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From the Vice-Chancellor

Dear Readers,

I feel immensely delightful to communicate with you all through this Azhagu Newsletter.

This issue of the newsletter presents a reportage of the occurrences of academic, research and social significance that unfolded at the University during this spell from April to June 2024.

The month of April 2024 witnessed the resplendent commemoration of the 115th Birth Anniversary of our founder Vallal Alagappan who made a revolution in the landscape of education by lighting up lamp of knowledge in the lives of lakhs and lakhs of students. I had the privilege of leading a rally of faculty, administrative staff and students from the University Administrative Block to the memorial of Vallal Alagappan that was taken out in honor of our great founder. All of us remembered his sacrifices with gratitude and paid rich tribute to him.

All the departments conducted Alumni Meet for which there was an overwhelming response from the Alumni. It provided a platform for Alumni to share their experiences, insights and to celebrate their successes and achievements. They also provided guidance for the current students with regard to placements and internships.

The University observed numerous UN-declared international days such as Yoga Day, World Music Day, Blood Donation Day and Environment Day. Besides, the University hosted national level Para Wheel Chair Cricket Tournament which manifests the institutions concern and responsibility towards the differently abled students.

As an environment-friendly measure, the Institution has set up several gardens including the recent Alagappan Alumni Eco Park.

I hope these news items would be interesting.

Prof. G. RAVI
Vice-Chancellor

GRAND FESTIVITIES MARK THE 115TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF VALLAL ALAGAPPAR

Come month of April, the Alagappa University community at Karaikudi gears itself to offer deeply-felt gratitude to the Founder of Alagappa Educational Institutions VallalAlagappan. Paying obeisance to his noble life and rich and selfless contributions to the field of education is a part of life in this region of Tamil Nadu. Every year VallalAlagappan's Birth Anniversary is celebrated with festivities in the institutions established by him.

Free Medical Camp Organised

The event began a day earlier on the 5th April 2024 with a Free Medical Camp that was organised at the Alagappa University Health Care Centre in collaboration with the Apollo Reach Hospital, Karaikudi, the Centre for Yoga Education, Youth Red Cross, National Cadet Corps and National Service Scheme of Alagappa University. The beneficiaries of the camp were the staff of the University and their family members.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor who inaugurated the camp, stressed the importance of the health of the University staff for the better functioning of the University and highlighted the significance of undergoing periodic medical check-up by the employees of the university for leading a healthy life which would contribute to the overall efficiency and better work performance of the employees.

Dr. Selvaraj Jayaseelan, General Physician, Dr. Harini, Gynaecologist, Dr. Chakkaravarthy, E.N.T Specialist and Mrs. Udaya, Dietician of the Apollo Reach Hospitals rendered their services at the camp. Tests taken at the camp included Height, Weight, BMI, Blood Sugar etc.



Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Member of the Syndicate and Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar of Alagappa University offered their felicitations. Earlier Dr. R. Aanandhi, Medical Officer, University Health Care Centre, welcomed the gathering and Prof. S. Saroja, Co-ordinator, Centre for Yoga Education, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. G. Vinayagamorthy, Co-ordinator, YRC and Prof. S. Srinivasan, Co-ordinator, NSS made arrangements for the Free Medical Camp.

Celebrations of the Birth Anniversary of Vallal Alagappan



On 6th April 2024, the 115th Birth Anniversary of VallalAlagappan was celebrated on a grand scale at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. The event started at 6.30 a.m. with a rally that started from the Bhavnagar Stadium and ended at Alagappan Memorial Temple. The rally was led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. The University Officials, Syndicate Members, Faculty Members,

Administrative Staff, Students and VIPs from Karaikudi town paid floral tributes to the portrait of VallalAlagappaar.



As a follow-up, the Birth Anniversary function was held at the L.C.T.LPalaniappa Chettiar Auditorium. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who presided over the event, said that Alagappaar established more than 10 educational institutions in a very short span of time. The credit for establishing these institutions and making Karaikudi into an educational hub goes to VallalAlagappaar. He said that whenever he goes to any foreign country for research purposes, he will talk at least for five minutes about the benefactions of Alagappaar and the institutions founded by him. After the programme, the researchers who participate in it would usually ask me to say more about the philanthropy of Alagappaar. He listed the details of the gifts Vallal had given to various educational institutions and social organizations and mentioned that today its value is more than fifty thousand crores of rupees. He added that Alagappaar's philanthropy as a single individual surpasses the donations given to the cause of education by any other philanthropist. The Vice-Chancellor concluded his speech by saying that all we have to do as a debt of gratitude to the Founder is to keep Alagappa University as an excellent Centre of Higher Education and for that the contributions of teachers and administrative staff are very necessary.

Kalaimamani Prof. G. Gnanasambandan delivered the Founder's Day Oration. In his scintillating speech, he mentioned that the glory and honour that Karaikudi has won, is entirely due to the educational institutions initiated by Alagappaar. The town has attained a place of pride in the annals of education. Referring to the importance of reading, he said only by constant reading can one realize one's ignorance. He said that when we realize this, we will read more books and acquire true knowledge. He said that if the life story of VallalAlagappaar is made into a film, then the world will surely marvel at a unique philanthropist like Alagappaar. He said there could be no other person than Alagappaar who had contributed all his earnings for social causes and human welfare. One should earn money like him and spend it for good deeds like him, especially for educational development. Alagappaar remembered and adored all those who had helped him when he was in need of some help.



Dr. Vairavan Ramanathan, the grandson of Alagappaar and Life Time Member of the Syndicate of Alagappa University, delivered a video presentation. In his speech, he mentioned the various gifts of his grandfather and said that the credit for making Karaikudi a well-known place on the world map belongs to VallalAlagappaar. He said that all the Faculty and Officers working in the University should realize their duty and strive for its further development and progress.



Former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. S. Subbiah offered felicitation. He said that younger generation should be made to learn about the invaluable services rendered by Alagappan to the society as today the attitude to help for the common good of people is on the decline in this era of materialism.

On behalf of the Faculty, Administrative Staff and Students Prof. A. Thirumalichamy, Mr. M. Balasubramanian and Nikaran, spoke respectively about the life and works of Alagappan.

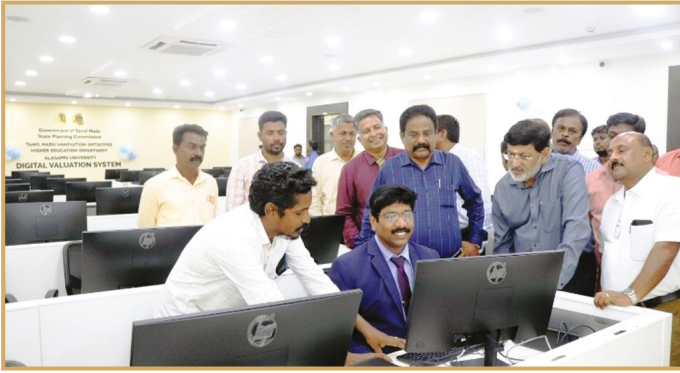


Syndicate Members Dr. R. Swaminathan, Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Prof. V. Palanisamy, Prof. S. Rajaram and Prof. C. Sekar, Principals of the Constituent Colleges, Directors, Heads of Departments, Administrative Staff, Students and VIPs of Karaikudi town participated in the event. The Vice-Chancellor felicitated the winners of various competitions conducted in connection with the celebrations. Earlier, Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan welcomed the gathering and Controller of Examinations Dr. M. Jothi Basu proposed a vote of thanks. Prof. Senthamizh Pavai compered the programme.

