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Alagappa University at the 35th Convocation Ceremony of the University**

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From the Vice-Chancellor

Dear Readers,

I feel very delightful to meet you all through this Azhagu Newsletter. In keeping with the constructive tradition of the varsity, during this phase from October 2024 to December, 2024, the University witnessed the happening of a large number of activities of academic and research significance in all the four faculties : Arts, Education, Management and Science.

Alagappa University conducted the 35th Convocation ceremony on 28th October 2024. Prof. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, IIM, Trichy was the guest of honour who delivered the convocation address. Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru. R.N. Ravi presented the degrees to the eligible students. The graduates took a pledge that they would perform their functions and obligations in such a manner that our great founder Vallal Alagappan's dreams of social justice and economic prosperity through education come true. Directorate of Physical Education organized the South Zone Inter-University Women's Football tournament which took place from 26th December to 29th December 2024 and wherein as many as 42 University teams from south India participated. Association of Indian Universities - sponsored Mega South Zone Inter University Kabaddi Championship took place at Alagappa University for four days from 29th November 2024 to 2nd December 2024. Honorable Minister of Higher Education Dr. Gopi Chandrabhander presented TANSU Best Researcher award to Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi for the year 2021 at a function held in Chennai on September 23, 2024. This phase also witnessed the unfolding of a five-day Research and Publication Ethics Course for Ph.D. research scholars which benefited as many as 96 Ph.D. Scholars. The Hundredth Birth Anniversary of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. Kalaignar was observed in November 2024 and Thiru. Suba. Veerapandian, President of Supervision Committee for Social Justice participated as the guest of honour and paid tributes to Dr. Kalaignar. Under the aegis of Centre for Tamil Culture and Fine Arts, the Birth Anniversary of the late Tamil poet Bharathiar was celebrated in an enthusiastic manner. Similarly, a number of UN-Declared International Days like World Mathematics Day were celebrated in a resplendent manner.

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

Prof. G. RAVI
Vice-Chancellor

Grand 35th Convocation

YOUTH EXHORTED TO CREATE A BETTER AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE AND STRENGTHEN ROOTS OF DEMOCRACY



The 35th Convocation of Alagappa University was held on Monday, the 28th October 2024 in the University Convocation Hall. Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru. R.N. Ravi presided over the function and gave away the degrees to the new graduates.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his welcome address, recounted the significant achievements, activities and programmes of the University that happened during the last year.

Prof. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Trichy, delivered the Convocation Address. He stated that besides imparting knowledge and skills to the youth, the teaching fraternity should instill core values and ethos of Indian Culture. In order to boost the Knowledge System, he averred that integrating knowledge with other domains is very essential for addressing the present-day challenges. Quoting Thiruvallur, he said that "alphabet and digit" are like two eyes and the pursuit of deeper knowledge would help acquire wisdom. Knowledge, indeed, gives delight to all; and acquisition of knowledge provides growth for the seekers. He emphasized the continuous efforts to create an environment in the academia that encourages innovation, critical thinking and lifelong learning. "In this dynamic world, young students must be ready to navigate the unknown, adapt quickly and seize

opportunities with minimizing risks." The youth must remain pro-active and adaptable to any work for creating a better and sustainable future for themselves and for future generations. Their participation is very important for strengthening the roots of democracy so as to create more peaceful communities, he added.

Prof. Singh noted that students should understand the importance of having in-depth knowledge of any subject they choose. He said they should also be clear that no subject was less important than the other. Mathematics is, in fact, intrinsically connected with all aspects of life. Management Education, he said, at the preliminary stage more of a science than art and at advanced levels it is more of an art than science. He also said that "students should learn seven key languages. The first of these is their mother-tongue. The second is Hindi, the third is any one of the neighboring states languages, the fourth is English, the fifth is a foreign language other than English, the sixth is Sanskrit, and the seventh is 'the language of love' that embraces all".

The distinguished speaker elaborated on the ancient Upanishadic tradition of "Convocation" and referred to a speech of a Guru to the "Graduated" disciples as highlighted in Taittiriya Upanishad. The Guru exhorted his students to speak the truth, to engage in righteous acts, to receive knowledge and to engage in fruitful debate for Knowledge Creation. Prof. Singh concluded his speech by asking the youth to have faith in their innate strength, learn things on a daily basis, live with modesty and never hesitate to consult with knowledgeable persons when in dilemma.

In this Convocation a total number of 42,439 candidates were conferred with degrees. 277 candidates obtained their degrees in person. This 277 included, 93 - Ph.Ds, 3 - D.Sc.s and 181 Rank Holders and Medal Winners.

Dr. K. Gopal, Additional Chief Secretary to the Higher Education Department, Thiru. S. Prasanna Ramasamy, Deputy Secretary to Governor

(Universities), Higher Police Officials and Revenue Department officials, Prof.S.Subbiah, Prof.Thirumalaisamy, Former Vice-Chancellors, Thiru.H.Raja, Bharathiya Janatha Party, Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, Syndicate Members Prof.V.Palanisamy, Prof.C.Sekar, Prof.S.Rajaram, Prof.J.Jeyakanthan and Dr. Sanyasiraju VSS Yedida and Senate Members of Alagappa University, Deans, Heads of the Departments, Teaching and Administrative Staff were among those present on the occasion.

Earlier, Tmt. Asha Ajith, I.A.S., District Collector of Sivagangai, Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Mr.Ayush Venkat Vaths, I.A.S. Sub Collector, Devakottai and Thiru A.Raja, Tashildar, Karaikudi welcomed the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. R.N. Ravi at the University Guest House with bouquets.

AIU-SPONSORED SOUTH ZONE INTER-UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT HELD



The South Zone Inter-University Women's Football Tournament for the academic year 2024-25 was organized by the Directorate of Physical Education, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. It was sponsored by the Association of Indian Universities. The inaugural Ceremony was held on December 26, 2024, at the University College of Physical Education. The tournament was conducted for four days, from Dec 26th to Dec 29th, 2024, in which 42 university teams from South India participated.

Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, delivered the welcome address. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who presided over the event, briefly traced the history and development of football, and said that it is one of the most popular sports globally, with a vast fan base. He also highlighted the health benefits of playing football, including improved muscle strength, heart health, bone strength, mental well-being, and memory power.

Dr. N. Annavi, an international athlete and national coach, attended the event as the chief guest and hoisted the flag of the Association of Indian Universities. He commended the consistent participation and achievements of Alagappa University students in many national sports events.

Prof. C. Sekar, Syndicate Member, hoisted the university flag and made a speech emphasizing the importance of maintaining good health and urged the students to prioritize their physical well-being.

The event was attended by Dr. M. Sundar, Principal of the College of Physical Education. Prof. K. Muralirajan and Prof. D. Maniazhagu. Dr. Thiagasandhan, an observer from the Association of Indian Universities, and other faculty members were also present. The tournament was organized under the supervision of Prof. S. Nagarajan, Director of the Directorate of Physical Education.

The closing ceremony took place on December 29th evening at the University College of Physical Education. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the event. Former Indian football player Mr. Raman Vijayan, Syndicate Member Prof. V. Palanisamy, and Dr. M. Sundar were also present as distinguished guests.

A total of 42 teams from universities across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Karnataka participated in the tournament, which was conducted in a league format. The final rankings were as indicated below: Kozhikode University (Kerala) - First Place, University of Madras (Chennai) - Second Place, Vels University (Chennai) - Third Place, Annamalai University (Chidambaram) - Fourth Place. These top four teams would compete in the All-India Inter-University Football Tournament, scheduled to be held later at Guru Nanak Dev University, Punjab. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presented the trophies to the winning teams, honouring their achievements.

VICE-CHANCELLOR HONoured WITH TANSA AWARD



Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi was honoured with the Tamil Nadu Best Researcher Award for the year 2021 by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology. The award was presented by the Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education Dr.Govi Chezhaan, Government of Tamil Nadu, at a ceremony held in Chennai on September 23, 2024.

This prestigious award recognizes Prof. G. Ravi's significant contributions to the field of physics, particularly in laser and optical memory devices, voltage-driven organic light-based devices, and the application of nanomaterials for energy storage and environmental sustainability. He has 34 years of research experience. He has successfully executed 11 research projects worth Rs. 4.03 crore and has published 469 research papers in Scopus-indexed journals. His research findings have been cited 12,552 times by international researchers. He has presented 395 research papers at national and international conferences and holds eight patents.

He has received 33 awards at the national and international levels and has travelled to 23 countries in connection with his research. His leadership at the university has significantly contributed to the university's rankings in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), and QS World Rankings.

MEGA SOUTH ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY KABADDI CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN CONDUCTED



The Inaugural Function of the South Zone Inter University Kabaddi Championship Tournament for Women was held on 29.11.2024 at the Alagappa University College of Physical Education. The tournament sponsored by the Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi, was held for four days from 29.11.2024 to 2.12.2024. 72 teams representing Universities from Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka States participated in the tournament. 860 women players and 144 group managers took part in the mega event.

The tournament was declared open by Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. Dr.M.Sundar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, was the Chief Guest. Prof.J.Jeyakanthan, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, offered felicitations.

