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During the 78th Independence Day Festival,  
Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University,  
Honoured the Family Members of Soldier P. Nagalingam,  
who Sacrificed His Life in Service to the Nation.

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## *From the Vice-Chancellor*

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Dear Readers,

*I immensely rejoice to communicate with you all through this Azhagu Newsletter and share with you the news items on significant academic and research activities that unfolded at the University during this spell from July 2024 till September 2024.*

*Alagappa University celebrated the 78th Independence Day with patriotic spirit. The Vice-Chancellor hoisted the national flag and made the Independence Day Speech wherein he remembered the great sacrifices and services rendered by freedom fighters for the Liberation of India. His exhortation to students that they should always remain patriotic and uphold the Constitutional Values constituted key a part of his address. In this period, orientation programmes were organized faculty wise so as to provide the freshers with the knowledge of functioning of the University.*

*Celebration of Teachers Day in an earnest manner was another significant occurrence that took place at the University. Likewise, Alagappa University observed commemoration of Kargil Victory Day during which the services of the Martyrs were recollected and glorified. In fond remembrance of the former Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar's yeoman service to the sphere of education, Alagappa University staged in a resplendent manner Muthamizh Arignar Dr. Kalaignar Centenary celebrations in this period. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, was honoured with the conferment of the rank of Honorary Colonel and also the title of Colonel Commandant by the Directorate of National Cadet Corps. In addition, this phase also witnessed the impressive celebration of Religious Harmony Day during which students and research scholars were sensitized to respect the religious sentiments of others and to contribute to the sustenance of religious harmony in the society.*

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

**Prof. G. RAVI**  
Vice-Chancellor

## 78TH INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATED



The Grand 78th Independence Day Festival at Alagappa University, Kariakudi, began with the hoisting of the Tri-Colour National Flag by Vice-Chancellor Hon. Col. Prof. G. Ravi. He accepted the Guard of Honour presented by the NCC Cadets and Students of the University. In his Independence Day Address, the Vice-Chancellor said that nation's freedom was won by the great sacrifices made by millions of freedom fighters; and every right we enjoy today was brought to us by these heroes. They fought for a nation that could stand tall in the world, proud of its heritage, yet forward-looking and inclusive.

Prof.G.Ravi briefly narrated the activities and recent achievements of the University. He added that despite being one of the young Universities, located in the rural background, Alagappa University has been doing well in Research and Development, which could be seen in its current impressive 'h' index of 118 with 11,269 publications. Alagappa University faculty members have filed 59 patents from their research work and 37 patents have been published and granted recognition as new inventions. The Vice-Chancellor appealed to the faculty and students to strive hard for the uplift of the University in terms of high-quality research and socially useful extension activities.

As part of the celebrations, Alagappa University honoured the family of soldier P.Nagalingam who laid down his life in the gruesome attack of terrorists while safeguarding the nation. This continuing tradition of honouring reflects the institution's commitment to remembering and respecting the great sacrifices made by the brave men and women of the Indian Armed Forces. Various cultural events were conducted which included a drama enacted by the students of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies. Dance and song recitals were performed by the students of the Fine Arts Department.

Syndicate Members Prof.V.Palanisamy, Prof.C.Sekar, Prof.S.Rajaram and Prof.J.Jeyakanthan, Registrar Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Controller of Examinations Dr.M.Jothibas, Finance Officer i/c Prof.C.Vethirajan, Deans, Directors, Heads of the Departments, Faculty members, Administrative staff and students participated in this function. Faculty members of the College of Physical Education made arrangements for the successful conduct of the 78th Independence Day festival. Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, NCC Officer, compered the programme.

## STATUE OF VALLAL ALAGAPPAR UNVEILED AT ALAGAPPAR ALUMNI ECO PARK



The Hon'ble Minister of School Education Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi unveiled a bust-sized statue of Vallal Alagappan at Alagappan Alumni Eco Park, Pon Nagar, Karaikudi, on 31.7.2024 in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Co-operatives Thiru. K.R. Periyakaruppan, Karaikudi Constituency M.L.A.Thiru. S. Mangudi, Sivagangai District Collector Thirumathi. Asha Ajith, Karaikudi Municipal Chairman Thiru. S. Muthuthurai and Vice-Chairman Thiru. N. Gunasekaran.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presided over the event. The statue installed at the Alagappan Alumni Eco Park was donated by the Members of Alagappan Alumni Association. Later, Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi visited Alagappan Model Higher Secondary School where he addressed the students. He recalled the benefactions and philanthropy of Vallal Alagappan for the cause of education, that led to the establishment of a number of educational institutions and that made Karaikudi a hub of educational institutions.

Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examinations, Prof. V. Palanisamy, Prof. C. Sekar and Prof. S. Rajaram Syndicate Members, Messrs. A. Balamuthu and M. Udhayakumar, District Education Officers and Mr. Rajapandian, Head Master, Alagappan Model Higher Secondary School, participated in the event.

Thiru. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi and other members also visited the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences and the Special Schools run by the department for benefit of differently abled children.

## ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY GETS 47<sup>TH</sup> POSITION IN NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING FRAME WORK (NIRF)



Alagappa University has secured the 47th position among the "Universities Category" and 76th position in the "Overall Category" among the 2781 higher educational institutions assessed at the national level for the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for the year 2024. The Ministry of Education has newly introduced "State Public University" category this year. Under this category Alagappa University has secured the 17th place.

The Hon'ble Minister of Education Dr. Dharmendra Pradhan released the India Rankings 2024 during a function organized by the Ministry of Education (MoE) in New Delhi on 12.08.2024. Totally 10845 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) participated in the ranking exercise under various categories and subject domains. Among these, 2781 higher educational institutions participated in the Overall Category.

Rank details are given below:

Name of the University	Overall Category Rank		University Category Rank		State Public University Rank	
	Rank	Score	Rank	Score	Rank	Score
Alagappa University	76	51.07	47	53.84	17	60.15

The ranking framework evaluates institutions on five broad generic parameters, i.e., Teaching, Learning and Resources, Research and Professional Practice, Graduation Outcome, Outreach and Inclusivity and Perception of the Public, Academics and Employers and also evaluates Research Papers published in journals and citations made.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Director and his team members of Alagappa University Ranking Cell, collected, analyzed and submitted the data to NIRF, MOE, New Delhi. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa

University placed on record his appreciation for the Faculty Members, Research Scholars, PG Students, Administrative Fraternity and Stakeholders for their continued commitment for the growth and development of the University.

## MUTHAMIZH ARIGNAR DR. KALAINGAR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



The Department of History and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, jointly organized an event at the University to mark the concluding part of Muthamizh Arignar Dr. Kalaignar Centenary Celebrations on 05.07.24.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the function. He said that Dr. Kalaignar had implemented various welfare schemes for the marginalized sections of the society and also for the empowerment of women. Besides being a statesman, Dr. Kalaignar was a renowned orator, great litterateur, and a powerful screenplay writer for films that propagated social messages for the welfare of the society.

Rajya Sabha Committee Chairman Tiruchy Siva M.P. was the special guest at the event. In his special address, he stated that Periyar E.V.R, Arignar Anna and Kalaignar together strove for establishing an egalitarian society in Tamil Nadu by the elimination of caste, religious and ethnic differences. He added that the present generation of students should learn about their rich contributions to societal welfare and safeguard the glory of Tamil Language. He further added that only visionaries can become leaders. The best leaders are those who think for the welfare of the people. He recalled his association with Dr. Kalaignar and stated that when Dr. Kalaignar was the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the people of Perambalur District were afflicted with some mysterious disease that affected mainly the feet of the people. With expert's investigation, he learnt that it was due to contaminated water drunk by the people and that water was

collected by people from ponds. In order to avoid such incidents, Dr. Kalaignar implemented a project for the supply of clean drinking water by constructing Over Head Tanks in Premabalur District and the good scheme was extended to all the districts of Tamil Nadu which was acclaimed at the national level.

Trichy Siva exhorted the students that whenever they visited places, they need to learn about the history and culture of the place. He said that the youth should be given a chance to work independently. "As a student, you must travel with a goal that you want to achieve in your life, only then you can attain that goal," he added. He concluded his speech by stating that "Dr. Kalaignar was not only a progressive thinker but also remained an unquestionable leader of his era".

Prof. C. Sekar, Syndicate Member, offered felicitations. Alagappa University Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff and Students participated in the programme. Prizes and certificates were given to the winners of various competitions held in connection with the centenary celebrations.

Earlier Dr. K. Krishnamurthy, Head i/c, Department of History, welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Arunachalam, Head i/c, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, proposed a vote of thanks.

## **VICE-CHANCELLOR HONOURED WITH CONFERMENT OF HONORARY COLONEL COMMANDANT TITLE**



Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, has been honoured with the rank of Honorary Colonel and conferred with the title "Colonel Commandant" of the National Cadet Corps. The honour was bestowed on him in an investiture ceremony held on 12.8.2024 on the University Campus. The Vice-Chancellor will hold this honorary rank during the period of his Vice-Chancellorship at Alagappa University. He will be ex-officio Commandant for all NCC Units functioning in Alagappa University and its Affiliated Colleges

Commodore G.Raghav, Deputy Director General, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andaman Nicobar NCC Directorate, piped the Vice-Chancellor with the badges of the "Colonel Commandant" in the presence of Col Y.Vijayakumar, Group Commander NCC G.P. HQ, Trichy, Lt. Col.S.K.Mishra, Commanding Officer, 9 (TN) BN NCC, Karaikudi and other NCC officials. Commodore G.Raghav also presented a certificate stating that the Vice-Chancellor has been conferred with Honorary Colonel Commandant title and addressed the gathering. He referred to the activities of NCC for building a powerful youth force and added that NCC aimed at grooming the youth into patriotic and responsible citizens and leaders. He said only 19 Vice-Chancellors at the national level have been selected for this year's conferment of Honorary Colonel Commandant title and Prof. G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, is one among them.

In his acceptance speech, Vice-Chancellor Prof.G.Ravi thanked the Government of India for honouring him. He said that he would endeavour to promote certain core values among all ranks of the NCC cadets. He added that NCC plays a key role in building a youth force with sterling qualities of head and heart with unity and discipline as motto. Referring to his personal experience as a NCC cadet in his school and college days, he said that he learnt punctuality, discipline, patriotism etc. Further he added currently six affiliated colleges of Alagappa University have NCC units and efforts would be taken to start NCC units in the remaining affiliated colleges. Steps would also be taken to increase enrolment of girl students in NCC Units. The NCC battalion in Karaikudi was started on 23rd May 1956. Each year it is gathering momentum and moving from strength to strength.

Earlier Commodore G.Raghav accepted a guard of honour presented by the cadets of 9 (TN) BN NCC, Karaikudi.

Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, welcomed the gathering and Lt. Dr.C.Vairavasundaram, Associate NCC Officer, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks. Mrs.Banu Ravi, wife of Prof. Ravi, former Vice-Chancellors Prof.S.Subbiah, Prof.P.Manisankar and Prof.R.Thirumalaisamy, Former Registrar Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Syndicate Members, Finance Officer, Controller of Examinations, Deans, Directors, HoDs, Principals of Constituent Colleges, Administrative staff, VIPs from Karaikudi town, Associate NCC Officers from various schools and colleges, NCC cadets and students participated in the event.

## INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD 2024 GIVEN TO ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY



Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was given the "International Higher Education Excellence Award 2024." Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, received the award from Mr.Manish Kumar Shekhar, Chairman, RTI Institute of India, New Delhi, in the presence of Dr.Priya Ranjan Trivedi, President, Confederation of Indian Universities on 28.09.2024. The award was given to the University in recognition of the timely replies sent to 1203 petitions received through RTI. It may be noted here that ten Universities were selected for this award. Of these, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Jadavpur University, Kolkata, are the two State Universities. Vice-Chancellor Prof.G.Ravi appreciated the Administrative Staff involved in sending the timely replies for RTI petitions.

### War Heros Remembered

## COMMEMORATION OF KARGIL VICTORY DAY



The Centre on Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in commemoration of Kargil Victory Day, conducted Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July 2024 at the University Convocation Seminar Hall. This event aimed at the recollection of the bravery and sacrifices made by the Kargil heroes.

While presiding over the function, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, noted the strategic importance of the victory of Kargil War and glorified the sacrifices made by the Indian soldiers during the fierce battle. In India, three major wars have been mentioned in the nation's history, each significant in its own right. Among these, the Kargil War stands out supreme on account of the challenging

mountainous landscape on which it was waged, he added. Further, he stated that every year, during the Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations, Alagappa University honours the families of soldiers who lost their lives while safeguarding the nation. This continuing tradition reflects the institution's commitment to remembering and respecting the great sacrifices made by the brave men and women of the Indian Armed Forces. By honouring the families of the brave soldiers, Alagappa University highlights the importance of acknowledging and commemorating the heroic acts of soldiers by recalling their contributions to the nation's security and freedom.

In his special address, Lt. Col. SK. Mishra, 9(TN) Bn NCC, Karaikudi, shared his personal experiences of the wars in which he participated. He referred to the excruciating conditions endured by the brave soldiers in the Kargil War. He vividly described how the troops grappled with bone-chilling temperatures plummeting to minus 50°C, where blood and bones alike seemed to freeze. The burden of carrying heavy weaponry further compounded their arduous tasks and that showcased the sheer resilience and determination exhibited by our armed forces. His speech not only recounted the historical contexts but also served as a poignant reminder of the valour and sacrifices made by our soldiers, whose unwavering commitment remains etched in the annals of our nation's defence history.

As a part of the celebrations, the enactment of plays, elocution, and rangoli competitions were conducted for the University department students on 25th July 2024 at the University. The winners of these events were presented with prizes and certificates during the function.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, offered felicitation. Mr. Uma Sankar, a Sergeant, who participated in the Kargil War was present at the function. Earlier, Lt. Dr. C. Vairavasundarm, NCC Officer of Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering, and Dr. P. Kumar, Deputy Coordinator, Centre on Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. G. Vinayagamoorthis, Coordinator, Centre on Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat, Alagappa University, made all arrangements for the programme.

## SERVICE OF TEACHERS FONDLY REMEMBERED AT TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION



The Teachers Day Celebration was held on 5th September 2024 at Alagappa University. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the event. In his speech, he mentioned that parents are everyone's first teachers and stated that he personally learnt values and ethics from his parents. He fondly remembered his teachers' help from primary school through his research studies, acknowledging their guidance with gratitude. He also recalled the contributions of all former Vice-Chancellors who had supported the growth of Alagappa University and called on all faculty members to dedicate themselves to the next phase of the University's development.

The event also featured a special address delivered by Prof. P. Kanniyappan, former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University. He described teaching as a sacred service and urged teachers to serve as role models for students. He likened teachers to gardeners who nurture plants by watering them and take joy in seeing them bloom. Similarly, he said, teachers should help and support students and take pride in their growth and achievements. During the celebration, the Vice-Chancellor presented certificates and cash awards to faculty members and researchers selected as the best in their fields, recognizing their contributions. Commemorative gifts were also distributed to all teachers.

The event was attended by Syndicate Members, Deans, Department Heads, Principals, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff, and Teachers from the Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School.

Earlier, Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Jothibasu, Controller of Examinations, proposed a vote of thanks.

## ANTI-RAGGING AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED



The Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme for the first-year Science Students was held on 21st Aug. 2024 at the Convocation Hall. The event was organized by the Dean of Student Welfare as per the guidelines given by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, and the Tamil Nadu Higher Education Department, Chennai.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, who presided over the meeting, said that there have been zero instances of ragging at Alagappa University and assured students that the campus is a very safe place for the pursuit of studies, particularly for female students. He encouraged students to report any form of ragging to the Dean of Student Affairs; and he promised swift and appropriate action on any complaints. Prof. G. Ravi also referred to the University's extensive resources for academic and personal development that included a Skill Development Centre, a Study Circle to help students prepare for competitive exams, a Modern Central Library, separate Libraries for each discipline, State-of-the-art Laboratories, a Health Centre, Four Employment-oriented Skill Development Workshops, Seven Sports Grounds, and a team of highly experienced professors. He urged students to take full advantage of these facilities to enhance their intellectual and professional growth.