Inauguration of Digital Valuation System at the Office of the Controller of Examinations



Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi inaugurated the Digital Valuation System that has been newly established at the office of the Controller of Examinations on the afternoon of 6th April 2024. The manual valuation of answer scripts sometimes leads to several errors. Also, it takes more time for publishing the results. In order to rectify these disadvantages of manual valuation, a digital valuation system has been introduced. Since the Digital Valuation System (DVS) ensures fair evaluation of answer scripts and speedy publication of results, many Universities are making efforts to implement DVS on their campuses. Based on the previous experiences, Alagappa University submitted a proposal to Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiatives (TANII) of State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu, which funded Rs. 4.5 crore to Alagappa University to establish a Digital Valuation System at the Office of the Controller of Examinations. To implement the Digital Valuation System in the office of the COE, Two Digital Valuation Hubs with 150 computers and two servers are installed. In addition, one software development testing lab and a unique Digitalization Foundry have also been established with various robotic equipment. The Syndicate Members and the officers of the University graced the occasion by their presence.



Inauguration of "Azhagu Alumni Eco-Park"

An eco-park named "Azhagu Alumni Eco Park" established at a cost of Rs.1 crore by the Alumni Association of Alagappa University was declared open by Prof. Jegadeesan M Perumal, Former Vice-Chancellor of Bharathidasan University and a distinguished alumnus of Alagappa University in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Syndicate Members, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Heads of Departments and VIPs of Karaikudi town. This is the second park established by the Alumni Association of the University.



Delivering the inaugural address at the event, Prof. G. Ravi lauded the members of the Alumni Association for contributing a good amount for establishing an Eco-Park which is the real need of the hour. Prof. Jegadeesan M. Perumal, in his presidential address, referred to Alagappan's crucial role as a Chairman of a Committee constituted by the then Chief Minister Thiru K. Kamaraj's Ministry for giving free education to the high school students of Tamil Nadu. As a realization of the dreams of

VallalAlagappan, the University has thrown open this Eco-Park to the use of the public of Karaikudi. Prof. S. Subbiah, Former Vice-chancellor, Alagappa University, in his Felicitation Address, applauded the Alumni and the Administration for creating an Eco-Park with a sylvan ambience for the use of the general public. The Syndicate Members, the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations, Alumni, Staff Members, VIPs of Karaikudi Town and the general public attended the event. The Alumni members who were present on the occasion were honoured by the Vice-Chancellor.



Hospitality

The breakfast was provided to seven hundred participants and a common lunch was hosted to two thousand and five hundred general public of Karaikudi. Earlier in the morning, sweets were distributed to the people who participated in the rally and paid homage to VallalAlagappan.





NATIONAL-LEVEL PARA WHEEL CHAIR CRICKET TOURNAMENT HOSTED

The Para Sports Centre of Alagappa University, Karaikudi and the Amar Seva Sangh, a Disability Rehabilitation Centre, Ayikudi, Tenkasi District, jointly organised a One-Day Series National Level Para Wheel Chair Cricket (Men) Tournament from 18th to 21st May 2024 for "Amar Seva - Alagappar Trophy - 2024". The event was held at the Umayal Stadium of Alagappa University College of Physical Education, Karaikudi. The teams from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu participated in 7 matches under the league system.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor Alagappa University, Karaikudi, inaugurated the tournament in the presence of Thiru Ramesh Sartape, DCCBI, Mumbai, Thiru.S.Ramakrishnan, Founder President & Chairman, Amar Seva Sangh, Thiru.S.Sankararaman, Promoter, Co-Chairman & Secretary, Amar Seva Sangh, Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University and Dr.A.Muralirajan, Principal i/c, AUCPE. Prof.D.Rajalakshmi, Co-ordinator, Para Sports Centre and Dr.K.Sundar, Deputy Co-ordinator, Para Sports Centre co-ordinated the event.

In a brief speech at the inaugural function the Vice-Chancellor said that this tournament is bound to boost the morale of not only the participants in the tournament but also motivate other wheelchair users to practice and take part in sports events to realize their full potential in sports and games. It will develop their overall skills and promote inclusion in the society. The Vice-Chancellor added that from the academic year 2024-2025 the Para Sports Centre of Alagappa University will be offering a 2-year Diploma Programme in Para Sports Coaching for Persons with Disability.

Mr. S. Sankararaman, Vice-President and Secretary of Ayikudi Amar Seva Sangh, Tenkasi, delivering the special address, said that Amar Seva Sangh has been serving the differently abled people by taking many efforts to make available to them through technology various rehabilitation measures. He also mentioned that they have been serving nearly twenty thousand people every year. As sports is considered as an important part of life, Tamil Nadu Wheelchair Cricket Association, National Divyang Cricket Board and Alagappa University jointly organised the National Level Wheelchair Cricket Tournament.

Closing Ceremony of the tournament for "Amar Seva - Alagappar Cup-2024" was held on the evening of 21.05.2024.



7 league matches were played in which four teams from the states of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu participated. Based on the points scored in the league round, Maharashtra team won the first place, Madhya Pradesh team got the second place, Telangana and Tamil Nadu teams secured the same points and won the third place.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, Padmashri Mr. S. Ramakrishnan, President, and Mr. S. Sankararaman, Secretary, Amar Seva Sangh gave away the trophies. The team from Maharashtra was awarded Rs.50,000 by Amar Seva Sangh and the team from Madhya Pradesh was given Rs.30,000 as it secured the second place.

Yoga for Women Empowerment:

10TH INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The 10th International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21.06.2024 at Alagappa University on the theme of "Yoga for Women Empowerment". The objective of celebrating this Yoga Day is to focus on how yoga can improve the lives of everyone, offering benefits that extend far beyond physical fitness.



Presiding over the event, Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that the practice of yoga offers a multitude of physical benefits such as strength and flexibility, hormonal balance, pain relief and cardiovascular health. It is important to remember that India is the birthplace of Yoga. Our forefathers gifted us with this great culture, which has been handed down through generations and continues to thrive in our modern world. He added that Yoga is not just a set of exercises but it is a holistic approach to health and well-being that integrates the body, mind, and spirit. In this competitive world, everyone faces numerous health related issues. To overcome these problems, the daily practice of yoga would significantly pave the way to reduce the stress, pressure and anxiety, promoting a balanced state of mind. Yoga offers immense benefits for both physical and mental health contributing to overall wellness and vitality. Besides offering under graduate programme in Yoga, the Centre for Yoga Education instituted at Alagappa University, Karaikudi not only helps to promote Yoga culture among the students, faculty and administrative staff but also extends its services to the general public of Karaikudi region.



One of the remarkable aspects of Yoga is its inclusiveness. It is accessible to everyone regardless of age. From children to the elderly, everyone can experience the transformative effects of Yoga. It nurtures creative mind, fosters innovative thinking, and provides solutions for various ailments and diseases. Furthermore, Yoga presents an incredible opportunity for research and exploration. Interdisciplinary research by departments such as

Psychology and Education can delve deep into the scientific and therapeutic aspects of Yoga. By conducting comprehensive research, we can uncover deeper insights into its benefits and applications, enhancing our understanding and practices. "On this International Day of Yoga, let us pledge to incorporate Yoga into our daily lives and honour the legacy of our forefathers and embrace this valuable gift of health and harmony", he added.

The Vice-Chancellor, Syndicate Members, Officials, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff and Students in large numbers participated in the Mass Yoga Drill held in front of the administrative building of Alagappa University. The Vice-Chancellor distributed certificates to the students of Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Alagappa Govt. Arts. College, Centre for Yoga Education and Alagappa University College of Physical Education, for their participation in the Mass Yoga Drill.