Four knock-out matches were held in the first round on the first day. Anna University beat Kerala University (43-25), A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Technological University beat Sri Ramachandra University (39-13), Krishna University beat Bengaluru North University (48-38) and Andhra University beat Karnataka Mandya University (34-31).

At the inaugural session Prof.K.Murali Rajan, Principal i/c, Alagappa University College of Physical Education welcomed the participants. Dr.S.Nagarajan, Director, Directorate of Physical Education and Dr.D.Maniazhagu, Deputy Director and Administrative Staff of the Alagappa University College of Physical Education, made arrangements for the smooth conduct of the tournament.

Mother Teresa University, Kodaikanal, was the winner of the tournament. Periyar University, Salem, was the runner. Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore secured the third and fourth places respectively.

WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY CONDUCTED



In observance of the World Physiotherapy Day, the Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, Health Care Centre, and Apollo Hospital, Karaikudi, jointly organized a Free Medical Camp on October 1, 2024, at the Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, Alagappa University.

The camp was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, with Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan presiding over the event. Doctors, physiotherapists, and nurses from Apollo Hospital, Karaikudi, conducted various health check-ups, including pulse rate measurement (NIBP), blood pressure testing, bone density analysis, and blood sugar level tests. The University students, faculty members, and administrative staff actively participated in the camp and underwent various tests conducted at the spot.

Prominent doctors from Apollo Hospital, Karaikudi, including Dr. E. Selvaraj Jayaseelan, Dr. S. Asai Selvan, and Dr. R. Senthilkumar, provided medical consultations during the event.

The camp was coordinated by Dr. K. Usha Rani, Head of the Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, and Dr. R. Aananthi, University Medical Officer. 172 persons were the beneficiaries of the camp.

CONSTITUTION DAY ORGANISED



The Constitution Day 2024 was organised by the Department of Commerce in collaboration with the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Alagappa University, on 26th November 2024 to mark the 75th Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India. The event was held at the University Convocation Seminar Hall. Dr.S.Ganapathy, Head, Department of Commerce, welcomed the gathering and presented the thematic introduction.

Presiding over the inaugural function Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, highlighted the significant contribution of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. He described that the Indian Constitution as the lengthiest Constitution in the world. He said that corruption and discrimination are the major hindrances for the progress of a nation. He exhorted the students to fulfill the dreams of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar by adhering to the principles of Indian Constitution in order to shape India as a balanced economy by 2047.

Prof.S.Rajaram, Member of Syndicate, offered felicitation. He explained that the aim of this celebration was to spread awareness on the importance of the Indian Constitution and to acknowledge the contributions of its architect Dr.B.R.Ambedkar. He administered the pledge of the Preamble and it was taken by all participants that included faculty members and students.

Dr.B.Jawaharlal Nehru, Former Professor, Tamil Nadu Govt. Law College, Tiruchirapalli, in his special address, described the Constitution as the supreme law that binds the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Organs of the Government. He added that the

objectives of the Preamble are to secure justice, liberty, and equality for all citizens and promote fraternity in order to maintain the unity and integrity of the nation. Also, he explained the historical events that led to the formation of the Constituent Assembly in India and stated that the Constitution grants Fundamental Rights to all its citizens and empowers the independent judiciary to invalidate legislative actions if it violates the Constitution through its Constitutional Remedies under Article 32 which is the heart of the Indian Constitution.

As part of the programme, two competitions viz. Quiz and Essay Competition and Mock Parliament were conducted to the students of Alagappa University. More than 50 students participated in the competitions and the Vice-Chancellor distributed prizes to the winners. These activities were aimed to make the students to take to the core values expressed in the Indian Constitution and encourage them to play their rightful role in strengthening the roots of Indian Democracy. Finally, Dr.G.Nedumaran, Professor, Department of Commerce, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 200 students participated in the programme.

Towards Industry-Academia Collaboration

CALIBRATION METROLOGY CENTRE INAUGURATED



Under the aegis of the Industry and Consultancy Centre of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, a Calibration Metrology Centre was inaugurated on 12.10.24 on the University Campus. This "In-House Industry" was established at a cost of Rs.2.5 crore by MEYA Labs Private Limited, founded by AV.Meyyappan. (AVM, Chennai). The Centre was declared open by Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor,

Alagappa University, in the presence of Mr.G.Simiyon, Assistant Director and Head of Office, Branch MSME-DFO, Government of India, Ministry of MSME-Tirunelveli and Madurai.

The Vice-Chancellor in his inaugural address, stated that this state-of-the-art Calibration and Metrology Centre named MEYA Labs will be a crucial resource for industries in South Tamil Nadu to ensure compliance with international measurement standards. Along with the calibration services MEYA Labs will function as an advanced technical training centre, offering specialised programmes for Alagappa University students and also for affiliated college students. He added that this programme will provide valuable hands-on experience and theoretical knowledge in metrology, calibration, and quality management, helping to prepare students for future careers in high demand fields. With its dual focus on calibration services and professional education, MEYA Labs is expected to play a vital role in industry and academia advancement, supporting technological innovation, and fostering the next generation of skilled professionals.

Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, Syndicate Members Prof.V.Palanisamy, Prof.S.Rajaram and Prof.J.Jeyakanthan, and President of Indian Red Cross Thiru.V.Sundararaman, Tmt.Vadamalar Sandru, Thiru.AR.Meyyappan and Thiru.P.Periyakaruppan were present on the occasion. Prof.A.Arun, Dean, Industry and Consultancy, made arrangements for the event.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME



The Department of Women's Studies and Centre on Swachh and Swasth Bharat, Alagappa University in collaboration with Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Sivagangai District, organised "Menstrual Hygiene Management Training Programme" for the University students on 21.10.2024 at L.C.T.L Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. The aim of this programme was to break the taboos surrounding menstruation and raise awareness among the students on the importance of good menstrual hygiene management.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, in her welcome address, highlighted the significance of the programme and said, menstrual hygiene empowers women and girls to manage their periods with dignity which supports them to fully participate in society and live a healthy life.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, in his felicitation address, referred to the prominent literature written by Thirumoolar, Thiruvalluvar, and Thiru.V. Kalyanasundaram that focuses on health and hygiene practices that lead to healthy and happy life.

Mrs.N.Kavithapriya, Project Director, TNSRLM, Sivagangai, in her keynote address, highlighted the consequences of following unhygienic practices during the menstrual cycle. Mr.S. Thenraj, Assistant Project Officer, TNSRLM, Sivagangai and Mrs. Vimala, District Resource Person, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women, in their talks, motivated the students to have a positive attitude which helps to improve their health, careers and to achieve their goals within a stipulated period. They elaborated on the sanitation measures that promote the menstrual hygiene and discussed the locally available foods that are rich in iron. In Tamil Nadu 59% of women and girls are anaemic and encouraged the students to have an iron rich food that improves the haemoglobin content in blood which carries the oxygen to the blood stream.

Dr. G. Vinayamoorthi, Co-ordinator, Centre on Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 500 students from various departments benefited from this programme.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY SECURES 285th POSITION IN QS WORLD RANKINGS- ASIA 2025



According to the QS World University Rankings-Asia 2025, Alagappa University, has secured the 285th position in Asia and the 67th position in South Asia. 984 universities from across Asia submitted data for ranking assessment.

Additionally, as per the Times Higher Education (THE) World Young University Rankings for Multidisciplinary Science Universities 2025, released on November 21, 2024, Alagappa University has been placed in the 201-250 bandwidth. THE evaluated data from 749 universities across 92 countries for this ranking.

Among the higher education institutions from Tamil Nadu that participated in both rankings, Alagappa University holds the third position among Tamil Nadu universities. The ranking assessments were based on various parameters, including the university's overall reputation in teaching and employability, the number of faculty members with doctoral degrees, and the proportion of international students.

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Director, Alagappa University Ranking Cell, collected, analyzed, and submitted the data.

Alagappa University's inclusion in both the QS Asia University Rankings 2025 and the Times Higher Education Multidisciplinary Science University Rankings highlights its academic excellence. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi congratulated the faculty members, administrative staff, and research scholars for their contributions to achieving this recognition.

2000 PALM SEEDS PLANTED ON THE CAMPUS



As part of the "One Crore Palm Seed Planting Drive-2024," organized jointly by the Sivagangai District Green Needa Environmental Organization, Alagappa University, and the Karaikudi Rotary PearlSangamam, planting of palm seeds was done on December 17, 2024, at Alagappa University. During the event, 2,000 palm seeds were planted in the Alumni ECO-Park and around the University's rainwater harvesting pond. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi inaugurated the event by planting the first seed.

Other notable attendees included Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Dr. S. Rajaram, Syndicate Member, Dr. Chitra, Coordinator, Sivagangai Green Needa Environmental Organisation and Alagappa Government Arts College, Assistant Professor, Mr. R.M. Murugappan, President, Karaikudi Rotary PearlSangamam, Mr. Muthukumar, Secretary, Rotary PearlSangamam, Dr. A. Arumugam, Coordinator, Alagappa University Green Campus Initiative, Dr. G. Vinayamoorthi, Coordinator, Youth Red Cross, Rotary Club Members, students, and faculty members. The initiative aims to promote environmental conservation and water resource protection through large-scale palm-seed planting.