Mr. R. Prakash, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Karaikudi, delivered a Special Address during the event. Drawing from his six-month tenure in Karaikudi, he corroborated the Vice-Chancellor's statement by confirming the absence of ragging-related complaints. He shared his experiences from his earlier postings in Tuticorin and Tirunelveli districts. He urged the students to study diligently, fulfil their parents' aspirations, and seize all available opportunities to shape their careers. He advised them against developing bad habits during the critical ages of 18 to 24 and emphasized the importance of planning for their future success. Additionally, he underscored the value of respecting teachers, adhering to road safety protocols such as wearing helmets, avoiding over-speeding, and refraining from carrying three passengers on a bike. He also highlighted the dangers of drug abuse and excessive mobile phone usage. He suggested that female students minimize their use of social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram to avoid potential challenges.

The event featured a special address by Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head of the Department of Women's Studies. Prof. J. Jeyakanthan and Prof. V. Palanisamy, Members of the Syndicate, offered felicitations.

Earlier, Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar of Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address and at the end of the programme Prof. C. Vethirajan, Dean of Student Affairs and Finance Officer i/c, proposed a vote of thanks.



## RELIGIOUS HARMONY DAY OBSERVED



Under the aegis of the Centre for Youth Welfare and Empowerment, the Religious Harmony Day was observed on August 20, 2024, at the University Convocation Hall.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, presided over the event and delivered a thought-provoking address. He emphasized that religious harmony is crucial for a nation's progress. He noted that, despite its diversity of religions, India thrives in unity and peace, thanks to the foundations laid by our ancestors. The Vice-Chancellor credited iconic leaders for their visionary guidance, which helped Tamil Nadu become a model of social unity. He stressed that development is unattainable without religious harmony and urged everyone to live as one community, safeguarding and nurturing this vital principle.

Thiru. K.R. Periyakaruppan, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operatives, Government of Tamil Nadu, who spoke at the event, stated that peace is the cornerstone of development, and achieving happiness and harmony requires love and mutual respect, transcending caste and religious differences. He lauded Tamil Nadu's tradition of continuing unity and noted that the Hon'ble Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is continuing that legacy. Tamil Nadu has become a beacon of law and order, economic growth, excellence in higher education, and an attractive destination for major investors, leading to significant job creation. He highlighted the transformative role of education in fostering national progress. He cited Tamil Nadu's impressive higher education enrolment and attributed this achievement to the state's focus on education and initiatives such as the Puthumaippen Scheme, designed to reduce the financial burden on parents, and the recently launched Tamil Puthalvan Scheme, which ensures greater access to higher education.

The keynote address was delivered by Thavathiru Kundrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar, who underscored the importance of religious harmony. He highlighted the role of the Kundrakudi Adheenam in promoting unity, recalling an incident in 1982 when Thavathiru Kundrakudi Adigalar, the former head of the Mutt, worked tirelessly to preserve religious unity during communal riots in Kanyakumari. He urged the audience to embrace humanitarian values enshrined in the Thirukkural and

emphasized that success is achieved through effort, faith, and compassion. True humanitarianism, he stated, is demonstrated by aiding those in need during times of hardship. He concluded his speech by affirming that the unity of knowledge and love has the power to elevate humanity.

Thiru. S. Mangudi, M.L.A, Karaikudi Constituency and Thiru. S. Muthuthurai, Mayor of Karaikudi Corporation, extended their felicitations during the event. Thiru. K.R. Periyakaruppan released a book containing a collection of Essays on Religious Harmony, which was received by the Vice-Chancellor and other special guests.

Thiru. N. Gunasekaran, Deputy Mayor of Karaikudi Municipal Corporation, Thiru. M. Thennavan, former Minister, University Officials, Professors, Students, and distinguished guests from Karaikudi town attended the programme.

The event began with a welcome address by Dr. K. Krishnamoorthi, Coordinator of the Alagappa University Centre for Youth Welfare and Empowerment and it concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Deputy Coordinator, Mr. G.P. Raja.

## DIPLOMA COURSE IN SPORTS COACHING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES INAUGURATED



A two-year Diploma Course in Sports Coaching for Persons with Disabilities was inaugurated at Alagappa University's Para Sports Centre on September 20, 2024. This course was the first of its kind in India. Graduates of this programme will be qualified to act in roles such as coaches, sports officers, and chief managers at the Tamil Nadu Sports Development Authority and the Sports Authority of India.

Dr. R. Rajalakshmi, Coordinator of the Para Sports Centre, delivered the keynote address detailing the objectives and significance of the diploma course. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi gave the presidential address; and officially inaugurated the National Wheelchair Basketball Competition. Mr. Ayush Venkat Vats, I.A.S., Sub-Collector of Devakottai, delivered a brief speech at the event.

Notable athletes were honoured at the event that included Dhyan Chand Awardee J. Ranjith Kumar, R. Kasthuri Rajamani, who participated in the powerlifting category at the Paralympics in Paris, S. Vijayasarithi, who secured the second place in the South Asian Games, K. Sanjay Kanna, who competed in the World Ability Sports Games, and T. Ramachandran, a participant in the Asian Wheelchair Basketball Competition. Other differently-abled athletes, including P. Chinnadurai, P. R. Kumar, R. Prabhakaran, J. Suresh Kanna, P. Velmurugan, T. Venugopal, P. Balamurugan, and J. Joshua Andrews, were presented with awards by the Vice-Chancellor and the Sub-Collector of Devakottai.

Prof. K. Muralirajan, Principal i/c, AUCPE, and Prof. R. Thirumalaichamy, former Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University participated in the event. Dr. K. Sundar, Deputy Coordinator of the Para Sports Centre proposed a vote of thanks.

## ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR FRESHERS ORGANIZED



The Orientation Programme for the first-year postgraduate students of the Faculty of Management, Arts, Science, and Education for the academic year 2024-25, was held on July 29, 2024, in the University Convocation Hall.

Presiding over the event, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, highlighted that Alagappa University, established in 1985 by the Government of Tamil Nadu, has consistently been maintaining its prominence by obtaining good rankings from national and international ranking agencies. The accolades obtained by it are a testament to the University's excellence in teaching, research publications, and community development through innovative projects.

Spread over an area of 436 acres, Alagappa University has a world-class infrastructure, including international-standard libraries, eight sports fields, and approximately ₹30 crore worth of modern scientific equipment housed in its Instrumentation Centre. He noted that these resources are available not only to the University students and faculty members but also to researchers from other Universities and institutes. He encouraged students

to make regular use of the library to broaden their knowledge beyond their academic coursework and emphasized the importance of collaborative research and urged students to actively participate in such endeavours to drive innovation.

He further highlighted the University's initiatives for preparing students for competitive exams for the Central and State Government Jobs. The Study Circle, Skill Development Centres, Health Care Centre, and Yoga Centre are functioning effectively helping the students in this regard. The University also provides modern hostels and parks established with contributions from alumni. The Vice-Chancellor stated that studying here is a privilege and urged students to leverage these resources to enhance their intellectual growth. He reminded students that success is not determined by the environment but by their hard work and perseverance. He added that reducing unnecessary cell phone usage could significantly help them achieve their goals in today's competitive world.

Following his address, senior faculty members and officials delivered speeches highlighting the unique strengths and opportunities and facilities offered by their respective departments: Prof. Yogalakshmi, Dean, Faculty of Management, Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, Dr. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examinations, Prof. C. Vethirajan, Dean, Student Affairs and Finance Officer i/c, Prof. B. Vaseharan, Dean, Research, Prof. K. Manimekalai, Coordinator, Anti-Ragging Cell, Dr. S. Bhaskaran, Librarian, Dr. G. Ramalingam, Coordinator, MOOC and SWAYAM, Dr. Dharuman, Director i/c, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Dr. Sureshkumar, Coordinator, Study Circle, Dr. G. Nedumaaran, Nodal Officer, Dr. Aanandhi, Medical Officer, Dr. J. Sujatha Malini, Director, Cells and Clubs, Dr. K. Langeswaran, Coordinator, Cultural Club, Dr. G. Vinayagamoorthi, Coordinator, Youth Red Cross, Dr. S. Nagarajan, Director i/c, Physical Education, elaborated on the resources and programmes offered by their departments to support the students' academic, professional, and personal growth.

The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar and concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. C. Vethirajan, Dean of Student Affairs.

## War Against Waste

### PROGRAMME ON EFFECTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ORGANISED



As part of the "Waste Management Programme," a cleanliness drive (War Against Waste) was organized on 10th July 2024 at Alagappa University by the Centre for Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat and the Alagappa University Community Radio, in collaboration with the Karaikudi Rotary Pearl Sangamam Club. The main objective of this event was to create awareness among students and faculty members on the importance of cleanliness and to promote effective waste management practices.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event, emphasized the critical need to instill the importance of cleanliness in students. He highlighted the initiatives undertaken by Alagappa University under the Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat programmes and detailed the projects implemented by the University. These include a wastewater treatment initiative for irrigating plants and a project for recycling broken and unused glasses by crushing them and mixing them with sand and brick powder to manufacture paver blocks on the campus. He stated that such initiatives underscore the University's commitment to environmental sustainability. The Vice-Chancellor also urged students to actively participate in efforts to remove plastic waste from the campus, contributing to environmental protection. Dr. M. Jothibasu, Controller of Examinations, delivered the felicitation address during the event.

The programme was organized by Dr. G. Vinayamoorthi, Coordinator of the Centre for Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat, along with Deputy Coordinator Dr. P. Kumar and the Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat coordinators from various departments of the University. Dr. Sumathi, Director i/c of the Alagappa University Community Radio, and prominent members of the Karaikudi Rotary Club, including Mr. G. Muthukumar and Mr. Sivasubramaniam and University students in large numbers actively participated in the cleanliness drive, ensuring that the campaign was effectively conducted across the University campus.

## FACULTY OF ARTS

### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

International Webinar on Performing the Role of Old Age Characters in Contemporary British Science Fiction Theatre

The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized an International Webinar on "Performing the Role of Old Age Characters in Contemporary British Science Fiction Theatre" on 22nd August 2024 with Prof. Sian Adiseshiah, Head of the Department of English, Loughborough University, Beeston, England as the resource person. The Senior Professor in her lecture stated that it requires special competence and calibre on the part of performers to perform the role of old age people in theatre. She further articulated that unless the artistes have developed keenness for the observation of the activities, postures and speeches of the elderly people, they cannot represent their qualities in the plays. Moreover, the dialogue of the senior characters cannot be mediocre or cannot display the mere routine but it should be found to be deep, profound and very thoughtful. Prof. Sian Adiseshiah opined that when it requires less effort on the part of the artistes to play other roles like protagonist, character performers and even humorist, the artistes need to possess exceptional aesthetic sense and realistic touch to play old age characters in any theatrical presentation. The resource person made many references to the latest fiction that has been made into dramas and wherein the performers of old age characters have exhibited their dramatic competence in a commendable manner. The attendees of this webinar included faculty, research scholars and students of the University English Department and affiliated colleges. Earlier, Prof. P. Madhan, Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering and Dr. SPM. Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

### DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

**பேரா. இராம. இராமநாதன் - திருமதி ருக்மணி இராமநாதன் மணிவிழா அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு**



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் 16.08.2024 அன்று பேரா.இராம. இராமநாதன் - திருமதி ருக்மணி இராமநாதன் மணிவிழா அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு நடைபெற்றது.

இவ்விழாவிற்கு வருகை புரிந்த அனைவரையும் தமிழ்த் துறைத்தலைவர் மூத்தபேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்றார். இவ்விழாவிற்கு அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மாண்புமிகு துணைவேந்தர் மதிப்புறு கர்னல் பேரரசு. க. ரவி தலைமை தாங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், “பேரா. இராம. இராமநாதன் அவர்கள் 33 ஆண்டுகள் தமிழ்ப் பணியாற்றிய பெருமைக்குரியவர்கள். சிலப்பதிகாரத்தில் மிகவும் தோய்ந்தவர். அவர் இந்த அறக்கட்டளையை நிறுவி ஆண்டுதோறும் சிலப்பதிகாரம் பற்றித் தேர்ந்த ஆய்வறிஞர்களைக் கொண்டு சொற்பொழிவு நிகழ்த்தச் செய்தார். இதுபோன்ற நல்வாய்ப்புகளை மாணவர்கள் நன்கு பயன்கொள்ள வேண்டும். அதிலும் தமிழ் கற்கிற மாணவர்கள் ஆழ்ந்து நுணுகிக் கற்றுக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். அதற்குத் துணையாக நூலகங்களைப் பயன்படுத்த வேண்டும். இன்றைய யுத்திய அறிவியல் நுட்பங்களுக்கெல்லாம் ஆதாரமாக விளங்குவது பழங்காலக் கொள்கைகளே. ஆம் ஆண்டுகளில் தொடங்கிய ஆணு பற்றிய ஆய்வுகள் இன்றைய நவீன ஆய்வுகளுக்கு முன்னோடியாகத் திகழ்கின்றன. அதுபோல தமிழில் பழங்கால இலக்கியங்கள் இன்றைய வாழ்வுக்குப் பெரிதும் துணைபுரிகின்றன. சிலப்பதிகாரம் கி.பி. இரண்டாம் நூற்றாண்டில் தோன்றியது என்றாலும் இன்றும் பல புதிய ஆய்வுகளுக்கு வித்தீடுகிறது. ஆதலால் எதையும் விருப்பத்தோடும் மீள்வாசிப்போடும் அணுகினால் வெற்றி கிடைக்கும்” என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து சிங்கம்புணரி தூயவளானார் மகளிர் கலை அறிவியல் கல்லூரியின் செயலாளர், அருட்சகோதரி முனைவர் மார்க்கரெட் பாஸ்டின் “இளந்துறவியின் கலையுள்ளம்” என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். அவர் தனது உரையில் பேரா. இராம. இராமநாதன். கண்ணகியைத் தெய்வமாகப் போற்றியவர். அதனால் அவர் சிலம்பைப் பட்டிதொட்டியெல்லாம் பரப்பினார். துறவி பாடிய காவியம் சிலப்பதிகாரம். துறவிகள் என்போர் பக்குவப்பட்ட ஆன்மாக்கள். திருக்குறள் சுட்டும் அறங்கள் துறவறமும் இல்லறமும் ஆகும். இல்லறத்தானுக்கு உரிய கடமைகள் 11 என்று திருக்குறள் குறிப்பிடுகிறது. இல்லற அன்புக்குப் பாசம் என்று பெயர். துறவற அன்புக்கு அருள் என்று பெயர். இல்லறம் தன்னலம் சார்ந்தது. துறவறம் உலக நலம் - உயர் நலம் சார்ந்தது. மங்கல வாழ்த்தில் தொடங்குகிற சிலம்பு 30 காதைகளில் 3 வரிகளும் 2 குரவைகளும் கொண்டு அமைகின்றன. இளங்கோவடிகளுக்கு முன்னால் 5 இசைத்தமிழ் நூல்கள் இருந்தன. இவற்றை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு இளங்கோவடிகள் சிலம்பை இசைநூலாகவே படைத்தளித்தார். இளங்கோவடிகளைத் தொடர்ந்து ஆபிரகாம் பண்டிதர் 1917 ஆம் ஆண்டு கருணாகர சாகரம்

என்ற இசைநூலை இயற்றினார். அதற்குப் பிறகு 30 ஆண்டுகள் கழித்து விபுலானந்த அடிகளார் யாழ் நூலை இயற்றினார் இவை யாவற்றுக்கும் சிலம்பு அடிப்படையாக அமைந்து” என்று குறிப்பிட்டார்.

