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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru M.K. Stalin;
The Hon'ble Former Home Minister of India, Thiru P. Chidambaram;
The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education of Tamil Nadu,
Dr. GoviChezhiaan; and Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University
at the inaugural function of the Mrs. Lakshmi Valar Tamil Noolagam.

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From the Vice-Chancellor

Dear Readers,

My kind regards. I immensely rejoice to meet you all through this Azhagu Newsletter. This issue of the newsletter features the latest developments of academic and research significance that unfolded at the University from January 2025 to March 2025.

In earnest adherence to the rich tradition of regularly organizing intellectual events, Alagappa University during this spell also staged a wide array of seminars, conferences, special lectures, extracurricular, co-curricular and extension activities. An event of paramount importance that unfolded at the University during this period is the inauguration of Mrs. Lakshmi ValarTamil Library established with the sole financial contribution of former Home Minister of India Mr. P. Chidambaram on 21st January 2025. The former parliamentarian from Sivagangai constituency Mr. P. Chidambaram contributed funds for setting up the library in honour of his mother Mrs. Lakshmi Amma. The highlight of this library is that it has been created for the exclusive purpose of developing Tamil Language. At a function held after declaring open the Library, Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Mr. M.K. Stalin expressed admiration to Mr. P. Chidambaram for his endeavours at sustaining the glory of Tamil Language. The Chief Minister made an exhortation to the students and faculty to develop love for Tamil Language and Literature and to play their part in taking forward the richness of Tamil Language and Literature to the successive generations. He also unveiled a statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar installed at the entrance of the Administrative Block. Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Dr. Govi Chezhaan and Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Mr. KR. Periakaruppan and Member of Parliament from Sivagangai Parliamentary Constituency Mr. Karti P. Chidambaram took part in the function. Further, the grand celebration of 76th Republic Day happened with the enthusiastic participation of faculty, students and administrative staff. I had the privilege of hoisting the national flag and delivering the Republic Day Address. The Directorate of Physical Education, Alagappa University in association with the Association of Indian Universities held the prestigious All India Inter University Ball-Badminton Women's Tournament for four days from March 29, 2025. In addition to these a host of events took place in all the departments of the University.

I hope you will find these news items interesting and informative.

Prof. G. RAVI
Vice-Chancellor

Initiation of an Ultra-Modern Library

Mrs. LAKSHMI VALAR TAMIL LIBRARY INAUGURATED ON THE CAMPUS



Alagappa University witnessed the grand inauguration of an ultra-modern library constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 12 crores. It was declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru M.K. Stalin on the Alagappa University Campus, on 21st January 2025 in the presence of the donor Thiru. P. Chidambaram, the former Finance Minister, Government of India and his son Mr. Karti P Chidambaram, Member of Parliament, Sivagangai Constituency. The Chief Minister also unveiled a statue of Ayyan Thiruvalluvar at the entrance of the Administrative Building of the University.

The Mrs. Lakshmi Valar Tamil Library equipped with all ultra-modern facilities, constructed in memory of Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal, mother of P. Chidambaram, was donated to the University by the Former Union Finance Minister.

At the subsequent function held in the Convocation Hall, the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, Prof. G. Ravi, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the University's achievements in the recent years and thanked the donor for his gracious philanthropy.

Mr. P. Chidambaram, in his introductory speech, reminisced about his mother's profound influence on him through her knowledge of Tamil and English, which instilled in him a deep passion for both the languages. He expressed his thanks to his wife and family members for their unstinted support in constructing and donating the library building. Emphasizing the need for Tamil to thrive in all domains-mathematics, computer science, law, medicine, agriculture, management, engineering, and research-he envisioned the library as a world-class center

for Tamil studies and a dynamic hub for creation and innovation. He added that Tamil Language should be made a modern effective tool for the intellectual progress of Tamil speakers worldwide. He also acknowledged the contributions of donors of books; and thanked Mr. Shiv Nadar and his daughter for their donation of computers to the library.

Renowned Tamil Poet Kavi Perarasu Vairamuthu, expressed his admiration for Mr. P. Chidambaram whose dedication to Tamil Language could be seen through this remarkable initiative. He remarked that among the great ancient civilizations Sumerian Civilization was considered supreme as there were clear references to the existence of libraries in that civilization. He noted that India, currently ranked fifth in book publishing industry globally, should aspire to surpass China which ranks first in publishing industry. Stressing the importance of printed books over e-books that cause health hazards, he exhorted the reading community to go in for printed books. He urged Tamil scholars, students, and the broader intellectual community to make full use of this monumental facility that would stand as a pillar of wisdom in a technology-driven world.

The Minister for Higher Education and Pro-Chancellor of Alagappa University Mr. Govi. Chezhiyaan highlighted Tamil Nadu's leading position in higher education and elaborated on the incentives and welfare schemes implemented by the State Government to promote higher education in the state.

Delivering the keynote address, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. M.K. Stalin, lauded Alagappar's legacy of philanthropy and commitment to education and Tamil development. He praised Mr. P. Chidambaram for his generous donation, emphasizing its significance for future generations. He encouraged people with philanthropic mind to establish libraries in their villages to foster education. The Chief Minister also detailed various State initiatives to promote higher education that positioned Tamil Nadu as a pioneer for other States. He urged the youth to embrace the progressive ideals of Valluvar and Vallalar, who propagated the high ethics of evolving an egalitarian society. He proudly noted that Tamil Nadu houses 31 out of the top 100 higher education institutions in India, including state universities, engineering, and medical colleges. He further referred to specialised training programmes offered with financial incentives, for students from underprivileged classes to prepare for

competitive exams like IAS, IPS, and other prestigious state services.

As part of the event, the University's Convocation Seminar Hall was named as "Veerukaviyarasar Mudiyarasanar Hall" in recognition of his notable contribution to progressive Tamil Poetry. A compendium containing articles presented at the National Conference conducted to mark Kalaignar Karunanithi's Birth Centenary Celebrations was released by the Chief Minister and the first copy was received by the Vice-Chancellor. Another book titled Thiru M.K. Stalin Pillai Tamil written by Annadasan was released by Thiru. P. Chidambaram and the first copy was received by Prof. G. Ravi.

Mr. Thangam Thennarasu, Minister for Finance and Human Resource Management, Mr. S. Raghupathi, Minister for Law, Mr. K.R. Periyakaruppan, Minister for Cooperatives, Mr. M.P. Saminathan, Minister for Tamil Development and Information, Mr. R.S. Rajakannappan, Minister for Milk and Dairy Development and Khadi and Industries Board, Mr. Siva.V. Meyyanathan, Minister for Backward Classes Welfare, and Mr. Karti P. Chidambaram, Member of Parliament, Sivagangai Constituency, were among those who graced the occasion by their presence. Other distinguished attendees included Thavathiru Kunrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar, Mr. S. Mangudi, MLA, Karaikudi Constituency, Mr. Khadhar Batcha Muthuramalingam, MLA, Ramanathapuram Constituency, Mrs. Tamilarasi, MLA, Manamadurai Constituency, Mr. Muthuraja, MLA, Pudukottai Constituency, Dr. J. Jayaranjan, Vice-Chairman, State Planning Commission, Mr. Muthuthurai, Mayor of Karaikudi, Mr. Gunasekaran, Deputy Mayor, Mrs. Asha Ajith, District Collector, Sivagangai, Mr. Davidson Devaseervatham A.D.G.P, Ashish Rawat, S.P. Sivagangai District, Mr. Abai Kumar Singh, DIG, Ramanathapuram and other Police Officials, Revenue Officials, VIPs from Karaikudi town, Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Dr.M.Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, Members of the Syndicate, Deans, Heads of Departments, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff, and Students. The event was co-ordinated by Prof. S. Senthamizh Pawai, Director, Centre for Tamil Culture and also the Director of Lakshmi Valar Tamil Noolagam. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts.

A Note on the Structural Design of Lakshmi Valar Tamil Noolagam

The ground floor of the library measuring a constructed area of 19200 square foot accommodates a vast reading hall, a conference hall, an internet centre, a store room, two rest rooms one for men's use and another for women's use and also a specially designed rest room for the use of persons with disabilities. The first floor has a constructed area of 11,800 square foot. It accommodates two spacious reading halls, a study room for research scholars, a conference hall besides two rest rooms and a special toilet for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities.

Architect of the Constitution Remembered

GRAND 76TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with grandeur at Alagappa University, on 26th Jan 2025. Vice-Chancellor Col. Prof. G. Ravi, unfurled the tricolour flag and accepted the Guard of Honour presented by the NCC Cadets and the students of the University. After this ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor delivered the Republic Day Address in which he emphasized the importance of adoring the Constitution of India as the "soul of our democracy" by every Indian. He stated that the Constitution is not merely a legal document but a testament to the sacrifices of the leaders and people who worked tirelessly to make India a free and equitable nation. Quoting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution, he reiterated that the Constitution serves as the "guide for an egalitarian life."

Prof. G. Ravi also referred to Tamil Nadu's significant contributions to Indian heritage, noting that the Sangam Literature reflects the ancient democratic

traditions of the Tamil society. Recent archaeological findings in Tamil Nadu reveal the scientific acumen of ancient Tamils, inspiring today's youth to build a new scientific world by following the ways of our ancestors. He said that India stands as the fifth-largest economy in the world, a leader in Space Technology and a hub for global innovations. Projects like Gaganyaan, manned space mission, is setting new benchmarks in the scientific realm.

Alagappa University, striving for global standards, has taken commendable steps in this direction. Under the University's academia-industry integration initiative, 6 industrial training centres function on the campus, benefiting not only students and researchers but also the broader community. The University focuses on offering skill development programmes and industrial training to students and endeavours to equip them with entrepreneurial skills. He urged students to embrace India's rich heritage imbibing the scientific spirit and emerge as modern leaders driving meaningful changes.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated and presented certificates to the students of Alagappa University College of Physical Education for showcasing their talents in the State and National level sports events; and also, the Vice-Chancellor honoured the NCC cadets who participated in All India Camps held at Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

The event also featured captivating cultural performances by students of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies and the College of Physical Education. Their theatrical performances, dances and artistic displays added colour to the celebrations.

The ceremony was attended by University Syndicate Members Prof. V. Palanisamy, Prof. C. Sekar, Prof. S. Rajaram, Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Controller of Examinations Dr. M. JothiBasu, Finance Officer Mrs. Selvi, Administrative Officers, Deans, Department Heads, Principals, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff, and Students.

Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, Officer, National Cadet Corps, coordinated the event.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY GETS A++ GRADE UNDER DUAL MODE CATEGORY IN THE FOURTH CYCLE OF NAAC ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION



Alagappa University, Karaikudi, secured a CGPA of 3.59 out of 4 gaining A++ grade under the Dual Mode Category in its fourth cycle of NAAC Assessment and Accreditation. Dedicating the achievement to the commitment and sustained hard work done by teaching, non-teaching staff and students of the University, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of the University said that Alagappa University is the only State University in Tamil Nadu to have obtained A++ grade with a 3.59 score under the dual mode i.e., regular and distance education modes combined. In the meeting organised to thank the stakeholders for achieving this feat the Vice-Chancellor said that the evaluation of the institution's quality is based on academic standards, faculty strength, research output and infrastructure. The present score shows how the University work has been perceived both nationally and internationally. Dr. K. Alamelu, Director, IQAC, Alagappa University, who spoke on the occasion, thanked all the stakeholders of the University for their support and co-operation and appealed to everyone to work consistently to further improve the score in future NAAC Assessments.

Earlier, Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, proposed a vote of thanks. Syndicate Members, Heads of Departments, faculty members and administrative staff attended the meeting.

AIU-SPONSORED ALL INDIA BALL BADMINTON WOMEN TOURNAMENT 2024-2025 CONDUCTED



The Directorate of Physical Education, Alagappa University, in association with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), conducted the prestigious All India Inter University Ball Badminton Women's Tournament 2025 for four days from March 29, 2025. A total of 65 teams from across the nation participated in the tournament, making it a highly competitive and dynamic event. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar of Alagappa University at the inaugural session on the first day. The event commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by Prof. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, the AIU flag by Mrs. V. Pandeewari, an international athlete, and the Alagappa University flag by Prof. C. Sekar. Prof. K. Muralirajan, Professor of Physical Education, introduced the Chief Guest, Mrs. V. Pandeewari, and highlighted her remarkable achievements in athletics.

In her brief speech, Mrs. V. Pandeewari shared her journey of overcoming medical challenges and hardships as she rose from an ordinary agricultural family to achieve excellence in sports. She credited her parents and coach, Mr. Singaraj, for their unwavering support, which played a crucial role in shaping her career. Her achievements earned her a government position in Southern Railway, recognizing her dedication to athletics. "Sports has become my life and my breath", she stated passionately, concluding with an inspiring message on women's empowerment and their increasing involvement in sports.

Valedictory Function

The Valedictory function of the Tournament was held on 1st April 2025. The event was held at the Alagappa University College of Physical Education (AUCPE) premises.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, delivered the Valedictory Address and

distributed prizes to the winning teams. He lauded the efforts of all participating universities and congratulated the athletes for showcasing excellent sportsmanship and skill. Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, was the Chief Guest and mentioned the role of such tournaments in promoting women's sports and inter-university collaborations. Prof. J. Jeyakanthan and Prof. S. Rajaram, both Members of the Syndicate, offered felicitation, highlighting the significance of ball badminton and its growing popularity among women athletes.

The event was organized under the leadership of Prof. S. Nagarajan, Chairman and Director of Physical Education, Alagappa University. Prof. M. Sundar, Principal, AUCPE, served as the Co-Chairman of the Organizing Committee. The conclusion of the tournament marked another milestone for Alagappa University in promoting university-level sports and nurturing young talents across the country. Prof. S. Nagarajan proposed a vote of thanks.

UPSC ASPIRANTS MEET



Alagappa Institute of Management, Alagappa University, in association with The Hindu Group & Shankar IAS Academy, Madurai, organized the UPSC Aspirants Meet on March 18, 2025 at the University.

Presiding over the event, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, highlighted the critical role of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in selecting capable administrators to lead the nation. He also noted that the university is home to several well-equipped libraries offering a rich collection of up-to-date resources tailored to the needs of UPSC aspirants.

The event's Chief Guest, Tmt. Asha Ajith, IAS, District Collector of Sivagangai District, shared her personal experiences and challenges on the path to becoming an IAS officer. She emphasized that perseverance, focused preparation, and consistent hard work are essential to clearing the UPSC examination.

Shri Arjun Nathan, Branch Head of Shankar IAS Academy, provided aspirants with a comprehensive overview of the UPSC examination process, covering key preparation strategies and the various stages of the selection process.

Also in attendance were Mr. S. Narayanan, Senior Manager - Sales & Distribution, The Hindu Group, and Dr. S. Chandramohan, Director of the Alagappa Institute of Management. Over 600 enthusiastic students and faculty members from various departments of the university participated in the event.

Dr. K. Chandrasekar, Associate Professor at AIM, delivered the vote of thanks, marking the close of a highly impactful and well-received programme.

FACULTY OF ARTS DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

கவிஞர்கோ. பூ. அமிர்தலிங்கனார், பேரா. அ.அறிவுநம்பி மற்றும் முனைவர் ச. மெய்யப்பன் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவுகள்

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழ்த்துறையில் 06.03.2025 அன்று கவிஞர்கோ பூ. அமிர்தலிங்கனார், பேரா. அறிவுநம்பி மற்றும் முனைவர் ச. மெய்யப்பன் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவுகள் நடைபெற்றன. தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவரும் மூத்த பேராசிரியருமான முனைவர் ச. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். இவ்விழாவில் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் பேரா. சி. சேகர்தலைமைதாங்கி உரையாற்றினார்.

அவர் தனது உரையில், ஒருவரது கல்வியானது தாய்மொழியில் விளங்கினால் அது நன்கு அவரது மனதில் பதியும். தமிழைப் பயிலும் உங்களுக்கு மிகுதியான சமூகப் பொறுப்பு உண்டு.

உலகில் அறிவு இரட்டிப்பு (Knowledge Doubling) என்ற ஒரு கோட்பாடு உண்டு. அதாவது 1940ஆவது ஆண்டுக்குப் பிறகு இந்தக் கோட்பாடு தோற்றம் பெற்றது. அந்த ஆண்டிலிருந்து மானுட அறிவு இரட்டிப்பாக்கிக் கொண்டே வருகிறது என்று கணக்கிட்டனர். பட்மன்ஸர் புல்லர் என்பவர் எழுதிய தீ கிரிட்டிகல் பார்ட் என்னும் நூல் 1982ஆம் ஆண்டு வெளிவந்தது. இந்நூல் இந்தக் கோட்பாட்டை மேலும் ஆராய்ந்து 1900லிருந்து தொடங்கிய இவ்வறிவு இரட்டிப்பு 1945இல் ஒரு மடங்காயிற்று என்று சுட்டியது. அதன்பின்னர் இது பதினைந்து ஆண்டுகளுக்கு

ஒரு முறையாக மாறிற்று. 2020க்குப் பிறகு இந்த அறிவு இரட்டிப்பின் வேகம் 12 மணிநேரத்திற்கு ஒருமுறை என்றாகியிருக்கிறது. இத்தனை வேகமாக இந்த உலகம் அறிவியலில் வளர்ந்து வருகிறது.