MEGA MEDICAL CAMP AND BLOOD DONATION DRIVE CONDUCTED



A medical camp and a blood donation drive were conducted on 23rd December 2024 at Alagappa University. This event was jointly organized by Alagappa University Youth Red Cross (YRC), National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Centre for Yoga, Health Care Centre, Alagappa University Teachers' Association, Alagappa University Employees' Association, Sivagangai District Indian Red Cross Society, City Union Bank, Karaikudi, Maharishi Vidya Mandir Matric Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi, Karaikudi Rotary PearlSangamam and Hiranya Medical Services.

The event was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Ravi. He said how human capital is crucial for a nation's development and maintaining good health is essential for people of all ages. He stressed the importance of early diagnosis of diseases and taking preventive healthcare through such free medical camps. He asked the students and faculty members to make use of the free health check-ups provided at the camp. He commended the teachers and students who voluntarily donated blood. He highlighted the life-saving impact of blood donation, stating that it helps patients in critical conditions, reduces stress levels in donors, regulates iron levels, and lowers the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Medical Services Provided by Experts

A team of senior doctors, led by Dr. E. Selvaraj Jayaseelan from the Apollo Reach Hospital, Karaikudi, conducted various health screenings. Blood tests, blood pressure checks-ups, diabetes screenings, dental check-ups (by Prabhu Dental Hospital, Karaikudi), eye

examinations (by Vasan Eye Care, Karaikudi) were some of the tests done at the camp.

Prof. C. Sekar and Prof. V. Palanisamy, Syndicate members, spoke at the event. Mr. V. Sundararaman, Chairman of the Sivagangai District Indian Red Cross Society, welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Ganesamoorthy, Deputy Coordinator of YRC, delivered the vote of thanks.

The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of more than 1,000 beneficiaries that included, faculty members, administrative staff, and students.

FIVE-DAY RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS COURSE ORGANISED



A Five-day Research and Publication Ethics Course for Ph.D. Research Scholars was inaugurated at Alagappa University on 18.11.2024. A total of 96 Ph.D. scholars, representing different disciplines, took part in this course held from 18th November to 22nd November 2024 at the University Seminar Hall.

While inaugurating the programme, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, stated that this course (RPEC) is a vital component of academic training that aims at fostering integrity and ethical conduct in scholarly research. It equips researchers with essential knowledge on ethical considerations, avoidance of plagiarism, authorship norms, and the responsible dissemination of scientific findings, thereby ensuring the credibility and societal impact of their research works. He urged the researchers to make optimal use of the sophisticated and state-of-the-art equipment, valued at Rs. 20 crore, available at Alagappa University. This advanced infrastructure is designed to encourage and support

cutting-edge research across diverse disciplines, fostering innovation and academic excellence. Earlier, the Deputy Co-ordinator of the course Dr. M. Natarajan, Assistant Professor of English, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering and presented the thematic introduction. The Deputy Co-ordinator, Dr. R. Suresh, Head i/c, Dept. of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, proposed a formal vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session.

Through discourses, presentations and discussions of distinguished professors from Pondicherry Central University, Indian Institute of Management, Trichy, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar and eminent senior professors from Alagappa University, the course covered various significant and useful topics such as publication misconduct, scientific conduct, philosophy and publication ethics, data metrics, and open-source practices. The Ph.D. scholars were introduced to various forms of publication misconduct such as plagiarism, fabrication, and falsification; and they were enlightened on strategies for prevention and detection of such unethical practices. The importance of upholding ethical standards in scientific research, including proper data collection, genuine analysis, and objective reporting, was emphasized. Experts delved into the philosophical underpinnings of publication ethics, exploring values such as integrity, transparency, and responsibility in scholarly communication. Participants gained insights into the use of data metrics in evaluating research impact and listened to discussions on the ethical implications of relying solely on quantitative indicators. The speakers highlighted the benefits of open-source practices in research, including increased transparency, responsibility and collaboration, while addressing ethical considerations related to data sharing and intellectual property rights. Eminent experts in all disciplines gave their wise counsel through interactive sessions, providing valuable insights and practical guidance to the participants. The important topics covered by resource persons included ethical dilemmas

in publishing, responsible authorship practices, and navigating peer review processes.

On the afternoon of 18th November, 2024 after the inaugural session in the morning, Prof. K. Alamelu, Senior Professor of Bank Management and Director of IQAC, Alagappa University, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on The Philosophy of Ethics.

On 19th November, 2024, Prof. R. Sevugan, Dean, School of Media and Communication, and Professor of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, dwelt on Open Access Publications in the forenoon session. A discourse on Scientific Misconduct by Prof. C. Sekar, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors and Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, was made in the afternoon session.

The forenoon session of 20th November, 2024 featured a lecture by Dr. K. Elavazhagan, Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer, IIM, Trichy, who elaborated on Open Access Tools. In the afternoon, Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Physics, Alagappa University, delivered an insightful lecture on Publication Ethics.

In the forenoon session of 21st November, 2024, Dr. M. Sathik Batcha, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Annamalai University, conducted hands-on training on Selecting Quality Journals for Publication. In the afternoon session Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, delivered a lecture on Data Bases and Metrics.

The forenoon session of final day (22nd November, 2024), began with a scintillating lecture on the Philosophy of Publication Ethics by Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Former Registrar, Alagappa University. In the afternoon, Dr. A. Padmapriya, Dean of Research (i/c) and Head, Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, spoke on the consequences of Publication Misconduct.

The programme concluded with a valedictory session where the participants commended the resource persons for their enlightening discourses on the useful topics and for providing practical hints for pursuing ethical research.

முத்தமிழ் அறிஞர் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் நூற்றாண்டு விழா



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், தமிழ்நாடு அரசு பொது நூலகத்துறை, சென்னை மாநகர நூலக ஆணைக்குழு, சமூக நீதி கண்காணிப்புக் குழு ஆகியன இணைந்து முத்தமிழ் அறிஞர் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் அவர்களின் நூற்றாண்டு விழா நிகழ்வு 11.12.24 அன்று பல்கலைக்கழக பட்டமளிப்பு விழா அரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.க.ரவி அவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்வில் கலந்துகொண்டு சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்;. அவர் தமது சிறப்புரையில் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் அவர்களின் தனித்தன்மை, கடின உழைப்பு, தோல்வியை கண்டு துவளாத மன உறுதி, ஞாபக சக்தி, தனித்திறமை, பேச்சாற்றல், எழுத்தாற்றல் போன்றவற்றை எடுத்துரைத்தார். தந்தை பெரியார் அவர்களின் சுயமரியாதை கருத்துகளை மக்களிடையே முழுமையாக கொண்டு சேர்த்தவர் கலைஞர் என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டார். பொதுமக்களுக்காகவும், பெண்களின் முன்னேற்றத்திற்காகவும் பல்வேறு நலத்திட்டங்களை வகுத்து அவற்றை திறம்பட செயல்படுத்தியவர் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் அவர்கள் எனக் குறிப்பிட்டார். டாக்டர் கலைஞர் அவர்கள் எல்லோரிடத்திலும் சாதாரணமாக பழக்கக்கூடிய எளிய குணம் படைத்தவர். தமிழ்நாட்டின் அனைத்து துறைச்சார்ந்த வளர்ச்சிக்கும் பாடுபட்டதோடு குறிப்பாக உயர்கல்வியில் அறிவியல் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்பம் சார்ந்த புதிய துறைகளும் அவரது காலத்தில் உருவாக்கப்பட்டது என்றும் தெரிவித்தார். கலைஞரின் குணநலன்களை நன்கு கடைப்பிடிக்கவேண்டும் என மாணவர்களை கேட்டுக்கொண்டார்.

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சமூக நீதி கண்காணிப்புக் குழு தலைவர் முனைவர் சுப.வீரபாண்டியன் அவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்வில் பங்கேற்று தலைமையுரையாற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் அவர்கள் 83 ஆண்டுகள் தொடர்ந்து பொதுவாழ்க்கையில் ஈடுபட்டவர் என்றும் 64 ஆண்டுகள் பத்திரிக்கை ஆசிரியராக இருந்தவர் என்றும் 49 ஆண்டுகள் ஒரு கட்சிக்கு தலைவராக இருந்தவர் என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டார். சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினராக 13-முறை தோந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டவர் என்றும் 18 ஆண்டுகள் தமிழ்நாட்டின் முதலமைச்சராக பணியாற்றியவர் என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டார். 2008-ஆம் ஆண்டில் அறிவியல் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்பம் சார்ந்தவற்றில் புதிய துறைகளை தோற்றுவித்தவர் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டார். ஒரு தலை சிறந்த இலக்கியவாதியாகவும், திரைப்பட வசனகர்த்தாகவும், பாடலாசிரியாராகவும், மேடை பேச்சாளராகவும், சிறந்த எழுத்தாளராகவும் விழங்கியவர் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் எனக் குறிப்பிட்டார். தமிழ்நாட்டில் அவரது ஆட்சிக்காலத்தில் உழவர்சந்தை, டைடல் பார்க், சமத்துவபுரம் தொடங்கியதை குறிப்பிட்டு பேசினார். டாக்டர் கலைஞர் அவர்களுக்கு எந்த செயலிலும் சலிப்பு என்பது ஏற்பட்டதே கிடையாது. எதையும் சலிப்பின்றி சந்தித்தவர். சலிப்பின்மை வாழ்க்கையின் மிகப்பெரிய சொத்து என்பதை உணர்ந்து செயல்பட்டவர் டாக்டர் கலைஞர் எனக் குறிப்பிட்டார்.

