயல்பாட்டிலும் அது கலையாக இருந்தாலும் படிப்பாக இருந்தாலும் முழுஈடுபாட்டுடன் செயல்படும் பொழுது அது நிச்சயம் முன்னேற்றத்திற்கு கொண்டு செல்லும் என்றார். நாட்டுப்புற பாடல்களில்; மனித வாழ்க்கையானது 8 நிலைகளாக குறிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ளது. அவையாவன

தாலாட்டு, விளையாட்டு, வீரம், காதல், திருமணம், மக்கள்பேறு, உழவும் தொழிலும், ஒப்பாரி ஆகியன. வெளிநாட்டு மோகத்தால் நமது கலாச்சாரமும் பண்பாடும் மனிதநேயமும் அழிந்து கொண்டே வரும் வேளையில் இது போன்ற கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நமது பாரம்பரிய கலாச்சாரத்தையும் பண்பாட்டையும் காப்பதற்கு துணைபுரிவதோடு மாணவர்களிடையே மனித நேயத்தையும் மத நல்லிணக்கத்தையும் கொண்டு வருவதற்கு இந்நிகழ்ச்சி மிகவும் துணைபுரியும் என்றார். அவர் மேலும் நாட்டுப்புறப் பாடல்களை உணர்வுப்பூர்வமாக பாடி மாணவர்களிடையே உற்சாகத்தை ஏற்படுத்தினார்.

புதுச்சேரி பல்கலைக்கழகத்தைச் சேர்ந்த நிகழ்த்துக் கலைத் துறையைச் சேர்ந்தவரும் சின்னத்திரைக் கலைஞருமான முனைவர் எம்.சுப்பையா இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் முக்கிய உரை ஆற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில் கலை என்பது ஒரு பக்கம் பொழுதுபோக்கு நிகழ்வாகவும் அதே நேரத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சியை ஏற்படுத்தி உள்ளத்தை ஊக்கப்படுத்துவதாகவும் அமைகிறது. மேலும் கலை என்பது அனைவரையும் ஒருங்கிணைப்பது. ஒரு தேசத்தை காப்பாற்ற வேண்டுமானால் அந்நாட்டின் மொழியையும் கலையையும் பாதுகாப்பது அவசியம் என்றார். நமது பாரம்பரியத்தையும் கலாச்சாரத்தையும் பறைசாற்றும் கலைகளை பாதுகாப்பதில் மாணவர்களின் பங்கு மிகவும் முக்கியமானது. “நமது பாரம்பரியங்களை மீட்டெடுப்போம், கலைகளை பாதுகாப்போம், பண்பாட்டை காப்பாற்றுவோம்” என்ற உறுதிமொழியை இந்த தருணத்தில் மாணவர்களாகிய நீங்கள் எடுக்க வேண்டும் எனக் கேட்டுக்கொண்டார். ஒருபோதும் நம்பிக்கையை இழந்துவிடாதீர்கள், நம்பிக்கையே வெற்றிக்கு வழிகாட்டி என மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிவுரை கூறினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்கள் நல முதன்மையர் முனைவர் வே.பழனிச்சாமி மற்றும் கல்வியியல் புல முதன்மையர் பூ. தர்மலிங்கம் ஆகியோர் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்கள்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தைச் சேர்ந்த 19 இணைப்பு கல்லூரிகளிலிருந்து 147 குழுக்கள் இந்த இரண்டு நாள் கலைப்போட்டிகளில் பங்கேற்கின்றன. இவற்றில் இந்திய மெல்லிசைப் பாடல்கள், நாடகம், வண்ண வண்ண ஓவியம், மருதாணி ஓவியம், இந்திய குழ்ப் பாடல்கள், துணுக்கு ஓவியம், கிராமிய குழு இசை, இந்திய பாரம்பரிய நடனம், மௌன நாடகம், உரை வீச்சு, வண்ணக் கோலங்கள், தமிழ்நாட்டார்

பழங்குடி நடனம் என 13 விதமான போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன.

கலைமன்றத்தின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் எம்.ஜோதிபாசு வரவேற்புரை ஆற்றினார். துணை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் பி.ஈஸ்வரன் நன்றி கூறினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துறைகள் மற்றும் அதன் இணைப்புக் கல்லூரிகளைச் சேர்ந்த பேராசிரியர்கள், மாணவ மாணவிகள் என 700க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் பங்கேற்றனர்.

2019-ஆம் ஆண்டிற்கான தேசிய இளையோர் பாராளுமன்றம்



2019-ஆம் ஆண்டிற்கான தேசிய இளையோர் பாராளுமன்றம், கடந்த பிப்ரவரி மாதம் 26 மற்றும் 27-ஆம் தேதிகளில் புதுடெல்லியிலுள்ள டாக்டர். அம்பேத்கர் சர்வதேச மையத்திலும், விக்யான் பவனிலும் நடைபெற்றது.

இதற்கான தேர்வு நிகழ்ச்சிகள் மாவட்ட அளவிலும், மாநில அளவிலும் நடைபெற்றது அதன் தொடர்ச்சியாக தேர்வு பெற்றவர்கள் மேற்கண்ட தேதிகளில் தேசிய அளவிலான இளையோர் பாராளுமன்ற நிகழ்ச்சியில் பங்குபெற்றனர்.

இதில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நானோ அறிவியல் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்பத் துறையைச் சேர்ந்த மு.விக்னேஷ் என்ற மாணவர் மட்டுமே தமிழ்நாட்டின் சார்பாக சென்று, தேசிய இளையோர் பாராளுமன்ற நிகழ்வில் தமிழில் உரையாற்றி அனைவரது கவனத்தையும் ஈர்த்தார். தேசிய அளவில் பங்குபெற்றமைக்காக மத்திய இளைஞர் நலன் மற்றும் விளையாட்டுத்துறை அமைச்சர் மாண்புமிகு. ராஜ்யவர்தன் சிங் ரத்தோர் அவர்கள், மாணவர் மு.விக்னேஷ்-க்கு ரூ.15,000 த்திற்கான காசோலையும், சான்றிதழும் வழங்கினார்.

மாவட்ட, மாநில மற்றும் தேசிய அளவிலான இளையோர் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கு மாணவர்களை தயார்படுத்தியும், அவர்களுக்கான அனைத்து ஏற்பாடுகளையும் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நாட்டு நலப்பணித் திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் பேரா. சீனிவாசன் செய்திருந்தார்.

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- 11.B.Com*
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LIBRARY SCIENCE (1 years)

15. Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.Lib.I.Sc.)

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- 52.M.B.A. (Corporate Management)
- 53.M.B.A. (Financial Management)
- 54.M.B.A. (Marketing Management) *
- 55.M.B.A. (System Management)
- 56.M.B.A. (Production and Operations Management)
- 57.M.B.A. (Co-operative Management)

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- 26.M.Sc. (Mathematics)
- 27.M.Sc. (Computer Science)
- 28.M.Sc. (Information Technology)
- 29.Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
- 30.M.Sc. (Chemistry)
- 31.M.Sc. (Physics)
- 32.M.Sc. (Botany)
- 33.M.Sc. (Zoology)
- 34.M.Sc. (Psychology)
- 35.M.Sc. (Microbiology)
- 36.M.Sc. (Home Science – Nutrition and Dietetics)

LIBRARY SCIENCE (1 years)

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