இத்தனை அறிவியல் வசதிகளைக் கொண்டு நாம் தமிழின் தொன்மையைத் துல்லியமாக ஆராய்தல் வேண்டும். அறிவியல் வளர்ச்சியோடு தமிழையும் இணைத்துக் கற்க வேண்டும். பிற துறையறிவினையும் தமிழோடு இணைத்துக் கொள்ளுதல் வேண்டும். அதற்கு நிறையக் கேளுங்கள். அவ்வகையில் ஏனைய துறைகளை விடவும் தமிழ்த்துறை சிறப்புற வேண்டும் என்று குறிப்பிட்டார். இவ்விழாவில் திருநெல்வேலி மனோன்மணியம் சுந்தரனார் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழியல்துறைத் தலைவரும் பேராசிரியருமான ஞா. ஸ்ரீபன், “காத்தவராயன் கதைப் பாடல்கள் - இந்திய இலங்கை வடிவங்கள்” என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், தமிழ் நாட்டுப்புறவியல் வரலாற்றில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கவர் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் அ. அறிவுநம்பி ஆவார். தமிழ்நாட்டில் பாலையங்கோட்டைப் பகுதி நாட்டுப்புறவியலாளர்கள் நிறைந்ததாகும்.

இன்றைய நாட்டுப்புற ஆய்வுகள் ஒருசார்புடையனவாக விளங்குகின்றன. இதனால் முடிவுகள் சிக்கலுக்குள்ளாகின்றன. கும்மிப்பாடல்கள் இந்தியா முழுவதும் பரவிக் கிடக்கின்றன. காத்தவராயன் கதை இந்தியாவில் மட்டுமின்றி இலங்கையிலும் உள்ளது. காத்தவராயன் கதை மக்கள் கதையாகும். உரையின் முடிவில் விவாதம் நடைபெற்றது. வினாக்கள் எழுப்பப் பெற்றன. இவ்விழாவில் முனைவர் ச. அறிவுநம்பி அவர்களின் புதல்வர் அ.அமிர்தசரவணன், எஸ்.எம்.எஸ். பள்ளியைச் சேர்ந்த திரு. நாச்சியப்பன், இராமசாமி தமிழ்க் கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் முனைவர் நாகநாதன், தமிழ்த்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள் தமிழ்த்துறை முனைவர் பட்ட, ஆய்வியல் நிறைஞர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர்கள், தமிழ்த்துறை மாணவர்கள் உள்ளிட்ட பலரும் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இந்நிகழ்ச்சியைத் தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் தொகுத்து வழங்கி, நன்றியுரை கூறினார்.

கணினித் தமிழ்ப் பயிலரங்கு



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழ்த்துறையில் வி.வி.எல். மோட்டார்ஸ் யமஹா வீ.விஜயலட்சுமி வீரபாண்டியன் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளையின் சார்பில் 10-03-2025 அன்று கணினித் தமிழ்ப் பயிலரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. பேராசிரியர் சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். இந்த விழாவுக்கு அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தர் கர்னல் க.ரவி தலைமை தாங்கினார். அவர் தனது தலைமையுரையில், இன்றைய கணினித் தமிழ் என்பது வளரும் அறிவியல் யுகத்தின் அடுத்தபடியாக விளங்குகிறது. தமிழ் படிப்பவர்களுக்கு எல்லாத் துறையிலும் பயிற்சியும் ஆற்றலும் வேண்டும். தமிழும் வரலாறும் பின்னிப் பிணைந்தவை. அதனால் வரலாற்றை நாம் நுணுக்கமாகக் கற்க வேண்டும். மாயன் கலாச்சாரம் உலக அதிசயமாகியிருக்கிறது. அதன் காலம் எண்ணூறு ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்புதான். ஆனால் நம்முடைய தஞ்சைப் பெரிய கோயில் ஆயிரம் ஆண்டுகள் பழமை வாய்ந்தது. அது ஏன் உலக அதிசயமாக இடம்பெறவில்லை. தமிழர்களிடையே இது குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு வேண்டும். உலகத்தின் மூத்த நாகரிகமான சுமேரிய, எகிப்திய நாகரிகங்களுக்கெல்லாம் முந்தையது நம்முடைய தமிழ்நாகரிகம். ஐயாயிரம் ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்னர் இரும்புப் பயன்பாட்டினைத் தொடங்கியிருக்கிறார்கள் தமிழர்கள். இந்தத் தொன்மையை அடுத்த தலைமுறைக்குக் கொண்டு செல்ல வேண்டிய தேவை இன்றைய தமிழ் மாணவர்களிடம் இருக்கிறது. அதற்குக் கணினித்தமிழ் என்பது மிக அவசியம். அதிலே மிகுந்த நுட்பம் கொள்ளுங்கள். இன்றைய செயற்கை நுண்ணறிவுத் திறனைப் பயன்படுத்துகிற அளவுக்கு வளர வேண்டும் என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினராகிய பேரா.வி.பழனிச்சாமி தொடக்கவுரை வழங்கினார். ஏ + பி கணக்கு அமைப்பைப் போல நுட்பமானது - பிரிக்க முடியாதது கணினியும் தமிழும். இதனைக் கணினித் தமிழ்ப் பயிலரங்கு என்பதா? அல்லது தமிழ்க் கணினிப் பயிலரங்கு என்பதா? இதையும் ஆராய வேண்டும். இயல், இசை, நாடகம் என்ற முத்தமிழைக் கடந்து அறிவியல் தமிழ் நம் காலத்தில் நடைபயிலுகிறது. அதனை ஒட்டியே வளர்க்கிறது கணினித்தமிழ். இதனை மாணவர்கள் நன்கு கற்றுத் தெளிய வேண்டும் என்றார்.

அறக்கட்டளையின் நிறுவுநரும் வி.வி.எல். மோட்டார்ஸ் யமஹா நிறுவனத்தின் பொறுப்பாளருமாகிய திரு. வீரபாண்டியன் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார். கணினி அறிவு மிகவும் இன்றியமையாததாகும். கணினியைக் கற்றுக் கொள்வதற்கு நாம் எல்லாரும் முயல வேண்டும். எல்லாத் துறைகளிலும் கணினி அற்புதம் நிகழ்த்துகிறது. வருங்காலத்தை முன்னோக்கும் விதத்தில் நமது அறக்கட்டளை செயல்படுகிறது. அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து

இணையவெளி இயங்குதிறன் என்ற தலைப்பில் திருவாடானை அரசுக் கல்லூரியின் பொறுப்பு முதல்வர் இணைப் பேராசிரியர் மு. பழனியப்பன் உரை வழங்கினார்.

இன்றைய அன்றாட வாழ்வின் தேவையாகக் கணினி இணைந்து விட்டது. குறிப்பாகத் தமிழ்மொழி, இலக்கண இலக்கியங்களைக் கற்பதற்கும் தமிழ் வரலாற்றினைத் துல்லியமாகத் தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்கும் கணினியும் இணையமும் மிகுந்த துணை புரிகின்றன. தமிழ்மொழியின் தொன்மை குறித்த அரிய தகவல்கள் இணையத்தில் பரவிக் கிடக்கின்றன. ஆய்வாளர்களுக்கு இணைய நூலகம் என்பது மிகப்பெரும் வரமாக மாறியிருக்கிறது.

பயிலரங்கின் பிற்பகல் நிகழ்வில் இணைய மென்பொருள்கள் பலவற்றையும் குறித்த பயிற்சிகள் அளிக்கப்பட்டன. அவலோகிதம் எனப்படும் மென்பொருள் தமிழ் இலக்கணத்தின் யாப்பு நுட்பங்களை விளக்கும் விதத்தைக் குறித்து விளக்கப்பட்டது. படக்காட்சி முறையில் இணையத்தில் தமிழைப் பயன்கொள்ளும் முறை குறித்து விவரிக்கப்பட்டது. மாணவர்கள் தங்களுடைய ஐயங்களையும் வினாக்களையும் தெளிவுபடுத்திக் கொண்டனர். கலந்துரையாடலும் நிகழ்ந்தது. ஆய்வகத்தில் புதிய பயிற்சிகளையும் அவர்கள் மேற்கொண்டனர். தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் சொ. அருணன் இந்த நிகழ்வினைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கி நன்றி கூறினார்.

முனைவர் வ.சுப.மா. அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு



தமிழ்த்துறையில் 14-03-2025 அன்று முனைவர் வ.சுப.மா. அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு நடைபெற்றது. பேரா. சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். இந்நிகழ்வுக்கு அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தொலைநிலை மற்றும் நிகழ்நிலை மையத்தின் இயக்குநர் பேரா. இ. கண்ணபிரான் அவர்கள் தலைமையேற்றுத் தொடக்கவுரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், தமிழ் ஆய்வுகளில் தனித்த சிறப்பினை ஏற்படுத்தியவர் பேரா. வ.சுப. மூணிக்கம். அதனால்தான் தமிழ் இமயம் என்று போற்றப்படுகிறார். சிலேடை எனப்படும் சொல்லாடல்களில் அவர் கைதேர்ந்தவர். மொழிகளைப் பற்றி வ.சுப.மா.வுக்கு தீர்க்கமான சிந்தனை இருந்தது. அதனால் தான் தமிழ் வழிக் கல்வி இயக்கம் கண்டார் என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து, வ.சுப.மா.வின் தமிழ்க்காதல் என்ற தலைப்பில் திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் பேராசிரியர் உ. அலிபாவா சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், வ.சுப.மா. வின் தமிழ்க்காதல் என்பது அவர் எழுதிய நூலின் தலைப்பு மட்டுமன்று. அவர் வாழ்வு முழுவதும் தமிழ்க்காதலாகத்தான் விளங்கியது. அவர் வாழ்வே செம்மாந்த வாழ்வு. அதனால்தான் அவரைச் செம்மல் என்று போற்றுகிறோம். செம்மை என்பதற்கு ஆழ்ந்த பொருளுண்டு. செம்மையான பொருள்கள் யாவும் அவருக்குச் சொந்தம். அதனால்தான் அவர் தமிழ் இமயம் என்று புகழப்பட்டார். எதையும் தொடங்குவது பெரிதில்லை. அதனைத் தொடர்வதுதான் வாழ்வின் வெற்றி என்பார் வ.சுப.மா. வாழ்வின் நுட்பமான நுணுக்கங்கள் யாவற்றையும் தேடித் தேடிக்கண்டறிந்த வ.சுப.மா. அவற்றை அடுத்த தலைமுறைக்குக் கற்றுக் கொடுக்கவும் செய்தார்.

குறிக்கோள் இலாத வாழ்க்கை - கோடுகள் இல்லாத ஆட்டம் என்பார் அவர். அதனால் கோட்டு வாழ்க என்பார். எதனையும் திட்டமிட்டுச் செயல்பட்டு வெற்றி காணும் உத்திகளை அவர் தமிழ் மூலமாகக் கற்றுக் கொண்டார். அதே தமிழ் மூலமாகவே கற்பித்தார். அவர் பன்முகப் புலமை மிக்கவர் என்றாலும் தமிழ்மொழியின்பால் தீராக் காதல் உடையவர். வள்ளுவம் அவரது உயிர்நாடி. தமிழர்கள் எல்லா நூல்களையும் கற்கா விட்டாலும் பரவாயில்லை. திருக்குறள் ஒரு நூலை மட்டுமேனும் கற்றுச் சிறக்க வேண்டும் என்று கூறுவார். அவ்வாறு நூல் முழுவதும் கற்க இயலாவிட்டாலும் ஒரே ஒரு குறளைத் தன் வாழ்நாள் முழுவதும் ஏற்றுக் கடைப்பிடிக்க வேண்டும் என்றும் கூறுவார்.

ஐந்து அறக்கட்டளை சொற்பொழிவுகள்

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் 19.03.2025 தவத்திரு குன்றக்குடி அடிகளார் அறக்கட்டளை, இராஜயோகி ஸ்ரீவள்ளியப்பச் செட்டியார் அறக்கட்டளை, இராஜயோகி ஸ்ரீ ஆர்.எம். வள்ளியப்பச் செட்டியார், ஸ்ரீஅரவிந்தர் யோக அறக்கட்டளை, வி.ஆர்.எம். செட்டியார் மது.ச.விமலானந்தம் அறக்கட்டளை, டாக்டர் ரெ. முத்துக்கணேசனார் மணிவிழா அறக்கட்டளை ஆகிய ஐந்து அறக்கட்டளைகளின் ஒருங்கிணைந்த சொற்பொழிவு நடைபெற்றது.

பேரா. சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்றார். காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தேர்வாணையர் முனைவர் மு.ஜோதிபாசு இந்த விழாவிற்குத் தலைமையேற்றுத் தொடக்கவுரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், மனித குல வரலாற்றை நாம் முழுமையாக அறிந்து கொள்ளுதல் வேண்டும். இரண்டு இலட்சம் ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்னரே உயிர்க்குலம் தோன்றியது என்று வரலாறு கூறுகிறது. தென்னாப்பிரிக்காவில் உள்ள உயிரின் தொன்மையான மரபணு மதுரைக்கு அருகில் உள்ள உசிலம்பட்டியில் உள்ள உயிரின் மரபணுவோடு ஒத்திருப்பது பெரும் வியப்பாக

உள்ளது. மனித நாகரிகத்தின் உச்சத்தில் வழிபாடு தோன்றியது. அந்த வழிபாடு இயற்கையோடு இயைந்து விளங்கியது. அதன் பின்னர் வழிபாட்டு முறைகள் தோற்றம் பெற்றுச் சமயங்கள் உருவாகின. அவற்றுள் சமணம், பௌத்தம் முதலியவை மெய்யியலை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு தோன்றின. ஆனால் மக்களோடு இயைந்திருந்த தன்மையால் சைவமும் வைணவமும் நிலைகொண்டன.

வழிபாட்டினை மனம், மொழி, மெய்களால் செய்வதே வழக்கம். ஆனால் மொழியால் செய்யப்படும் வழிபாட்டை இறைவன் பெரிதும் விரும்புகிறான். வாழ்த்தியே இறைவனை அடையலாம் என்பார் சேக்கிழார். அவ்வாறு வாழ்த்திய திருமுறைகளே திருநெறி எனப்படுகின்றன. தொடர்ந்து திருநெறிய தமிழ் என்ற தலைப்பில் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா அரசுக் கலைக்கல்லூரியின் தமிழ் உயராய்வு மையத் தலைவர் பேரா. மா. சிதம்பரம் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், திரு என்பது மேன்மையுடையது. அந்தத் திருவை நாமெல்லோரும் அடைய முடியும். அடைய வேண்டும். தமிழ்த் துறை சார்ந்தவர்கள்தான் தமிழ் படிக்கிறார்கள். எந்தத்துறை சார்ந்தவர்களும் தமிழ் படிக்க வேண்டும். தமிழ் என்பது நம் எல்லோருக்கும் தாய்மொழி அல்லவா. இன்றைய சூழலில் நாம் ஆன்மீகத்தையும் அது விளங்கும் கோயில்களையும் காக்க வேண்டிய பொறுப்பில் இருக்கிறோம். ஏனெனில் அங்குதான் நம்முடைய பண்பாடு, வரலாறு உள்ளிட்ட அனைத்தும் நிறைந்திருக்கிறது. திருவாசகத்தை ஆங்கிலத்தில் மொழிபெயர்த்தவர்தான் ஜி.யு.போப். அவர் சொல்கிறார், நான், ஆங்கிலம்தான் உலகின் சிறந்த மொழி. எண்ணற்ற கலைச்சொற்கள் நிறைந்த மொழி என்று நினைத்துக் கொண்டிருந்தேன். ஆனால், திருவாசகத்தில் வரும் இமைப்பொழுதும் என்றசொல்லுக்கு இணையாக ஆங்கிலத்திலும் அதன் மூலமொழிகளான கிரேக்கத்திலும் இலத்தீனிலும் தேடிப்பார்த்தும் கிடைக்கவில்லை. அப்போதுதான் தமிழின் வளமையை உணர்ந்து கொண்டேன் என்று பதிவிடுகிறார்.

தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் இந்நிகழ்வினைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கி நன்றி கூறினார்.

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அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையம் நடத்திய உலகத் தாய்மொழி நாள் விழா, 21.02.2025 அன்று பல்கலைக்கழகப் பட்டமளிப்பு விழாக்கலையரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மையத்தின் மூத்த பேராசிரியர் மற்றும் இயக்குநர் சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார்.