இந்நிகழ்வில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக பதிவாளர் முனைவர் அ.செந்தில்ராஜன், ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் பேரா.சி.சேகர் மற்றும் பன்னாட்டு வணிக வியல் துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் செ.கோபல்சாமி ஆகியோர் உரைநிகழ்த்தினர். கவிஞர் முத்து நிலவன் கலைஞரின் சமூக நீதிப் பார்வை என்ற தலைப்பில் உரைநிகழ்த்தினார்.

சமூக நீதி கண்காணிப்புக்குழு உறுப்பினர் முனைவர் உரு.இராசேந்திரன் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தொலைநிலை கல்வி, கல்வியியல் துறை இணைப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் க.கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி நன்றி கூறினார். பல்கலைக்கழக ஆசிரியர்கள், நிர்வாகப் பணியாளர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவ, மாணவியர்கள் இந்நிகழ்வில் திரளாக கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையமும் நுண்கலைத்துறையும் இணைந்து நடத்திய பாரதியார் பிறந்தநாள் விழா 11.12.2024 அன்று அழகப்பா அருங்காட்சியக உள்ளரங்கில் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. இவ்விழாவில் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மைய இயக்குனரும் நுண்கலைத்துறைத் தலைவருமாகிய மூத்த பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சே.செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார்.

துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.க.ரவி அவர்கள் இவ்விழாவில் தலைமையுரையாற்றினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், பாரதி வலியுறுத்திய சாதி ஒழிப்பு, பெண் விடுதலை, பெண்களின் முன்னேற்றம் முதலியவற்றைச் சுட்டிக்காட்டித் தமிழ்நாட்டில் பெண்கள் கல்வியில் முன்னேற்றம் அடைந்துள்ளதற்கும் அவர்களின் வாழ்க்கைத்தரம் உயர்ந்துள்ளமைக்கும் பாரதியின் கவிதைகளின் தாக்கமே காரணம் என்றார். மேலும் சாதியில்லாச் சமுதாயத்தை உருவாக்கும் பாரதியின் கனவு, நாட்டு விடுதலை தேசிய ஒருமைப்பாடு, மொழிப்பற்று முதலியவற்றைச் சுட்டிக்காட்டிய அவர் உலகலாவிய அளவில் தமிழ் மொழியின் சிறப்பினையும் தமிழர் பண்பாடு மற்றும் கலைகளின் மேன்மையையும் எடுத்துக்கூறி உலக அதிசயங்களுடன் ஒப்பிடக்கூடிய அளவுக்குச் சிறப்புடைய தஞ்சைப் பெரிய கோயில், கரிகாலச் சோழன் கட்டிய கல்லணை ஆகியவற்றின் சிறப்பினைக் கூறி தமிழரின் கட்டடக்கலைத் திறனைப் பாராட்டிப் பேசினார். இவை போன்ற தமிழர் கலைகள் அழிந்து போகாமல் மீட்டெடுக்க வேண்டும், அவற்றை அடுத்த தலைமுறையினருக்குக் கொண்டு சேர்க்க வேண்டும் எனக்கூறினார்.

இவ்விழாவின் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் காரைக்குடி, அழகப்பா அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரித் தமிழ் உயராய்வு மையத்தின் இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் ப.சு. செல்வமீனா அவர்கள், பாரதி படைப்புகளில் பெண் விடுதலையும் பொதுவுடமையும் என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். தொடர்ந்து அரங்கம் மற்றும்

திரைப்படவியல் துறை மாணவர்கள், எங்கள் பாரதி என்னும் தலைப்பில் வீதி நாடகம் நிகழ்த்தினர்.

முன்னதாக இவ்விழாவினை முன்னிட்டு நடைபெற்ற விநாடி வினா, ஓவியப்போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் வீதி நாடகத்தில் பங்கேற்ற மாணவர்களுக்குத் துணைவேந்தர் அவர்கள் சான்றிதழ்கள் வழங்கிப் பாராட்டினார். நுண்கலைத்துறையின் உதவிப்பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் ம. தமிழரசன் அவர்கள் நன்றிகூற விழா இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது.

மேடைப்பேச்சு - பயிற்சிப் பட்டறை



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையமும் நுண்கலைத்துறையும் இணைந்து நடத்திய மேடைப் பேச்சு குறித்த பயிற்சிப்பட்டறை 23.12.2024 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இப்பயிற்சிப் பட்டறையின் தொடக்க விழாவில் பேரா. சே.செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார்.

துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. க.ரவி அவர்கள் இவ்விழாவில் தலைமையுரையாற்றினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், பேச்சாற்றலின் அவசியத்தை எடுத்துக் கூறி உலகளாவிய அளவில் தமது பேச்சாற்றலால் நாட்டைச் சிறப்புற வழிநடத்தியவர்கள் என எட்வர்ட், ஹிட்லர், வின்ஸ்டன் சர்ச்சில் போன்றோரை எடுத்துக் கூறி இந்தியாவில் ஜவகர்லால் நேரு, தமிழகத்தில் பேரறிஞர் அண்ணா, கலைஞர் மு. கருணாநிதி, நாவலர் நெடுஞ்செழியன் ஆகியோர் தம் பேச்சாற்றலால் ஆட்சிக் கட்டிலில் அமர்ந்து பல நல்ல செயல்கள் புரிந்தமை குறித்து விளக்கினார். மேலும் இன்றைய காலகட்டத்தில் இ ளை ய த லை மு றை யி ன ரி டை யே ச க

மாணவர்களுடன், தோழர்களுடன், குடும்ப உறுப்பினர்களுடன் கலந்துரையாடுவதும் அவர்களோடு அமர்ந்து பேசுவதும் குறைந்து வருகிறது. குறிப்பாகக் கைபேசி யுகம் வந்த பிறகு யாரும் யாருடனும் பேசுவதில்லை என எடுத்துக் கூறி மனித ஆற்றல், மனித வளம் இன்றி நாடு முன்னேற முடியாது, எனவே மனித வளம் சரியான முறையில் பயன்படக் கலந்துரையாடல் மிகமிக அவசியம் என்பதை எடுத்துக் கூறினார்.

நுண்கலைத் துறையின் உதவி பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் ம. தமிழரசன் நன்றி கூறினார். தொடர்ந்து ஐந்து அமர்வுகளாக நடைபெற்ற இப்பயிற்சிப் பட்டறையில் முதல் அமர்வில் அழகப்பா அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரியின் தமிழ் உயராய்வு மைய இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மா. சிதம்பரம் அவர்களும், இரண்டாம் அமர்வில் தேவகோட்டை ஸ்ரீ சேவுகன் அண்ணாமலை கல்லூரித் தமிழ் உயராய்வு மையத்தின் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் பாகை. இரா. கண்ணதாசன் அவர்களும், மூன்றாம் அமர்வில் தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் விருத்தாளர் தன்னம்பிக்கை உரையாளர், ஊடகவியலாளர் செல்வி புதுகை சிவநந்தினி அவர்களும், நான்காம் அமர்வில் பட்டிமன்றப் பேச்சாளரும் தன்னம்பிக்கை உறைஞருமாகிய திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி நகைச்சுவை நாவலர் திரு. கணேஷ் கண்ணன் அவர்களும் ஐந்தாம் அமர்வில் இப்பயிற்சிப் பட்டறையின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் பேரா. சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்களும் மேடைப் பேச்சு குறித்துப் பல்வேறு பயிற்சிகளையும் வழிகாட்டுதல்களையும் மாணவர்களுக்கு வழங்கினார்கள். இப்பயிற்சிப் பட்டறையில் கலந்துகொண்டு பயிற்சி பெற்ற பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பல்வேறு துறை சார்ந்த மாணவர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் பங்கேற்புச் சான்றிதழ் வழங்கியதைத் தொடர்ந்து நிகழ்வு இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

Special Lecture on Yoga for Stress Management

The Department of Women's Studies organised a special lecture on "Yoga for Stress Management" on 22.10.2024 for students who have chosen Life Skills Education as Non-Major Elective Course. Mr. S. Yogesh Kumar, Yoga Instructor, Alagappa University, spoke about the benefits of practising yoga in daily life and highlighted how the practice of yoga can improve the physical and mental health, relieving stress and how

it could help overcome the obstacles in academic activities in a better way. He discussed the major yoga asanas that relieve stress and food habits that should be followed to have good physical health. Dr.S.Poulpunnitha, Assistant Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks. 57 students from various Departments of Alagappa University actively participated and benefitted from the programme.