தொடர்ந்து தமிழ்த்துறையின் முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவர்கள் படைப்பாக்கத்தில் உருவான “தமிழி” வார இதழை மாண்புமிகு துணைவேந்தர் வெளியிட்டார். தமிழ்த்துறையினர். இணைப்பேராசிரியர் திரு. மு. நடேசன் நன்றியுரை கூறினார். தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் தொகுப்புரை வழங்கினார். இவ்விழாவில் தமிழறிஞர்கள் சுப. நாச்சியப்பன், ம. கார்மேகம் உள்ளிட்ட பலரும் கலந்து கொண்டனர். தமிழ்த்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள், வரலாற்றுத்துறை, பொருளியல் துறை ஆய்வாளர்கள் முதுகலை மாணவர்கள் தீரளாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

## பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா பிறந்தநாள் விழா



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா பிறந்தநாள் விழா சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு 20.09.2024 அன்று பல்கலைக்கழகப் பட்டமளிப்பு விழாக் கலையரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது. தமிழ்த்துறைத்தலைவர் பேரா.சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார்.

இவ்விழாவில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.க. ரவி அவர்கள் தலைமையேற்று உரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், “இன்றைய தலைமுறை புத்தக வாசிப்பை மறந்து விட்டுச் செல்போனுக்குள் மூழ்கிக் கிடக்கிறது. நமக்கு முன்னே இருக்கிற வரலாற்றை அறிய வேண்டியது நம்முடைய கடமை. தமிழர்களாகிய ஒவ்வொருவரும் பேரறிஞர் அண்ணாவின் வரலாற்றை நன்கு கற்க வேண்டும். அவர் ஆட்சி செய்தது குறுகிய காலம்தான். ஆனால் அதற்கான முயற்சி பெரிது. பதினைந்து ஆண்டு காலப் படிப்படியான வளர்ச்சியின் மூலமாகத்தான் அவர் வெற்றியடைந்தார். அந்த அனுபவங்களை வாயிலாகக் குறுகிய ஆட்சிக் காலத்திலும் அதிகம் சாதித்தார். ஆட்சியில் மட்டுமின்றி, ஆளுமையிலும் - மொழியாளுமையிலும் அடுக்குமொழிக்கும் அண்ணா என்று சிறப்புப் பெயர் பெற்றவர். “கடமை, கண்ணியம், கட்டுப்பாடு”, “எதையும் தாங்கும் இதயம் வேண்டும்” போன்ற நெறிமுறைகள் அவரது வாழ்வின் பிரதிபலிப்புகள். தமிழகத்தின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு முன்னோடிகளாகத் திகழ்ந்தவர்கள் குறிப்பாகப்

பெண்கல்வியின் முன்னேற்றத்திற்கு முக்கியக் காரணமாக விளங்கியவர்கள் அவர்கள். அவர்கள் கண்ட கனவுதான் இன்றைக்குப் பெண்கல்வியின் வளர்ச்சியாகப் பலித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா எதிரிகளும் விரும்பும் பண்பாளராகத் திகழ்ந்தார். பேதங்களையும் பிரிவினைகளையும் அறவே ஒதுக்கிறவர் அவர். “மறப்போம் மன்னிப்போம்” என்ற நிலைப்பாடு அவரை உயர்த்தியது. என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

முன்னாடி நடைபெற்ற பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா பிறந்தநாள் விழாப் பேச்சு, கட்டுரை, கவிதைப் போட்டிகளில் பங்கேற்று வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவ மாணவியருக்குப் பணப் பரிசும் சான்றிதழும் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

இந்நிகழ்வில் சென்னை செம்மொழித் தமிழாய்வு மத்திய நிறுவனத்தின் மேனாள் பதிவாளர் முனைவர் மு. முத்துவேலு பேரறிவு அண்ணா என்னும் ஆளுமை என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு ஆற்றினார். அவர் தனது சொற்பொழிவில், “அண்ணாமலைப் பற்றிப் பேசும் வாய்ப்பு நாளும் நமக்குக் கிடைத்தால் மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருக்கும். வகுப்பறையைக் கடந்தும் பெற்ற உலகியல் கல்வி அண்ணா அவர்களுடையது. வேலூர் நகராட்சியில் காந்தியடிகளின் சிலையைத் திறக்கப் பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா சென்றார். ஆனால் எதிரணியினர் மறுப்புத் தெரிவித்தனர். அங்கு உருவானதுதான், “மாற்றான் தோட்டத்து மல்லிகைக்கும் மணம் உண்டு” என்பது. அண்ணல் காந்தியடிகளைப் பற்றியாரும் அறியாத மறுபக்கத்தை உரைத்தார் அண்ணா. மாற்றணியில் இருந்தபோதும் காமராஜரையும் மதித்தார். தமிழ்நாட்டுக்குப் பெருமை சேர்த்த தலைவர் என்று புகழாரம் சூட்டிப் படத்திறப்புச் செய்து வைத்தார் என்றும் பேசினார்.

இந்நிகழ்வில் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழ்த்துறை உள்ளிட்ட பலதுறை சார்ந்த பேராசிரியர்களும், ஆய்வாளர்களும் வீறுகவியரசர் அவைக்களத்தின் தலைவர் முடியரசானாரின் மகன் பாரி முடியரசன், அழகப்பா அரசுக் கலைக்கல்லூரி மேனாள் துறைத்தலைவர் ம.கார்மேகம், தமிழ்ச்செம்மல் மெ.மெய்யாண்டவர், அழகப்பா அரசுக் கல்லூரி தமிழ் உயராய்வுத் துறைப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மா. சிதம்பரம், இராமசாமி தமிழ்க்கல்லூரிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் இரா. கீதா உள்ளிட்ட காரைக்குடி வாழ் தமிழார்வலர்களும் திரளாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர். தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் நிகழ்ச்சியைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கி நன்றி கூறினார்.

## 62 ஆம் முப்பெரும் விழா



மயிலைத் திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ் சங்கத்தின் அறிவியல் பூங்கா காலாண்டிதழ், காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், மற்றும் திருவள்ளுவர் இருக்கையின் பன்னட்டுத் திருக்குறள் அமைப்புகள் இணையம் இணைந்து நடத்திய “62 ஆம் முப்பெரும் விழா 17.08.2024 அன்று லெ. சித. லெ. பழனியப்பச் செட்டியார் நினைவு கலையரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இம்முப்பெரும் விழா 62ஆம் அறிவியல் பூங்கா இதழ் வெளியீடு, அனைத்து கல்லூரிகள் மாணவர்களுக்கான அறிவியல் களஞ்சியம் பரிசுகள் மற்றும் பல்கலை விருதுகள் வழங்கும் விழாவாக நடைபெற்றது.

முதல் நிகழ்வாக கல்லூரி மற்றும் பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்களுக்கான அறிவியல் தெரிவிப்பியல் திறனாய்வு போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றது. அதனை தொடர்ந்து விருது வழங்கும் விழா நடைபெற்றது. பல்கலைக்கழக பதிவாளர் முனைவர் அ. செந்தில்ராஜன், அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். கலைமாமணி முனைவர் சேயோன், மேனாள் இயக்குனர் சென்னை வானொலி செயலாளர், மயிலைத் திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ் சங்கம் அறிமுகவுரை ஆற்றினார். இவ்விழாவில் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. க.ரவி அவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டு தலைமையுரை ஆற்றினார். அவர் தம் தலைமையுரையில் இவ்விழாவின் மைய நோக்கமானது அறிவியல் பாடத்தினை தாய் மொழியில் கற்றல் மற்றும் கற்பித்தலின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை குறிப்பதாகும் என்று கூறினார். ஒரு நாட்டின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு தாய்மொழிக் கல்வி மிகவும் முக்கியமானது என்றும், உலகில் வளர்ந்த நாடுகள் எல்லாம் தத்தம் தாய்மொழியிலேயே ஆராய்ச்சியை மேற்கொள்கின்றன என்றும் அதுவே அந்த நாடுகளின் வளர்ச்சிக்கு உறுதுணையாக உள்ளது என்றும் கூறினார். ஆசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் தங்களுடைய ஆராய்ச்சிகளை தாய்மொழியில் தொடர கேட்டுக்கொண்டார்.

இவ்விழாவின் அறிவு களஞ்சியம் விருது பெரும் திருமிகு. ஆவிச்சி மெய்யப்பன், மேலாண்மை இயக்குனர், ஏ.வி.எம். லேபஸ், சென்னை அவர்கள் தானாக முன்வந்து ரூபாய். 4.5 கோடி மதிப்பில் புதிதாக கண்டுபிடிக்கப்படும் பொருட்களின் தரத்தினை மதிப்பீடு செய்யும் ஆய்வக உபகரணங்களை அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கு வழங்குவதற்கு சம்மதம் தெரிவித்துள்ளதை துணைவேந்தர் குறிப்பிட்டார்.

இவ்விழாவில் விருதுகளை வழங்கி சிறப்புரையாற்றிய மாண்புமிகு. நீதியரசர் அ. நக்கீரன் அவர்கள் தமிழோடு அறிவியலையும் இணைந்து ஒரு அறிவியல் பூங்கா இதழை தொகுத்து தொடர்ந்து பதிப்பித்து வரும் மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ் சங்கத்தினை பாராட்டினார்.

இந்நிகழ்வில் வாழ்நாள் சாதனையாளர் விருது திரு.சோ. வள்ளியப்பா, தலைவர் சொனா கல்வி நிறுவனங்கள், சேலம், பாவேந்தர் பாரதிதாசன் விருது பேரா. பழனி ராகுலதாசன், மேனாள் தமிழ்த் துறை தலைவர், ஸ்ரீசேவுகன் அண்ணாமலை கல்லூரி, தேவகோட்டை,

அறிவியல் களஞ்சியம் விருது முனைவர் சேது. குமணன், தலைவர், சேது பாஸ்கரா வேளாண் கல்லூரி மற்றும் ஆராய்ச்சி அறக்கட்டளை, காரைக்குடி, முனைவர் இரா. செல்வராஜன். இயக்குநர், தேசிய வாழை ஆராய்ச்சி மையம், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி, பேராசிரியர் கோபிநாத் கணபதி, முதன்மையர், அறிவியல் பொறியியல் தொழில்நுட்ப புலம், பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழகம், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி, பேராசிரியர் ஜெ. ஜெயகாந்தன், தலைவர், உயிரித் தகவலியல் துறை, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், பேராசிரியர் சி.சேகர், உயிரி மின்னணுவியல் மற்றும் உயிரி உணரியல் துறை, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், காரைக்குடி மற்றும் அறிவுக்களஞ்சியம் விருது பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா, மேனாள் துணைவேந்தர், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், காரைக்குடி, பேரா.கோ. தெய்வநாயகம், மேனாள் முதன்மையர், அறிவியல் புலம், கட்டடக் கலைத்துறை, தமிழ் பல்கலைக்கழகம், தஞ்சாவூர் பேரா.சு. இராசாராம், தலைவர், தமிழ்த் துறை, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், காரைக்குடி, பேரா.நா. வள்ளி, மேனாள் முதல்வர், இராமசாமி தமிழ்க் கல்லூரி, காரைக்குடி, திருமிகு ஆவிச்சி மெய்யப்பன், மேலாண்மை இயக்குநர், ஏ.வி.எம். லேப்ட்ஸ், சென்னை மற்றும் காரைக்குடி, இந்து மதாபிமான சங்கம், காரைக்குடி, கம்பன் கழகம் காரைக்குடி தமிழிசைச் சங்கம், புதுக்கோட்டை கம்பன் கழகம் மற்றும் தேவகோட்டை கந்த கஷ்டிக் கழகத்திற்கு திருக்குறள் நெறிச்சுடர் விருதும் மற்றும் சிறந்த சேவை ஆற்றிய திருமிகு பி.இராமமூர்த்தி, நிறுவனர், ஆயக்குடி மரத்தடி இலவசப் பயிற்சி மையம், பழனி, விதைத் தீவு வெ. பிரியா ராஜ்நாராயணன், தமிழ்நாடு விதை சேகரிப்பாளர்கள் கூட்டமைப்பு, திருப்பூர், மூலிகை சி. சொக்கலிங்கம், சொ.வ. மூலிகைப் பண்ணை, காரைக்குடி, திருமிகு வெ.சுந்தரராமன், தலைவர், செஞ்சிலுவை சங்கம், சிவங்ககை மாவட்டம், திருமிகு என். இரவிச்சந்திரன் மீனாட்சி சுந்தரேஸ்வரர் திருக்கோவில், காரைக்குடி ஆகியோர்களுக்கு சேவை விருதும் மாண்புமிகு நீதியரசர் அ. நக்கீரன் அவர்கள் வழங்கினார்.

விருதுகள் பெற்ற அனைத்து விருதாளர்களின் சார்பாக திரு. சோ. வள்ளியப்பன், தலைவர் சொனா கல்லூரி நிறுவனங்கள், சேலம் ஏற்புரை வழங்கினார்.

இவ்விழாவின் ஒரு பகுதியாக 62 ஆம் ஆண்டு அறிவியல் பூங்கா காலாண்டு இதழை திருமிகு. நீதியரசர், மெ. சொக்கலிங்கம் மாண்புமிகு நீதியரசர் தி.நெ. வள்ளிநாயகம், நீதிபதி, லோக் அதாலத், உயர்நீதிமன்றம், சென்னை அவர்கள் முன்னிலையில் வெளியிட முதல் பிரதி யினை பேரா. க. ரவி துணைவேந்தர் பெற்றுக்கொண்டார்.

அறிவியல் பூங்கா இதழை மையமாகக் கொண்டு நடத்தப்பெற்ற கட்டுரை, வேடிக்கை சித்திரம், அறிவியல் புதிர் போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கு பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது. இந்நிகழ்வின் தொடக்கத்தில் சிலம்பாட்டம் மற்றும் பரதநாட்டியம் ஆடிய மாணக்கர்களுக்கு பாராட்டு தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டது.

இவ்விழாவில் மேனாள் துணைவேந்தர்கள் பேரா.சொ. சுப்பையா, பேரா.ப. மணிசங்கர் மற்றும் பேரா.ஆர். திருமலைச்சாமி, ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள், பேராசிரியர்கள், நிர்வாகப் பணியாளர்கள், மாணவர்கள், காரைக்குடி மாநகர் முக்கிய பிரமுகர்கள் உட்பட பலர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

இவ்விழாவிற்கான ஏற்பாட்டினை பேரா.சு.இராசாராம், ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் மற்றும் கலைமாமணி முனைவர் சேயோன் ஆகியோர் செய்திருந்தனர். முனைவர் ம. முத்துவேலு, இணைச் செயலாளர், மயிலை திருவள்ளூர் தமிழ் சங்கம் நன்றியுரை கூறினர். இவ்விழாவினை பேரா.க. திலகவதி, இயக்குனர், தமிழ் பண்பாட்டு மையம், தமிழ் பல்கலைக்கழகம், தஞ்சாவூர் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

## DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

### Stimulating Environment for Early Childhood

#### Inauguration of Umayal Ramanathan Creche on the Campus

The Umayal Ramanathan Creche of Alagappa University was inaugurated on 12th July 2024. The main objective of this creche is to provide day care facilities to children of working mothers. It provides a stimulating environment for the early childhood development and helps the working mothers to balance life smoothly at work place and at home.