Prof.K.Murali Rajan, Principal i/c, Alagappa University College of Physical Education, welcomed the gathering. Prof.S.Saroja, Co-ordinator, Centre for Yoga, proposed a vote of thanks.

UNIVERSITY-SOCIETY LINKAGE PROGRAMME

Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has been conducting a community outreach programme namely Village Extension Programme (VEP) since 2005 under University - Society Linkage Programme. This programme introduced at Alagappa University for the first time in the history of State Universities in Tamil Nadu aims to provide exposure to students about the issues confronting the Indian villages.



Under this programme, Alagappa University adopted 45 Villages in Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram Districts to execute the community outreach programmes effectively. For the academic year 2023-24, VEP was conducted from 27th to 29th October 2023 at the adopted villages. A total of 1474 students pursuing II year PG programmes at the University Departments stayed for three days at the adopted villages, wherein they studied the socio-economic conditions of people belonging to different communities, besides conducting various health and environment-related awareness and extension programmes. In addition, the students conducted special coaching classes and yoga classes for the govt. school students in the adopted villages.

Equipment and Books Presented to Rural Schools under RUSA 2.0 Scheme

Based on the request given by the school Head Masters, the Vice-Chancellor directed the VEP core team members to purchase the essential equipment and books and give them to the adopted schools. Accordingly, the needed items such as Water Purifiers, Smart TVs, Books, Chairs, Water Tanks, and Steel Almirahs were purchased at a total cost of Rs.6 lakhs with the financial support of RUSA 2.0 scheme. A special distribution function was arranged at the University on 26.04.24. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, distributed the said items to the school Head Masters concerned.

Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar and the RUSA Coordinator Dr.K.Balamurugan were present on the occasion. The core committer members of the Village Extension Programme Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Head, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Dr. M. Natarajan, Assistant Professor of English, and Dr. R. Suresh, Assistant Professor of Economics, made arrangements for the conduct of this event.

[Times Higher Education - Asia Rankings](#)

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY PLACED IN 251-300 RANKING BANDWIDTH

Alagappa University, Karaikudi, is placed in the 251-300 Ranking Bandwidth in Times Higher Education ASIA Rankings-2024. It was announced by the Times Higher Education (THE) on 01.05.2024. A total of 1127 Institutions from Asia have secured different positions in Times Higher Education ASIA Universities Rankings - 2024.

Alagappa University has secured the **32nd place** in the Overall Institutions ranked in India, the **6th Place** at the Tamil Nadu State level institutions and **3rd place** in Tamil Nadu Arts and Science Universities.

Under this THE world ranking, the performance of the participating institutions under five specific areas, viz. Teaching, Research, Citations, International Outlook and Industry Income, have been assessed and analyzed. However, the weightings are recalibrated to reflect the attributes of Asia's Institutions. "Carefully calibrated 18 performance indicators are used for providing the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons, trusted by Students, Academics, University Leaders, Industry and Governments", according to THE release.

Prof.J.Jeyakanthan, Director, Alagappa University Ranking Cell and his team members collected, analyzed and submitted the data to participate in THE World Rankings.

It may be mentioned here that Alagappa University has achieved several milestones. It has secured A+ status (CGPA: 3.64) in the 3rd cycle of NAAC assessment, secured the 30th position in NIRF 2023 Rankings, 601-800 ranking bandwidth in THE World University Rankings 2024, 101-150th position in THE-Young University Rankings 2023, 271-280 rankings bandwidth in QS Asia Rankings and 59th position in QS-Southern Asia Rankings and 32nd position in QS India Rankings.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, placed on record his appreciation to the Faculty Members, Research Scholars, PG Students, Administrative fraternity and all stakeholders for their continued commitment for the growth and development of the University.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Alagappa University hosted the Intercollegiate Cricket Tournament for the Staff from 22nd to 24th June 2024, at Alagappa University College of Physical Education.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, inaugurated the event on 22.06.24. This event saw the participation of 11 teams representing University and from its Affiliated Colleges. This knockout tournament concluded with Alagappa University clinching the winner's trophy. Syed Hameedha Arts And Science College emerged as the runner-up, while Sree Sevugan Annamalai College and Ramanad Government Arts College secured the third and fourth positions, respectively.



At the valedictory ceremony held on 24th evening, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presented the trophy to the winners and emphasized the significance of such tournaments in fostering collaboration among affiliated colleges and enhancing the physical fitness of staff members.

The chief guest Prof. M. Sundar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, congratulated all the participants and lauded Alagappa University's initiative in organizing the staff cricket tournament. Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University offered felicitation.

The successful organization of the tournament was due to the efforts of the Member of the Syndicate and coordinator of Alagappa University Cricket Team Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Dr. K. Muralirajan, Principal i/c of Alagappa University College of Physical Education, and Prof. S. Nagarajan, Director i/c of the Directorate of Physical Education.

At this event Indian Bank Manager, Alagappa College Campus Branch, Thiru. Atul Pandey, Sivagangai District Cricket Association Secretary Thiru. Sathish, BioMe Live Analytical Centre Managing Director Dr. S. Jagadeeswaran and University Faculty and Administrative Staff Members participated.

PAVER BLOCK MANUFACTURING PLANT ESTABLISHED AT THE UNIVERSITY



An innovative paver block manufacturing plant has been established near the Alagappara Alumni Park on the Campus with the financial aid of Rs.15 lakhs provided by the Tamil Nadu State Council of Higher Education, Chennai. The unit was declared open by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor on 24.06.2024. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said that 1500 paver blocks could be produced on a single day at the plant. Instead of using sand or m.sand, "glass sand" would be used as a major raw material for making strong paver blocks. He added that "glass sand" would be prepared by breaking and grinding waste broken glass bottles into fine sand-like material. Thus, by recycling glass bottles, carbon foot-print and environmental hazards could be reduced to a considerable extent. The manufactured paver blocks would be used for laying pathways and footpaths at the newly established AlagapparaAlumni Eco Park on the eastern side of the campus; and they would also be used in the playgrounds and also at other required places.

Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Prof. S. Rajaram, Prof. V. Palanisamy, Syndicate Members, Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examinations, Dr. C. Vethirajan, Finance Officer, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Head i/c of Botany Department and Dr. A. Arumugam, Professor and Project Investigator, were among those who participated in the event.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY PLACED IN 201-250 BANDWIDTH IN THE YOUNG UNIVERSITY RANKINGS - 2024

Alagappa University has been placed in the 201-250 bandwidth in the Young University category for the year 2024 in the assessment made by the Times Higher Education which was announced on 14.05.2024. 50 years or less than 50 years old educational institutes have been assessed in this category.

More than 1171 world-class young academic institutions have been ranked based on the data submitted in 2023. It is noteworthy that Alagappa University has been ranked in 201-250 bandwidth at the global level and it has secured the 15th rank among higher education institutions from India and the third place in Tamil Nadu Arts and Science Universities.

Times Higher Education has evaluated and ranked the performance of higher education institutions under five specific areas: teaching, research, knowledge transfer, international outlook and industry income.

Alagappa University Ranking Division Director Prof. J. Jeyakanthan and his team collected the data and analyzed and presented them.

WORLD BLOOD DONATION DAY

The World Blood Donation Day was observed on 14.06.2024 at the University. The NSS unit, the Tamil Nadu Police Department, Karaikudi town and the Global Mission Hospital, Karaikudi, jointly organised an awareness procession that started from Karaikudi Periyar Statue and ended at the New Bus Station. The processionists carried posters containing the slogan "Let's donate blood and save life". Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi and Mr.