16 Days Activism Programme to Raise Awareness on Preventing Gender Based Violence against Women and Girls

The Department of Women's Studies organised a series of programmes titled "16 Days of Activism to Raise Awareness for Preventing Gender Based Violence against Women and Girls" from 25th November to 10th December 2024. On 25th November 2024, the Department organized an impactful awareness programme on the prevention of gender-based violence against women and girls at the Mary Wollstonecraft Conference Hall. Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head of the Department, welcomed the participants and set the tone for the session by emphasizing the pivotal role of women in society, declaring, "We women are the pillars of a family and Nation" This resonating statement highlighted the foundational strength and significance of women in nurturing and building the fabric of society. She mentioned various forms of violence that women and girls face, including physical, emotional, economic, and psychological abuse. She underscored the societal and systemic factors that perpetuate these injustices and the urgent need for collective action to address them.



A radio talk on the topic "Prevention of Violence against Children and Women" was broadcast on November 26, 2024, over the Alagappa University Community Radio. The objective of the programme was to raise awareness among the general public about the alarming issue of violence against children and women and to highlight preventive measures and available support mechanisms that safeguard women and children from various forms of violence. She shared insights into the causes and consequences of such violence and stressed the importance of education, community vigilance, and the role of law enforcement in addressing these issues. Listeners were provided with tips, including the recognition of early signs of abuse, reporting mechanisms, and ways to offer support to victims.



A radio talk on "Prevention of Cybercrime" was delivered by Thiru S. Mangudi, the MLA of Karaikudi constituency. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the growing threat of cybercrime and educate the general public on measures to protect themselves in the digital age. He began the talk by acknowledging the increasing reliance on digital technology in daily life and how it has brought convenience as well as new risks. He emphasized the urgent need for vigilance in the face of cyber threats. He advised parents to monitor their children's online activities, educate them about safe internet practices.

A radio talk titled "Strategies in Promoting a Gender-Fair Society" was aired on November 27, 2024, over the Alagappa University Community Radio

Station. The talk, delivered by Dr. S. Geetha, Teaching Assistant, aimed to raise awareness about violence against children and women and to promote strategies for building a society based on gender equity and fairness.

An awareness programme on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012 was conducted on 28th November 2024, at Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School. The event aimed to educate the students about the significance of the POCSO Act and how it serves to safeguard children against sexual offences. Dr. Poulpunitha & Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistants, Department of Women's Studies provided a comprehensive overview of the POCSO Act, and they explained its key provisions, the importance of reporting cases of sexual abuse, and the legal mechanisms in place for protecting children.

An awareness programme on the Domestic Violence Act 2005 was organized on November 29, 2024, at Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission Sivagangai Dist., Sakkkotai Block. The session, aimed at members of self-help groups, sought to educate participants about the provisions and significance of the Domestic Violence Act 2005, which protects women from domestic abuse and ensures their right to safety and dignity.



A radio talk on the Domestic Violence Act 2005 was broadcast over the Alagappa University Community Radio on 30th November 2024. Dr. P. Sindhuja highlighted the objective of raising awareness about the provisions and significance of the Act. She explained the key provisions of the Act, such as the definition of domestic violence, the types of abuse covered under the law, and the legal protections available to victims. Listeners were informed about the process of seeking relief under the Act, including the steps to file a complaint, the role of protection officers, and the various forms of assistance available to victims, such as shelter homes and legal aid.

A radio talk on the Elimination of Violence Against Women was aired over the Alagappa University Community Radio on 4th December 2024. The speaker was Mrs. C. Uma Rani. The talk aimed to spread awareness and encourage collective efforts toward eliminating violence against women in society.

On the 10th December, 2024, Dr. S. Poulpunitha delivered an insightful and impactful radio talk on the topic of eliminating gender-based violence against women. The talk also focused on strategies for prevention, including the empowerment of women, effective law enforcement, and the importance of creating safe environments both in public and private spaces.

A Poster-Making Competition on the theme of "Gender Based Violence" was held on 17th December 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about the pressing issue of Gender Based Violence and engage students in expressing their thoughts through creative artwork. The competition attracted 10 participants, all of whom demonstrated their artistic skills and deep understanding of the topic. Posters depicted various aspects of Gender Based Violence, from physical abuse to emotional and psychological trauma, with powerful visuals and messages. The participants used a variety of items, including paint, markers, and digital tools, to bring attention to the issue.

A PPT Presentation Competition focusing on laws that protect women's rights and safety was conducted on 18th December 2024. The theme of the competition included significant legislative acts such as the Domestic Violence Act 2005, Sexual Harassment Act 2013, POCSO Act 2012, the newly introduced Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, and the Special Rights under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023. There were 12 active student participants from various disciplines, each delivered insightful presentations that highlighted the importance of these Acts in ensuring the safety and rights of women and children.

Online Quiz Competition Conducted

An online quiz competition was conducted on 19th December 2024 for Alagappa University students, focusing on the theme of "Laws Related to Women and Children". The quiz aimed to enhance awareness about the legal rights and protections available to women and children. Google Forms were used for the quiz competition. The event provided a platform for students to test their knowledge on important legal provisions and raise awareness about key issues related to gender equality and child welfare. Nearly 30 students from various departments actively participated in the programme.

More than 300 students, Self Help Group Women and staff actively participated and benefited from the activism programmes that raised awareness on prevention of gender-based violence in public and private spheres.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Book Talk Programmes - 31, 32 & 33

A series of inspiring Book Talk Programmes were conducted at the Department of Social Work with a view to encouraging students to the art of critical reading. An insightful book talk programme was conducted on October 1, 2024 that featured *Nizhalattru Peruveli*, a thought-provoking Tamil literary work. Mr. N. Ravichandran, a Tamil teacher from SMS Boys Higher Secondary School in Karaikudi, served as the guest speaker, providing a comprehensive analysis of the book's themes and social messages.

Dr. M.A. Velusamy, Associate Professor and Head (i/c) of the Department of Social Work, referred to the book's relevance to the field of social work. He encouraged students to draw inspiration from the book's themes and integrate these insights into their own practice, particularly in advocating help for under-served communities. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, where participants shared their perspectives on the book.

On October 8, 2024, the Department hosted a book talk programme that centered on *Arachselvi Chitra*, a compelling work that explores themes of resilience, leadership, and social empowerment. Dr. Murugupandiyan, an accomplished scholar, served as the guest speaker and offered an in-depth analysis of the book's central character, Arachselvi Chitra, whose journey embodies courage and social advocacy. Dr. Murugupandiyan highlighted the book's significance in addressing social issues and empowering readers to challenge societal norms. He discussed how Arachselvi Chitra's character serves as an inspiration, especially for those involved in social work, to work with integrity and empathy to uplift the society.



An engaging book talk programme conducted on October 29, 2024, featured the book *Manaoonjal*. Mrs. A. Veerakanmani, Assistant Professor from Ananda College, Devakottai, led the session, bringing fresh insights into the book's exploration of human emotions, relationships, and cultural values. The speaker delved into the book's themes, on personal growth, emotional balance, and resilience. She highlighted how the story navigates complex human experiences, making it highly relevant for those in social work who often engage with diverse emotional and psychological landscapes.

Mental Health at the Workplace

World Mental Health Day 2024 Observed



The World Mental Health Day was conducted as a collaborative event by the Department of Social Work, the Alagappa University Social Work Association (AUSWA), and the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. The event, held at the L.C.T.L.PL Auditorium, focused on the theme "Mental Health at the Workplace" and featured a series of thought-provoking speeches and student activities aimed at raising mental health awareness. The welcome address was given by Dr. MA. Velusamy, Associate Professor and Head (i/c) of the Department of Social Work.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, shared his insights on modern societal pressures, highlighting how jealousy and comparison with others often lead to mental health issues. "Your mental health deteriorates when you constantly compare yourself to others," he remarked, stressing the need for self-awareness and self-care. He also spoke about the adverse effects of poor sleep hygiene, excessive mobile phone usage, unhealthy eating habits, and the growing trend of junk food consumption, which lead to mental health problems. Prof. G. Ravi encouraged everyone to adopt healthier lifestyles by exercising regularly and maintaining a balanced diet for improved mental well-being.

Following this, Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Professor and Head of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, delivered the keynote address. She reiterated the importance of mental health in the workplace, urging individuals to cultivate an optimistic

mindset and seek support when needed. "Changing perspectives and staying positive are essential for protecting your mental health at work," she advised.

Dr. A. Thomas William, Associate Professor (Retd.) of Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, delivered a special address on the detrimental effects of mobile phone addiction, further expanding on the topic raised by the Vice-Chancellor. Mr. J. Karan Louis, Project Director at Athma Mind Care Hospitals, Trichy, presented the thematic address. A short film was screened by him to raise awareness of the mental health challenges faced by students. He spoke in detail about the increasing pressures on students and the need for open discussions on deteriorating mental health and the need for providing support to the needy.

The event also featured student presentations, including paper and poster submissions, as well as cultural programmes designed to spread awareness about mental health. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant at the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University.

Lecture on "Ageing and Challenges"

On October 23, 2024, the Department of Social Work at Alagappa University hosted an Invited Lecture on "Ageing and Challenges." The speaker was Mr. R. Muthukrishnan, State Program Manager for Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry with HelpAge India, a leading organization advocating for the welfare of the elderly.