இவ்விழாவிற் குத் தலைமையேற்ற பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பதிவாளர் பேரா. அ. செந்தில்ராஜன் தாய்மொழியின் சிறப்பு, தாய்மொழி வழிக் கல்வியின் முக்கியத்துவம், தமிழ் மொழியின் பல்வேறு சிறப்புகள், உலகளாவிய தமிழர்களின் பரவல் எனப் பலவும் குறித்து எடுத்துக்கூறித் தலைமை உரையாற்றினார்.

இவ்விழாவின் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர், கோயம்புத்தூர் அவிநாசிலிங்கம் மனையியல் மற்றும் மகளிர் உயர்கல்வி நிறுவனத்தின் தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப்பேராசிரியர், முனைவர் ச. குருஞானம்பிகா தமிழ் எங்கள் உயிருக்கு நேர் என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், தமிழ் மொழியின் தொன்மை, இலக்கியச் சிறப்புகள் முதலியவற்றை எடுத்துக்கூறி, இன்றைய க்ழலில் தமிழ்ச் சமூகம் எதிர்கொள்ளும் நடைமுறைச் சிக்கல்களையும் நவீன காலத்தில் தமிழ்மொழியின் வளர்ச்சியில் உள்ள பாதிப்புகளையும் சமூக ஏதார்த்தங்களோடு எடுத்துக்கூறித் தாய்மொழி வழியில் பயின்றால் சிந்தனை வளரும் என்றார். தொடர்ந்து நுண்கலைத் துறையின் தமிழ் உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் ம. தமிழரசன் அவர்கள் நன்றி கூற விழா நிறைவுற்றது.

குற்றக்குடி அடிகளார் நூற்றாண்டு விழா மற்றும் நன்றி பாராட்டும் விழா



தமிழ்த் துறையில் 21.03.2025 அன்று பேரா. ந. சுப்புரெட்டியார் திருமதி செல்லபாப்பா அம்மாள் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு நடைபெற்றது.

இவ்விழாவில் தமிழ்த் துறைத் தலைவரும் மூத்த பேராசிரியருமான முனைவர் ச. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ஆட்சி மன்றக் குழு உறுப்பினர் முனைவர் ஜெ. ஜெயகாந்தன் இந்த விழாவிற் குத் தலைமையேற்றுத் தொடக்க உரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், இந்தப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் படிப்படியாக முன்னேற்றம் அடைந்து வந்திருக்கிறது. இன்றைய காலகட்டத்தில் A++ தகுதி அடைந்திருக்கிறோம். நம்முடைய முன்னேற்றத்தில் மாணவர்களின் பங்கு குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. தமிழ்த்துறையில் பயிலக் கூடிய நீங்கள் புதிய படைப்புகளை உருவாக்க வேண்டும். அரிய தமிழ்ப் படைப்புகளை ஆங்கிலத்தில் மொழி பெயரங்கள். தமிழ்த்துறை மாணவர்கள் தங்கள் துறையோடு மட்டுமின்றி அனைத்துத் துறைகளோடும் இணைந்து பயில வேண்டும். உலகத் தரத்திலான ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகள் எழுத வேண்டும். இந்த முயற்சிகளுக்கு நமது பல்கலைக் கழகம் நல்ல தளமாக விளங்கும் என்று பேசினார்.

இந்த அறக்கட்டளையின் சார்பில் மேன்மை கொள் சைவம் என்ற தலைப்பில் மதுரை மீனாட்சி அரசினர் மகளிர் கலைக்கல்லூரியின் முதுகலை தமிழாய்வு மையத்தின் தலைவர் பேரா. யாழ் ச. சந்திரா சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், பேரா. ந.சுப்புரெட்டியார் வாழ்வாங்கு வாழ்ந்த பெருமைக்குரியவர். 96 நூல்களை எழுதியுள்ளார். அவர் வைணவ மரபினைப் பின்பற்றியபோதும் சைவத்தின்மீது ஆழ்ந்த பற்றுடையவர். சைவம் என்பதற்குப் பல பொருள்கள் உண்டு. உணவிலிருந்து தொடங்கிச் சமயம் வரையிலும் சைவம் தனி இனமாகவே காணப்படுகிறது. சமயம் என்பது கடவுட்கோட்டை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டது. கால்மார்க்ஸ் சமயத்தை அபிவிருத்தி செய்யக் கூறினார். அத்தனை ஈழத்து தருவது என்பதனால் அப்படிச் கூறினார். சமயப்படுத்துதலும் பக்குவப்படுத்துதலும் சமயத்தின் நோக்கமாகும். பேரா. எஸ். வையாபுரிப்பிள்ளை விவேகானந்தரிடம், நாங்கள் சைவர்கள் என்று அறிமுகப்படுத்திக் கொண்டார். சைவம் என்பது சிவனை வழிபடும் சமயத்தைக் குறிக்கும். இதற்குச் சிவனியம் என்ற பெயரும் உண்டு. ஜான் மார்ஷல் ஹரப்பா பற்றிய தனது ஆய்வில் தந்திருக்கும் முடிவுகளில் சைவம் குறித்த பதிவுகள் முக்கியத்துவம் பெறுகின்றன. பசுக்கள், பசுபதி போன்ற சொற்களும் குறியீடுகளும் அவற்றில் உள்ளன. திருவாசகத்தை மொழிபெயர்த்த ஜி.யு.போப் சைவமே தொன்மையான சமயம் என்றார்.

தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் நிகழ்வினைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கி நன்றியுரை கூறினார்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையமும் வீறுகவியரசர் முடியரசனார் அவைக்களமும் இணைந்து குன்றக்குடி அடிகளார் நூற்றாண்டு விழா மற்றும் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் ஓர் அரங்கத்திற்கு வீறுகவியரசர் முடியரசனார் அரங்கம் எனப் பெயர் சூட்டியமைக்கு மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு. க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்களுக்கும் அரங்கப் பெயர் சூட்டலுக்குத் துணைநின்ற துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. க. ரவி அவர்களுக்கும் நன்றி பாராட்டும் விழா 14.02.2025, நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில், வீறுகவியரசர் முடியரசனார் அவைக்களத்தின் நிறுவநர் எழுத்தாளர் பாரி முடியரசன் அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார். அவைக்களத்தின் புரவலரும், மேனாள் சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினருமாகிய கவிச்சுடர் கவிதைப்பித்தன் அவர்கள் தொடக்க உரையாற்றினார்.

இவ்விழாவிற்குத் தலைமையேற்ற அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தர், மதிப்புறு கர்னல் பேரா. க. ரவி அவர்கள் தலைமை உரையாற்றிச் சிறப்பித்தார்.

தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் கூட்டுறவுத்துறை அமைச்சர் மாண்புமிகு கே. ஆர். பெரிய கருப்பன் அவர்கள், தவத்திரு குன்றக்குடி அடிகளாரின் திருவுருவப் படத்தைத் திறந்து வைத்தும், 'வீறுகவியரசர் முடியரசன் அவைக்களம்' என்னும் நூலை வெளியிட்டும் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

குன்றக்குடி திருவண்ணாமலை ஆதீனம் தவத்திரு பொன்னம்பல அடிகளார் அவர்கள், பெரிய நினைவுகளைப் பகிர்ந்து நெகிழ்வுரை ஆற்றினார். இதனையடுத்து வீறுகவியரசர் முடியரசன் அவைக்களத்தின் முதல் தலைவரும் முன்னாள் அமைச்சருமாகிய திரு. மு. தென்னவன் அவர்களும் காரைக்குடி சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர் உயர்திரு சா. மாங்குடி அவர்களும் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கிச் சிறப்பித்தனர்.

பல்வேறு போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்குப் பாராட்டுச் சான்றிதழ்களை வழங்கிய சிவகங்கை மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் திருமதி. ஆஷா அஜித் இ.ஆ.ப., அவர்கள் 'வீறுகவியரசர் முடியரசனார் படைப்புகளை மாணவ சமுதாயம் கட்டாயம் படித்து, வாழ்வில் அதைக் கடைப்பிடிக்க வேண்டும்' எனக்கூறி வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.

நிறைவாக முனைவர் சே.செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்கள் நன்றிகூற விழா நிறைவுற்றது.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

International Webinar on Inspiring Teaching

The Department of English and Foreign Languages of Alagappa University, Karaikudi held an International Webinar on Inspiring Teaching on February 2025 with emeritus Professor of Education, Dr. Pamela

Sammons from University of Oxford, England as the resource person. Prof. Pamela Sammons began her virtual discourse stating that the future of a nation is determined only in its class rooms. She went on to state that teachers are not just teaching professionals but the architects of a nation. Her other viewpoints included that teachers should continue to fortify and strengthen their intellectual resources and they cannot afford to have complacency. With their constantly renewed, revived and fortified knowledge when teachers educate their pupils, it would have huge impact upon the learners. The former Oxonian Professor of Education further illustrated that the teaching fraternity needs to evolve itself into a body of lifelong learners who should make the learners realise that learning is a continuous process. Prof. Pamela Sammons made a reference to Emerson's dream of American Scholar whom he expects to be a man thinking and she urged the faculty to ensure that students become creative, innovative and untraditional contemplators. She further made the point that if students merely re-present what the teachers have already represented, it would do them only little good. Students by making use of the lessons taught in the class room, should analyse, examine and inquire into them. Then they should come out with their own insights into the subjects and present their own perceptions of them, she added. Over and above, it is very vital and essential for the academia to ascertain the existence of an effective and impressive learner-centric environment in the educational institutions. Prof. Pamela Sammons said further that only when the teachers encourage the learners not to remain passive but to actively participate in class room discussions by seeking clarifications for their doubts, raising questions and providing their own ideas, students can be transformed into successful as well as resourceful individuals. The attendees included the faculty, research scholars and postgraduate students of the University and affiliated colleges.

Earlier, Prof. P. Madhan, Head of the Department of English, delivered the welcome address. Dr. M. Natarajan former member of the Senate made technological arrangement and coordinated the event. Prof. Nagarajan, Principal, Government College of Arts and Science, Eriyur in Dharmapuri District offered felicitations. In the end Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

International Webinar on Shakespearean Tragedies

An International Webinar on Shakespearean Tragedies was conducted on February 26, 2025, by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa

University, Karaikudi. The event brought together scholars and academicians to explore Shakespeare's tragic works' timeless relevance and depth. Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, delivered the welcome address and introduced the distinguished chief guest. The session was further enriched by the felicitation address delivered by Dr. V. Nagarajan, Principal, Government Arts and Science College, Eriyur, Dharmapuri District who highlighted the enduring significance of Shakespearean tragedies in theatrical performance, literature and culture.

The highlight of the webinar was the special lecture delivered by Dr. Charlette Scott, Professor of English at Goldsmiths, University of London, England. Dr. Scott, a renowned Shakespearean scholar, provided profound insights into the thematic depth, character complexities, and philosophical dimensions of Shakespeare's tragedies. She emphasized how these works continue to resonate with modern audiences by addressing fundamental human emotions such as ambition, fate, guilt, and redemption. Her lecture also shed light on Shakespeare's dramatic techniques, the political undertones in his plays, and the influence of Elizabethan theatre traditions on his tragic narratives. The session sparked an engaging discussion among participants, enhancing their understanding of Shakespearean dramaturgy.

The webinar witnessed the active participation of faculty members, including Dr. R. Rajan Ganapathy, Dr. G. Somasundaram, and Dr. N. Kanvitha, Assistant Professors of English at Alagappa Government Arts College. Their insightful discussions contributed significantly to the academic discourse.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor of English, expressing appreciation to all the participants, speakers, and organizing members for their valuable contributions to the successful conduct of the webinar. The webinar served as an intellectual platform for scholars and students to engage in meaningful discussions on Shakespeare's tragedies, reaffirming the Bard's unparalleled influence on world literature.

World Poetry Day Celebrations - 2025

The Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, organized an International Seminar on Poetry as part of the World Poetry Day celebrations on March 21, 2025. The event featured insightful discussions on the evolution of poetry and its thematic diversity across different literary periods.



Delivering the welcome address and thematic speech, Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head of the Department, traced the history of poetry from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present age, highlighting various themes explored across eras. He referenced the poetical compositions of Geoffrey Chaucer, Percy Bysshe Shelley, T.S. Eliot, Matthew Arnold, and others, emphasizing their contributions to literary tradition. Dr. Madhan noted that the publication of *Lyrical Ballads* marked the beginning of the Romantic Movement, a period that revolutionized poetry by celebrating emotion, imagination, and nature. He highlighted how poetry serves as a testament to human experience, capturing themes such as ethos, spirituality, nature, and social justice.

He also underscored the religious and spiritual significance of poetry, pointing out that Saivite and Vaishnavite traditions in Tamil literature worshipped God through poetic compositions. Quoting the powerful poem of Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise", he articulated the struggles of marginalized communities and the resilience expressed through poetry. Dr. Madhan further illustrated the beauty of nature in poetry, referring to William Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey", where the poet reflects on his past and present while immersing himself in nature's tranquillity, portraying nature as a motherly presence. He also evoked the timeless lines of Kaniyan Poongundranar's *YathumOoreYavarum Kelir*, emphasizing its universal relevance due to its poetic form. Concluding his speech, he referenced Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening", interpreting its central message as a reminder to stay focused on one's goals without distraction.

Dr. R.C. Sheila Royappa, Former Professor of English, Seethalakshmi Achi College for Women, Pallathur, delivered the Inaugural Address, providing valuable insights into the significance of World Poetry

Day. She explained the role of UNESCO, which has been observing World Poetry Day since 1999 to celebrate poetry as a universal art form that promotes linguistic diversity and cultural exchange. The theme for this year's celebration, "Safety, Security, and Peace," highlights the power of poetry in fostering harmony and resilience in society. Dr. Royappa traced the evolution of poetry, discussing Metaphysical Poetry, Romantic Poetry, and Victorian Poetry, illustrating each movement with representative works. She emphasized that poetry is not just about recognizing poets but also about paying tribute to the art form itself, as it has the ability to transform an individual's personality by nurturing creativity, introspection, and emotional depth.

She made a special reference to Emily Dickinson's poem "Because I Could Not Stop for Death", explaining that the poem presents death not as something to be feared, but as an inevitable transition—a realization that brings acceptance. She also discussed the works of Andrew Marvell, John Donne, Rabindranath Tagore, Sarojini Naidu, and Nissim Ezekiel, highlighting their contributions to poetry and its enduring impact. Additionally, she referred to the Bible, emphasizing its poetic significance in conveying profound spiritual truths. In conclusion, Dr. Royappa stressed that the purpose of poetry is to enhance creativity and imagination. She urged students to refine their pronunciation, accent, and intonation (PAI principle) to develop a deeper appreciation for poetry and its expressive potential.

Dr. S. Murugesan, Former Professor of Tamil, Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi, delivered the Keynote Address. He offered profound insights into the theme and form in the composition of poetry. He elaborated on the essential components of poetry, identifying key elements such as theme or message, freedom of expression, imagination, and form or structure. He delved deeply into Puthukavithai (Modern Poetry) and Marabukkavithai (Traditional Poetry), examining their stylistic differences and thematic richness. Dr. Murugesan emphasized that poetry serves as a medium of intellectual and emotional refinement. He urged students to seek out thought-provoking poetry, read it with contemplation, and embrace its transformative power, as poetry has the ability to purify the mind and elevate the soul.

Dr.S.Sudha, Assistant Professor of English, proposed a formal vote of thanks at the Inaugural function.

While delivering the presidential Address at the Valedictory function, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar of Alagappa University, highlighted the role of poetry in fostering linguistic diversity, cultural exchange, and human expression. He recalled UNESCO's 1999 declaration of World Poetry Day and emphasized poetry's power in shaping emotions, thoughts, and society. Quoting renowned poets like Shelley, Byron, Keats, and Frost, he reflected on poetry's artistic depth and universal appeal.

Addressing the literary richness of Tamil poetry, he praised the enduring impact of poets like Bharathiyar, Bharathidasan, Kannadasan, and Vairamuthu, whose verses continue to inspire generations. He encouraged students to engage with poetry, either by composing their own or sharing meaningful verses, reinforcing the timeless relevance of poetic expression. As part of the celebrations, poetry writing competitions in Tamil and English were conducted earlier. The Registrar issued certificates to the prize winners and also presented certificates to the best paper presenters of the seminar.

The International Seminar on Poetry concluded with a thought-provoking valedictory address by Prof. Helen Fulton, Professor of Medieval Literature, University of Bristol, England. Prof. Fulton highlighted the significance of 19th-century medievalism and its profound influence on literature and visual arts. She discussed key works, including *The Last Sleep of Arthur in Avalon* by Edward Burne-Jones, *The Lady of Shalott* by John William Waterhouse, and *King Arthur* by Charles Ernest Butler. She further elaborated on Alfred Tennyson's works, particularly *Morte d'Arthur* and *Guinevere*, analyzing their thematic depth through selected extracts. She also explored the "Idylls of the King," emphasizing the role of women as the moral compass and spiritual inspiration in Arthurian legends. At the end, Dr.S. Valliammi, Assistant Professor of English, Proposed Vote of thanks.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES & DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

Seminar on "Integral Humanism and Its Contribution to Women's Development"

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chair, Alagappa University, in association with Women's Studies, Alagappa University, organised a Seminar on "Integral Humanism and Its Contribution to Women's Development

on 12th Feb 2025 at Mary Wollstonecraft Hall. The aim of this programme was to create an awareness about the philosophy of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay and to highlight his contribution for women's development and nation as well.