In her welcome address, Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, stated the significance of the establishment of Umayal Ramanathan Creche and highlighted that India is home for over 444 million children, which is one of the world's largest child and adolescent populations. She added that the labour force participation rate of mothers with children under 18 was 72.3% in 2019, and among single, widowed or divorced mothers, the rate was 77.6%, according to the Bureau of Labour Statistics. Hence, women not only shoulder the burden of domestic work but also, they play a vital role in the economy for 7.5% of GDP.

In his inaugural address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, elaborated on the facilities offered by the University for the public. He said among the Alagappa University staff nearly 50% are women who work at

various levels, hence the creche would be very useful for the University women staff and for public to work effectively and lead their life happily which in turn support the growth of their children. He congratulated the Women's Studies Department for initiating such facilities which help in reducing the mental stress of working women. Further, he exhorted the staff and students to disseminate the information about the creche where children can get proper physical, cognitive, emotional and social support for their growth.

In his felicitation address, Dr. A. Sentilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, stated that in foreign countries working women leave their children in the daycare centres which exist in their premises. This type of provisions helps them put their maximum effort for their career development and for the development of company/institution/organization. Prof. S. Rajaram, Syndicate Member, stated that the University has fulfilled the dream of Vallal Alagappan, by opening the creche on the campus. He said that in the first 1000 days one million veins are stimulated in children's life, and components such as health, nutrition, attentive care, safety, early education and stimulation can help to determine their future. The creche that exists in the University helps to promote all the components that help to form healthy and happy childhood.

Mr. Vittal Mallappa Malagi, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Karaikudi in his felicitation address said that today we have the culture of nuclear family; and as both parents are working and in such a situation the parents are unable to take care of their children. He added that children are backbones for the development of the nation and hence it is the responsibility of each individual to promote physically, mentally and socially healthy children for the society. He concluded his speech by appreciating the University for initiating such type of facilities for helping working mothers.

Dr.P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Women's Studies, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

### **Innovation and Entrepreneurship Outreach Programme Conducted for the Benefit of the Community**

The Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub in association with the Institution's Innovation Council - Alagappa University (IIC-ALU) organized the "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Outreach Programme" on 27.08.2024 at the Department of Women's Studies.



At the Inaugural ceremony, Dr.V.Dharuman gave the welcome address. Hony.Col.Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, delivered the presidential address. He said that in spite of triple role, women could perform their duties well for the welfare of family and society. He said that the development of a country lies in the development of women and urged the Self-Help Group women to become entrepreneurs and contribute for the progress of country's economy. He referred to various types of entrepreneurship training programmes offered by Alagappa University and said that school, college and university students are benefited from these programmes.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, delivered the inaugural address. She said that SHG women should make use of government grants and become good entrepreneurs. She pointed out the challenges faced by women entrepreneurs and suggested various strategies to overcome those obstacles. She said that successful women entrepreneurs could improve the standard of living and quality of life and contribute to economic development of a country. At the end of her speech, she explained the manufacturing techniques, product development process and marketing strategies.

Mrs. Vanitha, Uthavi Thitta Aluvalar, Mahalir Thittam, Sivagangai, delivered the felicitation address. She highlighted the activities of Self-Help Group women under the National Livelihood Movement and gave details of the training programmes provided for them.

Mr. K. Sankaralingam, Founder and CEO, Greenscart Company, Madurai, in his special address, highlighted various entrepreneurship schemes and programmes that promote start-up skills for women and also said that Self Help Group women are also trained on "Digital Marketing" and are helped to sell their products. Mr. Arumai Ruban Joseph, Sivagangai District Skill Development Co-ordinator, in his special address, narrated the success stories of entrepreneurs.

Dr. P.Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, delivered the vote of thanks. Nearly 200 SHG women participated and benefited from the programme.

## Women's Studies Student Brings Laurels to the University



Mr. A. Thennarasu, a student pursuing first year B.A. Gender Studies in the Department of Women's Studies, won the 2nd place in an under 18, 400mts and 1000mts running competition. The event was organized by Pudukottai District Athletics Association and the competitions were held on 6th & 7th September 2024 at SDAT stadium, Pudukottai. He was congratulated by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Manimekalai, and Dr. S. Poulpunitha were present on the occasion.

## Dynamic Former Bureaucrat Visits Women's Studies Department and Interacts with Staff



Dr. C.K. Gariyali, a renowned retired IAS officer and Former Principal Secretary to Governor of Tamil Nadu and Secretary to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, visited the Department of Women's Studies on 26th & 27th September 2024. She shared her rich experiences and discussed the major challenges faced by women and issues associated with migration. She said that she would be discussing these subjects in her forthcoming book. On 27th September she went to Ariyagudi and had a detailed discussion with a successful woman entrepreneur Ms. Sakthi who had undergone EDP training at the Women's Studies Department. At the end of the day, she enjoyed the folk music concert presented by the students of the Theatre and Film Studies Department.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

### Special Lecture on "Indian Electoral Democracy and 18th Parliamentary Election"

The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, arranged a talk on the topic "Indian Electoral Democracy and 18th Parliamentary Election" on 2nd July

2024. The speaker was Dr. K. Senthil Kumar, Associate Professor from the Department of Politics and Public Administration. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Associate Professor and Head i/c of the Department of Social Work gave the welcome address. Dr. K. Senthil Kumar provided an in-depth analysis of India's current electoral democracy, focusing on the dynamics and significance of the 18th parliamentary election. Dr. MA. Velusamy shared his insights on the historical evolution of India's electoral process, tracing its transformation from pre-independence to contemporary times. His speech highlighted the milestones, challenges, and progressive reforms that have shaped Indian democracy.

### Series of Book Talk Programmes Organized

The Department organized the popular 22nd Book Talk Programme on the critically acclaimed novel Train to Pakistan by Khushwant Singh. The event featured Mr. Sharukesavan, District Programme Coordinator of Children Charitable Trust, as the guest speaker. His insights into the themes of the novel brought attention to the emotional and human dimensions of communal conflict and displacement, sparking thought-provoking discussions among the participants. Dr. MA. Velusamy in his felicitation address emphasized the importance of literature in shaping social consciousness and encouraged students to explore works that expand their perspectives on history and humanity.

The 23rd Book Talk Programme held on July 16, 2024, focused on the historical figure "Ashoka the Great". This session aimed to inspire students by exploring the life and legacy of one of India's most renowned emperors, whose transformation from a conqueror to a proponent of peace and social welfare remains relevant today. Dr. Velusamy delved into Ashoka's journey from his early military campaigns to his adoption of Buddhism and subsequent efforts in promoting welfare, compassion, and non-violence. He highlighted Ashoka's contributions to the development of social infrastructure and ethical governance, drawing connections between Ashoka's values and the principles of social work.

On July 23, 2024, the Department hosted a Book Talk Programme featuring the work Elvin Kanda Palankudikal. The session was led by Mr. Karthick, a research scholar from the Centre for Tamil Culture at Alagappa University. In his talk, Mr. Karthick provided an in-depth analysis of the book, drawing attention to the book's portrayal of Tamil customs, values, and ways of life. He discussed how the book sheds light on lesser-known aspects of Tamil cultural history, fostering a sense of pride and identity among students.

On July 30, 2024, the 25th Book Talk Programme was held and it focused on the biography of



Muthuvaduganatha Thevar, an Unsung Freedom Fighter. Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examinations at Alagappa University, led the session as the guest speaker, providing deep insights into the life of Muthuvaduganatha Thevar.



The 26th book talk programme conducted on August 6, 2024, featured the topic Sirappumighu Sivangai. Dr. K. Mohan from Alagappa Government Arts College served as the guest speaker, sharing his knowledge of the historical, cultural, and social significance of Sivangai region.

On August 13, 2024, the Department organized the 27th book talk programme that centered around the theme Kaninitamil (Computing in Tamil). The session was led by Mrs. R. Melaka Murugan, who provided a comprehensive overview of the advancements and applications of Tamil in the field of computing, highlighting its growing relevance in technology and digital communication.

An insightful book talk programme was organised on August 20, 2024. It was the 28th edition of the book talk programme. The event focused on Dr. Joseph Murphy's renowned book, *The Power of Your Subconscious Mind*, which explores the immense potential of subconscious thought in shaping one's life and achieving success. Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant in the Department of Social Work, delivered an engaging presentation on the book's core principles. He highlighted the practical techniques and insights offered by Dr. Murphy for harnessing subconscious power, inspiring attendees to integrate these methods into their daily lives and professional practices.



On August 27, 2024, the Department hosted a stimulating book talk on Dr. Spencer Johnson's book *Who Moved My Cheese??.* This classic work, which provides insights into adapting to change and overcoming challenges, served as the focal point of the session. Mr. S. Vinaitheerthan, an experienced life skill trainer, led the discussion by delving into the book's central themes of adaptability and resilience. He explored how the allegory of two mice and two "little people" in a maze, searching for cheese, symbolizes individuals' responses to change in life and work. His presentation encouraged attendees to embrace change positively and adopt flexible mindsets, particularly relevant for those pursuing careers in social work.

The Department of Social Work at Alagappa University hosted the 30th book talk programme on *Muttikuruchi*, a celebrated work by the author Solachi, on September 30, 2024. Mrs. P. Thendral, a poet and the director of Devathaigal Kootam, was invited as the guest speaker. She shared her perspectives on the book, which delves into rural life, culture, and societal issues.

## Two-Day Field Work Orientation Programme Organised



The Department organized a two-day Field Work Orientation Programme for the second-year MSW students on July 11-12, 2024. The programme was designed to prepare students for their upcoming fieldwork placements, equipping them with foundational knowledge in various specializations and methodologies within social work. The event was inaugurated by Dr. MA. Velusamy, who highlighted the significance of practical exposure in shaping skilled social work professionals.

Dr. A. Thomas Williams, former Dean of Academic Affairs at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, introduced students to the specializations within the MSW programme and discussed essential research methods in social work. Mr. Abraham Lincoln, Technical Expert at NACO, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, gave an insightful presentation on key concepts in medical and psychiatric social work. Rev. Fr. J. Densingh Rajan, Dean, Ananda College, spoke about the fields of medical and psychiatric social work, further enriching students' perspectives with practical examples and case studies that illustrated the diversity of work in these areas.

Dr. G. Gopu, Vice-Principal of Ananda College, presented an introductory session on the Human Resources Management specialization. He explained the relevance of HRM within social work, particularly in organizational contexts, and its role in enhancing the management and welfare of people in diverse work environments. The orientation programme was a valuable experience for students, providing them with practical insights and the theoretical grounding needed for successful fieldwork.

## **Two-Day Orientation Programme for First-Year MSW Students Conducted**

The Department organized a Two-Day Orientation Programme for the First-Year MSW students on 8th and 9th August 2024 to introduce them to the fundamentals of social work and its applications in professional practice. The programme aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the social work profession, its importance in Indian society, and the role of fieldwork in shaping their professional skills.

## **Social Justice Day Observed**

The Department of Social Work observed Social Justice Day on September 18, 2024, with a programme that aimed at raising awareness and fostering discussions around social equity and justice. The event featured Dr. S. Gopalsamy, Assistant Professor in the Department of International Business, as the guest speaker.

Dr. Gopalsamy delivered a thought-provoking address, emphasizing the need for social justice in all aspects of society. His presentation highlighted the role of social workers in addressing inequality and offering help for marginalized communities. He shared insights into global and local social justice issues, encouraging students to take active roles in promoting fairness and inclusion in their future careers. Earlier Dr. M.A. Velusamy, in his welcome address, spoke about the importance of Social Justice Day that reinforced Social Work students' commitment to uphold human rights and dignity. The event concluded with an interactive discussion, where students shared their views and aspirations for a more just world.

## **Invited Lecture on "Health Impacts of Tobacco Products and Its Legal Provisions"**

Dr. Ashokan, Advocacy Consultant at Nava Jeevan Trust, Thirunelveli, was the guest speaker, delivering a lecture on the topic "Health Impacts of Tobacco Products and Its Legal Provisions", at the department. The lecture delivered on September 21, 2024 addressed the critical health risks associated with tobacco consumption, including respiratory diseases, cardiovascular issues, and cancer. He detailed the widespread impact of tobacco on public health and

discussed various legal frameworks established to regulate tobacco usage and protect public health. He also highlighted the role of social workers in advocating for tobacco control and educating communities about the dangers of tobacco consumption.

Dr. M.A. Velusamy, in his introductory speech, emphasized the importance of creating awareness on preventive measures to mitigate the harms of tobacco use. He encouraged students to actively engage in advocacy efforts and contribute to creating healthier communities.

## **Changing the Narrative on Suicide**

### **World Suicide Prevention Week 2024 Organised**



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University Social Work Association (AUSWA), and the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, in collaboration with Athma Hospitals, Trichy, organized the World Suicide Prevention Week from September 25, 2024. Dr. MA. Velusamy welcomed the gathering and introduced this year's theme, "Changing the Narrative on Suicide."

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi said that suicide often stems from a lack of confidence. He noted that differently-abled individuals often show greater confidence in life despite facing challenges in their life. He referred to the unpredictable nature of suicide that happened, even among scientists and scholars, and expressed concern over the increasing social media addiction among the youth, leading to isolation. He concluded his speech with a motivating message: "When you talk, solutions arrive," encouraging open dialogue to combat suicidal tendencies.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, in his special address, presented the alarming statistics from the IC3 Report, revealing a 4.2% rise in suicide rates between 2021 and 2022. He said that 13,044 students committed suicide in India, with Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu leading in the numbers. Drawing insights from the book *Oru Nodiyil* by V.P. Subamanikanaar, he discussed early efforts to prevent suicide dating back to 1972. Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Professor and Head, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, spoke on the importance of self-awareness and stress-coping mechanisms and urged the participants to nurture their

inner child and avoid self-destructive tendencies. In the thematic address, Mr. K. Soundar, Psychologist and Counselling Coordinator at Athma Mind Care Hospital, stressed the far-reaching consequences of suicide, especially for survivors, and discouraged any form of pseudo-suicidal behaviour.

The event also featured paper presentations by students, screenings of short films, poster presentations, and various awareness programmes, including a mime and puppetry performance, all aimed at spreading awareness about suicide prevention. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Guest Faculty.

## Webinar on "Social Work Response to Public Health"

The Department of Social Work at Alagappa University successfully conducted a National Webinar titled "Social Work Response to Public Health" on 30th September 2024. The event was organized by the Webinar Club of the department under the guidance of Dr. M.A. Velusamy, Head (i/c), Department of Social Work. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. L. Kathiresan, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Assam University.

Dr. L. Kathiresan delivered a comprehensive lecture on the intersection of social work and public health. He emphasized the importance of social work interventions in achieving better public health outcomes, discussing various typologies and dimensions of public health. He also shed light on how social workers can advocate for effective policy-making, supporting his points with relevant case studies.

The interactive session saw active participation of over 100 attendees, including social work trainees, professors, and scholars from various institutions across the country. The participants asked thought-provoking questions, leading to a vibrant discussion on the role of social work in public health.

## DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

### One-Day Special Lecture Programme on Web Design Arranged



The Department of Fine Arts organized a one-day special lecture programme on "Web Design", benefiting students with valuable insights from industry leaders on

September 12, 2024. The event featured Mr. Sethu Subramaniyan SS, Chief Creative Officer, and Mrs. Lakshmi Subramaniyan, Co-founder and Chief Financial Officer of Mirai Designs, Bangalore. Prof. S. Senthamizh Pavai welcomed the gathering. The guest speakers discussed key industry trends and best practices, offering the participants a comprehensive understanding of web design. Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan, Teaching Assistant, proposed a formal vote of thanks. The lecture concluded with an interactive Q&A session.