Prakash Kumaresan, Deputy Superintendent of Police inaugurated the awareness rally.



Special guests spoke on the importance of donating blood. Prof. G. Ravi, while speaking, said that every drop of blood will help a lot in saving the life of a person who urgently needed it. Of all the donations the blood donation is the best donation, he averred. So, healthy persons should come forward to donate blood to save precious lives. He said that especially the youth should donate blood and make the society a humane society.

The participants flew red and white balloons to symbolically emphasize the significance of blood donation. The event was organised by Dr. P. Srinivasan, Coordinator, NSS Programme. The students from NSS units of Alagappa University, Alagappa Government Arts College, Vidya Giri College of Arts and Science, NachiappaSwamigal College of Arts and Science and Ananda College participated and donated blood.



Under the Green Campus Project 500 herbal plants were planted at the Azhagu Alumni Park. At this event, Syndicate Members Prof. S. Rajaram and Prof. V. Palanisamy, Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Controller of Examination Dr. M. Jothibas, Director of Centre for Distance and Online Education Prof. E. Kannapiran, NSS Coordinator Dr. P. Srinivasan, Alumni Park Coordinator Dr. A. Arumugam, Alagappa Government Arts College Assistant Professor Dr. S. Chitra and students of NSS units participated in the event.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATED



On 6th June 2024, the World Environment Day was celebrated on behalf of Alagappa University Community Radio. Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examination delivered the welcome speech. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who presided over the event, said that Alagappa University has taken up various initiatives related to ecology. He mentioned that used water is recycled and used in the gardens. He also said that the environment is being protected in the University campus through the utilisation of solar energy and battery cars. He further informed that there are 12 ecological parks in Alagappa University and recently an herbal garden has been set up. Dr.M.Manivannan, a Diabetologist of Sri Parvathi Nursing Home and a keen environmentalist, who had

given all help to establish a community garden at the location of Alagappa University Community Radio Station, was the guest of honour. He delivered a special speech at this event. He elaborated on the significance of creating environmental awareness among the common people.

Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, Prof. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE, Prof. Karupu Raja of Sethu Bhaskara College of Agriculture spoke at the event.

Earlier, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi planted a tree sapling in the newly established community garden. The Controller of Examination and other guests also planted tree saplings. Alagappa University Community Radio Director i/c Dr. S. Sumathi delivered the vote of thanks.

CELEBRATIONS OF JAMBU DWEEP PRAKADANAM DAY

The Jambu DweepPrakadanam Day was celebrated on 16th June 2024 at Alagappa University. This event was jointly organised by the Coordinators of Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat, NSS and NCC and it was celebrated at the Conference Hall of Science Campus in a grand manner. Registrar Prof. A. Senthilrajan, in his presidential address, recalled the dedication and the fighting spirit of Maruthu brothers during the freedom struggle and how they sacrificed their lives for our nation's freedom. Earlier Dr. P. Srinivasan, Coordinator, NSS, welcomed the gathering.



Dr. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the keynote address. He exhorted the students to read the history of freedom struggle and learn about the sacrifices of the freedom fighters especially the sons of the Sivagangai soil Maruthu brothers. He described the pains and strains experienced by them during the freedom struggle. Dr. C. Vairvasundaram, NCC officer, delivered the felicitation address. He narrated the brave deeds of Maruthu brothers during the freedom struggle and their sincere dedication, goal-oriented approach and innovative strategies. Dr. C. Vinayamoorthi, Coordinator for Swaach Bharat & Swasth Bharat proposed a vote of thanks. In addition to this, the Alagappa University Community Radio broadcast an interesting programme on the importance of Jambu DweepPrakadanam.



This event was also conducted in the following Alagappa University affiliated colleges such as Dr. Zakir Hussain College, Ananda College, NachiappaSwamigal Arts and Science College, Syed Hamida Arts and Science College and Syed Ammal Arts and Science College.

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

International Webinar on "Metonymic Names Are More Than Proper Names: Translate or Transliterate"

The Department of English and Foreign Languages organised an International Webinar on

"Metonymic Names Are More Than Proper Names: Translate or Transliterate" on May 17, 2024. Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the participants and introduced the Guest of Honour, Dr. Raja Lahiani, Associate Professor, Dept. of Languages and Literature, University of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). While delivering a special discourse, the distinguished guest speaker stated that translation is a tool for taking the literary resources of different languages to non-native speakers. Many states in India are home to speakers of various languages. She added that translations contribute to national integration by fostering goodwill among the states. The art of translation makes it possible for a country's literary resources to travel to other countries. Western literature has come to the East through translations. Education has benefited the world and society to a very great extent and translation has, indeed, a great role in it. In European countries, scholars translate and read Asian Literature. Dr. Raja Lahiani concluded her lecture by highlighting the significance, relevance and utility of the translation sector that bridges the gap between nations and promotes unity. If the translation field has not developed to this extent, the culture and traditions of other countries would have remained unknown to the people. Governments in the world should take steps not only to preserve their country's ancient literary wealth, but also translate the great works of art into other languages to spread knowledge among the global population

Dr. V. Nagarajan, Principal, Govt. Arts and Science College, Eriyur, Dharmapuri District, offered felicitations. The faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students from the Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, Alagappa Govt. Arts College, Karaikudi, Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College for Women,

Karaikudi; Dr. Zakir Husain College of Arts and Science, Ilayangudi and Sri NachiappaSwamigal College of Arts and Science, Koviloor, participated in the Webinar and interacted with the resource person. At the end of the session Dr. M. Natarajan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

World Music Day Celebrated

The World Music Day function was held online (Google Meet) on 21.06.2024. The Head of Department of Fine Arts Prof. S. Senthamizhpavai presented the welcome address. Presiding over the function, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi highlighted the significance of the World Music Day celebrated with joy all over the world. Of the three broad divisions of the Tamil language (Iyal, Isai and Nadagam), "Isai" or musical Tamil is rightly at the centre of the three divisions of Tamil, which is really central to the language. It is said that music came before language and language came from music. Music brings joy to everyone regardless of age and education. Music is intrinsically and inseparably related to the whole of human life. It begins at the beginning of life. Mother's lullaby (Thallattu) is the first sweet melody heard by a baby; and music's legacy is one of continuation till a person breathes his last. The last journey of a person is also marked by elegy (oppari). He also pointed out that all musical notes are found in ancient Tamil texts such as *Tolkappiyam*, *Silapathikaram* and the Sangham poetry. The works of Karaikal Ammaiyar, Gnana Sampandar, Thirunavukarasar, Sundaramurthy Nayanar, Manikavasakar stand testimony to this. He also referred to the special features of music found in Vaishnavite literature. Poets like Nammazhvar, Thirumangaiyazhvar and Tiruppanzhvar have sung songs of great rhythmic

beauty; and these songs are rightly called pann (music). He made a reference to the unstinted support extended by Rajaraja Cholan and Muthugulothungacholan for the development of Tamil Music. An interruption to the development of Tamil music happened due to the invasion of foreigners. SirkazhiMuthuthandavar, Arunachala Kavirayar and Marimuthapillai endeavoured to retrieve the glory of Tamil Music by their dedication to the art. He added that Gopalakrishna Bharathiar and others dedicated their life to Tamil music during the earlier part of 20th century.