Mr. Muthukrishnan presented an in-depth exploration of the issues faced by the elderly, including health concerns, social isolation, and economic challenges. He highlighted the importance of creating inclusive policies and support systems for helping senior citizens. His lecture provided insights into HelpAge India's programmes and emphasized the critical role social workers play in addressing the needs of the ageing population.

Dr. M.A. Velusamy, in his felicitation address, stressed the need for, acknowledging the importance of understanding the complexities of issues surrounding the aged. He exhorted students to approach the field of

geriatric social work with empathy and a proactive mindset, and help the older adults in overcoming age-related challenges.

The lecture concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where students engaged in discussions on policies and strategies for the care of elders.

Awareness Campaign on Child Protection and Sexual Abuse Reaches 57 Schools



A major awareness campaign on child protection and sexual abuse has reached 57 schools across the Sakkottai Union, Sivagangai District, thanks to a collaborative initiative by the Department of Social Work at Alagappa University and the Department of Child Protection and Special Services, Sivagangai. The campaign culminated in an impactful event held at the L.C.T.L.PL Auditorium, Alagappa University, with the participation of 750 students from Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School.

Dr. MA. Velusamy welcomed the gathering. He shared real case studies of recent incidents of child sexual abuse and emphasized the importance of awareness and prevention. He advised students that, regardless of family pressures, they should avoid child marriage before reaching the legal age.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, stressed the need for stringent laws and punishments in India to prevent any form of violence against children. He encouraged victims to report abuse immediately; and he praised the Department of Social Work for its societal engagement, emphasizing the importance of skill-building for youth.

Mr. R. Athmanathan, DSP, Karaikudi, explained the POCSO Act, highlighting the roles of the Child Welfare Committee and the importance of the Child Helpline 1098. Mr. S. Durai, District Child Protection Officer, Sivagangai, urged students to stay in school and resist pressures for early marriage, sharing case studies to underline the impact of child marriage. Dr. C. Anandharaj, Block Medical Officer, Puthuvayal, addressed the health risks associated with early pregnancy, stressing the importance of reproductive health education.

The event included cultural programmes presented by Social Work students that, featured puppetry, recitation of poetry and dance which conveyed key messages about child protection. The day concluded with Mr. MS. Rajapandian, Headmaster of Alagappa Model School, delivering a vote of thanks.

Promoting the Welfare of Elders

Intergenerational Bonding and Signature Campaign



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, in collaboration with HelpAge India, Regional Resource Training Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, organized a programme on "Intergenerational Bonding and Signature Campaign" on 9th December 2024.

The event commenced with a signature campaign and a creative poster presentation, highlighting the significance of intergenerational bonding. The three best poster presentations were awarded by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. Dr. M.A. Velusamy, Head i/c of the Department of Social Work, introduced the theme of the event.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi emphasized the urgent need to bridge the generational gap, citing Japan as an example of a country where elderly citizens are well-cared for and contribute significantly to society. He encouraged the social work students to actively promote intergenerational bonding, making known its relevance to societal welfare. The programme included a pledge taken against elderly abuse, during which young participants symbolically tied bands to the elderly attendees as part of the event.

Mrs. S. Rathi Devi, District Social Welfare Officer, Sivagangai, shared the senior citizens' helpline number (14567) and advocated for empathy towards the elderly. She introduced the 4 Rs-Respect, Responsibility, Reciprocity, and Resiliency-as key elements to foster intergenerational bonding. Mr. Jeevanandham, Director of IRCDS, stressed the importance of offering emotional support to the elderly rather than focusing solely on financial aid. Mrs. Shanthi Shiva Shankar, Chairman of Pallathur, applauded the department's efforts in conducting surveys to address the issues of elders and urged the District Social Welfare Office to provide training for elected panchayat leaders on elderly care.

In his special address, Mr. Godwin, Social Protection Officer at HelpAge India, elaborated on the evolving generation gap due to shifts from joint families to nuclear and single-parent families. Mr. R. Muthukrishnan, State Programme Manager, HelpAge India, encouraged participants to move away from the practice of sending parents to old age homes. He cited a study by the Department of Social Work and HelpAge India, which revealed that 85% of the elderly individuals in the region earn their own livelihood. He also highlighted Japan's use of robots to assist elderly citizens in public spaces as an example of technological advancement in elderly care.

The programme featured short films sensitizing participants to issues related to old people and included a sharing session between the elderly attendees and the youth. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work, Alagappa University.

This impactful event underscored the importance of fostering empathy and understanding between generations while promoting pragmatic steps toward elderly care and intergenerational unity.

Human Rights Day -2024



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, in association with the Alagappa University Social Work Association (AUSWA), organized Human Rights Day - 2024 on the theme "Human Rights as a Tool for Empowering Marginalized Communities" on December 10, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about human rights and promote the empowerment of marginalized communities.

Dr. M.A. Velusamy welcomed the gathering. In his inaugural address, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar of Alagappa University, emphasized the importance of speaking out against human rights violations. Sharing his personal experience, he underscored the role of students, particularly social work trainees, in uplifting marginalized communities. Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, in his felicitation address, stressed that while development continues in various fields, ensuring human rights at all levels remains crucial. Drawing from Thirukkural, he reflected on the ancient roots of human rights in Tamil culture.

Dr. S. Leo Stanly, Professor of Education at CDOE, Alagappa University, provided a historical perspective on human rights violations, from slavery to present-day wars and civil conflicts. Dr. Kathiresan

Loganathan, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Assam University, delivered the keynote address on "Human Rights Issues of Marginalized Communities in Contemporary India." He discussed theoretical frameworks, real-life case studies from Tamil Nadu, and strategies such as implementing laws, welfare measures, and encouraging socio-economic development to improve the lives of marginalized groups.

Dr. J. Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Science Communication, Madurai Kamaraj University, spoke on the theme "How Media is Used for the Emancipation of Oppressed People." He emphasized the need to bridge the digital divide and enhance access to information to empower oppressed communities.

The programme also featured poster presentations and cultural performances by students, creatively reflecting the theme of human rights. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran.

Week-Long Study Tour to New Delhi Organised



A One Week Study Tour was arranged for the benefit of Master of Social Work students of the university from 11th to 18th December 2024. The students visited all historically important places in Chennai, New Delhi and Agra. They also visited universities and other national institutions. It may be noted that the study tour is an integral part of the MSW curriculum as prescribed by the University Grants Commission. This tour provided the students with a deeper understanding of life experiences.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

One-day Workshop on "Modern Principles in Painting"



The Department of Fine Arts organized a one-day workshop titled "Modern Principles in Painting" on December 23, 2024. The programme was designed to enlighten participants on contemporary approaches and techniques in painting.

Prof. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Senior Professor and Head, in her welcome address, emphasized the relevance of modern principles in painting and the need for artists to evolve with time while respecting traditional methodologies.

The resource person was Dr. K. Kavimani, Assistant Professor from Government Fine Arts College, Chennai. He delivered an insightful lecture on the latest principles and trends in painting, covering areas such as abstract and contemporary art, experimentation with textures, and the use of unconventional mediums. His detailed explanations were complemented by a live demonstration of modern techniques, which captivated the participants and provided practical insights.

An interactive session followed the demonstration, where participants actively engaged with Dr. Kavimani, seeking clarification and guidance on integrating modern techniques into their own works. The resource person's expert advice and encouragement inspired participants to expand their artistic boundaries. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan, Teaching Assistant in the Department of Fine Arts.

Yuva Utsav - 2024 - 2025 Organised



The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, through My Bharat-Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Sivaganga, in collaboration with Ananda College, Devakottai, and the PG Department of Tamil, NSS & NCC of Alagappa University, organized the District Yuva Utsav 2024-2025 on 13th December 2024 at Ananda College. The event aimed to showcase the talents of youth across various creative and cultural domains, fostering their skills and encouraging active participation. Among the many competitions held, the Young Artist Painting Competition stood out for its vibrant display of creativity and expression.

In this event, Miss. D. Jegathisha, first year MFA Painting, Department of Fine Arts, Alagappa University, showcased her exceptional artistic skills. Competing against several talented individuals, D. Jegathisha demonstrated innovation and mastery in painting, earning first position in the event.

One-Day Workshop on the Theme "Science of Colours"

The Department of Fine Arts organized a one-day workshop on the theme "Science of Colours" on November 11, 2024. Prof. S. Senthamizh Pavai welcomed the participants and highlighted the significance of understanding the scientific principles of colours in the realm of fine arts and its practical applications.

The chief guest, Mr. G. Navaneethakrishnan, an expert from Camel Colours, delivered an insightful keynote address. He delved into the science behind colours, discussing topics such as colour theory, the psychology of colours, and their role in creating

impactful artworks. Through vivid examples and demonstrations, Mr. Navaneethakrishnan engaged the audience, bridging the gap between science and art in a thought-provoking manner.