## Awareness Programme

### Display of Art Works on Social and Environmental Themes



The Department of Fine Arts organised an awareness event at the Alumni Park from September 20 to 25, where students showcased their artworks on various social and environmental topics. This event organised in partnership with Alagappa University Community Radio helped students to raise awareness through visual art, reaching out to the larger community. Artworks focused on themes like environmental conservation, mental health, social justice, and cultural heritage; each piece crafted to prompt reflection and inspire change.

Students participated in live drawing sessions, transforming the park into an open gallery where visitors could watch their creative process in work. Each piece had a powerful message, encouraging attendees to consider critical issues. The collaboration with the University Radio Station added another layer of engagement, as live commentaries and artist interviews helped bridge the gap between the artwork and audience, making the event both informative and interactive. This initiative highlighted the unique power of art to communicate important issues. It united the campus around sharing goals for a more conscious and informed society.

## Integrating Art into Educational Curriculum

### Special Lecture on the Significance of Art Education



The Department organized a special lecture programme on the "Importance of Art Education"; it was delivered by Mr. Rajasekar, a distinguished educationist from Malaysia, on 21.09.2024. Dr. S. Sethamizh Pavai, Head of the Department of Fine Arts, in her welcome address, highlighted the significance of integrating art into the educational curriculum. She made a reference to Mr. Rajasekar's contributions to art education and stressed the need for such global insights to inspire the university community.

Mr. Rajasekar's speech provided a comprehensive overview of how art education develops creativity, cultural awareness, and critical thinking among students. He discussed how exposure to art enriches students' understanding of diverse perspectives, supports emotional development, and prepares them for various career paths by enhancing essential skills. His lecture was peppered with real-life examples, demonstrating how art education transcends boundaries and can be a transformative force in the academic journey of young minds. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. M. Kannadasan, Teaching Assistant, Department of Fine Arts.

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE

### DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

#### Capacity-Building Programme

##### Latest Trends in Information Technology



The Department of Computer Science at Alagappa University hosted a highly engaging capacity-building programme, "Latest Trends in Information Technology" on 14th August 2024 at the Conference Hall of Science Campus. This event brought together 135 enthusiastic participants eager to stay ahead of the curve in today's fast-changing IT landscape. The event began with a welcome address by Ms. A. Idhaya Catherine (II M.Sc CS). Dr. A. Padmapriya, Professor and Head of the Department, set the stage by emphasizing the importance of academia and industry partnerships in driving innovation and preparing students for future challenges. Dr. T. Meyyappan, Senior Professor, delivered an inspiring address, underlining the critical need to stay updated with emerging trends in the IT industry. He emphasized innovation and adaptability as key drivers of success in the field. The Chief Guest R.M. Venkatachalam presented the keynote speech on the

transformative impact of cutting-edge technologies. His talk highlighted how continuous learning and keeping up with new trends are essential for thriving in today's competitive IT job market. Nagappan S.P. from WBC Software Lab gave insightful thoughts on Python full-stack development, demonstrating how academic institutions play a pivotal role in equipping students with industry-relevant skills. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Assistant Professor.

#### Students Showcase Their Creativity in "Waste to Wealth" Exhibition



On 30th September 2024, students from the Department of Computer Science participated in the "Waste to Wealth" exhibition held as part of the SWACHHATA HI SEVA - 2024 initiative, organized by the Department of Biotechnology in association with the Centre on Swachh Bharat & Swasth Bharat, Alagappa University. Showcasing innovative projects aimed at converting waste into valuable resources, the Computer Science students stood out for their creative use of technology to tackle environmental issues. Their success not only highlighted the department's commitment to sustainability but also demonstrated how technology can play a crucial role in achieving the Swachh Bharat mission.

#### DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

##### Faculty Member Honoured

Dr. M. Sundrarajan, Associate Professor and Head i/c was included in the ranking of the TOP 2% of scientists in the world for the year 2024, published by Stanford University (USA). This ranking recognizes the most distinguished and influential scientists globally. It is based on standardized citation parameters, h-index, co-author corrected hm-index, article citations based on author positions, as well as a composite indicator.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

##### Expert Lecture Programme on "Advancements of Nanotechnology and Nano-materials Enabled Biosensor for Environmental and Human Protection: Commercialization Potential in Point-of-Care Diagnosis"

The Department of Microbiology in association with Incubation and Innovation Centre (IIC) and Office of Industry and Consultancy (I&C) arranged a one day expert

lecture programme entitled "Advancements of Nanotechnology and Nano-materials enabled Biosensor for Environmental and Human Protection: Commercialization Potential in Point-of-Care Diagnosis" on 21st August, 2024. Dr. Mani Govindasamy, Ming Chi University an expert in nanotechnology and nano-materials enabled biosensors in environmental and human protection, spoke focussing on commercialization potential in point-of-care diagnostics.

Prof. Govindasamy gave in-depth analysis of innovative medical devices for the detection of pesticides, antibiotics and chemical preservatives in food and food products. He dwelt on cancer biomarker detection, oxidative stress biomarker detection and neurotransmitter detection. He highlighted the importance of biosensors and the components of modern biosensor technology in addressing food toxicity and nervous system disorders.

### **One Day Lecture Programme Entitled "Accelerated/Incubation Opportunities for Students, Faculties & Early-Stage Entrepreneurs"**



Alagappa Institute of Skill Development in association with Institution's Innovation Council-Alagappa University (IIC-ALU), Department of Microbiology, Office of Industry and Consultancy, University Business Collaboration Centre (UBCC) and Incubation and Innovation Centre (IIC) arranged a lecture programme entitled "Accelerated / Incubation Opportunities for Students, Faculties & Early-stage Entrepreneurs" on September 19.09.2024.

A detailed and inspiring lecture was given by Dr.G.Simiyon, Assistant Director and Head of Office Branch, MSME -DFO, Govt. of India, Ministry of MSME, Tirunelveli and Madurai about the various schemes offered by MSME Ministry of India. He motivated students to prepare a proposal which really has to address the society, especially the economically weaker sections.

He explained the guidelines for Hackathon 4.0, scheme of MSME. He motivated the innovators to apply through this scheme and develop small prototype or devices. He asked the students and scholars to find the problem of local population and address the current issues by inventing new techniques. Dr. V. Dharuman, Director

i/c, AISD, offered felicitation and outlined the role of Incubation Centre in promoting innovative ideas.

### **DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE**

#### **Career Guidance Programme Organized**

A career guidance programme was held at Alagappa University for the benefit of II-year MSc Biomedical Science students. The event sponsored by INNOVAPARK was held on 22.7.2024. It aimed at guiding students in their career choices within the Biomedical Science sector. Dr. Mohana Marimuthu, founder of INNOVAPARK, in her welcome address, set the tone for an engaging and informative day for the participants. Mr. K. Vinoth, a Ph.D Scholar from CSIR-CECRI, delivered an inspiring presentation titled "Life as a Student Researcher & Future Opportunities." He shared his experiences as a researcher, the challenges he encountered, and how he navigated them. Mr. Vinoth also highlighted emerging trends in biomedical science and the diverse career paths available to the students. In the afternoon session Dr. M. Mohana Marimuthu conducted a detailed career guidance session, focusing on the skills and competencies necessary to succeed in the biomedical science industry. Her lecture covered essential topics such as resume building, interview preparation, and networking, offering students pragmatic advice for their professional journeys. The programme concluded with a guided tour of INNOVAPARK's state-of-the-art facilities, including innovation galleries that showcased advancements in biomedical science. In the feedback session, participants expressed their appreciation for the informative presentations and the opportunity to engage with experts in the field.

#### **Special Lecture on Neurogenic Activity and Brain Development**



The Department organized a Special Lecture on Neurogenic Activity and Brain Development by Dr. G. Nagarajan of the Department of Basic Sciences at King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia. The lecture, titled "Neuropeptide AVT and E2 System Stimulates Neurogenic Activity and Early Brain Development in the

Orange Spotted Grouper", was delivered by the expert on 31st July 2024 at the Conference Hall of the MIS Building at the Science Campus. Dr. Langeswaran, Head i/c of the Department, emphasized the importance of these expert-lectures in advancing the university's academic and research endeavours. Dr. G. Nagarajan offered insights into how neuropeptide AVT (arginine vasotocin) and the E2 (estradiol) system promote neurogenesis and early brain development in the orange spotted grouper (*Epinephelus coioides*). He discussed the molecular mechanisms behind these processes and their potential implications for understanding vertebrate brain development, as well as neurodevelopmental disorders in humans. Earlier Dr. R. Beema Shafreen welcomed the participants and the session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. C. Kiruthiga.

### Educational Visitto Apollo Hospitals



An educational visit to Apollo Hospitals, Managiri, was arranged by the Department that provided students with practical insights into the hospital operations and career opportunities in the healthcare field. A group of 46 students, accompanied by faculty members Dr. R. Bheema Shafreen, Dr. Mamali Das, and Mrs. C. Kiruthiga, embarked on the half-day tour led by the department head (i/c) Dr. K. Langeswaran. The visit began with a session in the Conference Hall of the hospital, during which a representative from the Human Resources Department gave a comprehensive overview of the hospital's infrastructure, services, and commitment to quality healthcare. The students were then introduced to the crucial role of biomedical science in the healthcare industry by the hospital's quality controller. Topics such as equipment calibration, reference settings, and power supply requirements were explained, emphasizing the importance of maintaining accurate and safe hospital equipment. The tour continued with a detailed walkthrough of key medical departments, including Emergency (EMR), Cardiology (CAR), Radiology (RAD), and the Laboratory (LAB). The students were shown essential biomedical equipment used in these departments and they gained firsthand experience about how medical technologies contribute to patient care.

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

### World Earth Day 2024

#### Special Lecture on "Save Our Earth" Arranged



On 22nd July 2024, the Department of Geology hosted a Special Lecture titled "Save Our Earth" as part of the observance of the World Earth Day. Dr. M. Jothibasu, Controller of Examinations, delivered the inaugural address emphasizing the critical importance of environmental awareness and sustainability. He highlighted the vital role educational institutions play in shaping future leaders who can address pressing environmental challenges. He said: "Today, we have gathered not just to celebrate our planet but to renew our commitment to its pristine preservation". Drawing attention to the urgent threats posed by climate change, deforestation, pollution, and biodiversity loss, he outlined various University initiatives that focused on renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and waste management. He urged the students to become proactive stewards of the environment.

In his thematic address, Mr. S. Pradeep, Assistant Director, Geological Sub Division Water Resource Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, explored the inseparable relationship between geology and environmental sustainability. He stressed the importance of understanding earth's processes to tackle environmental issues and mitigate natural disasters such as landslides and floods. "By studying the earth's structure, we can better predict and respond to hazards, ultimately saving lives," he added. He also stressed the necessity of sustainable resource management, emphasizing that it is both an environmental and socio-economic imperative.

Dr. K. Prabakaran, Head i/c, welcomed the gathering. The event concluded with a powerful call to action, encouraging attendees to participate in local environmental initiatives and integrate sustainable practices into their personal and professional lives. This programme served as a poignant reminder of the importance of collaboration in protecting our planet and fostering a sustainable future for humanity.

## DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

### Department Signs an MoU with NIFTEM-T for Knowledge Sharing



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Alagappa University, signed an MoU with National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T) on 12.04.2024. Prof. G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Prof. V. Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM-T and other Officials from both the institutions were present on the occasion. The agreement will be in force for a term of five years (2024 - 2029).

Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Associate Professor & Head i/c, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Alagappa University, and Dr. N. Venkatachalapathy, Dean - Research, Consultancy & International Relations, NIFTEM-T, were designated as Central Authorities to implement the Agreement.

The MoU will facilitate knowledge sharing, personnel exchange, science and technology-based innovations, and technology transfer in the food sector for the mutual benefit of both the institutions.

### National Symposium on "Promoting Nutritional Diets through Millets"

After the MoU signing ceremony the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and NIFTEM-T jointly organized a National Symposium on "Promoting Nutritional Diets through Millets" on the same day in the Science Campus of the University. In the inaugural function Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Convener & Organizing Secretary, who welcomed the gathering, said that the symposium would provide a forum for creating mass awareness on the diversity of millets, their invaluable nutritional properties, and health benefits, and it would also recommend strategies for enhancing the millet health awareness among the larger public.



Prof. C.Sekar, Syndicate Member, delivered the presidential address. He highlighted the significance of millets in enhancing health and also highlighted how 'millets are the nutritional powerhouse' through his powerful speech. Prof. V. Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM-T, delivered the keynote address and shared his knowledge on millets and that was based on his lifetime experiences from his childhood; he also spoke about the training opportunities that are available in NIFTEM-T relating to nutrition field. Dr. S. Shanmugasundaram, Registrar of NIFTEM-T delivered the felicitation address. He provided valuable information about training programmes and companies that provide help to promote millet-based product development.

Dr. N. Venkatachalapathy, one of the Organizing Secretaries of the Symposium, and Dean-Research, Consultancy and International Relations, NIFTEM-T, who spoke at the event, referred to the entrepreneurship and employment potential and also, explained the rules and regulations for signing an MoU with NIFTEM-T. Dr. P. Arunkumar, Principal Scientist, CSIR - Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore, delivered the thematic address. He declared that the CFTRI is offering 22 free technologies related to food technology that could be learnt by students free of cost. Dr. S. Shajahan, Scientist, Department of Nutrition and Bioscience, Tata Chemicals Ltd, Innovation Centre, Andhra Pradesh, shared his knowledge about millets that are used in various countries and their processing in industries. Ms. R. Ramya, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, delivered the vote of thanks.

### One Day Workshop on Moisture Analyzer



The Department organized a One Day Workshop on Moisture Analyzer on 9th August, 2024. Dr. P. Rameshthangam, welcomed the gathering and pointed out the significance of moisture analyzer. Mr. R. Natarajan, Senior Technician, Kings Lab, Chennai, acted as a resource person and gave hands-on training to the PG students on moisture analyzer.

### Webinar on Nutrition and Lifestyle Strategies for Managing Metabolic Syndrome

The Department organized a Webinar on Nutrition and Lifestyle Strategies for Managing Metabolic

Syndromeon 12.08.2024. Dr.N.Preetha, Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Nutrition, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research (DU), Porur, Chennai, delivered a special lecture on metabolic disorder and the importance of adopting some nutritional lifestyle strategies to improve physical and mental well-being.

## National Nutritional Month Celebrations - 2024

### **National Seminar on "Health Awareness on Balanced Diets and Nutrition"**



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, organized a National Seminar on "Health Awareness on Balanced Diets and Nutrition" on 02-09-2024. It arranged an exhibition at the Seminar Hall of the Science Campus. The students of the department prepared and displayed nutritional food products such as Amla Rice Mix, Beta Robusto Sachet, Ferrow Flow, Hibiscus Thattai, Kavuni Jam, Multi Grain Oats Cookies, Nutrikola Noodles, Pricky Pear Burfi, Ragi Burger and Yango Muffins. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, Prof. P. Gopinath from IIT Roorkee, Dr. Amala Stalin Raja from Amala Fertility Centre, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff and students visited the exhibition and saw the food products developed by the students. The exhibition highlighted the new trends in food technology, sustainable practices and health-conscious alternatives. It served as a valuable ground for students to gain hands-on experience in product development, marketing and customer interaction and they imbibed entrepreneurial spirit. The department students received good feedback and recognition from the Vice-Chancellor and other experts who participated in the seminar

## FoSTaC Training

### **Students Participate in Food Safety Training Programme**



The department students participated in the Food Safety Training and Certificate (FoSTac) Training Programme organized by the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management - Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T) on 12.09.2024. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. V. Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM-T and he detailed about the benefits of attending the FoSTac training programme. Parikshan trainer Dr. Karthika Jayaraman conducted a session on "Basic Manufacturing and COVID", and she explained the functioning of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and its rules and regulations. She also gave details and guidelines for starting a food industry, undergoing internship training and also about available job opportunities to the students. Dr. R. Vidyalakshmi, Professor and Head, Department of Food Safety and Quality Testing, NIFTEM-T, spoke about the analysis of food and agri products, nutritional labelling and food safety evaluations. Dr. P. Rameshthangam thanked the experts and the organizers of the programme.