The renowned musician Padmashri Kalaimamani Dr.Sirkazhi G. Sivachidambaram was the special guest at the event. He delivered a scintillating speech on the topic "Isaiyallsaivom" (Creation of Unity through Musicality). Tracing the history of Tamil Music, he referred to the genius of the Tamil Language and said that the very utterance of many words in Tamil created a sort of music. He said that Rajaraja Cholan and the first Kulothunga Cholan encouraged the musicians to sing songs with absolute adherence to the Tamil Music Tradition. He made a reference to the patronage extended by Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and VallalAlagappan for safeguarding the glory of Tamil Music in the earlier part of the 20th century. They helped in the efforts to rescue the Tamil Music at a time when it was in disfavour on account of its absolute neglect. Highlighting the significance of music in an individual's life, he said that it alone can give him or her absolute peace, contentment and unalloyed happiness. Musicians all over the world are revered and adored as they are the ambassadors of joy and ecstasy to the humanity at large. He concluded his speech by stating that divine music could help mentally challenged or disturbed children to recover to some extent from their disability. Dr. M. Tamilarasan, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

Parent-Teacher Meet



The Department of Women's Studies organised the Parent-Teacher Meet on 26.03.2024. Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address and insisted on the importance of conducting the Parent-Teacher Meet every year. She mentioned the important role of parents and teachers in children's personality development. Parents expressed their views and gave feedback about their sons and daughters, department and programmes; and students shared their field work experience. More than 35 parents participated in the Meet.

Alumni Meet - 2024

The Department of Women's Studies organised the "Alumni Meet 2024" on 28.03.2024 through online mode. The main objective of this meet was to reconnect with the Alumni and celebrate their successes and various achievements. The Alumni Meet started with a welcome address by Prof. K. Manimekalai. The alumni recollected their study days in the department and interacted with the staff members and also with their friends. They also discussed various initiatives that could promote for the development of Women's Studies Department. 30 alumni actively participated and expressed their

gratitude for the faculty members for their guidance and support during their study days. At the end of the meeting, Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, delivered the vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

National Voters Day Awareness Programme

The National Voters Day Awareness Programme was jointly organised by the Department of Social Work and the NSS unit of Alagappa University. It aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voting and to encourage voter-participation among the student community. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Associate Professor and Head i/c, Department of Social Work, in his welcome address, emphasized the importance of utilising the voting power we enjoy today which was once not given to everyone. Prof. P. Srinivasan, Coordinator NSS, Alagappa University, highlighted the significance of exercising voting rights and participating in the electoral process, and the role of youth in shaping the nation's future through active involvement in this process. Prof. M. Vasimalairaja, Professor of Education (CDOE), discussed the role of social work students in spreading awareness among the general public on voting rights. Dr. N. Johnson, Assistant Professor, Department of Lifelong Learning, referred to the significance of students' role as responsible citizens in making the democratic process strong through voting. The programme proved to be a successful endeavour instilling a sense of responsibility among the students to advocate for voter awareness within their communities and to promote voter education initiatives among the general public.

Discussion on Notable Literary Works

Book Talk Programme-20 Conducted



The Book Talk Programme held at the Department of Social Work on 3.4.2024 featured insightful discussions on notable literary works and student presentations on contemporary social issues. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, in his keynote address, referred to the success of the Book Talk Programme and said that it provided a platform for the students to develop a keen interest in reading books. Dr. KR. Murugan, Associate Professor, Department of Tamil at Sri Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai, introduced the book "KanneerKobangal" to the students, enriching their understanding of Tamil literature. In addition to these enlightening discussions, students of the Department of Social Work presented papers on various pertinent topics. The paper on "Implications of Artificial Intelligence" was very informative. The paper on "The History of Bonded Labourers" offered insights into their plight and struggles and the paper on "Farmers' Strike" analyzed the socio-economic impact and implications of the strike. The paper on the pressing issue of "Climate Change" highlighted its far-reaching consequences and the urgent need for action. The Book Talk Programme served as a forum for intellectual exchange and critical engagement,

fostering a deeper understanding of literature and contemporary social issues among the students and the faculty alike.

Alumni Meet & Parent-Teacher Meet

The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University conducted an alumni meet on 22nd March 2024.



The Parent-Teacher Meeting was organised at the Department on March 23, 2024 and it served as a crucial platform for fostering collaboration and communication between educators and parents.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Awareness Programme on Electoral Literacy



The Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, jointly organised an Awareness Programme on Electoral Literacy on 15th April 2024 on the eve of

Parliamentary Elections 2024. Every year the National Voters' Day is celebrated across the country to mark the foundation day of Election Commission of India on 25th January 1950. The main aim of the programme is to encourage, facilitate and maximize the enrolment of new voters.

In his welcome address, Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts explained that electoral literacy is not merely about understanding how to cast a vote; and in fact, it is about comprehending the entire electoral process, the authorities involved, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. It encompasses knowledge about electoral laws, rules, and regulations, and the ability to make informed decisions during elections, he added. In connection with the programme, he made the participants to take Voters' Pledge so as to make them uphold the dignity of free, fair and peaceful election without being influenced by the considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any other inducement.

Dr. N. Ramapiran Ranjith Singh, Principal, Government Law College, Karaikudi, delivered the special address at the programme. In his address, he narrated the greatness of the Indian Constitution. He pointed out that "voting is the fundamental duty of every individual and it holds the significance for the country's democracy". He traced the history of universal adult franchise and the nuances of electoral process in India. Further, he discussed the facts about the first general elections of India. He referred to the the major socio, economic and political issues that the nation is facing today and said that voters must have a clear idea and opinion to ensure a healthy democracy. Dr. K. Senthilkumar proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

Fruitful Parent-Teacher Meet Conducted



The Department conducted a parent-teacher meet on March 28, 2024, as the parents are the important stakeholders who are vital for achieving educational goals. A total of 35 parents and guardians of first- and second-year students turned out to express their thanks and gratitude to the University for serving the rural community. All the parents expressed their concerns about their children's future, food habits, and media consumption, notably cell phone utility.

Thiru. S. Arivudai Nambi, Senior Journalist and District Makkal TV Reporter, and Dr. S. Moorthy, Member of the Tamil Nadu Textbook Writing Committee and Former SSA State Officer, were invited as special guests to the meeting. All the Faculty Members and the parents of the students made fruitful interactions about the future of students.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Honours Won by Faculty Members

Dr.N.Anbazhagan, Professor & Head, received "Best Academician Award 2024" in the International Royal Golden Award Ceremony held at Eudoxia Research University, USA on 26th -27th April 2024. Dr.S.Amutha, Assistant Professor

working at the Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics, received "the Academic Excellence Award-2024" in the same International Royal Golden Award Ceremony.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY Visit to National Centre for Biological Sciences



Dr. K. Balamurugan, Sr. Professor and Head, Department of Biotechnology, visited C-CAMP INNOVATIONS at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) Bengaluru, with his research scholars on 14th June 2024. They also visited the proteomics and genomics lab facilities at NCBS.

Faculty Member Visits Atlanta USA to Present Poster



Dr. S. Gowrishankar of the Department of Biotechnology visited Atlanta, USA and presented his research work as poster under the title "Chitosan encapsulated bacteriophage cocktail: a promising strategy for managing gastrointestinal infections caused by *Klebsiella aerogenes*" in the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) MICROBE-2024 International Conference held from 13th - 17th June 2024. He was given the International Travel Award for his travel to Atlanta by Anusanthan National Research Foundation (ANRF) [formerly DST], SERB, Govt. of India, New Delhi through International Travel Scheme (ITS), which covers the Airfare and Visa charges.

Sharing Research Experience

Special Lecture by Eminent Scientist



Dr. B. Sundaravadivel, Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Hollings Cancer Centre, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston SC 29425, USA, delivered a talk on the topic "Yoga research, healthy living and clinical management of chronic illnesses" at the Department of Biotechnology on 20th May, 2024.