In his welcome address, Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Chair Professor, made a reference to the philosophy of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay which focussed on the promotion of cultural nationalism, decentralization and participatory governance. He pointed out that seventy years ago Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay opposed the Western Capitalist ideas by framing the Integral Humanism that focused on creating a just and inclusive society. He concluded his speech by emphasizing the application of the philosophy of Integral Humanism for building a very strong and prosperous India.

Dr.M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, delivered the presidential address and highlighted that in India there are four Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chairs functioning and one among them functions effectively in Alagappa University. He said that Integral Humanism is a set of concepts drafted by Upadhyaya that combines the ideals of socialism and Gandhian principles such as Sarvodaya (progress of all) and Swadeshi (self-sufficiency). He said that the western philosophy is in the line with of Charles Darwin's theory of "Survival of the Fittest" and in contrast the Integral Humanism focuses on the development of each individual in the country. He stated that UNO is now emphasizing all institutions and organizations to adopt the concept of inclusiveness for the holistic development of a nation, but 70 years ago it was promoted by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay in India. He referred to the Indian Government's initiatives such as Swadhar Greh Scheme, Ujjawala Scheme, Working Women's Hostel, Mahila Sakthi Kendra Scheme, Mission Sakthi and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana that lay stress on women's development in all spheres.

Prof. J. Sujathamalini, Head, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, in her inaugural address, stated that Upadhyay emphasized the significance of social harmony and unity. He envisioned a

society where mutual respect and cooperation among different communities would lead to a harmonious and integrated national identity. She urged the students to follow the three principles: building of human values, self - understanding and utilization of opportunities that promote Integral Humanism for one's own development and nation as well.

Dr. R. Gayatri, Educationist & Registrar, Pandey School of Journalism, Chennai, delivered the special address and elaborated the life history of Upadhyay. She explained various approaches found in Integral Humanism such as Holistic Approach, Feministic Approach, Power Distribution, Economic Inclusion, Community Development and Women-Led Development Approach. These approaches are dedicated to the welfare of all citizens, and institutions that serve the common good. Finally, she highlighted the government initiatives such as Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, Ujjwala Scheme, etc. that promote the welfare of women and children.

Dr. P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University proposed a vote of thanks.

Gender Studies Students Bring Laurels to the University



In February 2025, the second-year B.A. Gender Studies students underwent internship at the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII) in Sivagangai. This internship proved to be more than just an academic exercise; it became a meaningful contribution to the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission's Focus on Blocks Development Programme, particularly targeting the developmental needs of two key blocks in the region--Thirupuvanam and Thirupathur. One of the most noteworthy outcomes of this internship was the identification of over 30 aspiring women entrepreneurs from marginalized groups. It paved the way for their enrollment in skill development training programmes which would show them new avenues for economic empowerment, sustainable livelihoods, and self-reliance. In recognition of these students'

commendable efforts and the tangible impact they made during the course of their internship, Sivagangai District Collector Mrs. Asha Ajith, I.A.S., presented appreciation certificates to the Gender Studies students on 27.02.2025. This honour stands as a testimony to their dedication, the real-world relevance of their academic training, and their invaluable contribution to district-level development planning.

Fruitful Visit to Madurai Agri Business Incubation Forum



In association with Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, and Institution's Innovation Council, Alagappa University (IIC-ALU), the Department of Women's Studies organised an exposure visit to Madurai Agri Business Incubation Forum (MABIF) on 25.02.2025 and the theme of the visit was "Exposure and Field Visits for Problem Identification: Aligning with UN SDGs and Exploring Emerging Areas of Technologies". Madurai Agribusiness Incubation Forum (MABIF) is a collaborative initiative of NABARD & Tamil Nadu Agriculture University that aimed to promote Agribusiness in Southern part of Tamil Nadu. The objective of the visit was to promote the entrepreneurial mindset among students and to create awareness about various supports given and provisions made by the Government organisation in fostering the entrepreneurial skills. It also aimed to impart knowledge about assistance and opportunities provided by MABIF to motivate the students to utilize the services for promoting startups that align with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

Mr. Shanmuga Pandiyan, Assistant manager, MABIF who welcomed the gathering, elaborated the services rendered by MABIF such as incubation services, patent filing assistance, GI tagging, sales outlet, infrastructure facilities that support the agribusiness ventures, capacity-building programmes that enhance business skills and knowledge, technical mentoring services that help in navigating the complexities of agribusiness, mentorship services to give practical ideas

for starting enterprises, and to provide funding support that connect the potential investors.

Ms. M. Mala Shri, Lab Chemist, MABIF, briefly explained the usage and handling procedures of all machinery equipment that exist in different units in the MABIF such as Milk Processing Unit, Ghee Processing Unit & Ice Cream Unit, Retort Processing Unit, Bakery Unit, Chikki Processing Unit, Food Testing Laboratory, Animal Feed Production Unit, Noodles Extruder, Multi Head Packing Machine.

At the end of the visit, students had discussions with Er. Ganesh Moorthy K, CEO, NABARD MABIF which mainly focused on types of training provided by MABIF for students, and MABIF's role in supporting students' innovative ideas. This visit was organised by Dr.P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies. 33 students from various Departments gained knowledge on the services provided by MABIF for startups.

Special Lectures



The Department of Women's Studies & Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, organized special lectures on "the topics mentioned below: 1. Psychology for Women Empowerment" on 6th March 2025. Dr.Priyadarshini Muthukrishnan, Senior Lecturer, INTI University, Malaysia was the guest speaker. "2. Special Lecture on Career Guidance" on 10th March 2025. Dr. D. Devanathan, Professor & Head, Department of Political Science & Public Administration, Annamalai University was the resource person.

International Women's Day 2025 Celebrated



The Department of Women's Studies organised the International Women's Day 2025 on 7th March 2025 at L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. The UN theme of the celebrations was "For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, Empowerment."

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address highlighted the significance of observing the International Women's Day with the well-chosen theme that focus on the efforts for promoting gender equality and empowerment for creating a gender fair and equitable world. He said that the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) of higher education in Tamil Nadu is 52%, which is almost double the national average. This achievement was due to the equal contribution of girl students. Further he stated that societies where women are given equal respect have flourished; and developed countries can be cited as examples. He also hinted that the adoption and enforcement of laws should be strict and severe for solving social problems faced by women and girls and to prevent such occurrences.

In her inaugural address, Ms. R. Uma Chandrika, Assistant Director, MSME, Madurai branch, elaborated the activities of MSME that promote start-ups among women and youth population. She elaborated the services such as free consultation, assistance in procuring raw materials and sales and marketing services rendered by the MSME and urged the students to disseminate this information for the needy people and to utilize them for their development and nation as well. She exhorted the audience to follow three concepts that empower women and girls: "Saying No" which helps to set boundaries, prioritize self-care, and make choices that align with our values; "financial freedom" for women to make choices and manage finances without relying on others; and "make the money worth for you" that is investing money for self-reliance, security, and to have a more fulfilling life. She concluded her speech by highlighting that personality is characterized by a positive attitude, self-confidence, and a willingness to take action and not by physical characteristics.

Thamizh Semmal Kavingnar Geevee, Patimandra Naduvar, in his special address, highlighted that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aimed to increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) in higher education to 50% by 2035. It can be achieved by promoting gender parity and breaking the barriers that inhibits women and girls in accessing higher education. He stated that women should underscore their importance and should build courage, self confidence and pool their efforts for their

own progress, family and nation. He exhorted the students to energise themselves with positive attitude and exhibit their full potential for promoting gender fair society. He referred to women like Mother Teresa, Savithri Bai Phule etc, and said that they are such great examples of the power and greatness that a woman carries; and he concluded his speech by asking them to imbibe the taste of success from successful women from various fields.

Dr.P.Veeramani, Head i/c, Dept. of Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering and Dr.R.Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies proposed a vote of thanks. Above 400 participants from various schools, colleges and SHG members participated in the programme.

Cultural Events for Girl - Students

In connection with the International Women's Day 2025, a series of programmes based on the UN IWD 2025 theme were conducted earlier. Events such as song and dance recitals and step-in and step-out competitions were organized for girl - students of Alagappa University. 80 girl students from various departments actively participated and exhibited their talents.

The cultural events began at the Department on 3rd March, 2025. Dr.P.Veeramani said that women's empowerment is intrinsically connected with the economic growth of India and promoting gender responsive governance will lead to sustainable development.

Dr. M. Sutha, Professor, Department of Tamil & Presiding Officer, ICC, Alagappa University in her presidential address, discussed the ways and means for promoting the gender equity and equality in all spheres. Dr.M. Ayisha Millath, Associate Professor, Alagappa Institute of Management and Member of ICC, in her felicitation address mentioned that women and girls should have the same opportunities and access to participate in all aspects of society, including education, employment, politics, community activities, and decision-making processes which would promote gender parity and gender fair society.

On 4th March, 2025 cultural events for teaching and administrative staff of Alagappa University were organized. Ms. Muthumari, Department of Fine Arts, Alagappa University, discussed the importance of celebrating the IWD. Events such as song, dance and lucky corner competitions were organized for the women staff. Nearly 100 women staff from various sections and departments exhibited their talents.

Radio talk on "Women Empowerment in Modern

Tamil Poetry”

On 10th March 2025, three students - Mahalakshmi. M, Keerthana. N and Rita. J, from the Department of Women's Studies, presented insightful talks over Alagappa University Community Radio (90.8 FM), exploring themes of gender and social justice highlighted in modern Tamil Poetry.

Awareness Programme on Safety and Security of Women and Girls

On 12.03.2025 the Gender Champions of Alagappa University organized an Awareness Programme on Safety and Security of Women and Girls for the benefit of students of Alagappa Model Hr. Sec. School.

Awareness Programme on Women's Mental Health

The Centre for Women's Studies and Department of Women's Studies organized an Awareness Programme on Women's Mental Health on 17.03.2025. The programme aimed to shed light on the importance of mental well-being among women and to create awareness about mental health challenges, coping strategies, and available support systems. Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Professor and Head, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science and Dr. P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, were the key speakers at the programme.

Awareness Programme on Cyber Security

The Department organized an Awareness Programme on Cyber Security on 18th March 2025. The programme aimed to educate the participants on the growing significance of cyber security, the potential risks in the digital era, and strategies for safeguarding personal and professional data. At the event Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering.

Dr. A. Padmapriya, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, shed light on cyber threats, online harassment, evolving nature of cyber security and digital rights that impact women globally. Dr. P. Veeramani proposed a vote of thanks.

Awareness Programme on Rights of Third Gender



An awareness programme on "Rights of Third Gender" was organized by the Gender Champions on 23rd March 2025 for Self Help Group Members at Seevalathi village in R.S. Mangalam. The objective of the programme was to promote inclusiveness, understand gender diversity, and break societal taboos that surround the transgender and non-binary community. The event also aimed to sensitize the local community about the challenges faced by the third gender and the importance of equal rights and respect for all. Tmt. Suganthi, Self Help Group Leader, delivered the welcome address. Dr.S. Britto Jayabalan, Director, SMSSS, Paramakudi, in his felicitation address, elaborated the initiatives taken by the Government of India in promoting the gender fair society. The Gender Champions performed a drama which exhibited the lives, struggles and achievements of third gender. M. Sathya, Gender Champion, Department of Tamil, proposed a vote of thanks. Nearly 30 SHG members participated and benefited from the programme.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Eight-Day Rural Camp Organised



The students of the Department of Social Work attended a rural camp at the surrounding villages in Kalaiyarkoil block in Sivagangai District from 24th Jan to 1st Feb 2025. The camp was organised focusing on the theme "Empowering Rural Communities Towards Sustainable Development". Sivagangai Multipurpose Social Service Society (SMSSS), Paramakudi, assisted in organising the rural camp.

The camp was organized in seven villages. Soosaiyapparpatinam village, Silayoorani village, Mathukanmai village, Paruthikanmai village, Porpanenthal village, Sekkakudi village and

Puliyadithambam village. It focused on key community issues, such as limited healthcare access, educational gaps and employment challenges. It aimed to promote better resource management, vocational training, and social welfare initiatives to enhance the quality of life while preserving cultural identity.

Each day consisted of structured activities such as awareness sessions, medical camps, skill training programmes, surveys, interactive workshops, and cultural events. The committee ensured that the programmes were interactive, participatory, and practical, allowing students, faculty, and community members to collaborate effectively.

A total of 26 impactful programmes were conducted, with 34 distinguished persons contributing to meaningful discussions and engagement. The event was seamlessly coordinated by social work trainees. A medical camp provided essential healthcare services to 125 individuals. People of all the 7 villages derived benefit from targeted awareness programmes on key social issues and community empowerment. As a commitment to upholding environmental sustainability, 50 trees were planted, reinforcing ecological responsibility. Faculty Members, NGO representatives, Healthcare professionals, local government authorities, and community people participated in the camp making it a holistic and impactful initiative.

Invited Lecture on "Essential Qualities and Skills Required for MSW (HR) to Face Professional Challenges"

The Department conducted the fourth session of the Invited Lecture Series on January 25, 2025. The session featured Mr. D. Victor, Senior Manager - Business HR, Human Capital at Bonfiglioli Transmissions Pvt. Ltd., Chennai; he spoke on the topic "Essential Qualities and Skills Required for MSW (HR) to Face Professional Challenges."

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head (i/c) of the Department, highlighted the relevance of the topic and encouraged students to apply the insights gained to enhance their personal and professional growth.

34th and 35th Book Talk Programmes

Mr. S. Vinaitheerthan, Personality Development Trainer, spoke on David Goggins' popular books "*Can't Hurt Me*" & "*Never Finished*" on 18th Feb 2025.



The speaker provided a compelling overview of David Goggins' extraordinary journey of mental toughness, resilience, and self-discipline. Drawing from both books, he discussed key takeaways on overcoming limitations, pushing beyond comfort zones, and building an unbreakable mindset.

At the 35th Book Talk Programme, Dr. K. Mohan, a renowned writer, spoke on the short fiction "Mazhai". He explored the symbolic representation of rain (Mazhai) in the narrative, interpreting it as a metaphor for change, renewal, and emotional release. He discussed the socio-cultural context of the story and highlighted the nuances of human relationships and inner conflicts portrayed through the characters. His talk emphasized the connection between literature and life, inspiring students to draw deeper meanings from short fiction.

AURORA-II Ray of Hope 2025

International Conference on Futuring Societies



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, in association with the Alagappa University Social Work Association (AUSWA) organized AURORA-II Ray of Hope 2025, an international hybrid-mode conference on the theme "Futuring Societies: Connecting and Initiating Dialogues on Intergenerational Solidarity for Enduring Well-being" on 18th and 19th March, 2025 at Veeru Kaviarasar Mudiarasanar Hall of Alagappa University. The conference was organized as part of World Social Work Day 2025.

With over 200 participants from Alagappa University and social work institutions across India, the event also welcomed international students and scholars,

fostering a global discourse on intergenerational solidarity.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head (i/c), Department of Social Work, welcomed the gathering and introduced the theme of World Social Work Day 2025, emphasizing the significance of intergenerational connections.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, stressed the importance of learning across generations, where the younger generation inherits wisdom and values from elders while sharing technological advancements with them.

Dr. AJ. Christopher, Head (Retd.), P.G. & Research Department of Social Work, Sacred Heart College, Tiruppattur, delivered the special address, underlining the mutual exchange of knowledge between generations, where younger individuals aid older generations in adapting to technology, while elders impart moral and cultural wisdom.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Emmanuel J. Johnson, Department of Social Work, School of Education and Behavioural Sciences, Louisiana Christian University, USA. He provided a global perspective on intergenerational social work, highlighting Indian traditions that emphasize inclusivity and solidarity across generations.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate & Dean, Faculty of Arts, delivered the felicitation address, acknowledging the conference's role in fostering meaningful dialogue on intergenerational solidarity. He also highlighted how social work education promotes liberation, social change, and sustainable development.

Rev. Fr. S. John Vasantha Kumar, Principal, Ananda College, Devakottai, in his special address, shared four key principles for practicing intergenerational solidarity: 1. Think clearly, 2. Love fellow humans, 3. Act honestly, 4. Trust in God, humanity, and society.

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. C. Vengateshwaran, Teaching Assistant at the Department of Social Work.