### **Nutritional Awareness Programme at Melapattamangalam Anganwadi**



The Department staff and students visited Melapattamangalam Anganwadi Centre, Kallal block, Sivagangai District for celebrating National Nutritional Month on 28.09.2024. The staff members and students created awareness about the Nutritious Food Products and recommended dietary foods for preschool children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. Mr. Ramachandran, Pattamangalam Panchayat Vice-President, and Dr. P. Kamalimeenal, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), inaugurated the function. Dr. P. Rameshthangam highlighted the purpose of Anganwadi visit and also explained the value and necessity of nutritious food products for different age groups. Students from II M.Sc Nutrition and Dietetics created awareness about natural food products by issuing pamphlets and also explained through charts about various disease conditions caused by malnutrition. During the event, an exhibition was conducted and nutritious food prepared by the students was provided to the participants. Students also educated the people about different conditions like protein-energy malnutrition, anemia, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease and gave general



guidelines for pregnant and lactating women. Mrs.R.Ramya, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Invited Lecture on "Digital Education"



An invited lecture on "Digital Education" was arranged on 10th September 2024 in the Department of Education, Alagappa University. The event brought together 63 participants, including teacher educators and research scholars, to learn and discuss the emerging trends and challenges in digital education. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, welcomed the participants. He emphasized the growing importance of digital education in transforming traditional teaching methods and fostering innovation in the education system.

The resource person Prof. A. Tholappan, Head, Department of Education (CDOE), Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, delivered an engaging lecture on the current advancements in digital education, including e-learning platforms, virtual classrooms, and the use of digital tools in enhancing teaching and learning outcomes. He also discussed the role of digital education in reaching a wider audience and improving access to quality education. Prof. P. Sivakumar, Senior Professor & Head, Department of Education (CDOE), Alagappa University, delivered the felicitation address and Dr. N. Sasikumar, Organizing Secretary of the event, offered a vote of thanks.

## Invited Lecture on Disaster Management



An invited lecture on "Disaster Management" was organized on 29th August 2024 in the Department of Education. The event, aimed at enhancing awareness and understanding of disaster management among teacher educators and research scholars, was attended by 45 participants, including teacher educators and research scholars from various institutions. Dr. K. Dhanalakshmi,

Professor, Department of Education, Periyar University, Salem, was the resource person. She shared her extensive expertise on the topic, focusing on the importance of preparedness, risk assessment, and effective response mechanisms in disaster situations, particularly in the context of educational institutions. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, who presented the welcome address, highlighted the significance of integrating disaster management into the education curriculum and emphasized the role of teacher educators in spreading awareness. The lecture was highly interactive with participants actively engaging in discussions and posing questions on various aspects of disaster management. Prof. K. Dhanalakshmi addressed these queries with insightful responses, making the session both informative and practical. Dr. A. Selvan, Professor, Department of Education, gave the vote of thanks.

## ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### Protecting the Environment

#### International Plastic Bag Free Day Conducted



The Eco Club of Alagappa University College of Education organized the International Plastic Bag Free Day on 3rd July 2024 at the seminar hall of AUCE. The event began with a welcome address by Ms. K. Hamsanandhini, President of the Eco-Club. Eco-club coordinator Dr. G. Rajeswari, in her keynote address, highlighted the environmental hazards posed by plastic bags and insisted on the individual responsibility in minimizing plastic usage. Ms. R. Durga, Vice-President of the Eco-club, delivered an informative presentation on the origins of plastic, its development, the concept of micro plastics, methods for removing them from the body, and various types of plastics used in different products. She also offered suggestions for reducing plastic usage. To raise awareness among student-teachers about the excessive use of plastics, six student-teachers performed an awareness role-play which emphasized the use of cloth bags and metal water bottles instead of single use plastics. Mrs. Kalaiyarasi, a second-year B.Ed. student-teacher, recited a poem titled "Death without Birth". Dr. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c of AUCE, delivered the presidential address on the theme "Reuse, Recycle, and Reduce Plastics". He emphasized the role of community actions in reducing plastic usage, such as organizing local

clean-up drives, awareness campaigns, and encouraging local businesses to adopt plastic-free policies. All the participants took a "Plastic Free Pledge" to make the plastic a thing of the past. Participants could get clarification for their doubts regarding micro plastics and its ill effects from the open discussion. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. R. Durga, Vice President of the Eco-club.

## Invited Guest Lecture on the Paradoxes of Silence Teaching as a Pedagogical Approach



An invited Guest Lecture on The Paradoxes of Silence Teaching as a Pedagogical Approach was organized on 8th July 2024 at AUCE. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of B.Ed. students and Research Scholars, making it an intellectually stimulating and memorable occasion. Dr. P. Sivakumar, Principal (i/c) of AUCE, highlighted the importance of exploring unconventional pedagogical strategies which set the tone for the seminar.

The special address was delivered by Prof. S. Venkataraman from the Department of Education, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur. In his captivating lecture, the distinguished speaker delved deeply into the intricacies of the overlooked role of silence in the educational landscape. He referred to the idea that silence, frequently viewed as a sign of inactivity or disengagement, can actually serve as a powerful catalyst for active reflection and profound understanding. By allowing space for quiet contemplation, learners can engage in deep thinking, enabling them to process information more thoroughly and fostering a greater sense of internal dialogue. He enriched his discussion with thought-provoking examples that illustrated how silence can enhance communication skills, encouraging students to listen more attentively and articulate their thoughts more clearly. His rigorous academic approach, combined with a wealth of insights, left a significant and lasting impression on the audience, prompting them to reconsider the value of silence in the learning process. The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. C. Anbuchelvan, Assistant Professor of Education.

## Programme on Yoga for Holistic Health



A Programme on Yoga for Holistic Health was conducted on 6th August 2024, at the Seminar Hall of AUCE. The event was organized with the objective of promoting physical, mental, and emotional well-being through the practice of yoga. Dr. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE, in his welcome address, emphasized the significance of integrating yoga into daily life for holistic health and its role in enhancing academic and personal effectiveness among the students and scholars.

Dr. S. Thirumalai Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Physical Education, Tamil Nadu Sports University, in his enlightening speech delved into the scientific foundation of yoga, emphasizing its transformative impact on both mental and physical health. He explained how regular yoga practice enhances concentration, enabling individuals to channel their focus effectively on academic and professional settings. He also highlighted its role in stress reduction and offered practical guidelines for managing the pressures of modern life. Furthermore, he underscored yoga's ability to foster resilience, empowering individuals to face challenges with a calm and composed mindset. Dr. G. Rajeswari, Assistant Professor, AUCE, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. A. Rube Jesintha, Organizing Secretary, made all the arrangements.

## Programme on Cognitive Component of Self-Reflectiveness and Understanding the Self



A programme on "Cognitive Component of Self-Reflectiveness and Understanding the Self" was organized on 23rd August 2024 at the College of Education. Dr. P. Sivakumar welcomed the participants. Prof. P. Srinivasan, Dean and Head, Department of Education, Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvavur, in his special address, delved into the cognitive components of self-reflectiveness, emphasizing its significance in

understanding one's thoughts, emotions, and actions. He also provided practical insights into fostering self-awareness among educators and students, encouraging an interactive discussion with the audience. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. Shanmuga Revathi, Assistant Professor of Education, AUCE.

## Collaboration with Murdoch University, Australia

### **International Virtual Demonstration and Discussion on Immersive Learning Platform in Teacher Education**



The Alagappa University College of Education and the Department of Education, CDOE, Alagappa University, in collaboration with Sim Lab at Murdoch University, Australia, successfully conducted a virtual demonstration and discussion on the "Immersive Learning Platform in Teacher Education." The event took place on 29th August 2024. The session began with the welcome address of Dr. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE. He highlighted the importance of integrating innovative technologies like immersive learning into teacher education and said that the collaborative effort with Murdoch University will be highly beneficial.

The main feature of the event was a detailed online demonstration by Mr. Wade Ellis, Sim Lab Coordinator at Murdoch University, Australia. He covered various aspects of the Sim Lab's capabilities in the demonstration, with a focus on how educators could utilize immersive learning environments to simulate classroom scenarios, enhance teaching skills, and face real-world challenges. Mr. Ellis showcased the Sim Lab's ability to simulate diverse classroom environments, manage student behaviour, and adapt to different teaching styles. Following the demonstration, professors, researchers, and students engaged with Mr. Ellis in an interactive session, asking insightful questions about the platform's functionality, technical requirements, and practical application in teacher education. The attendees provided positive feedback, expressing their appreciation for the comprehensive demonstration.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Selvakumar, ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Department of Education, CDOE, Alagappa

University. The event opened up avenues for potential collaboration between Alagappa University and Murdoch University, fostering a shared commitment to advancing educational practices through innovative technology.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

### **Workshop on Leadership Development**

The Department of Lifelong Learning conducted a workshop entitled "Leadership Development" on 16-07-2024 at the Convocation Seminar Hall. Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, welcomed the gathering and spoke on the need and necessity of conducting workshop on Leadership Development. Dr. C. K. Muthukumaran, Professor & Head i/c, Department of Disaster Management, who presided over the programme, spoke about the key leadership qualities. He stated that the quality of leadership is a rich amalgamation of various qualities such as integrity, vision, communication skills, adaptability, empathy, resilience, courage and a dedication to continuous learning. Dr. R. Portia, Assistant Professor from AUCE in her special address, referred to different Leadership Styles such as Autocratic, Democratic, Laissez-faire. She demonstrated how the skills of inspiring, directing and collaborating helped one to become a good leader and she also conducted leadership games. Mr. S. Vinaitheerthan, Soft skills Trainer & Motivational Speaker, Divisional Manager (Rtd), L.I.C of India, Karaikudi, discussed the "10 Characteristics that Lead to Success" which included self-discipline, organization, networking, optimism, perseverance, flexibility, curiosity and confidence. He also quoted lines from Thirukkural to become a prospective leader in life. Dr. M. Kanaga, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

### **Workshop on Personality Development**



The Department conducted a Workshop on Personality Development on 23-07-2024. Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. Kalaiyarasan, Dean, Faculty of Education, who presided over the programme referred to the process of improving one's unique qualities, behaviour, attitude, and mindset. He highlighted the steps in improving social skills and positive habits to face real life challenges. Dr. G. Rajeswari,

Assistant Professor, AUCE, gave the special address. She spoke about the theories and characteristics of personality. She gave SWOT Analysis exercise to the students to identify their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Dr.M.Kanagaproposed a vote of thanks.

## Workshop on Interpersonal Relationships & Social Psychology

The Department organized a Workshop on Interpersonal Relationships & Social Psychology on 30-07-2024. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, welcomed the gathering. Dr.SP.Mathiraj, Professor & Head i/c, Department of Tourism & Hotel Management, in his presidential address, said that good interpersonal relationship depends on good communication, emotional intimacy and mutual dependence where individuals share their thoughts, feelings and experiences providing support and building trust. These relationships are fundamental to human social life and influence emotional well-being and personal development. Dr. A. Pio Albina, Assistant Professor, AUCE, conducted different Interpersonal Relationship games. Dr.J.Jayachithra, AUCE, delivered a special address. She spoke about the Human Behaviour and Relationship Skills. Dr.M.Kanagaproposed a vote of thanks.

## Guest Lecture on Time Management



The Department conducted a guest lecture on Time Management on 01-08-2024. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, welcomed the participants. Mr.S.Vinaitheerthan, Soft skills Trainer & Motivational Speaker, was the guest speaker. He dwelt at length on the importance of Time Management for achieving success in any endeavor and further he gave practical hints to utilize time in a profitable way. Ms.G.Priyadharshini delivered the vote of thanks.

## Workshop on Effective Public Speaking & Interview Techniques

The Department conducted a Workshop on Effective Public Speaking & Interview Techniques on 06-08-2024. Dr.N.Johnson, in his welcome address, spoke about the necessity of conducting Workshop on Effective Public Speaking & Interview Techniques and stressed on the significance of art of public speaking in the present digital era. Dr.G.Nedumaran, Professor-cum-Placement

Officer, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University, who presided over the programme, referred to the ideal speaking method which allows one to keep the audience engaged, and how it makes the speakers to be more natural in their delivery. Then he highlighted, how to maintain proper posture and eye contact with the audience. Dr.K. Ganesamurthy, Assistant Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, in his special address, enumerated the Effective Interview Techniques. Dr.M.Kanaga, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

## Guest Lecture on Integrating Arts & Crafts Skills in Higher Education

The Department conducted a guest lecture titled "Integrating Arts & Crafts Skills in Higher Education" on 07-08-2024. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, welcomed the participants. Mrs.E.M.N.Sharmila, Arts & Crafts Instructor, AUCE, spoke on the significance of utilizing art & craft skills to provide effective higher education. Further she taught the students, how to integrate arts and crafts into their higher education. She engaged the students by asking them about their individual talents and skills and instructed the students to do some activities related to craftwork. Dr.M.Kanagaproposed a vote of thanks.

## Students Win Prizes in Quiz Competition



A quiz competition programme on India's independence entitled "Voyage through Eras" was hosted on 13-08-2024 by Alagappa University Study Circle in collaboration with Rotary Club of Karaikudi. Ms.R.Isha Preethi and Ms.N.Uma Maheshwari, I Year M.A HRD Students from the Department of Lifelong Learning got selected in the preliminary round and participated in the final quiz competition held at the Convocation Seminar Hall. All the winners of the preliminary round participated in the competition. Ms.R.Isha Preethi and Ms.N.Uma Maheshwari won places and received prizes.

## Workshop on Group Dynamics & Group Discussion

The Department conducted a Workshop on "Group Dynamics & Group Discussion" on 27-08-2024. Dr.N. Johnson welcomed the gathering and spoke about the importance of team work and team building. Dr.A.Morarji, Professor, Department of Corporate secretaryship, spoke about the nuances of Group Discussion. Further, he highlighted the myths, reality, online and offline mode of group discussion. He hinted at

the essentials of Group Discussion, Probability Assessment, Do's & Dont's in GD, Postures during GD. He actively involved the students to participate in a group discussion titled "Gender Inclusion 2023". He divided the students into 10 groups and chose 6 judges from the students side to give feedback about their involvement in GD. Dr.G.Vinayagamoorthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, who spoke at the event referred to the tenets of Group Dynamics, Importance of Group Dynamics, Types of Groups, Organizing, Controlling, Power and Behaviour of the Group Process. He stressed on the ways to effectively manage the groups. Dr.M.Kanagaproposed a vote of thanks.

### **Guest Lecture on HRD in Organization: Approaches to Employee Development**

A Guest Lecture on "HRD in Organization: Approaches to Employee Development" was organized on 28.09.2024. Dr.N.Johnson welcomed the attendees. Dr.K.Ganeshamurthy, Assistant Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship acted as the resource person. He spoke about the difference between HRM and HRD and referred to the immense opportunities that are available in business world, HRD techniques and tips to be followed as future HR personnel.

### **Workshop on Coping Skills**



The Department conducted a workshop entitled "Coping Skills" on 03-09-2024 at the Central Library Seminar Hall. The welcome address was given by Dr.N.Johnson and the presidential address was given by Dr.V.Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate. He said that the "Coping Skills" included Self-discipline, Perseverance, Flexibility, Curiosity and Confidence. Quoting verses from Thirukkural he explained how to practice Coping Skills in life. Dr.C.Anbuchelvan from AUCE was the resource person. He spoke about different Coping Styles and highlighted the ways to improve Coping Skills & listed techniques such as Positive vs Negative Outcomes of using Coping Skills.