Invited Lecture Delivered by a Faculty Member

Prof. M. Ramesh delivered an Invited Talk on "In Vitro conservation and Enhancement of important phytochemicals in *Evalvulusalsinoides* through hiry roots and carbon dot elicitation" at the International Seminar on New Horizons in Plant Sciences (NHPS-

2024) organised by the Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Trivandrum on 29th May, 2024.

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT

MoU Signed between Alagappa University and Open University of Malaysia

On June 24, 2024, Alagappa University and the Open University of Malaysia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster academic and research collaborations. The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two institutions in areas such as faculty and student exchange programmes, joint research projects, and the development of innovative educational programmes.



The MoU was initiated by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. Prof. B. Vaseeharan, Dean-Research, Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. C. Sekar, Director, Centre for International Relations and Dr. Padmapriya, Special Officer (Planning and Development), Alagappa University, Dr. Ahmad Izanee Awang, Vice-Chancellor/President of Open University of Malaysia, Prof. Yon Rosli Daud, Vice-President, Mr. Mohamad Yazed Bahaman, Group Marketing Director of Open University of Malaysia, Mr. K. Kalaiarasan, Chairman of Future Dream Academy, Malaysia, Mr. Jai Nanak Singh, CEO of

Future Dream Academy, Malaysia were present at the signing ceremony.

This partnership is expected to open up new avenues for both universities, providing opportunities for students and faculty members to gain international exposure and participate in cross-border educational initiatives. The collaboration underscores Alagappa University's commitment to expanding its global reach and enhancing the quality of education through international partnerships.

This collaboration is anticipated to benefit a wide range of academic disciplines, encouraging a multidisciplinary approach to learning and research. By working together, both universities will aim to address global challenges and contribute to the advancement of knowledge and technology.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY Scholars Participate in "Taiwan Experience Education Programme" Internship

Ms. Shibashini, a Ph.D scholar pursuing research work under the guidance of Dr.T.Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University is participating in the Taiwan Experience Education Program (TEEP) Internship at Ming Chi University of Technology, Taishan, New Taipei City for a period of six months (from 15th March to 15th September 2024) under the mentorship of Prof. Mani Govindasamy, Professor, Innovative Technology of Biomedical Engineering and Medical Devices at the Ming Chi University of Technology.



Ms. Rajapriya Rajendran, a Ph.D scholar pursuing her research work under the guidance of Dr.V.Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University and Ms. D.Monica, a Ph.D scholar pursuing her research work under the supervision of Dr.T.Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University have also been selected for the Taiwan Education Experience Programme (TEEP) Internship. They will attend the programme for a period of six months from June 2024 to November 2024 under the mentorship of Prof. Douglas Shyu, Department of Biological Science and Technology, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Pingtung, Taiwan and Prof. Ru-Chu shih, Dean and Professor, Office of International Affairs, NPUST.



Alumni Meet and Parent-Teacher Meet



To make parents aware of the performance of their wards and to get information from alumni about the career/research prospects available for Microbiology students, a Parent-Teacher cum Alumni Meeting (PTAM) was conducted by the Department of Microbiology on 28th March 2024.

Dr. T. Sathiamoorthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, delivered the welcome address. Dr. T. Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, who presided over the event, referred to the achievements of alumni in different spheres of life, and thanked the parents and the alumni for spending their valuable time providing suggestions for the improvement of the department.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Parent-Teacher Meet



The Department organised a parent-teacher meet on 28th March 2024. Dr. P. Rameshthangam highlighted the importance of the Parent - Teacher Meet. Dr. P. Prabhakaran and Ms. R. Ramya, Adjunct Faculty, participated in the event. Parents shared their thoughts freely during the programme. Feedback forms were provided to parents to get their thoughts on the academic activities, the functioning of the department and the performance of their wards.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MATHXPLORE Event Organised

On the 16th of April, 2024, the Mathematics Club at Alagappa University College of Education hosted a vibrant and engaging event titled MATHXPLORE. The event aimed at celebrating the beauty and significance of mathematics for fostering a deeper appreciation and love for the subject among the students and the faculty alike. Mr. A. Sridhar, President of the Mathematics Club, welcomed the participants. Prof. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, who offered felicitation, emphasized the intrinsic role of mathematics in various fields and encouraged students to pursue mathematical studies with passion, seriousness and curiosity. Dr. S. Amudha, Assistant Professor at the Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics, presided over the event. She spoke about the importance of mathematical education and research. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. M. Priya, Secretary of the Mathematics Club. The Mathematics Club events were organised by Dr. A. Pio Albina, Math Club Co-ordinator. The event was marked by lively interactions and a shared love for the subject. The three competitions such as Rangoli, Mehendi and Poster Making on topics related to Mathematics were organised and prizes were distributed to the winners of the competitions.

74th Annual Day Celebrated



The Alagappa University College of Education conducted the 74th Annual day celebrations on 25.04.2024. Prof.P.Sivakumar, Principal i/c, welcomed the gathering. Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, offered felicitation. Prof.V.Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, was the chief guest. The 74th Annual Report of the College was presented by Dr.M.Suganthi, Assistant Professor, AUCE. The Vice-Chancellor referred to the vibrant environment prevailing in the AUCE campus for study and contemplation and appreciated its service-oriented responsibilities carried out in a conducive atmosphere by the staff and students of the college for helping the society. He greeted the young student-teachers and the staff members for their active participation in various events. The Annual Day competitions such as Rangoli, Elocution, Drawing, Poetry Recitation, Mehendi and Essay-writing were conducted from 20.04.2024 to 24.04.2024 and prizes for winners of the events were distributed at the Annual Day Function. Dr. R. Portia, Assistant Professor, AUCE proposed a vote of thanks.

Annual Sports Meet - 2023 - 2024



The Annual Sports Meet was organised by Alagappa University College of Education on 23.04.2024. Prof. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE, in his welcome address, highlighted the significance of Sports Meet and its aims.

The student-teachers of the college were divided into teams of various houses. The teams designed their flags, and participated in the march past. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor declared the sports day open and delivered the inaugural address.

Students gave a variety of performances like yoga, aerobics, dumbbells and lezium with great energy and enthusiasm. Track events were conducted for the students and prizes were distributed by Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University. The vote of thanks was proposed by the coordinator of this event Dr. A Rube Jesintha, Assistant Professor of Physical Education.

Cook Without Fire Competition - Entrepreneurship Orientation

On 18.04.2024, "Cook without fire" competition was held in AUCE campus to promote the entrepreneurial skills among the student-teachers by EIR Project. Hundred participants were split into 10 groups. Prof.P.Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE, inaugurated the event and encouraged the participants. Dr.SP.Shanthi, Assistant Professor of English, drew the lots and the participants were asked to choose them. Different dishes were prepared quickly and were presented neatly by the participants. The faculty members of the AUCE were the judges for this delicious competition. Dr.M.Parimala Fathima was the organizer of this programme.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Parent-Teacher Association Meeting



On 04.04.2024, the PTA meeting for the Department of Education was convened. Dr.G.Kalaiyaran, Sr.Prof. & Head, Department of Education welcomed the Parent-Teacher Association members. All the faculty members and parents of students attended the meeting in which parents expressed their satisfaction about the functioning of the department. Some parents appreciated the faculty members for their approach towards their sons/daughters. The Coordinator of the Parent-Teacher Association, Dr.K.Govindarajan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

Skill Development Training Programme Conducted



The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, Alagappa University, in collaboration with Vision Empower, a Bangalore based institute, conducted a skill development training programme for students studying at the Department of Special Education on 22.4.2024. The event was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi.