The first day featured a panel discussion on "Social Work Interventions for Promoting Intergenerational Solidarity", The session was chaired by Dr. AJ. Christopher. The panellists included: Dr. A. Thomas William, Former Dean & Associate Professor, Department of Rural Development Science, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur; Dr. Ratna Huiem, Associate Professor, Assam University; Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Associate Professor & Head (I/c), Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research; and it was followed by Technical

Session 1 on "Bridging Generations: Strategies for Inclusive Social Work Practice", chaired by Prof. Sigamani Panneer from the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The session featured presentations by: Dr. Kathiresan Loganathan, Associate Professor, Assam University, Silchar; Dr. A. Enoch, Assistant Professor, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai and Dr. M. Mathew Arumai, Assistant Professor and Head, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai.

The first day concluded with paper presentations by students and research scholars, providing a platform for young researchers to share their insights and findings on intergenerational social work practices.

The second day of the conference included another technical session, followed by an award giving ceremony recognizing outstanding contributions in the field of Social Work and Intergenerational Solidarity.

Invited Lecture Series 5: "Role of Social Work in Protecting Child Rights"

The Department organized the fifth session of the Invited Lecture Series on Feb 25, 2025. The guest speaker for the session was Mr. S. Durai, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) from Sivagangai. He delivered an insightful lecture on the topic "Role of Social Work in Protecting Child Rights." He shed light on the various dimensions of child rights, including protection, participation, development, and survival. He emphasized the pivotal role social workers play in identifying vulnerable children, intervening in crisis situations, and advocating for policies that ensure children's safety and well-being. He also discussed the real-life case studies from the district and elaborated on the functioning of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and other legal provisions such as the POCSO Act and Juvenile Justice Act. Dr. M.A. Velusamy, who spoke on the occasion, highlighted the need for professionally trained social workers in the child protection system and encouraged students to pursue this area with dedication and compassion.

Campus Drive- 2025 Conducted



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, in association with the Alagappa University Social Work Association (AUSWA), successfully organized Campus Drive-2025 in collaboration with RM Consultancy, Chennai, on 31st March 2025. The drive was exclusively conducted for MSW students, offering promising career opportunities for the positions of Program Coordinator, Child Welfare Officer, and Counsellor in reputed organizations across Tamil Nadu. The recruitment process included written assessments and interviews conducted by the expert panel from RM Consultancy. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of final-year MSW students, with over 12 candidates receiving job offers by the end of the drive. The initiative served as a significant platform for students to kick-start their professional journey in the field of social work. The campus drive concluded on a positive note, marking another milestone in the department's ongoing commitment to student empowerment and professional development.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Remembered

National Unity Day Celebrated



The Department of History organized a special lecture on 4th March 2025 to commemorate the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, celebrating his pivotal role in the unification of modern India. The event was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, who formally inaugurated the session. In his welcome address, Dr. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head (i/c), Department of History, emphasized the importance of remembering national leaders whose vision and determination shaped the nation's destiny. Prof. D. Ramakrishnan, Dean of Arts and Chairperson of the School of Social Sciences at Madurai Kamaraj University, delivered a compelling special address titled "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - An Architect of Integrated Modern

India." He traced Patel's crucial role in the political integration of princely states and highlighted the Iron Man's legacy as a statesman of unity and national will. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. R. Shrien Bargana, Teaching Assistant in the Department of History.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

National Webinar on Digital Activism and Uprisings in the Indian Context

The Department of Politics and Public Administration, organized a Webinar on Digital Activism and Uprisings in the Indian Context on 7th Feb 2025. The webinar aimed to explore how digital activism influences political action and social movements in India. Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head (i/c), welcomed the participants and emphasized the transformative power of social media in enhancing global communication and connectivity. Dr. K. Senthilkumar, Professor of Public Administration, provided the thematic introduction, highlighting the ethical use of advanced technologies like deep seek and AI for promoting truth and awareness. Dr. T. Gopinath, Head, Department of Public Administration, RGNIYD, Chandigarh, delivered the special address and underscored the role of digital media in empowering society beyond geographical limits. He elaborated on how students, politicians, and activists use social media platforms to mobilize support, raise awareness, and organize protests. Citing examples such as the RTI campaign, Farmers Protest, Anna Hazare's Movement, and the Nirbhaya Movement, he illustrated the impact of digital activism in India. The webinar concluded with an interactive session and a vote of thanks by Ms. A. Sumithira.

International Webinar titled "Unleash Your Potential: Elevate Your Career and Succeed" Conducted

The Department organized an International Webinar titled Unleash Your Potential: Elevate Your Career and Succeed on 27th Feb 2025. The webinar aimed to help students understand their true potential and achieve global career success. Dr. K. Senthilkumar, Head (i/c), welcomed the participants and highlighted the role of self-awareness, continuous learning, goal setting, and resilience in unlocking one's potential. He emphasized the need for skill acquisition to succeed in the global market. Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, delivered the felicitation and encouraged students to align their careers with their passions and strengths. Dr. Arumugam

Muthusamy from Sunway University, Malaysia, delivered the special address, focusing on education as a means to build global competencies. He underlined the importance of intercultural understanding and adaptability for thriving in international careers. He spoke about practical resources like global certifications, scholarships, and job portals to help students gain global exposure. The event concluded with an interactive session and a vote of thanks by Ms. A. Sumithira.

Invited talk & Prize Distribution Ceremony



The Department organized an Invited Talk and Prize Distribution Ceremony on 10th March 2025 to help students explore their true potential and achieve career success at the global level. Dr. K. Senthilkumar welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Veeramani, Head (i/c), Centre for Women's Studies, in her felicitation address, emphasized the significance of striving for personal excellence and embracing global opportunities. Dr. D. Devanathan, Professor and Head, Annamalai University, in his special address, focused on educational growth, professional readiness, and the importance of acquiring intercultural competence. He motivated students to prepare themselves for diverse work environments in an interconnected world. The programme also celebrated the dynamic efforts of the Student Council in organizing engaging extracurricular activities. Events like Singing, Connection, Thumbs Up, Locky Corner, and Heads Up added vibrancy to the academic atmosphere. Prize distribution by the distinguished guests further enriched the event. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. A. Sumithira.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

Workshop on "The Art Business- Possibilities & Opportunities"



The Department of Fine Arts, Alagappa University organized a Workshop on "The Art Business - Possibilities & Opportunities" on 31st January 2025.

The event began with a welcome address by Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan, Teaching Assistant. Dr. S. Senthamizh Pawai, Senior Professor & Head, Department of Fine Arts, in her presidential address, urged the students to adopt an entrepreneurial mindset, combining creativity with strategic planning to establish successful careers. She also exhorted them to utilize various platforms to showcase their talents, collaborate with industry professionals, and keep up with technological advancements in the art business. Mr. L. PL. Angappan, Professional Certified Business Coach, provided valuable insights into the business side of art. He spoke about monetization strategies such as commissioned work, art licensing, and collaborations with brands. He stressed the importance of branding, marketing, and financial planning for artists, highlighting that success in the art world requires a combination of creativity and smart business decisions. He also advised students to engage in networking and partnerships with galleries, collectors, and art business professionals to enhance their career prospects. Mr. V. Arasakumaran, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

Workshop on "Crafting Your Artistic Identity: Why Branding Matters for Artists"

The Department organized a workshop titled "Crafting Your Artistic Identity: Why Branding Matters for Artists" on 25th Feb 2025. The workshop aimed to enlighten aspiring artists on the crucial role of branding in shaping and promoting their artistic careers. The event began with a welcome by Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan and it was followed by the inaugural address by Dr. S. Senthamizh Pawai. She emphasized the need for artists to cultivate a unique identity in today's evolving creative landscape. In his special address Mr. L. P. L. Angappan, a Professional Certified Business Coach, shared insightful strategies on how artists can establish their personal brand, connect with their audience, and navigate the digital art space effectively. His talk bridged the gap between creative passion and professional practice, offering practical takeaways. The session was enriched further with inputs from faculty and students, creating a lively and interactive environment. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. V. Arasakumaran.

Roadshow Painting Exhibition

Chithira Santhai Organised



The Department of Fine Arts organized a roadshow painting exhibition and sale titled "Chithira Santhai" on 5th March 2025 near the Alagappan Museum. This grand art fair-first of its kind in Tamil Nadu-transformed the venue into a vibrant celebration of creativity and community engagement. The event was inaugurated by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. The sales were formally launched by Dr. Usha Aravind of Raghav Kumar Hospital. Dr. A. Senthilrajan (Registrar), Dr. V. Palanisamy, Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Dr. S. Rajaram, Mrs. S. Selvi, and Dr. E. Kannabiran graced the event and appreciated the efforts of the students and organizers.

Over 3000 art works created by the talented students of the Department of Fine Arts were exhibited. The display featured a diverse range of media including watercolour, acrylic, oil colour, pencil work, pen drawings, palm leaf art, chalk carving, clay sculptures, handmade accessories, thread art, illustration, and many more. The exhibition drew an impressive crowd of over 5000 visitors, including school and college students, professional artists, media personnel, families, and the general public. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with many art works sold, supporting and encouraging young artists. The event stood as a shining example of how art can connect communities and serve as a powerful form of expression. The Chithira Santhai was coordinated under the leadership of Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Fine Arts, and was widely applauded for its scale, diversity, and impact.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND FILM STUDIES

World Theatre Day Celebrated

In observance of the World Theatre Day, the Department of Theatre and Film Studies organized a Drama Festival on 27.03.2025. The event began with a welcome address by the Head of the Department, Prof. M. Sudha. Inaugurating the event, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar of the University, said that, "Drama is one of the integral forms of classical Tamil arts and its performance reflects the real voice of the people. It is an interdisciplinary art that unites many creative expressions". He commended the students of the Department for presenting plays that highlight values of the Tamils. This festival has nurtured many budding directors. "Students should showcase their talents and

contribute to social development through their artistic skills. Art should be embraced as a way of life", he added. Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, remarked: "The theatrical art has existed since the Sangam period, with Silappathikaram serving as a historical example. Our ancestors preserved this tradition, and the Department of Theatre and Film Studies should continue to nurture and promote it through dedicated learning and practice."



Mr. Shanmugaraja, a popular film actor and drama director, participated as a special guest and noted: "Education is vital, and quality training should be imparted to those who teach it. Teachers in the arts field must be well-trained to pass on meaningful knowledge." Another special guest, Mr. Ezhil Periyavedi, director of the film Parari, addressed the audience. He said that "artists should perceive themselves as creators and their creative work must serve society. Film and theatre should be approached as academic disciplines and practised in collaboration with experienced professionals to create impact." As part of the festival, three plays were staged and they were directed by students from the department and performers were drawn from other departments of the university.

Mr. Sundararaman, Secretary of the Tamil Isai Sangam, Karaikudi, who co-organized the festival along with the staff of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, delivered the vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

International Conference on Advances in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Information Technology (ICAMCSIT 2025) Organised



The School of Mathematics organized an International Conference on "Advances in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Information Technology (ICAMCSIT 2025)" on January 09, 2025. Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, welcomed the participants and introduced the Guests of Honour.

In his presidential address Hon. Col. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor shared his thoughts on the evolving landscape of academia and research. He began by acknowledging the rapid advancements in emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and big data analytics. He stressed the importance of integrating these technologies into the academic curriculum to prepare students for the future job. He referred to Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking, and their contributions to physics and mathematics. He made a reference to opportunities offered by the South Korean National Universities. He mentioned that Koreans always praised the Indian mathematicians' skills. He said that Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, is renowned for its rich cultural heritage, including its deep-rooted traditions in mathematical astrology. Prof. Ravi asked the participants to think beyond their academic silos and embrace collaboration as a pathway to innovation. He expressed confidence that the ideas exchanged during the conference would pave the way for groundbreaking research and practical applications, ultimately benefiting society at large.

The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. Woong Cho from Kangwon National University, South Korea, who captivated the audience with his insights into global trends and challenges in mathematics and information technology. Prof. Cho spoke passionately about the transformative power of mathematical modeling in solving real-world problems. He illustrated the application of mathematical techniques in addressing issues such as optimizing urban transportation systems, enhancing healthcare delivery, and mitigating climate change. During his speech, Prof. Cho emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary research and highlighted how this collaborative work would help to address real-world challenges. The joint initiative aims to focus on the convergence of electronics, artificial intelligence, and system engineering, particularly in the field of railway communication systems. He explained that the research would develop innovative solutions to ensure seamless, secure, and efficient communication across various platforms and technologies.

Professor Cho expressed confidence that this partnership would pave the way for remarkable research and academic synergy. He praised the mathematical expertise of Alagappa University and underscored the role of Kangwon National University's technological advancements in making this initiative a success. "This collaboration," Professor Cho remarked, "will pave the way for innovative solutions that serve both academic pursuits and societal needs. Together, we can transform this partnership into a beacon of excellence in international research and education."

Prof. Gyanendra Prasad Joshi, also from Kangwon National University, South Korea, delivered a felicitatory address, celebrating the spirit of collaboration and innovation that defined the conference. He commended the university's efforts in bringing together researchers from across the globe to discuss and address pressing global issues. Prof. Joshi conveyed his experience during his postgraduate degree programme in physics. He completed his doctoral studies at Kangwon National University, where he gained expertise in the fields of computer science and engineering. Over the years, he has made contributions to the domain of information and communication technologies, focusing on fostering innovative and impactful solutions to complex problems. Prof. Joshi emphasized the need to build strong networks among researchers and institutions. He called upon the participants to seize the opportunities presented by the conference to initiate new collaborations and strengthen existing ones.

MoU Signed



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Alagappa University, India and Kangwon National University, Republic of Korea. The MoU signifies a collaborative effort to foster interdisciplinary research, particularly focusing on the integration of mathematics, artificial intelligence, and system engineering. This partnership aims to drive groundbreaking research, technological advancements, and transformative educational outcomes, addressing global challenges and benefiting society at large.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. S. Amutha of the Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics, Alagappa University.

State-Level Quiz Contest Conducted for P.G Students in Mathematics



The School of Mathematics hosted the State Level Quiz Contest 2025 on March 14, 2025. The event was a grand celebration of mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills, bringing together talented students, distinguished faculty, and eminent guests to foster a spirit of academic excellence and intellectual curiosity.

Competitions like these are designed to encourage students to sharpen their analytical and reasoning skills, which are essential not only in mathematics but also in various real-world applications. The event aimed to challenge participants with stimulating questions that tested their understanding of mathematical theories, logical reasoning, and quick decision-making abilities. Such initiatives serve as stepping stones for young minds to explore the beauty of mathematics beyond textbooks and apply it to practical scenarios.

The contest attracted participants from various institutions across the state, making it a platform for interaction, learning, and healthy competition. The event commenced with a welcome address delivered by Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics. He said that mathematics is not just about numbers and equations but a tool that develops logical thinking and analytical skills. He spoke about the relevance of such contests in fostering a competitive spirit among students while also nurturing their love for the subject.

Dr.V. Palanisamy, Syndicate Member, who officially inaugurated the event said that it provided a valuable platform for students to showcase their mathematical abilities. Further, he highlighted the four Thirukkural couplets that highlighted the importance of mathematics. He emphasized that a strong foundation in

mathematics equips students with problem-solving skills that are essential for tackling real-world challenges. He encouraged students to develop a habit of logical reasoning and critical thinking, skills that are crucial in today's rapidly evolving world.

Prof. R. Roopkumar from the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur, was quiz master and he said that the event was an intellectually stimulating competition. He elaborated on the significance of quiz as an effective learning tool that encouraged students to think beyond conventional methods. He stressed that quiz tests knowledge and enhances retention, improves cognitive skills, and builds confidence. He further highlighted how quiz contests help students develop quick thinking and decision-making skills, which are crucial in both academic and professional settings.

Dr. S. Amutha, Assistant Professor at the Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Expert Lectures Organized



Two-day Expert Lecture Series #4 was organized by the Department of Computer Science on 3rd and 4th of March 2025. The welcome address was delivered by Prof.A.Padmapriya;and the inaugural address was delivered by Prof. T. Meyyappan. Ms. Arthi Vigneshwari, Senior Software Engineer at Mastek was the resource person. She focused on "Project Development Using Java" in session I. In Session II and III she offered hands-on experience in developing real-time projects.

The second day began with Session IV, where Mr. S. Asvanthkumar, Software Tester at AE Soft Technologies, delivered a talk on "How to Succeed in Your Career", guiding students on career growth strategies in the IT industry. In Session V Mr. Syed Hakkim, Director of Akims Technologies and Founder of Acrosys Technologies, presented an engaging lecture on AI OpenCV technologies.

Session VI was organized online.Mr. M. Pugazhenth, Devops Engineer at MASE, ESCRIBA

spoke on the topic "Getting Prepared for Entering into the IT Industry" providing crucial insights into the skills and knowledge required to excel in today's tech-driven world

The Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr.A.Padmapriya and a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. S. Suganya.

Science Day Celebrations



Ever since 1987, our country has been celebrating the National Science Day on 28th February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by one of the renowned Physicists of India- Sir CV Raman. The Department of Computer Science participated in the "Open day" at the Science Campus and showcased the exceptional talents of its students in the field of Internet of Things (IoT). The event aimed to provide a platform for students to demonstrate their innovative ideas and practical skills in developing IoT models.