### **Guest Lecture on the Art of Connection: Acquiring Interpersonal Skills**

The Department of Lifelong Learning conducted a guest lecture programme on "The Art of Connection: Acquiring Interpersonal Skills" on 03.09.2024 through

online mode. Dr.N.Johnson welcomed the special guest and participants highlighting the significance of developing Interpersonal Skills. Dr.Joju John, Principal of Mar Theophilus Training College, Thiruvananthapuram appeared virtually through google meet and spoke about Interpersonal Skills. He underlined the importance of improving Interpersonal Skills. He gave some examples for interpersonal skills like Communication, Empathy, Emotional Intelligence, Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills.

### **Special Lecture on Developing Social Intelligence in the Digital Age**

The Department of Lifelong Learning conducted a special lecture on Developing Social Intelligence in the Digital Age on 04.09.2024 through online mode. Dr.N.Johnson, welcomed the special guest and participants. Dr.S.Maya, Professor, Mar Theophilus Training College, Thiruvananthapuram, appeared virtually through Google Meet and explained the importance of developing social intelligence in the digital age. She gave tips to develop the ability to understand and manage interpersonal relationships. She mentioned the ways to improve social intelligence in the digital era. At the end of the session, students gave positive feedback about the programme.

### **International Literacy Day**

On the International Literacy Day 2024, the Department conducted a guest lecture on "Time Management". Dr.N.Johnson welcomed the special guest and highlighted the significance of International Literacy Day. Dr.B.Bindhu, Professor of Education, Mar Theophilus Training College, Thiruvananthapuram spoke to the audience through GoogleMeet and taught the students time management techniques. Dr.Joju John, Principal, Mar Theophilus Training College Thiruvananthapuram, spoke about the importance of positive communication styles.

### **Workshop on Clean India, Green India: Swachh Bharat Mission**



The Department of Lifelong Learning in collaboration with NSS organized a "Workshop on Clean India, Green India: Swachh Bharat Mission" in connection with the celebration of NSS Day on 24-09-2024 at the Convocation Seminar Hall. Dr.N.Johnson, in his welcome speech, referred to the importance of conducting this event and the contribution of NSS Volunteers to the

community. Prof.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address. He spoke on the ways to arrest the wastage of electricity and how to maintain a green environment on the campus of the University and its neighbourhood. Further he referred to the problems of e-waste. He requested the NSS Co-ordinator to identify the best NSS Volunteers and give them prizes as a token of their services. Dr.P.Srinivasan, NSS Co-ordinator, spoke on the historical backdrop of NSS and suggested ways to be an active member of the society. Dr.P.Sivakumar, Principal i/c, AUCE spoke on Green Cover, Communal Harmony, Protection of Internal Environment and External Environment, 3R's namely Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and success stories of tree plantation.

Dr.A.Arun, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, spoke on the clean and green initiatives of Alagappa University. He highlighted on the industrial collaboration; and he spoke on the novel PEM Prototype which was displayed in DST stalls at the 14th Clean Energy Conference at the G20 Energy Transition Ministerial Meeting at Goa, 2023. Further, he highlighted on the National Green Hydrogen Mission. He also spoke about Hydrogen Valley Platform in India which aims in scaling up hydrogen deployment & creating interconnected hydrogen ecosystem across India, Bio-energy-MAP-H<sub>2</sub> Production from Bio-mass, Cheap & Effective proton Exchange Membrane. He concluded his lecture stressing on Bio-energy which helps to protect human beings from environment problems.

## DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

### Hon'ble Minister for School Education Visits Special Schools



On 31st July 2024 Hon'ble Minister for School Education Mr. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozi accompanied by the District Collector Mrs. Asha Ajith, Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation Mr. K.R. Periyakaruppan, and the local MLA Mr. S. Mangudi, visited the Special Schools functioning under the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science.

During the visit, the dignitaries watched a documentary film that presented the growth and achievements of the Special Schools run by the department. The guests were deeply impressed by the steady progress made by the schools. The special school students drew the attention of the dignitaries through their vibrant and power-packed performances, earning the appreciation of the School Education Minister and others.

In his brief speech, the School Education Minister reiterated the government's commitment to fostering inclusive education and ensuring that children with disabilities have access to the necessary resources and support. The Minister for Cooperatives explored innovative ways to involve co-operative societies in extending their support to such institutions, thereby enhancing their sustainability and impact.

The District Collector commended the schools' relentless efforts in providing high-quality, specialized education to children with special needs. Meanwhile, the local MLA pledged consistent and proactive support for the schools' future development, assuring that the progress of such institutions would remain a priority.

### Three-Day International Workshop on AI-Supported Scientific Inquiry for Pre-Service Teachers

The Department of Education at Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) joined hands with the Science Education Centre of National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, Alagappa University, to host a transformative Three-Day Workshop on AI-Supported Scientific Inquiry (AISI) for pre-service teachers from 1st to 3rd August 2024. Held at the Central Library Seminar Hall, Alagappa University, the hybrid-mode event brought together Indian and Taiwanese research teams to foster innovation in education.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Dr. P.S. Sreedevi, Principal Investigator, JRP-ICSSR-NSTC and it was followed by the presidential address by Prof. Panchanatham, Vice-Chancellor of GRI. Special addresses by distinguished academics, including Dr. J. Sujathamalini (Alagappa University) and Prof. Chun-Yen Chang (NTNU), set the stage for an engaging programme.

Participants were divided into ten groups to explore topics such as the theoretical foundations of AISI, artificial intelligence applications, and scientific inquiry methods. Online sessions led by NTNU experts Chi-Jung Sui, Dadan Sumardani, and Kelly Huang enriched the learning experience, complemented by hands-on activities facilitated by the Indian team.



The event culminated in team presentations, observed by a panel of dignitaries. Ms. Abinaya's team won the Best Presenter Award, while Ms. Viveka's team earned recognition for the Best Lesson Plan. The workshop concluded with closing remarks by Dr. J. Sujathamalini and a vote of thanks by Dr. P. S. Sreedevi.

This collaborative effort showcased the potential of AI in transforming education and empowered participants to embrace innovative teaching methods.

## Discussion on Mental Health

### **World Suicide Prevention Day 2024 Observed**



On 20th September 2024, the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science and the Department of Social Work of Alagappa University jointly observed the World Suicide Prevention Day in the Seminar Hall. The event aimed to create awareness about suicide prevention and foster discussions on mental health. The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. M.A. Velusamy, Associate Professor and Head (i/c) of the Department of Social Work. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, delivered the presidential address, emphasizing the critical need for collective efforts in addressing suicide prevention. This was followed by the inaugural address by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar of Alagappa University, who underlined the role of education in mental health advocacy. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. J. Sujathamalini highlighting the importance of awareness, empathy, and professional support in suicide prevention. Special addresses were given by Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate and Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Former Syndicate Member. The event's thematic address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Mr. K. Soundar, a Psychologist and Counselling Department Coordinator at Aathma Hospital, Trichy. His insights on mental health challenges and practical strategies for intervention resonated deeply with the

audience. The programme also featured student-led initiatives that added depth to the event. Cultural activities, including an awareness mime and talks on suicide prevention, showcased the students' creativity and commitment to spreading the message of hope and support. An awareness signature campaign further engaged participants, allowing them to pledge their support for mental health awareness. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, bringing the impactful programme to a close. This observance of World Suicide Prevention Day not only educated participants but also reinforced the importance of community efforts in saving the lives and promoting mental well-being.

## **ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Participation of Students in Technova 2K24**



Nachiappa Swamigal Arts & Science College, Koviloor, provided an opportunity for students from the Department of Skill Development, Alagappa University to gain an enriching academic and technical experience. A total of 38 students from the University attended the Technova 2K24 held in the NSAS College at Koviloor. They actively participated in various technical sessions and competitions. The event offered a platform to the students to learn, network, and demonstrate their skills in a multidisciplinary environment. Students of the department secured the first prize in MIME, the second prize in Technovation, and the first prize in Poster-making. Participation in these events enhanced their practical knowledge and problem-solving abilities, aligning well with the objectives of experiential learning.

## **Students Win Overall Championship in FASSIONEREN (2K24-2K25)**



The interdepartmental event FASSIONEREN (2K24-2K25) was an engaging and dynamic platform where students showcased their creativity, talent, and collaborative skills. Organized by the Department of Fashion Technology and Costume Design, Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur, the event included a wide range of on-stage and off-stage competitions. Students of the University participated On-Stage Events such as Designer Meet and Fashion Show and Off-stage Events on Fashion Portrayal, Wealth Out of Waste, Maquillage (Makeup Artistry) and Connubial Makeover. Our students presented unique and sustainable fashion designs, impressing the judges with their creativity and technical proficiency. Their stellar performances earned them the prestigious Overall Championship, marking a proud achievement for the department. Participants expressed immense satisfaction with their involvement, highlighting the opportunity to collaborate, innovate, and develop new skills. The exposure to interdisciplinary themes and feedback from judges provided a meaningful learning experience.

## Participation of Students in Cyber Fest - 2024



Students of Software Development Programme from Alagappa Institute of Skill Development participated in the Cyber Fest 2024 which was organised by the Department of Computer Science (Cyber Forensics), Alagappa University. It provided an opportunity for students from the department to participate in a rewarding academic and technical experience. A total of 25 students from the department participated in Cyber Fest 2K24. They actively participated in various technical sessions, and competitions. The event offered a platform to learn, network, and demonstrate their skills in a multidisciplinary environment. Students got the second prize in Typography (Website Design) and also the second prize on Sprucing Up (Advertisement Design).

## International Fashion Day - 2024 Organised



Alagappa Institute of Skill Development organized the International Fashion Day - 2024 on the Theme of "Sustainable Elegance" on 9th July 2024 and conducted different competitions like Rangoli, Art from Waste, Accessory Making, Illustration and Mehandi. Students from Fashion Technology and Software Development of AISD participated in the event. The overall championship was won by the group called Crazy Stylers in the event. The students of Fashion Technology exhibited their extraordinary talents in the Adult and Kids Fashion Show which was also a part of the International Fashion Day. The welcome address was delivered by AISD Adjunct Faculty Ms. P. Suruthi. The thematic address was given by Prof. KR. Murugan, Adjunct Professor. He mentioned that this event celebrated creativity, innovation and the fusion of art and education. Fashion inspires and empowers individuals from all walks of life. The presidential address was delivered by Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c AISD. He highlighted the responsibility of students in developing their interest in their future career. They should learn about the latest innovations in the process of production and also the significance of sustainable fashion and its impact on the current fashion trends. He also mentioned that huge employment opportunities are there in the field of fashion designing. Dr. Sundararajan and Mr. R. Alaguraj, Adjunct Faculty, delivered the felicitation address and Ms. R. Monisha, Adjunct Faculty, Alagappa University proposed a vote of thanks. International Fashion Day was a resounding success as it celebrated creativity, diversity, and self-expression. The event inspired and educated attendees setting the tone for future innovations and instilled in them power to unite, inspire and drive positive changes.

## World Youth Skills Day - 2024 Conducted



The World Youth Skills Day was conducted on July 15, 2024, at the University. Organized by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC-ALU) and the Alagappa Institute of Skill Development (AISD), the programme aimed to underscore the importance of skill development in empowering the youth and fostering innovation. Dr. V. Dharuman, Director (i/c), AISD, in his address, emphasized the significance of skill-building for facing global competitiveness and for youth



empowerment. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University highlighted the University's efforts to integrate skill development into academic programmes and its role in nurturing industry-ready graduates. Dr. A. Palaniappan, Senior Principal Scientist, CECRI, Karaikudi, who spoke at the event shared his insights on emerging technologies, the importance of technical and soft skills, and the need for adaptability in the workforce. Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examinations, Alagappa University, congratulated the organizers and participants, encouraging them to leverage such opportunities for holistic development. Dr. K.R. Murugan, Adjunct Professor, AISD, expressed his appreciation to the organizing team for their contributions to the success of the event.

## MoE's Institution's Innovation Council

### **Innovation / Prototype Validation - Converting Innovation into Startup**



The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) organised events in order to nurture innovation and start-up culture among the students and faculty members of Alagappa University. The primary mandate of MEIC of Govt of India is to encourage and inspire young students to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes. Session on "Innovation / Prototype Validation - Converting Innovation into Start-Up" was organised by AISD in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council, Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell (MEIC), Government of India and the Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors, Alagappa University for the Research Scholars and PG Students on 14.08.2024 at the Convocation Seminar Hall. The welcome address was given by Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c and Convener and he referred to various activities conducted for students encouraging to start a business.

Presiding over the event Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, highlighted the necessity of upskilling the required skills for becoming self-employed. The University is inculcating these innovative skills among the students by implementing MoE's Institution's Innovation Council guidelines and promoting Entrepreneur Innovation and Career Hub activities; and the University has allocated a sum of Rs. 15 Crores towards the skill development activities under RUSA Phase 2.0 scheme.

The AISD has undertaken various innovative research projects for developing prototype products leading to start-up and business ventures on the University Campus.

Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, in his felicitation address, said that modern youth should think innovatively and develop new products that are useful to the society. They should observe day-to-day life keenly and think and act innovatively to become successful in their life and career.

Dr. G. Kalaiarasan, Dean, Faculty of Education, said that this programme aimed at finding new strategies to cope with emerging challenges and finding out ways to solve the problems. Session-I was handled by Mr. P. Thangapandian, General Manager, Victus Apparels Private Ltd, Tekkur, Sivagangai Dist. He spoke about drawing business plans, establishing proper business structures, building strong teams and creating strategies for marketing etc.

Session-II was conducted by Mrs. K.M. Manjula, Founder and Fashion Designer, Manjus Selections, Karaikudi. She delivered a motivational speech on how to turn an idea into start-up for earning money. Creation of new ideas and updating knowledge about the career and work every day will lead to success in any business. She discussed various business ideas, plans in the current era. The vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. K.R. Murugan, Adjunct Professor, AISD. More than 220 students and 15 faculty members participated in the programme.

### **World Entrepreneurs Day-2024 Celebrated**



Alagappa Institute of Skill Development celebrated the World Entrepreneurs Day-2024, in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council and Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Govt of India on 21.08.2024 at L.C.T.L Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. The theme for World Entrepreneurs Day-2024 is "Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through Fostering Innovation and Economic Growth"

Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c, AISD and IIC-ALU, welcomed the gathering. He explained the importance of World Entrepreneurs Day and said under RUSA 2.0, 67 projects were initiated for promoting innovative ideas.

Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, who presided over the event, made a reference to the entrepreneurial journey of a successful woman who boldly implemented her ideas in her start-up company. Everyone's idea should be given importance if it is innovative and that idea should be converted into a business enterprise. Alagappa University students can get patents through MSME scheme, he added.

In his keynote address, Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Former Registrar, mentioned that he had conducted more than 100 Entrepreneur Development Programmes. One student started a Media Company and another one started a Cab service. Both have succeeded to a great extent. He narrated the entrepreneurial journey of the proprietor of Thyrocare. He belonged to an agricultural family. He was a B.Sc (Chemistry) graduate who was unemployed for a couple of years and later he got employed in a Mumbai-based company which leveraged medical equipment. Later he got an idea about this Thyrocare company. Four strategies he adopted were innovation, pricing, competitor analysis and location. The distinguished speaker explained in detail about various schemes provided to entrepreneurs by Government of India.