The main event of the programme was the signing of an MoU between VisionEmpower Institute and Alagappa University. The agreement envisages to provide useful services to the differently-abled people. Imparting of training for special education students and providing of necessary assistive equipment to the visually impaired students living in Karaikudi and its surrounding areas are the key areas of collaboration. Besides, on behalf of Alagappa University, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi and on behalf of Vision Empower Institute, its Manager Ms. Rajeswari, South Regional Manager, signed the MoU. The Head of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science of Alagappa University Dr. J. Sujatha Malini was present on the occasion.

In this event 80 students of Special Education Department received certificates of appreciation. Earlier, Dr. J. Sujatha Malini delivered the welcome address. Speaking on the occasion Ms. Rajeswari of Vision Empower Institute highlighted the functions of Vision Empower Institute. The services rendered to the students with visual impairment were elaborated by the speaker to the participants; and the use of assistive and adaptive devices and materials was shown to the students. The training programme aimed at developing special teachers' competencies to handle students with visual impairment. Dr.K.Gunasekaran, Member of the Syndicate & Assistant Professor, DSERS, Alagappa University, delivered the felicitation address. Mr.K. Sheik Ahamed Imthiyas, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

Parent-Teacher Meet & Alumni Meet



The Department organised a Parent-Teacher Meet and an Alumni Meet on March 23, 2024, with a blend of online and offline participation. Led by Dr. J. Sujathamalini, the parent-teacher meet in the morning served as a vital platform for open dialogue and collaboration between parents and the teaching staff. Through online and offline parents had the opportunity to speak directly with faculty members, sharing insights, concerns, and feedback regarding their wards educational progress. The interactive session fostered a supportive and inclusive environment, allowing parents to voice their perspectives while also enabling educators to provide valuable guidance and support. The alumni attended the meeting through offline and online mode. They shared their innovative ideas and work experiences. They were also happy to know about the department's progress.

Vibrant Heritage and Intellectual Landscape

Visit to Institutions in Kolkata



From March 26 to April 5, 2024, the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science organised a visit to Kolkata, immersing participants in a rich tapestry of cultural experiences and educational insights. Throughout the visit, the attendees had the opportunity to explore a diverse array of cultural places and institutions that encapsulate Kolkata's vibrant heritage and intellectual landscape. The itinerary encompassed visits to iconic landmarks such as the Victoria

Memorial, an architectural marvel steeped in colonial history, and the majestic Howrah Bridge, an emblematic symbol of Kolkata's bustling cityscape. Students delved into the city's cultural heritage by exploring the historic streets of North Kolkata, dotted with centuries-old mansions and vibrant marketplaces. The participants visited renowned educational and cultural institutions in Kolkata, fostering intellectual exchange and mutual learning. Visits to prestigious universities, museums, and centres provided participants with valuable insights into Kolkata's academic and artistic pursuits.

International Conference on Inclusive Pedagogy for Equitable and Quality Education

The International Conference on "Inclusive Pedagogy for Equitable and Quality Education" was conducted by the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, Alagappa University in collaboration with the Department of Disability Studies, Rabindra Bharati University in hybrid mode on 1st April 2024. The conference, held at Kabi Janani Sarada Sabha Kaksha, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, West Bengal, brought together learned scholars, researchers, and practitioners to discuss and exchange insights on inclusive education practices. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Yadav, Head of the Department, Rabindra Bharati University delivered the welcome address and Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Head of the Department, Alagappa University, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of inclusive pedagogy in ensuring equitable and quality education for children with special needs. Dr. Taposh Kumar Biswas of the University of Dhaka, Dr. Kannamah Mottan of SEGI University, Malaysia, and Dr. S. Rajaguru, ICSSR Senior Research Fellow at Alagappa University, spoke at the conference

presenting new insights. 45 papers were presented in the parallel sessions through offline and online modes. Additionally, the cultural programmes performed by students of both universities showcased the diversity and inclusivity. The conference concluded with a valediction ceremony. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Swati Ghosh, Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Rabindra Bharati University. Dr. J. Sujathamalini of Alagappa University proposed a vote of thanks and honoured all the faculties of the Department of Disability Studies, Rabindra Bharati University for their involvement in conducting this conference.

Capacity Building Programme

Capacity Building Programme for Pre-Service Teachers was organised in the department on 8.4.2024. Dr. V.A. Anand Assistant Professor, Department of Logistics Management, gave a special talk on enhancing the skills and knowledge of the students.

9th Annual Day Celebrations



The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science celebrated its 9th Annual Day on 16th April 2024. A vibrant and spectacular event was arranged to showcase the talents, achievements, and creativity of students. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Mr. G. Ravichandran, President of the Student Council, DSERS gave the welcome address. The programme was made colourful with a cultural extravaganza featuring music and dance by the young performers.

Prof. J.Sujathamalini, Head of the Department, presented the annual report of the department. Dr.K.Gunasekaran, Member of Syndicate, Dr.S.Rajaguru, ICSSR Senior Research Fellow, gave prizes and certificates to the students and winners of various competitions organised by the department. The magazine "Vallal in Kalvisolai" was officially launched by Vice-chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Praveena V.S, Vice-President of the Student Council.

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Voters' Awareness Programme

Competitions Conducted for NSS Volunteers



The NSS Unit of Alagappa University conducted voter awareness competitions like Elocution and Essay-Writing for the NSS volunteers on 4th April 2024. The students enthusiastically participated in the competitions. Their performance was evaluated by Dr.S.Moorthy, Former, SSA State officer, Dr.M.Neethi Perumal, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning, Mr.Shiju Nathaniel Mathew, Secretarial Assistant at the Department. Prof.P.Srinivasan, NSS Coordinator, and Dr. N. Johnson, NSS Programme Officer and Head i/c of the Department distributed the certificates to the winners of the competitions.

Alumni Meet and Parent - Teacher Meet Conducted



The Department conducted the Alumni Meet on 08-04-2024. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, welcomed the gathering. In his welcome address, he spoke about the proud alumni and requested them to continue their significant relationship with the department. The notable Alumni shared their experiences about the utility of the course.

The Department also conducted the Parent-Teacher Meet on the same day. The Head i/c of the department welcomed the participants and presided over the function. He referred to the progress made by each and every student to their parents. One of the parents shared his son's experience and said he could gain rich experience through the rich curriculum offered in the department and appreciated the legacy of the department and earnestness of the Faculty of the department. Dr. M. Neethi Perumal, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

Board of Studies Conducted to Frame and Review

Syllabus of M.A Human Resource Development Programme



The Department of Lifelong Learning conducted an Adhoc Board of Studies for the programme M.A Human Resource Development on 18-04-2024. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, acted as a Chairperson of the Board of Studies. Dr.T.Kumuthavalli, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning and Dr.R.Venkataravi, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, Dr.M.Ugin Rositta, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Adult & Continuing Education, University of Madras acted as subject experts. Dr.N.Arunachalam, Professor & Head i/c, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication and Prof.G.Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education & Dr.V.Sivakumar, Director, Curriculum Design & Development Cell, attended as experts at the BOS. The members thoroughly scrutinized the syllabus and made suggestions for fine tuning it and also gave feedback regarding the design of the syllabus to meet global standards.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Election Awareness Programme Organised



Alagappa Institute of Management in association with Arovana Integrated Brand Solutions Pvt. Ltd. organised an Election Awareness Programme titled "Honorable Candidate" as per the

Government guidelines. The inaugural of this event was held on 15.04.2024 at the L. CT. L. Palaniappa Chettiar Auditorium.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the event and delivered a speech. He said that our country is a great democracy and a country with a large number of youths. He urged the students to participate enthusiastically in the voting event to be conducted to elect members of parliament; and he added that they should also advise their parents to vote without receiving any favour from political parties. If money for votes continues, there will be no democracy and development in the country, so he asked all people to do their duty conscientiously as citizens.