Two-Day State-Level Technical Symposium - TECHNOVA-2K25



The Department of Computer Science and the Alagappa University Computer Science Students Association (ALUCSSA) organized a Two-Day State-Level Technical Symposium - TECHNOVA-2K25 on 27th and 28th March, 2025. The event was organized by the students pursuing 1st-year M.Sc. Computer Science and 1st-year M.Sc. Cyber Forensic. The primary objective of the event was to bring together aspiring minds, foster innovation, and provide a platform for students to showcase their technical skills and creative talents through a variety of competitions.

The symposium was inaugurated by Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations. Ms. KR. Karthika Devi, President of ALUCSSA, gave the welcome address and it was followed by a thematic address delivered by Prof. A. Padmapriya. Prof. T. Meyyappan and Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar offered felicitations. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. J. Jeevapriyadharshini, ALUCSSA.

With the participation of students from 11 colleges, including Syed Hameedha College, Alagappa Government Arts College, Sri Vidhya Giri College, Sri Raja Rajan Engineering College, Shanmuganathan Engineering College, Government Arts College for Women, Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Mangayarkarasi College, Fathima Michael College, H.H. The Rajah's College, and Sudarsan Engineering College, the symposium provided a competitive yet collaborative environment where students engaged in various technical and non-technical events. More than 150 students actively took part.

12 events conducted included Poster Ready, Spot the Bug, Intellect Clash, Rapid Keys, Catalyst Convo, Meme Creation, Find Your Icon, Spell Bee, BGM Finding, Connection, Click the Spot, and As You Like It. The winners were honored with trophies and certificates in recognition of their achievements. The Overall Championship title was claimed by Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi, outperforming the other participating colleges.

The Valedictory Address was delivered by Prof. V. Sivakumar, Dean (i/c) of the College Development Council. The Felicitation Address was delivered by Mr. Ramsundar Suresh, Managing Director of Hebesec Technologies Pvt. Ltd.,.



Prof. V. Sivakumar, Mr. Ramsundar Suresh, and Mr. K.R.V. Karuppiah (Founder of Adithya Pvt. Ltd., Singapore), gave away the trophies and certificates to the winners. The event was conducted with the generous support of sponsors and co-sponsors. The primary sponsors included Adithya PTE Ltd., Singapore; Hebesec Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Karaikudi; Suriya Jewellery Mart; Sangeetha Silks; Anifa Biryani; and Little Lady.

The co-sponsors included Acrosys Technology, DOODS Holidays, Arul Auto Stores, SAFEXPRESS, Sushi's Fruitice, Janapriya Supermarket, and Maha Sree Welding Works.

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT

Two-Day International Conference on "Recent Trends in Vaccines and Biomaterials for Animal Health" Organised



The Department of Animal Health and Management hosted a two-day international conference titled "Recent Trends in Vaccines and Biomaterials for Animal Health" on Feb 6th and 7th, 2025.

Prof. B. Vaseeharan, the Convenor and Organizing Secretary, welcomed the participants. He mentioned the scope of the conference and discussed the role of vaccines in animal health and recent advancements in biomaterials. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, in his inaugural speech, focused on next-generation vaccine development, the efficacy of viral vectors, and engineered nanoparticle formulations for targeted antigen delivery for human and animal health.

Prof. P. Ramasamy, Former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address in which he provided key insights into vaccine development, particularly the role of nucleic acids such as DNA and RNA. He also emphasized the growing need for skilled researchers for entrepreneurial advancements in the field of Animal Health; Prof. Ina Salwany Md Yasin from Mahidol University, Thailand, who gave the thematic address highlighted the critical role of antibiotics in aquaculture and their effectiveness in disease prevention and the importance of responsible antibiotic use to maintain sustainability and mitigate the risks of antimicrobial resistance, ensuring long-term health benefits for aquatic species. The special address was delivered by Dr. Mohd Termizi Yusof from Universiti Putra, Malaysia, highlighting the crucial role of microbes in vaccine production; he emphasized their significance in developing effective and sustainable vaccines. Prof. J.

Jeyakanthan, Dean, Faculty of Science, delivered the keynote address. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. P. Srinivasan, Professor, Department of Animal Health and Management.

On the following day Dr. M. Biruntha, Assistant Professor, delivered the welcome address. Dr. N. M. Prabhu provided a report on the proceedings of the conference. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. Prof. Ina Salwany Md Yasin & Prof. Mohd Termizi Yusof delivered the felicitation address. Prof. B. Vaseeharan, proposed a vote of thanks.

A total of 202 participants from various universities and institutions attended the international conference. The conference featured a diverse range of presentations and panel discussions covering topics such as vaccinology, biomaterial applications, immunology, and other areas crucial to the enhancement of animal health.

One-Day Programme titled "ACT NEXt: Medicine & Physiology - 2025"



The Department of Animal Health and Management, in collaboration with the Departments of Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Physical Education, Botany, Microbiology, Biomedical Science, Fisheries Science, Oceanography and Coastal Area Studies, Nutrition and Dietetics, organized a one-day programme titled "ACT NEXt: Medicine & Physiology - 2025" on March 14, 2025.

The welcome speech was delivered by Prof. B. Vaseeharan, Convenor of the event. It was inaugurated by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. He spoke about the event's theme and highlighted the achievements of Nobel Prize Winners. Other distinguished guests included: Prof. M. Selvam, Former Vice-Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, who gave the presidential address. Prof. V. Rajesh Kannan, Professor and Member of the Vice-Chancellor officiating Committee at Bharathidasan University, delivered the thematic address. Prof. C. Sekar, Syndicate Member of Alagappa University, gave the special address. Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Dean, Faculty of Science, gave the keynote speech.

The valedictory address was given by Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. Prof. V. Palanisamy, Syndicate Member, gave the felicitation address, and the event concluded with a final vote of thanks by Prof. V. Nithya. The sessions included informative presentations and discussions regarding the Nobel Laurates, their discoveries, achievements and contribution to the scientific community.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

One Day Workshop on Problem Solving and Ideation

The Department of Microbiology, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development and Institution's Innovation Council - Alagappa University (IIC-ALU) jointly organized a One Day Workshop on Problem Solving and Ideation on 25/02/2025. Faculty Members, Students and scholars from various departments participated. Dr. T. Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, welcomed the gathering and delivered the thematic address.



The workshop was inaugurated by Registrar Prof. A. Senthilrajan. He advised students to find the problems affecting the society and try to solve them with their innovative ideas.

Dr. S. Vijkumar, Director, Tamil Nadu Scientific Organization, delivered a special address on problem solving and ideation. He kindled the young minds with innovative ideas for entrepreneurship. Also, he explained how the economic hurdles can be overcome with financial support of funding agencies.

In the first session, he elucidated the economic and nutritional importance of Azolla. He mentioned various methods used abroad for cultivation and commercialization of Azolla. In the second session, he gave hands-on training in the department laboratory on the cultivation of Azolla. Scholars and Students cleared their doubts in the interactive session.

One Day Workshop on Technology Transfer & Technology Show - 2025

A one-day workshop on Technology Transfer & Technology Show - 2025 was organized by the Department of Microbiology, Industry and Consultancy

Wing, University Business Collaboration Centre, Alagappa University in collaboration with StartupTN on 27.02.2025.



Mr. P. Neelakannan, Convenor of Healthcare & Well-Being Panel, CII Madurai Zone, Chief Operating Officer, Apollo Hospitals, delivered the inaugural address and outlined the role of technology particularly Artificial Intelligence in promoting the health.

Mr. N. Subramanian, Project Lead, StartupTN, Chennai, spoke about the steps to register the patent. He motivated students to implement their ideas by making a prototype and produce them on a large scale. He also explained the guidelines for registering patents. He motivated the innovators to apply through StartupTN scheme and develop small prototype or devices. Further he asked the students and scholars to find out the problem of local population and address the current issues by inventing new techniques.

Earlier, Prof. A. Arun, Head Department of Microbiology welcomed the gathering and at the end of the programme Dr. T. Kavitha proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

ROCK - 2025: National-Level Geology Conclave Organized



The Department of Geology hosted a National-Level Geology Conclave titled ROCK - 2025 (Reaching Out and Connecting Knowledge) on Jan 20th 2025, under the theme "Where Passion Meets Profession." Organized by the M.Sc. Applied Geology students, the event was held at the Science Campus and drew enthusiastic participants from across various universities and colleges. The inaugural session commenced with a welcome address

by Dr. K. Prabakaran, Head (i/c) of the Department of Geology. The event was inaugurated by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who highlighted the vital role of geosciences in addressing contemporary environmental and resource-related challenges. Delivering the presidential address, Mr. N. Selvarajan, Chief General Manager & Head of IREL (India) Limited, Manavalakurichi, spoke about the strategic significance of rare earth minerals and the pressing need for sustainable resource management. The sessions featured the speeches of distinguished industry professionals, including Mr. M. Anandharaja, Senior General Manager (Mines & Geology) at Chettinad Cement Corporation Ltd., Ariyalur, and Mr. P. Sivan Bharathiramachandran, General Manager (Mines & Geology) at BMC Groups, Chennai. They shared valuable insights on industrial geology, mining practices, and the future of mineral exploration. Students participated in a variety of events such as poster presentations, debates, and treasure hunts, all of which highlighted their creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork. The conclave provided a dynamic platform for academic exchange, professional networking, and experiential learning truly bridging the gap between passion and profession in the field of geology.

Special Lecture Series on Career Opportunities in Geology



The Department organized a special lecture series titled "Career Counselling and Opportunities in Geology". Dr. K. Prabakaran, Head (i/c), in his welcome address, emphasized the growing significance of geological sciences in sustainable development and natural resource management. The session featured resource persons from various sectors of geology, who shared their expertise and insights into the diverse career paths available to aspiring geologists. Mr. S. Mamallan, a reputed professional from the granite industry in Kerala, highlighted the scope of industrial geology and the importance of quality assessment in the dimensional stone sector. Mr. P. Sivan Bharathiramachandran made a presentation on the evolving roles of geologists in the mining industry and corporate sector initiatives. Mr. A. Bala Nagendraraju, Technical Manager for Mineral Trade Operations, Africa-SGS, provided a global perspective, discussing international demand for geologists and the critical role of

certification and quality control in mineral trading. Mr. S. Sekar, Assistant Geologist, Department of Geology and Mining, Government of Tamil Nadu, offered valuable information about government service opportunities and the vital contributions of geologists in public sector development. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. A. V. Udayanapillai.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Special Lecture on "Millets-Safe Food"

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized a special lecture on Millets- Safe Food and Food Fortification on 26th Feb 2025. Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Head i/c, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, welcomed the gathering and pointed out the importance of food fortification. Mr. R. Thiyagarajan, Food Safety Officer, Sakkottai & Kannankudi Block, Sivagangai District, Tamilnadu, acted as a resource person and delivered a lecture and gave a hands-on training on methods of finding out food adulteration. He also spoke on food fortification such as jaggery, tea powder, honey, coriander, ghee, pepper and also highlighted the impact of fortified food items on health & nutrition. Mrs. R. Ramya, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

National Science Day



On the National Science Day, the Department focussed on the theme of "Developing of Nutritious Food Products from Natural Sources". M.Sc.- Nutrition and Dietetics students demonstrated the preparation of nutritious food products and also demonstrated how to find out food adulteration. Food products were displayed on the Science Day for the benefit of visitors.

Nutritional Awareness Programme at Solai Andavar Vidhya Salai School at Kothari



The Department organized a Nutritional Awareness Programme on 05th March 2025 at Solai Andavar Vidhya Salai School, Kothari, Pallathur. The programme was inaugurated with a welcome address by Mrs. Meenal, Headmaster of S.A.V school. Dr.P. Rameshthangam, in his presidential address, explained the importance of nutrition in day-to-day life and the need for a good diet for preserving health. Students explained to school children about the balanced diet, healthy foods vs junk foods, the importance of nutrition. They conducted various games regarding nutrition-rich foods and their benefits for the students. Ms. S. Ragav proposed a vote of thanks.

Diet Counselling Programme Conducted as Part of Women's Day Celebrations



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized the Diet Counselling Programme on the Women's Day on 10th March 2025. Dr.P.Rameshthangam pointed out the significance of special nutrition needed for women's health. Nearly 110 members participated in the programme. Among the participants, 23 members came under the category of Underweight. 63 members came under the category of normal weight. 21 members came under the category of overweight, 3 members came under the category of obese. Regular physical activity was recommended for all the participants. Special dietary advice for curing anemia, thyroidism, electrolyte imbalance, PCOS and digestion problems was provided. Ms. S.N. Mumtaz proposed a vote of thanks.

National Seminar-Cum-Workshop on "Nutritious Food Products from Natural Sources"



The Department organized a National Seminar-cum-Workshop on "Nutritious Food Products from Natural Sources" on 18th and 19th March 2025. In the Inaugural function, Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Convener-cum-Organizing Secretary, welcomed the participants. He mentioned that the Seminar-cum-Workshop would create an awareness on nutritious food products, their nutritional properties, and health benefits and help produce nutritious food products.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-chancellor, in his presidential address, shared his experiences on the benefits of natural food he ate in his childhood days at the village and how they gave him robust health and energy needed for long hours of work and study; and he also mentioned the enormous job opportunities related to the nutrition field. Dr. R. Jagan Mohan, Professor and Head, NIFTEM-T, delivered the keynote address. He shared his knowledge about natural food products that are used in various countries and their processing in industries. Dr. S. Parameshwari, Professor and Head, Periyar University, Salem, highlighted how to select natural sources for food product development. Dr. S.S. Vijayanchali, Professor, Department of Home Science, Gandhigram Rural Institute-Gandhigram, delivered the thematic address. Mr. Ranjith Kumar, Managing Director, AVKR Moringa Promise Wellness (OPC) Private Limited, C. Pudupatti, Theni District, and Dr. J.B. Sharmila, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Home Science, Sri Meenakshi Govt. Arts College for Women(A), Madurai, spoke at the seminar.

Visit to National Institute of Nutrition



The students of the department, made a study tour to the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad on 27.04.2025. The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is a premier research institute in India, focusing on nutrition and public health. It provides evidence-based solutions to combat public health challenges of malnutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, and non-communicable diseases and to ensure food and nutritional security through innovative and impactful research. All the teaching staff and students of the Department of Nutrition

and Dietetics gained industrial exposure at NIN-Hyderabad.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Two-Day International Conference on Education-5.0 : Enabling Aspects and Trajectories



A Two-Day International Conference on Education-5.0 : Enabling Aspects and Trajectories (EAT - 5.0) organised by the Department of Education at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was held on 6th & 7th February 2025.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who presided over the inaugural session of the conference, said that education has evolved through multiple phases from the first-level of blackboard learning or the rote learning to the fourth-level of using artificial intelligence (AI); and the society is now facing the fifth phase of its evolution (Education 5.0). He stated that India plays a crucial role in this evolution, as it focusses on human-centric education. Problem-solving approaches, accessibility and inclusivity and industry-integrated education are the key aspects of this phase. He asserted that these areas of focus align with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) initiative, enabling the country to progress rapidly towards self-sufficiency in education.

In his inaugural address, Prof. R. Hariharan, Formerly Advisor, AICTE, New Delhi, said that the educational institutions in India should not depend only on government for financial assistance. Whereas, they should try to generate funds through their entrepreneurial initiatives and consultancy services. There is much demand for the skilled professionals in India and hence the higher educational institutions (HEIs) should pay attention to impart skill-oriented education through skill-based curriculum and training.

While presenting the keynote address, Prof. Aznan Che Ahmad, Head, School of Education, Quest International University, Malaysia, stated that the synergy of industry and academia should be sustained to meet the increasing demands of the industrial society. Education 5.0 is not just an upgradation, rather it is a transformation

of creating a knowledge society where human values will be upheld along with life skills.

Prof. Yan Ye, Director, International Education Programme, Stamford University, Thailand, Dr. JR. Jawaharlal, Chairman, Principals' Association, Abu Dhabi, Prof. Shanmuga Sudharshini, National Institute of Education, Maharagama, Sri Lanka, delivered plenary lectures. A total 236 papers were presented in sixteen technical sessions chaired by prominent experts in education. A Conference Monograph containing 664 pages was released on the occasion by the Vice-Chancellor and the copies were received by the experts.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Alagappa University and Quest International University was signed at the event for collaboration in teaching and research.

Valedictory Function

The valediction was held on the evening of 7th February 2025. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, presided over the session and made a reference to the digital divide and exhorted the people to be aware of the significance of Cyber Security in the present context.

Delivering the valedictory address, Prof. D. Brahadeeswaran, formerly Head of the Department of Policy Planning, NITTTR, MoE, Govt. of India, Chennai, elaborated on how the evolution of Industry 1.0 to 4.0 has impacted and contributed immensely to the evolution of Education 1.0 to 4.0. He added that Education 5.0 concentrates on personalised learning, critical thinking and ethic-based education for offering human touch in all educational endeavours.