The interactive session that followed allowed participants to pose questions and discuss their experiences with the use of colours in art. Mr. Navaneethakrishnan's expert guidance motivated attendees to experiment with colour-combinations and apply these techniques in their artistic practices. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND FILM STUDIES

Anti-Drug Awareness Play "Ilagiriyan" Performed



On invitation from the Anti-Drug Club, Thiruvadana Government Arts and Science College, students of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, Alagappa University, staged an anti-drug awareness play titled "Ilagiriyan" on December 17, 2024.

The programme aimed to raise awareness about preventing spurious and illicit liquor-related deaths and ensuring public safety. The event saw the participation of students, the general public, and various officials.

Dr. M. Pazhaniappan, Principal of the College, presided over the event. Mr. Srinivasan, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Thiruvadana, was the chief guest. Inspector Mr. Jayapandi delivered a felicitation address.

Earlier, the Anti-Drug Club Coordinator, Dr. R. Saravanan, welcomed the gathering.

Weekly Event - "Action Camera" Inaugurated

A weekly event called "Action Camera" was conducted on 18.12.2024 by the Student Forum of the

Department of Theatre and Film Studies. This event that focused on photographic techniques, was themed as "Freeze Frame", where various modern photographic techniques and their applications were explained in detail. The weekly programme aims at encouraging creativity and technical expertise among the learners. The event was presided over by Mr. M. Prasad. The session was coordinated by the Head of the Department Prof. M. Sudha. The first-year student Vadade Venkandi Rava delivered the vote of thanks.

102nd Memorial Theatre Festival Honouring Tamil Theatre Pioneer Thavathiru Sankaradas Swamigal Organised



The 102nd Memorial Theatre Festival was conducted to honour Tamil Theatre Pioneer Thavathiru Sankaradas Swamigal. It was jointly organized by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram, Chennai and the Department of Theatre and Film Studies of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on November 13, 2024.

The event was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. He praised Sankaradas Swamigal as a visionary who revolutionized Tamil Theatre, elevating it to a socially respected art form. He said that celebrating the 102nd Memorial Day was a tribute to theatre artistes and highlighted the cultural revolution and progress Tamil Nadu has witnessed through remarkable theatrical performances. He also referred to Alagappa University's efforts in nurturing talent in theatre and cinematic arts and its dedication to preserving and promoting performing arts.

The event featured a special address by Thiru. M.R.M. Balasubramaniam, a member of the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram's General and

Executive Committee. Thiru. S. Mangudi, MLA of Karaikudi Constituency, Prof. C. Sekar, Syndicate Member, and Pala. Gandhi, President of the Karaikudi Music and Drama Association, spoke on the occasion. Prof. M. Sudha, Head of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, welcomed the gathering earlier.

As part of the festival, two special performances were staged: "Nuvvai", a literary drama presented by the students of the Department. "Sri Valli Thirumana Isai Natakam", a musical drama, was performed by R.M. Senthil Kumaran's troupe from Karaikudi. The festival witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of faculty members, art enthusiasts, students, and the general public, making it a memorable event.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS Transformative Power of Mathematics Education

Two-Day Mathematics Training and Talent Search Programme for Undergraduate Mathematics Students



The School of Mathematics at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in collaboration with the MTTS Overture Trust, organized a Two-day Mathematics Training and Talent Search (MTTS) Programme on 12th & 13th December, 2024 at the University for the undergraduate students pursuing Maths as a main subject. The event aimed to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of mathematical concepts through innovative teaching methods inspired by the MTTS philosophy. The programme brought

together students, faculty, and eminent speakers to celebrate the transformative power of mathematics education.

Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Convener of the MTTs Overture Programme, in his welcome address, emphasized the significance of inspiring young minds to evince keen interest in Maths by bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications. He highlighted the university's commitment to providing platforms for students to develop their analytical and problem-solving skills.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, in his presidential address noted the impactful initiatives of MTTs Overture Trust and highlighted the trust's role in fostering an environment where students and professionals could engage in meaningful learning experiences, particularly in the fields of mathematics and interdisciplinary studies. He delved into the great significance of interdisciplinary learning in today's rapidly evolving academic landscape. He stated that, in an increasingly interconnected world, knowledge cannot be compartmentalized. Instead, the convergence of disciplines fosters innovation, encouraging students to broaden their perspectives and integrate ideas from diverse fields. He said that mathematics plays a crucial role as the universal language that binds various academic domains together. He underscored that mathematical thinking is not confined to textbooks and equations; rather, it is a fundamental tool that helps solve real-world problems across multiple sectors, such as economics, engineering, technology, and even social sciences.

Dr. P.S. Srinivasan, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics at Bharathidasan University, inaugurated the programme. He explained how MTTs has profoundly impacted the academic and professional trajectories of countless mathematics enthusiasts across the nation, fostering a generation of thinkers, problem-solvers, and innovators. He made a reference to the core philosophy of the programme that focuses on conceptual clarity, logical reasoning, and self-discovery. He described these principles as

essential not only for excelling in mathematics but also for cultivating a mindset that values critical thinking and independent learning. Dr. Srinivasan conducted an engaging and interactive session, posing thought-provoking problems that challenged students to think beyond the confines of textbooks. By encouraging students to grapple with questions requiring creativity and insight, he highlighted the importance of active participation in the learning process. The speaker further demonstrated the relevance and beauty of mathematics by sharing real-world examples where mathematical principles play a pivotal role. These applications, spanning diverse fields, illustrated how mathematics is deeply intertwined with everyday life and advanced scientific endeavours. His examples served to bridge the gap between abstract mathematical concepts and their practical applications, inspiring students to appreciate the subject's profound utility and elegance.

Dr. V. Sivakumar, Director and Co-ordinator of the Curriculum Design and Development Cell at Alagappa University, felicitated the gathering with his insightful remarks. He acknowledged the efforts of the organizers and highlighted the importance of curriculum development in fostering a robust mathematical foundation.

Dr. S. Amutha, Convener of the MTTs Overture Programme and a faculty member at the Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics, delivered the vote of thanks. The two-day MTTs Programme left a lasting impression on the students and faculty. It provided a platform for young mathematicians to learn, collaborate, and grow.

National Mathematics Day-2024 Celebrated



On 137th birth anniversary (22.12.2024) of the renowned Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, the Department of Mathematics, Alagappa University and Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics celebrated the 'National Mathematics Day' on December 20, 2024.

Hon. Col. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the event. He addressed the students and explained the importance of celebrating this day and the role of mathematics in physics. In his keynote address he broadly described the life history of Srinivasa Ramanujan and about 140 research papers written by Ramanujan, in spite of his health condition. He exhorted the university professors to go to schools and make them understand the significance of mathematics.

Dr. E. Natarajan, Professor, Department of Mathematics, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Trivandrum, Kerala was the chief guest and he delivered a special lecture on 'The life and works of Ramanujan'. He elaborated on Ramanujan's unique contributions to the field of mathematics and the role of mathematics in the field of data science as well as in other fields.

Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, Alagappa University, Karaikudi welcomed the gathering earlier and highlighted the importance of celebrating National Mathematics Day. Dr. R. Raja, Assistant Professor, Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the programme.

Faculty Members Honoured

Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor and Head, received "Distinguished Professor Award 2024" on the eve of third International Conference on Innovative Research and Development (ICIRD- 2024) and Indo-Thai Awards 2024, held during Nov. 8 to 11, 2024 at Shinawatra University, Bangkok, Thailand. In the same conference Dr. S. Amutha, Assistant Professor, Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics, received "Women's Excellence Research Award 2024". Dr. R. Jeyabalan, Assistant Professor, received "Young Researcher Award 2024" at the same conference.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Wall Painting Awareness Programme on the Theme "Eat to Live, Not Live to Eat"



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Alagappa University, organized a Swachh Bharath Diwas Programme on 2nd October 2024 at 7.00 am at Alagappa Alumni Park. The theme of the programme was "Eat to live, Not live to eat". Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Associate Professor & Head i/c, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, organized the programme and the programme was supported by Co-ordinator Dr.G.Vinayagamoorthi and Deputy Co-ordinator Dr.P.Kumar of Swachh Bharat & Swasth Bharat. Based on the theme, the students of M.Sc Nutrition and Dietetics tried to create awareness on "balanced diet" and also on the "avoidance of food wastage" by painting on the front wall of Alagappa Alumni Park.

Webinar on World Food Day - 2024

Role Of Functional Foods in Disease Prevention



The Department organized a webinar on 16.10.24. Dr.J.Harine Sargunam, Assistant Professor, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous), Trichy delivered a special lecture relating to functional foods in disease prevention and she highlighted the significance of therapeutic potential of various healthy food items.