In this event, Vijay TV Talk Show "Tamizh PechuEngalMoochu" finalists Raghavendran, Karthik Raja, Kaviya Saravanan, Dexin, Narmada, Vijayakumar and Balu Anand, participated and delivered scintillating speeches on election awareness. Also, a quiz and an elocution competition on Indian Constitution and Electoral System were conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Prof. Chandramohan, Alagappa Institute of Management, welcomed the participants. Mr. N.A. Rajamohan, Director, Chennai Arovana Integrated Brand Solutions Pvt. Ltd. proposed a vote of thanks. More than 700 students from various departments of Alagappa University, students of Alagappa Chettiar Government College of Engineering and Technology and Alagappa Government Arts College participated in this event. Mr. A. Ayyappan, Assistant Instructor of Alagappa Institute of Management and the students of the faculty of management made arrangements for the event.

DEPARTMENT OF LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

Student from Liberia Honoured



Ms. Maria Johnson, a student from Liberia, West Africa, who was admitted to the M.B.A (Logistics and Supply Chain Management) programme at Alagappa University during the academic year 2022-23, through Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was selected to the post of Procurement Manager in her own country. She met the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University on 24.04.2024 and conveyed to him the news of getting a suitable government job in her country and sought the blessings of the Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. The student expressed her thanks to the Head and the Faculty members of the department who helped her in mastering the subject. She also thanked the university for providing all facilities during her two-year stay at the University. The Vice-Chancellor honoured her with a memento. The Registrar of the University Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Head of the Department of Logistics Management Dr.V.Sivakumar and Assistant Professors Dr.P.Rajan Chinna and Dr.V.A.Anand were also present on this occasion.

Industry Visit to VOC Port Trust



On March 22, 2024, the first-year MBA Logistics and Supply Chain Management students undertook an industry visit to VOC Port Trust Tuticorin. The event was coordinated by Dr. P. Rajan Chinna and Mrs. Abirami. The visit provided practical insights into port operations and logistics management. Students received a guided tour of various port facilities and also engaged in interactive sessions with industry experts, and gained valuable knowledge about cargo handling, EXIM procedures, vessel operations, and transportation logistics. The visit proved highly beneficial, enhancing students' understanding of the complexities of the logistics industry and bridging the gap between theory and practice.

Parent-Teacher Meeting



Parent-Teacher Meet-2024 was conducted on 27th March 2024 at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Logistics Management. Dr. V.A. Anand, Coordinator of the Programme, welcomed the gathering. The Head of the Department Prof. V. Sivakumar briefed the achievements and

regular activities of the department that will shape up the students' career by inculcating creativity and innovation in the young minds. The meet came to an end with the conclusion that joint efforts, mutual understanding and co-operation of parents and faculty are very important for the progress and welfare of the students. Dr. P. Rajan Chinna, Assistant Professor proposed the vote of thanks. The Adjunct Faculty Dr. C. Suresh, Dr. K. Subha, Ms. P. Abirami were also present at the meeting and the parents of the students actively participated in the interactive session.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

Alumni Meet - 2024



The Department of Corporate Secretaryship organised the 38th Alumni Meet 2024 on 10th March 2024 at the Management Block. The meet is being organised every year with great enthusiasm and fervour, bringing alumni together from various batches to reconnect, reminisce and forge new bonds.

The event served as a platform for alumni to share their experiences, celebrate achievements and discuss future endeavours. Prof. S. Sudalaimuthu, Former Vice-Chancellor & Former Head of the Department, Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Former Registrar and Former Head of the Department, Prof. V. Balachandar, Former Registrar, Prof. P. K. Muthappan, Former Head and the current Faculty Members, passed out students, professionals and the current MBA Corporate Secretaryship students participated in the event.

Dr. C. Vethirajan, Senior Professor & Head welcomed all the attendees highlighting the significance of alumni reunion which he said would foster a sense of belonging and networking among the alumni. The alumni shared their insights, exchanged ideas, and sought advice from experts and peers. They attributed their success to their teachers, hard work and inspiration gained at the Department. All the former Heads referred to their fruitful tenure in the Department and highlighted the milestones, challenges, lessons they learnt during their journey.

Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Assistant Professor & Organising Secretary of the Alumni Association, proposed a vote of thanks.

Parent-Teacher Meet 2024



The Department of Corporate Secretaryship organised the Parent-Teacher Meet 2024 on 18th March 2024. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Assistant Professor, welcomed the parents. Dr. C. Vethirajan, Senior Professor & Head, delivered the inaugural address and spoke about the Department activities. Parents expressed their gratitude to the University for

providing various facilities for the growth of their sons and daughters. Dr. C. Selvarani, Adjunct Faculty, delivered the vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING MANAGEMENT

Parent-Teacher Meet & Alumni Meet

The Department of Banking Management organised the Parent-Teacher Meet on 25.03.2024. The parents of all the students of MBA (B&I) Programme (I MBA-64, II MBA-62) participated. Prof. R. Alamelumangai, Head of the Department, welcomed the parents and explained the activities of the department and semester results. The faculty members Dr. C. Yogalakshmi, Dr. G. Parimalarani, Dr. E. Saranya Devi and Dr. M. Kanaga addressed the parents. Dr. B. Sudha proposed a vote of thanks. The parents interacted with the faculty members and got feedback about their wards. The parents stressed the importance of conducting campus placement drives for the benefit of their children.

The Department also organised a Virtual Alumni Meet on March 31st, 2024. The main aim of the meet was to reconnect former students of the department by providing a platform for networking and facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Dr. R. Alamelumangai, Prof. K. Alamelu, Prof. C. Yogalakshmi, Prof. G. Paramalarani, and Prof. B. Sudha addressed the alumni and they thanked the alumni for their generous contribution to the Alumni Fund. The programme was hosted by Ms. S. Abinaya, a research scholar and alumna of the department.

Participants had the opportunity to network with fellow alumni and share their experiences. Attendees actively participated in the interactive session. In the meeting they said they are ready to contribute for departmental infrastructural development; they will help to sponsor national and

international seminars and conferences; they are ready to provide placement and internship opportunities to the students. The online meeting was a resounding success, providing a platform for meaningful engagement. It helped to connect the alumni.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Parent-Teacher Meeting 2024

On 04.03.2024 the Parent-Teacher Meeting was conducted at the Department. Dr. SP. Mathiraj, Professor & Head i/c, welcomed the gathering and gave a detailed account on various activities carried out at the department to the parents of MBA (Tourism Management) & B.Sc (Catering Science & Hotel Management) students. Interaction between parents, class teachers, subject teachers and mentor was fruitful. There was a discussion on students' performance in individual subjects, students discipline in class rooms and their attendance percentage. Parents enquired about the kind of placement/ internship arrangements made for their wards by the department. CIA marks obtained by students in all the subjects were discussed with the parents.

Alumni Meet 2024

The Alumni Meet to reconnect with the alumni and celebrate their successes and various achievements was conducted on 9th March 2024. The welcome address was given by Prof. SP. Mathiraj. The meeting was attended by the faculty members and all the present final year students. Alumni interacted with the students and gave motivational speeches regarding the preparation for higher studies. Students asked many questions about placements and the alumni shared their views. The alumni thanked the faculty for the support and proper guidance given to them.



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