Dr. Salizawati Omar from Sekolah Kebangsaan Permatang Institute and Prof. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE, offered felicitations. Dr. Tailee Mohammed Hussain, a Star Alumnus and a renowned Urdu Poet, presented the conference report. Earlier, Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, welcomed the participants and at the end of the event Prof. R. Ramnath, Organising Secretary of the conference, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Invited Lectures Organized



The Department of Education arranged Invited Lecture Series on 14th, 17th, 19th Feb and 10th March 2025 as part of its academic enrichment initiatives.

On 14th Feb the resource person, Mr. K. Thangavel, Assistant Professor of Education, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, delivered an engaging lecture on "From Chalkboard to Chatbot: The Evolution of AI in Instructional Dynamism." His session provided insights into the historical development of AI in education, the role of chatbots and virtual assistants in teaching, and how machine learning algorithms can personalize students' learning experiences.

On 17th Feb 2025, the invited lecture was delivered by Prof. S. Rasul Mohaideen, Former Associate Professor of English, V.O. Chidambaram College of Education, Thoothukudi. His session on "Germinating Research" provided valuable guidance on initiating and structuring research studies, exploring methodologies, and enhancing academic writing skills. He highlighted key strategies for developing a research mindset and shared practical approaches to overcoming challenges in scholarly research.

On 19th Feb 2025, the resource person for the session, Dr. R. Balamurugan, Faculty in Psychology at the Department of Education, National Institute of Technology Puducherry, delivered a lecture on the applications of SPSS in research. He elaborated on various statistical techniques, data interpretation, and how SPSS facilitates effective data-driven decision-making in educational research. The session was interactive, with participants engaging in discussions and hands-on demonstrations using SPSS software.

On 10th March 2025, the resource person for the invited lecture session, Dr. K. Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor of Biological Science, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, provided "Training on Jamovi for Scholars: Simplifying Statistical Analysis in Education". He gave a comprehensive introduction to Jamovi, explaining its interface, key features, and advantages over other statistical software. Through interactive demonstrations, participants learnt how to perform descriptive and inferential statistical analyses effectively. The session also included practical exercises that allowed scholars to apply their learning to real-time data sets.

On all the four occasions, Dr. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Sasikumar, Organizing Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Invited Lecture on 'Functions of AU Community Radio'

An invited lecture entitled 'Functions of Alagappa University Community Radio' (AUCR) was conducted on 20.01.2025 at Alagappa University College of Education. Miss. P.Nagadevi, a second year B.Ed student welcomed the audience. The Coordinator Dr. SP.Shanthi, AUCE, introduced the resource person, Dr.C.Sumathi, Directori/c, AUCR. Dr. C. Sumathi referred to different programmes broadcast through AUCR and introduced the student-teachers to various job avenues available in mass communication field. Dr.S.Sumithra, Teaching Assistant, AUCE, coordinated the programme. Finally, G.Karthipriya of II-year B.Ed programme proposed a vote of thanks.

Special Lecture on 'Winning Rules'



A Special Lecture entitled 'Winning Rules' was conducted on 03.02.2025. Miss. M.Muthumeenal welcomed the audience. The organizing secretary Dr. S.Sumithra introduced the resource person. The resource person Sri.S.Vinaitheerthan, Soft Skills Traineer and Divional Manager, LIC (Rtd), delivered a special lecture on 'Winning Rules'. He motivated the audience by highlighting the inspiring life achievements of famous personalities such as Rosa Parks, Usain Bolt, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Leander Paes and David Goggins. Dr.SP.Shanthi of AUCE, coordinated the programme. Ms. V.Kaleeswaran proposed a vote of thanks.

Workshop on 'Soft Skills for Teachers'

On 10th February 2025, AUCE organized a Workshop on Soft Skills for Teachers. The session aimed to highlight the importance of soft skills in the professional development of teachers, helping them to enhance their communication skills, leadership qualities and interpersonal abilities. Dr. S. Leo Stanley focused on several key areas related to soft skills --Adaptability, Flexibility, Empathy, Creativity, Self Confidence, etc.,

He highlighted that a Harvard study showed that 85% of one's success at the workplace is attributed to soft skills and only 15% to technical skills. Success depends on an educator's ability to connect with students. Soft skills play a crucial role in managing classrooms and engaging students effectively.

Special Lecture on 'Social Emotional Learning'



A special lecture entitled 'Social Emotional Learning' was conducted on 17.02.2025 at the department. The resource person Dr. GP.Raja, Asst. Professor, Department of Education(CDOE), delivered the lecture on the topic as a part of Personality Development Training to the student-teachers. He elaborated on the framework known as CASEL (Collaborative Curriculum for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning). He stressed the importance of avoiding preconceived notions and staying updated for better decision-making. Dr.SP.Shanthi of AUCE, coordinated the programme.

Workshop on 'Art Integrated Learning : Terracotta'



A One -day Workshop on "Art Integrated Learning : Terracotta" was organized by the Art Club of AUCE on 22nd February 2025. The objective of the workshop was to train the students for making different types of jewelry. The chief guest was Mrs. Anita Sundar. 100 participants were taught to make terracotta Jewelry and they had hands-on experience in making teaching models.

Invited Lecture on Holistic Health in the Past, Present, and Future - Perspectives and Practices

The Department organized an invited lecture on 24th February 2025 with Dr.D.Maniashagu, Professor,

Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, as resource person. He spoke on the topic "Holistic health in the Past, Present and Future-Perspectives and Practices". He explained how the integration of physical, mental and emotional well-being could help in achieving overall health condition in an individual. Citing statistics from the World Health Organisation (WHO), he noted that physical inactivity is a significant risk factor for cardiac arrest, ranking fifth among the leading causes of heart attack. He wrapped up his speech by highlighting the role of physical activities in enhancing students' health.

International Workshop on 'Art of Writing and Publishing Educational Research Aligning with International Standards'



An International Workshop on "Art of Writing and Publishing Educational Research Aligning with International Standards" was organized at AUCE. Dr.P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, delivered the opening remarks and emphasized the importance of academic excellence and publishing research articles in reputed international journals. Prof. A. Padmapriya, Dean, Research & Special Officer P&D, Alagappa University spoke on the occasion. The first session was led by Prof. Priyadarshini Muthukrishnan, Faculty of Education and Liberal Arts, INTI International University, Malaysia. The second session was conducted by Dr. Geethanjali Narayanan from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia. Her session provided participants with the confidence and direction to aim for high-impact publications. The event was coordinated by Dr. G. Rajeswari and Dr. R. Portia.

International Conference on Educational Reforms in the Era of Artificial Intelligence (ICERAI - 2025)



To explore the transformative intersection of artificial intelligence and education, the AUCE, as a part of 75th year of its founding, organised an international

conference on "Educational Reforms in the Era of Artificial Intelligence" on 06th and 7th March, 2025. Dr. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE, welcomed the gathering. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who inaugurated the conference made a brief reference to the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies which facilitate the advanced educational resources in academic research.

Prof. Priyadharshini Muthukrishnan, Faculty of Education and Liberal Arts, INTI International University, Malaysia, delivered the keynote address. Prof. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate and Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, offered felicitations at the event with their views on AI, in the changing educational landscape. The resource persons, Dr. Geethanjali Narayanan from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia, Prof. S. Senthilnathan from Bharathidasan University, Prof. S. Mani from NCTE, New Delhi, Dr. K. Thiyagu from the Central University of Karnataka, explored AI-empowered learning environments, including virtual reality applications, inclusive education, and AI's role in lifelong learning. A total of 262 research papers were presented by scholars, faculty members, and researchers from across the globe, both on online and offline modes. (mostly from China, Singapore, Malaysia, USA etc.). Dr. G. Rajeswari, Organizing Secretary of the conference, proposed a vote of thanks.

Celebration of Pi Day - Mathematics Club

The Mathematics Club of AUCE celebrated Pi Day through an event titled "Mathematica" on 14th March 2025. The celebration featured engaging performances including a Mime on 'Dyscalculia' by "The Learning Lifters" group and a Skit by the "Pi Pioneers" group, both creatively portraying mathematical concepts. Dr. T. Kannan, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai, was the chief guest. He inspired students with his insights on the significance of mathematics in education and beyond. Dr. A. Pio Albina coordinated the event.

World Poetry Day-2025



The World Poetry Day was conducted at AUCE. Dr. A. S. Arulsamy, Head Department of English, Sree Sevugan Annamalai Arts and Science College, Devakottai, was the chief guest. He spoke on the topic "A Line of Poetry is a Joy Forever". He said how poetry makes life more meaningful. Faculty members, students, and poetry lovers took part in the event, making it a memorable and enriching experience. The event also featured soulful solo and group songs, graceful dance performances, and expressive poetry readings, which made the celebration lively and engaging. Dr. SP. Shanthi was the co-ordinator of the programme.

Visit to District Science Center Organised



A one-day educational field trip was organized for the Mathematics students of AUCE on 31st March 2025 to the District Science Center, Tirunelveli. The event was coordinated by Dr. A. Pio Albina, Math Club Coordinator.

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Two Students Participate in Viksit Bharat - National Youth Festival in New Delhi



The prestigious Viksit Bharat - National Youth Festival was held on January 11th & 12th, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together talented youth from across the country to showcase their skills and intellectual abilities. Organized to celebrate the spirit of youth and their contributions to the nation's progress, the festival featured various competitions and events aimed at fostering creativity, leadership and national pride. Two talented students from the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, represented Sivaganga

District at this grand event. Ms.N.Uma Maheshwari participated in the "Debating Competition", where she demonstrated her exceptional debating and analytical skills. Her confidence, articulation and critical thinking, earned appreciation from the judges and audience alike. Ms.M.Nithyashree took part in the Essay Writing Competition, where she presented a well-researched and thought-provoking essay on a relevant national issue. Her writing reflected depth, clarity and originality, effectively capturing the essence of the theme and leaving a lasting impression on the evaluators. Apart from competitions, the event featured inspiring keynote sessions by eminent speakers, discussions on youth empowerment and interactive sessions on nation-building.



The participation of students in this festival brought pride to Alagappa University and showcased the university's commitment to nurturing young talent.

Participation at State Level Workshop on Youth against Digital Media Addiction

The NSS State-Level "Workshop on Youth against Digital Media Addiction" was held from 21-01-2025 to 23-01-2025, at Anna University, Chennai. The three-day workshop aimed to create awareness among young minds about the growing issue of digital media addiction and to equip them with strategies to maintain a balanced and healthy lifestyle in the digital age.

Four students from the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University Kirubakaran G, Monish S, Prasannadevi K and Kaviyasri S participated in the workshop, representing the university. The event brought together NSS volunteers, experts and academicians to discuss the impact of excessive digital media usage on mental health, productivity and social interactions.

The workshop featured interactive sessions, expert talks and group discussions led by psychologists, technology experts and social activists. The key topics covered included the psychological effects of screen addiction, strategies to reduce screen time, the role of

digital detox and responsible social media usage. Participants also engaged in case studies, role-play activities and awareness campaigns to understand the real-world implications of digital media addiction and ways to combat it. The resource persons at workshop also emphasized the importance of physical activities, mindfulness and time management as effective solutions to overcome digital dependence.

Participation at State-Level Workshop on Youth for Social Justice

The NSS State-Level Workshop on Youth for Social Justice was held from 31-01-2025 to 02-02-2025, at Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. The three-day workshop aimed to sensitize youth about social justice, equality and human rights, empowering them to become responsible citizens and change-makers in society. Five students from the Department Krishnaveni R, Priyadharshini N, Subashri N, Nisha K and Priyadharshini G participated in the workshop, gaining valuable insights into the role of youth in fostering an inclusive and just society. The workshop featured thought-provoking sessions, panel discussions and interactive activities led by experts in law, social work and human rights advocacy.

Workshop on Youth for Reviving Traditional Sports and Games

The NSS State-Level Workshop on Youth for Reviving Traditional Sports and Games was organised at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, from 07-02-2025 to 09-02-2025. The initiative aimed at preserving and promoting India's rich heritage of traditional sports and games.

Ms. Divya Devi M, Parameswary M and Sowmiya M participated in the workshop, showcasing their commitment to reviving traditional sports. The workshop featured interactive sessions, practical demonstrations and discussions on games such as *Pallanguzhi*, *Kho-Kho*, *Gilli Danda*, *Kabaddi* and *Aadu Puli Aatam*. These activities not only highlighted the physical and mental benefits of traditional games but also emphasized their role in fostering community bonding and cultural identity.

Industrial Visit to Kerala



The Department organized a three-day industrial visit for the students to gain practical insights into industrial operations and workforce management. The visit took place from 13-02-2025 to 15-02-2025, covering two major industries Masco Tea, Vagamon, Idukki District, Kerala and Mekkadamu Model Rubber Producer Society, Cochin.

Participation at National Integration Camp

The NSS National Integration Camp was held from 22-02-2025 to 28-02-2025, at Vivekananda College, Agastheeswaram, Kanyakumari, with the aim of fostering national unity, cultural harmony and social responsibility among the youth. The week-long camp brought together NSS volunteers from various universities across the country to engage in activities promoting community service, leadership and national integration.

Three students from the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University Veeraragavansri M, Yogarani G and Saranya K actively participated in the camp, gaining valuable experiences in teamwork, social service and cultural exchange.

Exhilarating Experience of Adventure Training Camp



The State-Level Adventure Training Camp was held at Yercaud and it was organized by Periyar University, Salem, from 01-03-2025 to 05-03-2025; it was an exhilarating and transformative experience for the participating students. Six students from the Department of Lifelong Learning, Sornalakshmi R, Raghunath Nish S, Hariharan R, Manikandan B, Kaviyasri S and Uma Maheshwari N took part in the camp, accompanied by Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c of the Department, who served as the contingent leader. The students engaged in a variety of thrilling activities, including trekking, rock climbing, rappelling, zip-lining and nature walks.

Participation in State-Level NSS Youth Festival

The State-Level NSS Youth Festival was held at VIT Chennai Campus, bringing together NSS volunteers from various colleges and universities across Tamil Nadu. The event aimed to foster leadership, teamwork and social

responsibility among the youth through a series of cultural, intellectual and community-oriented activities. Five students from the department -- Veeraragavansri M, Mohamed Yahiya S, Kirubakaran G, Logesh K and Hariharan R-- participated in the festival, representing the university.

Invited Guest Lectures

The Department organized an invited guest lecture on "Life Skill Education" on 18th March, 2025. Ms.Gulafsha Parveen from Bhumi NGO, a well-known organization dedicated to youth empowerment and education, delivered an insightful lecture on the importance of life skills in personal and professional development.

The Department also organized an invited guest lecture on "Leveraging Graphic Design & AI Tools for Effective HR Communication" on 25th March 2025. The session was engaged by Mrs.P.Deeparajeswari, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication, Nachiappa Swamigal Arts and Science College, who provided valuable insights into the evolving role of technology in HR communication and corporate branding.

Senior Citizens' Day Observed



The Department organized the Senior Citizens' Day, honoring the wisdom, contributions and experiences of senior citizens. The event aimed to emphasize the importance of active aging, lifelong learning and the well-being of elderly individuals.

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, highlighted the significance of valuing and supporting senior citizens in society. Following this, Dr.G.Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, delivered the felicitation address, emphasizing the role of education and community engagement in enhancing the quality of life for the elderly. The keynote address was delivered by Mr.S.Vinatheerthan, Soft Skills Trainer & Motivational Speaker, Divisional Manager (Rtd), L.I.C of India, who spoke on the psychological and emotional well-being of senior citizens and shared valuable insights on leading a fulfilling post-retirement life. Dr.K.R. Subbiah,

Honorary Captain, Ex-Army Medical Corps, gave a special address, shedding light on the importance of health, fitness and mental resilience among senior citizens. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr.M.Kanaga.

ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Workshop on Poster Exhibition of Innovative Ideas and Display of Point of Care Prototype Device



The Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Institution's Innovation Council (ALU-IIC) and the Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors organized a Workshop on Poster Exhibition of Innovative Ideas and Display of Point of Care Prototype Device on Feb 13, 2025. The workshop aimed to foster innovation and provide a platform for students, researchers, and faculty members to showcase their innovative ideas and prototype developments. The event witnessed the participation of persons from the academic and research community. The welcome address was given by Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c & IIC Convener. He emphasized the significance of innovation in skill development and the crucial role played by the Innovation Council in nurturing creative minds. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event, stated the university's commitment to fostering research and innovation, encouraging students to engage in interdisciplinary research for societal benefit. The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate and Head, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors. He elaborated on the importance of biosensors in healthcare and their impact on real-time diagnostics. The special address was delivered by Dr. M. Sathish, Principal Scientist, Electrochemical Power Sources Division, CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI). He discussed advancements in electrochemical power sources and their applications in medical and environmental monitoring devices. The poster exhibition and prototype display were assessed by a panel of jury members. Dr. M. Sathish, Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, Dr. K. Pandima Devi and Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar, were the jury members. They provided valuable feedback and

appreciated the participants for their innovative approaches and dedication to research. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. KR. Murugan, Adjunct Professor, AISD.