Mr. R. Franklin Raja, Managing Director, Talen Data Technologies Pvt Ltd Chennai, delivered the special address and interacted with all the participants. He explained the importance of 3Cs of business -- Confidence, Communication and Commitment. He narrated his entrepreneurial journey and said these three factors motivated him to kick-start his career as an entrepreneur. Students need to develop their own ideas and improve their communication skills, besides their subject knowledge, he added. In his felicitation address Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education referred to the three important traits of an entrepreneur -- Capital, Courage and Conviction. Dr. K.R. Murugan, Adjunct Professor, AISD, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 500 students participated in the event.

## One Day Seminar on Leveraging Regional Resources and Networks in Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem



A One Day Seminar on Leveraging Local Resources and Networks in Innovation and Start-up Ecosystem was held on September 21, 2024 at the

Convocation Seminar Hall. Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c, AISD, in his welcome address, said that the seminar would aim at fostering discussions on the local start-up ecosystems that would empower students and entrepreneurs.

Dr. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, stated the University's efforts to integrate start-up and innovation frameworks into its academic structure, inspiring students to think creatively and entrepreneurially. Mr. P. Sebin Sunny, Chief Executive Officer, Technology Business Incubator, Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, provided insights into the challenges and opportunities in the start-up ecosystem, discussing strategies to leverage regional resources and networks for entrepreneurial success. Dr. K.R. Murugan, Adjunct Professor, AISD expressed thanks to the speakers, organizers, and participants for their contribution to the success of the seminar.

## FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OF LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

### Freshers' Orientation Programme



A Three - day Freshers' Orientation Programme for the Students of the Department of Logistics Management was organised from 31.07.2024 to 02.08.2024 at the Convocation Seminar Hall, Alagappa University and also at the Seminar Hall, Faculty of Management. 67 students participated and a total number of six Resource Persons delivered lectures.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, inaugurated the programme. Prof. V. Sivakumar, Head, Department of Logistics Management, presided over the programme. Dr. V. A. Anand welcomed the gathering and was the coordinator of the programme; Dr. P. Rajan Chinnaproposed the vote of thanks at the inaugural function. Mr. M. Mangalaprathaban, Vice-President, DL International Pvt Ltd, Chennai, Dr. K. Sivakumar, Director, School of Management, JJ College of Engineering and Technology, Trichy, Mr. R. Arivalagan, Principal Engineer, Supply Chain Management, Comcast, Chennai, Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor, Department of English & Foreign Languages, Dr. G. Ilankumaran, Professor, Alagappa Institute of Management, and Mr. G. Rajamurthy, Vice-Chairman -

Export Promotion Centre and CEO & Director - TamilNadu Economic Development Council, Madurai, were the guest speakers.

## Importance of Small Industries in National Economic Framework

### Small Industry Day Celebrated



The Department organized the Small Industry Day on 30th August 2024 at the Convocation Seminar Hall. The event which aimed at highlighting the pivotal role of small industries in India's economy, witnessed enthusiastic participation of students, faculty members, and industry leaders. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, delivered the inaugural address, setting the tone for the day by emphasizing the growing importance of small industries in the national economic framework.

The event's Chief Guest, Thiru. M. Suresh, Founder & Managing Director of Seven Logistics, Chennai, delivered an insightful keynote address. He highlighted the crucial contributions of small industries to the logistics and supply chain sector and their significant role in creating employment opportunities. Thiru. Dinesh Mani, Founder & CEO of Dhaanyas Natural Products, Madurai, delivered a speech focusing on the importance of promoting small-scale industries, especially those based on natural products, for sustainable economic growth and rural development. Prof. V. Sivakumar, Head of the Department, presented the thematic address, shedding light on the unique challenges faced by small industries and the role of logistics in enhancing their efficiency and market reach.

Earlier, Dr. P. Rajan Chinna welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Sonia delivered the vote of thanks. This event underscored the vital role of small industries in boosting India's economy and emphasized the importance of nurturing this sector.

## DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

### International Day of Peace Observed



The "International Day of Peace" was observed on 20th September, 2024, under the auspices of the Department of International Business, Alagappa University, at the Management Campus Conference Hall. The event commenced with a welcome address by Prof. A. Muthusamy, Head of the Department of International Business.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who presided over the event, said that cooperation and harmony are essential pillars of peace. He added that peace is indispensable for the development of a nation, as only a peaceful environment can foster socio-economic growth leading to national prosperity.

Dr. C. Yogalakshmi, Dean, Faculty of Management, delivered the felicitation address in which she stressed the importance of cultivating inner peace as a prerequisite for transforming the nation into a peaceful society.

Dr. R. Devadas from the Gandhian Studies and Research Institute, Madurai, in his special lecture said that ultimately the Gandhian principles of non-violence and tolerance paved the way for India's independence. He dwelt on the theme of the International Day of Peace, "Peace in the hands of individuals and groups," and reiterated that Mahatma Gandhi's enduring legacy and non-violent philosophy continue to inspire people worldwide.

Dr. T. R. Gurumoorthy, formerly Head of the Department of Commerce, in his inspiring speech, highlighted the Gandhian ideals, Vallalar's philosophy, interfaith harmony, and equality. He urged the students to focus on achieving social transformation through the promotion of peace. Dr. S. Gopalsamy proposed a vote of thanks.

### Orientation Programme for Freshers



A Two-day Orientation Programme for the Freshers of the Department of International Business was organized by the Department on 31.07.2024 and 01.08.2024 at the Placement Conference Hall of the Faculty of Management.

Dr. A. Muthusamy, Professor and Head, Department of International Business, inaugurated the programme. On the first day, Dr. A. S. Arulsamy,

Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai and Dr.D.Leema Davidson, Assistant Professor of English, Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai, spoke on topic "English is Everywhere". On the second day, J.S.Venkatesh Babu, Manager, National Insurance Company Ltd, Karaikudi, delivered a lecture on the "Need for and Importance of Life and General Insurance". Dr.Hariharan, Director, Thendral IAS Academy, Karaikudi and Mr. Arun Pragash, Programme Co-ordinator, Bold IAS Academy, Karaikudi, spoke on "Success Strategies for Competitive Examinations". Dr.S.Prasad, Associate Professor, Department of International Business, proposed a vote of thanks.

### Four-in-One Programme Organised



The Department of International Business, Alagappa University, Karaikudi organized a Four-in-One Programme-Signing of MoU with Globelink WW India Pvt.ltd, Chennai, Re-Union of 2002-2004 Batch Students, Alumni Meet and Department Level Placement and Career Counseling Programme. Dr.A.Muthusamy, Professor and Head, Department of International Business, welcomed the gathering and gave an overview of the significance of all the four events. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G.Ravi, in his presidential address, said that the MoU has been executed for the benefit of students and it paved the way for placement of students through internship training programmes. The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the need for organizing Re-Union Meetings and Career Counseling Programmes for the mutual benefit of all the participants.



Dr.M.Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli delivered a special address. He said that MoUs are keys for the development of educational institutions and appreciated the participants of the Re-Union Meet of 2002-2004 Batch Students.

Dr.P.Natarajan, Professor, Department of Commerce, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, Dr.T.R.Gurumoorthy, Professor and Head (Retd), Department of Commerce and Dr.S.Ganapathi, Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, offered felicitations. Dr.S.Gopalsamy, Assistant Professor, Department of International Business, proposed a vote of thanks.

### PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAY CHAIR

### National Symposium on 'Integral Humanism: Indian Thought for the 21st Century' & Integral Humanism Day- 2024



Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chair in collaboration with the Department of Commerce organised a National level Symposium on 'Integral Humanism: Indian Thought for the 21st Century' and celebrated Integral Humanism Day-2024 in commemoration of the Birth Anniversary of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay on 25th September 2024 in the Seminar Hall of the Faculty of Management. Dr.S.Ganapathy, Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, welcomed the participants.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who presided over the Symposium, said that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay stood as a towering figure in Indian political thought, whose ideas continue to reverberate through the corridors of power and the hearts of millions of people. His philosophy of Integral Humanism, rooted in the synthesis of material progress and spiritual values, offers a compelling vision for the future of India. As the architect of a socio-political ideology that places human dignity and welfare at its core, Upadhyay's legacy will endure as a guiding light for generations to come, inspiring leaders and citizens alike to strive for a more just, inclusive, and prosperous society.

Shri. R.Sundaram, National Convener, Swadeshi Jagran Manch, New Delhi, who delivered the inaugural address, said that the idea of Integral Humanism is a holistic philosophy that will be relevant for all times. He added that concept of Integral Humanism, which encourages diversity and provides solution to varied issues, is an appropriate model that might serve the goal.

## ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY STUDY CIRCLE

### Quiz on "Historical Eras of India" and an "Awareness Programme on Youth Awakening" Organized



Balance, according to Pandit Deendayal, is the key to success in both the material and spiritual worlds. Integral Humanism has the potential to overcome many of India's current challenges such as sanitation, corruption, poor education, bonded labour, religious violence, unemployment, and others. Pandit Deendayal emphasised the importance of "Antyodaya" in eradicating extreme poverty in the country. It is these ideas of Deendayal that the present Central Government is implementing by way of many programmes.

Shri.A.IIankumar Sampath, Advocate, Tiruchirapalli, delivered an inspiring talk on "Integral Humanism: A Holistic Approach for the Challenges of the 21st Century". He called on the students to study the history of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay and learn his social, political and philosophical contributions to our nation which is highly suitable for the contemporary India. He said that Upadhyay's social and political awakening occurred during his student years, where he became increasingly involved in nationalist movements and social activism. Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda, he was drawn towards the concept of serving humanity selflessly. Upadhyaya envisioned a society where every individual, irrespective of caste, creed, or socio-economic status, could realize his full potential and contribute to the collective welfare. This concept reflects Upadhyay's commitment to social justice and inclusive growth.

Dr.P.Sakthivel, Professor of Political Science & Public Administration, Annamalai University, spoke of the quintessential importance of Deendayal's ideologies to Contemporary Indian Political Thought. He highlighted that the seminal contribution of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay to Indian political thought lies in the formulation of Integral Humanism. Integral Humanism, as articulated by Upadhyay, emphasizes the integral development of individuals and society, balancing material progress with spiritual and cultural values. Deendayal firmly believed that Capitalism benefits only the wealthy few, while Communism and Socialism benefit no one in the long run, because both doctrines deny the presence of the soul, and hence the spiritual oneness of humanity. He gave traditional Indian values a new lease of life and attempted to resurrect the ancient nationhood. His concept can be applied not just in politics, but also in other areas of man's existence, such as our nation's social, economic, and cultural realms.

Before the Technical Session, Dr.B.Dharmalingam, Chair Professor, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chair, offered felicitations. The faculty members, research scholars and students participated in the programme and interacted with the Resource Persons. Dr.M. Gurupandi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerce, proposed a vote of thanks.

Alagappa University Study Circle (AUSC), Placement Cell of Alagappa University, and Rotary Club of Karaikudi Heritage jointly organized a programme entitled "Awakening the Youth Towards Empowerment and Independence Day Quiz on Voyage Through Eras". The event took place on August 13, 2024, and witnessed enthusiastic participation of students from across various departments of Alagappa University.

On August 7, 2024, a preliminary quiz competition was held at Alagappa University Study Circle premises, where 150 enthusiastic students competed. Based on their performance at successive stages, 15 students advanced to the final quiz which was held at the Seminar Hall of Alagappa University. Dr. S.P. Shanthi, Assistant Professor, Alagappa University, served as the Quiz Master, leading the competition through five intense rounds. The students, divided into five groups of three, vied for the top three prizes.

Following the quiz, the formal event commenced. Dr. G. Rajeswari, Director i/c of Alagappa University Study Circle, welcomed the gathering. The event was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. He emphasized the significance of youth empowerment and shared insights from his personal experiences, remarking, "Sharing our knowledge is a gateway to our success." He also commended the Placement Cell and Study Circle for their ongoing efforts in preparing students for competitive exams, resulting in numerous civil service placements.

The event featured several distinguished guests who shared their perspectives on various aspects of youth empowerment and education. Rotarian PHF. Er. V. Karthikeyaswamy, President of the Rotary Club of Karaikudi Heritage, said that participation in any competition is more important than the outcome. Rotarian

Er. J. Dinesh Babu, (DGE) of Rotary District 3212, inspired the audience through his speech on the importance of showing confidence in all endeavors. Shri Dhileenban A., IRS, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Trichy Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, shared his journey of preparing for the civil services exams while pursuing his undergraduate degree programme ultimately joining the IRS in 2011. He urged the participants to consider careers in civil services and raised awareness about Staff Selection Commission exams. Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, stressed the importance of self-awareness and societal contribution, affirming that "Education is the weapon for success." Selvi P. Anjuga, a UPSC -2023 qualifier, shared her inspiring journey of clearing the UPSC exam on her first attempt. She offered valuable advice on time management and maintaining a routine, and concluded her speech with the powerful message, "Don't judge the position from where you are".

Certificates and mementos were given to the quiz winners, by the Vice-Chancellor. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Rotarian MPH. Er. C. Subbiah, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Karaikudi Heritage.

## **ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY RADIO**

### **Celebration of National Broadcasting Day**



The National Broadcasting Day was celebrated in the Seminar Hall of Alagappa University College of Education. The event was a collaborative effort by Alagappa University Community Radio, Alagappa University College of Education and Pudhugai FM Community Radio. Dr. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c at AUCE welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Rajaram, Syndicate Member, presided over the function. He made a thorough exploration of the significance of radio, particularly Community Radio in a country like India, and its impact on society. Following this, Dr. S. Vijikumar,

Director of Tamil Nadu Scientific Research Centre and Pudhugai FM, Pudukottai, delivered the thematic address. He mentioned the critical role played by Community Radio in education and inspired the audience with his deep insights. Dr. M. Jothibas, Controller of Examinations, in his special address, praised the Community Radio initiative and exhorted the B.Ed students to take full advantage of the Alagappa University Community Radio facilities available on the campus. Dr. D. Muniyappan, Block Resource Teacher-Educator (BRTE) from Sakkottai, delivered the felicitation address, underscoring the significant role of radio in school education. He pledged to encourage government school teachers and students to listen to programmes broadcast by AU Community Radio in future. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. C. Sumathi, Director i/c, AUCR. She detailed the education-related programmes and projects by AUCR and exhorted greater student participation in future radio initiatives. Following the inaugural session, a technical session featured presentations by Dr. Vijikumar and Dr. Muniyappan on the utilization of Community Radio for educational purposes. The active participation of both staff and students from Alagappa University College of Education made the celebration a resounding success. The event at Alagappa University was not just a commemorative one but a testament to the enduring power of radio as a tool for education and community engagement.

### **Awareness Campaign on International Plastic Bag Free Day**



On International Plastic Bag Free Day, Alagappa University demonstrated its commitment to environmental sustainability through a significant awareness campaign. Jointly organized by the Alagappa University Community Radio and the Environmental Awareness Club of Alagappa University, the campaign sought to educate and mobilize students across various campuses. The initiative was spearheaded by Dr. M. Birundha, Assistant Professor in the Department of Animal Health Management, and Dr. C. Sumathi, Director i/c of AUCR. The programme

commenced with an inauguration ceremony at the Science Campus, presided over by Syndicate Member Prof. V. Palanisamy and in the presence of Campus Director Prof. M. Sivakumar. Both of them delivered insightful talks on the harmful impact of plastic pollution, lauding the active participation of student volunteers who not only raised awareness but also took part in removing plastic waste from the campus premises. The campaign featured an engaging series of activities, including a live radio programme where students and scholars shared impactful awareness messages, amplifying the campaign's reach and influence. Their involvement highlighted the importance of community-driven efforts in tackling environmental challenges. The observance of International Plastic Bag Free Day at Alagappa University was a call to action, encouraging every individual to adopt sustainable practices and contribute to a cleaner, healthier planet.



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