From Idea to Impact: A Motivational Session by a Successful Start-Up Founder and Entrepreneur

An event titled "From Idea to Impact: A Motivational Session by a Successful Start-Up Founder and Entrepreneur" brought together entrepreneurial minds and aspiring innovators to learn from the journeys of successful start-up founders was held on Jan 27th 2025. Organized by the AISD and the ALU - IIC, the event inspired participants to transform ideas into impactful ventures. Dr. V. Dharuman, in his welcome address, emphasized the importance of entrepreneurial initiatives in today's dynamic economy. Dr. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, in his presidential address, underscored the need for innovative thinking and adaptability in overcoming entrepreneurial challenges. The first session was led by Mr. J. Mohammed Nowsath Sherif, Managing Director & CEO of Edtodo Technovations LLP, Tirunelveli. His presentation focused on "MSME Scheme and IVP Funding", offering valuable insights into funding opportunities and government schemes available for start-ups. Drawing from his own experiences, he highlighted the significance of leveraging support systems for business growth and scalability. The second session featured Mr. K. Sankaralingam, Founder & CEO of GRCTS Food Manufacturer Pvt. Ltd., Madurai. He shared his entrepreneurial journey, emphasizing the power of resilience, innovation, and market understanding in building a successful business. He discussed practical challenges and solutions in the food manufacturing industry. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. K.R. Murugan, Adjunct Professor, AISD. This motivational session provided valuable takeaways for aspiring entrepreneurs, fostering a spirit of innovation and determination among the attendees. It served as a platform for exchanging ideas, learning from real-world experiences, and understanding the practical aspects of starting and sustaining a business.

Awareness Session on "Alagappa University Innovation and Startup Policy (AISP)"



The Awareness Session on "Alagappa University Innovation and Startup Policy (AISP)" was held on Feb 05, 2025. Organized by the AISD and the ALU-IIC, the event aimed to raise awareness about AISP and various entrepreneurial opportunities. The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. K.R. Murugan, followed by the presidential address by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who emphasized the role of universities in fostering innovation and start-ups. Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c & IIC Convener, elaborated on the objectives of AISP, including promoting entrepreneurship, establishing incubation facilities, and providing mentorship and funding for start-ups. Mr. T.S. Anandhasekar, Project Officer, EDII - Ahmedabad, conducted the second session, discussing government start-up schemes, MSME support, invention, innovation, and business development opportunities. He highlighted funding schemes, venture capital assistance, and government initiatives like Start-Up India and MSME support programmes. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. PR. Saranya, EIC HUB Coordinator.

Vibrant "Facon Fest 2025" Organised



The Facon Fest 2025, organized by the Fashion Technology Division of the AISD was a vibrant celebration of creativity and skill. Held on 18th March 2025, the event brought together budding designers, artists, and students from various institutions to showcase their talents. The morning session featured a variety of engaging competitions such as Tote Bag Painting, Fashion Sketching, Design a Doll, Face Painting, Mehandi, Art from Waste, Artificial Bouquet Making, Nail Art, a Designer Contest, and a Fashion Show.



The second programme was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. The event was inaugurated by Mr. R. Ramanathan, Senior Manager of S.P. Apparels Ltd., Avinashi. Distinguished guests such as Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Prof. K.R. Murugan, and Prof. V. Dharuman, Director i/c of AISD, graced the occasion. The event included speeches, felicitations, cultural shows, and the grand fashion show. The day concluded with prize distribution ceremony; and a vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. P. Suruthi.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

"My Story- A Motivational Session by Successful Innovators" Organised



The Department of Logistics Management in association with Institution's Innovation Council, Alagappa University organized a Seminar on 14th Feb, 2025 titled as "My Story-Motivational Session by Successful Innovators". The Convenor was Dr. V.Dharuman, Director i/c, Alagappa Institute of Skill development; and the Organizing Secretary was Dr.V.A.Anand,Assistant Professor, Department of Logistics Management. Prof. C. Yogalakshmi, Dean, Faculty of Management, said innovation, job creation, and economic development are the basic factors of entrepreneurship development. She highlighted the importance of IPR and discussed the economic theory. She also spoke about how the Ministry of Education was listing the MIC and gave suggestions to our students on how to enhance their skill set. Prof. V. Sivakumar, Head, Department of Logistics Management, in his thematic address, highlighted India's success in the field of satellites. Talent is more essential to become a successful entrepreneur. Mr.G. Rajamurthy,Chairman, Export Promotion Centre, Madurai, was the Chief Guest. He said that development of entrepreneurship depends largely on skill development. Dr.M.Suganya, Teaching Assistant, proposed the vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Three-in-One Programme Organised



The Department of International Business organized a 3-in-1 programme -- "National Seminar on Applications of AI for Export & Import Management, Signing MoUs with FRETLOG Logistics (P) Ltd. and MASTU Global Logistics (P)Ltd and Release of Placement Brochure" on 7th March 2025. Dr. A. Muthusamy, Professor & Head, Department of International Business, welcomed the gathering.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, delivered the presidential address on the theme and highlighted the current status of NAAC accreditation obtained by Alagappa University. Mr. S.A. Ranjith Kumar, Director, MASTU Global Logistics (P) Ltd., Bengaluru, delivered the thematic address about the application of AI in streamlining logistics operations, enhancing efficiency, and reducing costs. He highlighted how AI-driven predictive analytics and automation improve decision-making. Dr. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the felicitation address and highlighted the growing significance of AI in various industries, and the importance of AI and a deep knowledge of Machine Learning Applications.

Mr. E. Praveen, Senior Human Resource Manager, MASTU Global Logistics (P) Ltd., hinted at the impact of AI in human resource management within the logistics industry. The topics covered, included AI-driven recruitment processes, workforce analytics, and automated performance evaluation. Mr. P. Anand Panchavarnam, Head of Logistics, MAS GROUP India, Chennai, focused on how AI could optimize import/export processes through automated documentation, smart tracking systems, and risk assessment models, leading to faster and more reliable global trade.

Mr. Edwin Xavier Branch Manager, FRETLOG Logistics Pvt Ltd, Chennai explored AI's role in improving supply chain visibility, demand forecasting, and real-time inventory management. The speaker emphasized how AI-driven solutions help companies minimize disruptions and enhance productivity. The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr.S.Prasad, Associate Professor at the Department.

Awareness Programme on Contemporary Social Issues and Problems of SC/STs and Minorities in India



The Department in collaboration with Equal Opportunity Cell organized a One Day Awareness Programme on Contemporary Social Issues and Problems of SC/STs and Minorities in India on 25.03.2025. Dr. A. Muthusamy, Equal Opportunity Cell Coordinator, welcomed the gathering.

Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address on the theme; and he mentioned the prevailing social issues faced by SC/STs and minorities in India. Dr. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the felicitation address and exhorted the students to treat every one equally and to be compassionate towards the weaker sections of the society.

Dr.S. Rajamohan, Former Registrar i/c of the University, referred to the social security and welfare schemes initiated by the Government for helping, SC/STs and Minorities in India and emphasized the need for such schemes to uplift the SC/STs and Minorities. Dr.R.Mangaleswaran, Professor, Department of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirapalli, focused on the social issues, concerns and challenging aspects prevailing in the country. Dr.P.Boomi, Deputy Coordinator, Equal Opportunity Cell, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

International Conference on "Viksit Bharat 2047: Sustainable Business Development Strategies for Inclusive Growth"

The Department of Corporate Secretaryship of Alagappa University organized a two-day International Conference on "Viksit Bharat 2047: Sustainable Business Development Strategies for Inclusive Growth" on March 10-11, 2025.



Dr. C. Vethirajan, Senior Professor & Head of Corporate Secretaryship, in his welcome address, highlighted the significance of sustainable business practices in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and the role of inclusive growth strategies in nation-building.

A compendium of the proceedings of the 5th International Conference and the department's placement brochure, showcasing the achievements and excellence of students in the Corporate Secretaryship domain were released.

Dr. Morarji, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, delivered the thematic address, emphasizing five crucial pillars of Viksit Bharat 2047-- Infrastructure, Startups, Sustainable Agriculture, Digital Transformation, and Governance. He highlighted the role of infrastructure as the foundation of economic development, startups as a means to drive entrepreneurship and innovation, sustainable agriculture for enhancing productivity through eco-friendly methods, digital transformation as a key driver of economic growth, and governance to strengthen administrative efficiency for holistic development.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the university's commitment to inclusive education and skill development. He outlined various initiatives undertaken by the University to benefit students from rural areas and reinforce skill-oriented learning programmes.

In her inaugural address, CMA. Shanmuga Priya, a practicing cost accountant and gold medalist in the CMA final examination, shed light on the inclusive business model for sustainable development and the need for collaborative efforts in environmental sustainability.

In his keynote address, Prof. Sivesan Sivanandamoorthy, Faculty of Commerce and Management, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, emphasized the role of youth leadership for achieving Viksit Bharat 2047 ideals.

Dr. M. Sivakumar, Professor & Head, Department of Entrepreneurship Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, in his special address emphasized the importance of the sustainable business practices with all-

inclusive growth. He added that development of science and technology leads to developed India.

Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Former Register of Alagappa University, offered felicitation. He listed out the valuable factors like business factor, geographical factor and individual factor based on Viksit Bharat - 2047 for developing India. He further said that India's journey to net zero embraces Green Growth, Collaboration, Renewables, Sustainable Finance and Transformative Technology. He added that India needs to adopt a comprehensive approach balancing economic growth with environmental considerations.

CMA Rakesh Shankar Ravisankar, Member-IAASB, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India and Assist. Prof. Commerce, DDGD Vaishnav College, proposed a vote of thanks at the conference.

The first Plenary Session was on "Governance and Policy Framework" Mr.A.Hariharsubramani, MC Member, CMA Fractionary CFO was the resource person and Dr. A. Morarji was the chairperson. The second Plenary Session was on "Technological Advancements and Digital Transformation".CMA Nellai Kumar R, Cost Accountant, Tirunelveli, was the Resource Person. Dr. SP. Mathiraj was the chairperson. The third Plenary Session was on "Sustainable Business Development Strategies". The resource person was Prof. Sivesan Sivanandamoorthy, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Dr. U. Arumugam was the chairperson. The fourth Plenary Session was on "Rural Development and Agriculture" The resource person was CMA D. Kalaichelvan, Chairman, Dindigul Chapter of Cost Accountants; and the chairperson was Dr. A. Anbazhagan. The fifth Plenary Session was on "CSR and Corporate Sustainability". The resource person was Dr. P. Chellasamy, Professor and Dean, Bharathiar University; and the chairperson was Dr. S. Selvarani. The sixth Plenary Session was on "Neo Banking and Financial Inclusion". The resource person was CMA Dr. Sethurajan Kumararajan. The chairperson was Dr. R. Maria Inigo, Associate Professor, Bharathidasan Govt. College for Women, Puducherry. The seventh Plenary Session was on "Data Analytics for Measuring Sustainability Effectiveness". The resource person was Dr. M. Kamaraj, Tamil Nadu Institute of Labour Studies; and the chairperson was Dr. K. Rajamannar, Assistant Professor, MS University, Tirunelveli. The eight Plenary Session was on "Cultural Heritage and National Identity with Focus on National Security and Defense". CMA Rakesh Shankar Ravisankar, Member-Internal Auditing Board Assurance

Standards Board ICAI and Assistant Professor of Commerce, DDGD Vaishnav College, Chennai, was the resource person.

The Technical Session - II held on March 11, 2025, featured research paper presentations from scholars and academicians, showcasing innovative ideas and insights into sustainable business practices and corporate governance. The session was chaired by Dr. K. Tamizhthyoti, Associate Professor, Department of Business Administration, D.G.G.A.C (W), Mayiladuthurai.

Several research papers were presented, covering diverse topics related to financial inclusion, digital transformation, corporate sustainability, and rural development. The session facilitated an engaging exchange of ideas, allowing participants to receive constructive feedback from the session chairman and co-chairman.

Valedictory Session

In the valedictory session, Dr. C. Vethirajan, Convener of ICSBDSIG 2025 gave the welcome address. Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examination, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address and CMA Rakesh Shankar Ravisankar presented a detailed report on the conference proceedings, highlighting the discussions, research presentations, and policy recommendations. The valedictory address was given by Prof. V. Alagappan, Former Registrar of Madurai Kamaraj University.

A special address by CMA TCA Srinivasa Prasad, Vice-President, ICAI, and a felicitation address by Prof. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, were the other highlights of the valedictory function. Dr. U. Arumugam, Assistant Professor, proposed the vote of thanks.

Three-Day Industrial Visit-cum-Educational Tour



The Department arranged a three-days Industrial Visit-cum-Educational Tour from 19-02-2025 to 21-03-2025. A team of 63 MBA (Corporate Secretaryship) students visited Mysore Silk Government of Karnataka Enterprise, Mysore, where the entire group was guided by a supervisor; and he explained about the system of

producing sarees and cloth and the uniqueness of their products. The students had a glimpse of Coorg Coffee Industry on third day the team visited Wonderla at Bangalore.

World Consumer Rights Day Celebrations - 2025



The Consumer Club of Alagappa University organized a special event in connection with World Consumer Rights Day on March 17, 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness of consumer rights, especially in the context of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. The programme included insightful speeches delivered by distinguished speakers from academia and the legal sector, focusing on AI's role in consumer protection, legal frameworks, and best practices.

Dr. U. Arumugam, Deputy Coordinator of the Consumer Club, welcomed the participants. Dr. C. Yoga Lakshmi, Dean - Faculty of Management, delivered an insightful address at the World Consumer Rights Day Celebrations. She emphasized the significance of consumer awareness in the digital age, highlighting AI and block chain's role in ensuring transparency.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor referred to the university's commitment to fostering consumer awareness. He stressed the significance of World Consumer Rights Day as an occasion to educate consumers about their rights and responsibilities in an increasingly digital and AI-driven world.

The event was formally inaugurated by Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Former Registrar of Alagappa University. He highlighted the historical evolution of consumer rights movements and emphasized the need for legal and technological safeguards to protect consumers in the modern economy. He encouraged students and researchers to actively participate in shaping consumer protection policies through academic research and public engagement.

Mrs. S. Radha Karthikeyan, an Advocate and Oath Commissioner from Karaikudi, delivered the

keynote address on the legal landscape of consumer protection in India. She also shared case studies illustrating landmark consumer protection rulings in India, providing valuable insights into consumer rights enforcement in real-world scenarios. Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar, Director (i/c), Directorate of Management Information System (MIS), delivered a special address focusing on the intersection of AI and consumer rights. A vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. G. Vinayamoorthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University.

PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

E-Book Version of the Story of Kanchivana Karuppan's Journey to Thennadu Released



Under the aegis of Alagappa University Publications Division, a new book and its e-book version of the palm-leaf manuscript titled "The Story of Kanchivana Karuppan's Journey to Thennadu" were released on 19.02.2025 at a function held at the Veeru Kaviyarasar Mudiyyarasana Auditorium at Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

The event was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who officially released both the print and digital editions of the book and delivered a speech. He commended the scribe, Dr. N.R.K. Kalaiyaran, former Deputy Registrar of Alagappa University, for his deep spiritual insights and his efforts in transforming the palm-leaf manuscript into a book. He also extended his appreciation to Mr. Narayanan from Kandangipatti and his family, who gave the valuable ancient palm-leaf manuscript.

The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the importance of understanding one's family history, heritage, and culture, as well as the special or unique features of the region he/she inhabits. He highlighted that migrating from one region to another region often brings challenges, but the belief that one's household deity accompanies and protects his or her family has persisted across all cultures of the world. This book beautifully conveys this message.

The book narrates how, during a severe famine in Kanchipuram, Aadhikilavan, an agriculturist under the

intuitive "command" of Kanchivana Karuppan, carried the Sami Petti (sacred chest) on his head and migrated with his cattle to the Pandya Kingdom, eventually settling in Kandangipatti near Sivagangai. The manuscript details the divine guidance and blessings received from his clan deity, Kanchivana Karuppan, which the scrivener, Dr. N.R.K. Kalaiyaran, has meticulously documented in the book form. The Vice-Chancellor also congratulated the staff of the Management Information System (MIS) of the University for making it available as an e-book.

The event commenced with a welcome address and an introduction to the book by Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations of Alagappa University. Prof. S. Rajaram, Syndicate Member, received the first copy from the Vice-Chancellor and delivered a scholarly review of the book. Prof. J. Jayakanthan, Syndicate Member, Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Head of the Department of Physics; Prof. S. Senthamizh Paavai, Director of the Centre for Tamil Culture; and Prof. E. Kannappiran, Director, Centre for Online and Distance Education offered felicitations.

The scribe Dr. N.R.K. Kalaiyaran delivered the acceptance speech, expressing gratitude for the recognition. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. Natarajan from the Department of English and Foreign Languages.



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