The students also presented speeches to raise awareness about food security, solving hunger, and sustainable food systems. Dr.L.Gomathirajashyamala, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

Special Lecture on "Nutrition for Sports Performance"

The Department organized a Special Lecture on the topic "Nutrition and Sports Performance" on 24th December, 2024. Dr.P. Rameshthangam welcomed the gathering and Dr.D.Maniazhagu, Professor, Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, Alagappa University delivered a lecture on sports nutrition in optimizing athletic performance and overall health. The speaker dwelt on the significance of nutrition focusing on the dietary needs of athletes and physically active individuals. Dr.P.Prabakaran, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

Lecture Delivered

Mrs.R.Ramya, Teaching Assistant, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, delivered a special lecture as a resource person on "Health and Nutritional Awareness" at Thiruvankulam Union Office, Pudukottai, on 31st December, 2024. Nearly 100 women associated with Nutritious Noon Meal Scheme were the beneficiaries of the programme.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Workshop on "Immersive Learning: Transforming Education with AR and VR Tools"



The Student Council of Alagappa University College of Education organized a Workshop titled "Immersive Learning: Transforming Education with AR and VR Tools" on December 13, 2024. The event aimed to introduce and explore the potential of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) technologies in revolutionizing educational practices in the current Teacher Education context. The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation of the faculty members, researchers, and students of the College of Education. The welcome address delivered by Ms. S. Jessy, PhD Scholar and President of the Student Council, AUCE, set the tone for an insightful day of learning. Dr. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c of AUCE, in his thematic address, emphasized the importance of AR and VR in fostering immersive learning environments and highlighted their growing relevance in contemporary education scenario. He added that AR and VR tools would help in creating a strong foundation for understanding the role of these technologies in transforming traditional teaching methods.

In the Technical Session, the resource person for the workshop, Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Director (i/c) of MIS, Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, conducted an engaging theoretical session on the practical applications of AR and VR in educational settings. The session introduced AR and VR tools to participants and highlighted the benefits of immersive learning technologies in enhancing pedagogical practices. He encouraged the participants to adopt innovative approaches in teaching and learning. The technical session was coordinated by Dr. S. Selvakumar, ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Education (CDOE), Alagappa University. He facilitated interactive discussions and ensured the smooth conduct of the session, enriching the participants' learning experience. Through demonstrations and hands-on activities, he showcased how these tools can enhance student engagement, creativity, and conceptual understanding. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. T.L. Dharshini.

Voters' Awareness Programme



A Voters' Awareness Programme was conducted on 18th December, 2024 at the College of Education. Ms. M. SuriyaPriya, the first year B. Ed student welcomed the gathering. Prof.P.Sivakumar, Principal i/c of Alagappa University College of Education, offered felicitation. Tahsildar Mr. A. Raja, Deputy Tahsildar Mrs. P. Prabhavathi and Assistant Mr. Balakrishnan, spoke on the occasion. Mr. Raja, in his special address, stressed the importance and the need for voting among the young people and referred to the facilities available for senior citizens and physically challenged to cast their votes.

The student-teachers of AUCE enacted a role-play on voting process, eligibility criteria, registration procedures and voting mechanics. Mr.Lenin Kumar, I B.Ed., spoke on the electoral processes that could help build a more inclusive democracy. Ms.T.Devigadharshini proposed a vote of thanks. This awareness programme was organised by Dr.R.Portia, Assistant Professor & Cultural Coordinator of Alagappa University College of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION National Education Day Celebrated



The National Education Day was organized by the Department of Education, Alagappa University, on November 11, 2024. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, in his welcome address, said that National Education Day is celebrated every year on November 11 to mark the birth anniversary of the first Union Education Minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and to honour his invaluable contributions to the field of education in India.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event, highlighted Alagappa University's efforts in enhancing the quality of education and increasing the student enrolment in recent years. He pointed out that while the national gross enrolment ratio (GER) in higher education stands at 28%, whereas Tamil Nadu has achieved a 52% GER, showcasing significant progress. He said that all educational advancements should reach students effectively and help improve the academic quality; and he added that participation of students in all educational initiatives and reforms is very crucial for success in their implementation. He also mentioned that Alagappa University is actively implementing the six key aspects of the NEP-2020, including: Curriculum reforms, Learning methodologies, Credit-based system, Multidisciplinary skill development, Outcome-based education and Indian knowledge systems. He further noted that the University introduced multidisciplinary courses in 2015 and it has been one of the pioneers in online education in India since 2008.

Prof.D.Brahadeeswaran, Former Professor of NITTTR, Chennai, and currently Emeritus Professor, Teaching-Learning Centre of Excellence, VIT University, Vellore, delivered a special lecture. He elaborated on the significance of National Education Day, the objectives of NEP 2020, and its role in achieving self-sustainable growth. He dwelt on the importance of acquiring competencies for "digital immigrants" (i.e teachers) to meet the emerging needs of "digital natives" (current students). He listed the competencies such as proficiency in using technology,

evaluating the reliability of information, fostering creativity, developing skills for problem solving, collaboration and communication. He exhorted the students to be life-long learners for succeeding in all their endeavours.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Syndicate Member, delivered a felicitation address, discussing Alagappa University's various educational development initiatives.

As part of the event, various competitions for school students were conducted. A large number of school students from Karaikudi region enthusiastically participated in them. Winners were honoured on stage with prizes and certificates. Dr. R. Ramnath, Associate Professor, Department of Education, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING **Workshop on Presentation Skills**

The Department of Lifelong Learning conducted an enlightening Workshop on Presentation Skills on 08-10-2024 that aimed at equipping students with essential skills for effective communication and impactful presentations. Dr.M.Sanmuga Revathi, Assistant Professor, Alagappa University College of Education, acted as the Resource Person. She initiated the training by discussing the fundamentals of effective presentations, including structuring content, designing visually appealing slides, mastering verbal and non-verbal communication techniques.

The highlight of the workshop was a presentation competition organized for the students. Participants were given an opportunity to present on a topic of their choice, allowing them to showcase their skills while applying the techniques learnt during the session. Earlier Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning presented the welcome address and Dr. M. Kanaga, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

Human Chain Event on HIV/AIDS Awareness



The Department of Lifelong Learning actively participated in Human Chain Event on HIV/AIDS Awareness on 16-10-2024 that was organized by the NSS Unit, Alagappa University. Prof.G.Ravi, Vice Chancellor, Alagappa University presided over the event and Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, spoke on the awareness about HIV/AIDS and highlighted the importance of educating the youth on the dreaded disease. The highlight of the event was the participation of the District Superintendent of Police (DSP) of Sivagangai District. A powerful human chain was formed by the participants, symbolizing unity and solidarity in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Students, faculty members, and local community leaders joined hands to send a strong message of awareness and support for those affected by the virus. The human chain served as a visual representation of the collective responsibility towards ending the stigma and ensuring proper care and treatment for individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Following the formation of the human chain, the attendees took a pledge, vowing to spread awareness, educate others and contribute to the eradication of AIDS. The NSS Unit's commitment to social causes like AIDS awareness is a testament to its core mission of promoting social service, empowerment and collective well-being.

Swachh Bharat Internship Orientation Programme Conducted



The Department organized a Swachh Bharat Internship Orientation Programme on 26-10-2024. This initiative aimed to educate and motivate students to actively participate in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, a flagship cleanliness campaign of the Government of India. The event began with a welcome address by Dr.N.Johnson. He said the Swachh Bharat Internship programme provided a platform for students to engage in real-world problem-solving and community service. The session was led by Mr.Abdulla Jalal, Principal Consultant, Parliamentary Constituency Development Affairs, Sivagangai and he served as the Resource Person for the programme. With years of experience in community-driven cleanliness and sustainability initiatives, he brought valuable insights and practical guidance to the session, inspiring participants to contribute to the national mission of a clean India. The orientation programme covered key aspects of the internship, including its structure, objectives and expected outcomes. He also elaborated on various activities that students could undertake during their internship, such as awareness campaigns, waste segregation drives, community clean-up initiatives and innovative waste-to-resource projects. He also shared success stories of the past interns, which he hoped would serve as motivation for the participants.

Tree Saplings Planted at Alumni Eco-Park



The students of the Department along with NSS volunteers planted saplings at Alumni ECO-Park on 4.11.2024. The programme aimed to enhance environmental sustainability by increasing the green cover. The programme sought to raise awareness about the importance of growing trees in combating climate change, preserving biodiversity and improving air quality. Prof. G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, highlighted the importance of planting saplings. He suggested the ways to improve the community participation of NSS volunteers. Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, Dr.M.Jothi Basu, COE, Dr.S.Rajaram, Dr.V.Palanisamy, Syndicate Members participated in the programme. Dr.A.Arumugam, Professor, Department of Botany, Dr. P.Srinivasan, NSS Coordinator, Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning cum NSS Programme Officer, organized the event.

Clean City Leaders Internship Programme Organised



The Clean City Leadership Internship Programme is an innovative programme initiated by Thiru.Karti P. Chidambaram, Member of Parliament, Sivagangai Constituency. The programme aimed at empowering students of the Department of Lifelong Learning to actively contribute to the cleanliness and sustainable development of Karaikudi town and making it one of the top 20 cleanest cities under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Interns will work directly under Thiru. Karti P. Chidambaram's guidance and local government authorities to plan and implement initiatives that aim to improve cleanliness and sustainability across Karaikudi township. The programme emphasizes the collaboration between the youth, local communities and government bodies. One of the primary goals of this internship programme is to help Karaikudi to get into the list of top 20 cleanest cities in India under the prestigious Swachh

Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission) rankings. The students will be tasked with devising actionable plans to enhance sanitation facilities, waste segregation and to create awareness among residents. The internship provides an opportunity for students to develop critical skills such as leadership qualities, project management, community mobilization and effective communication. Students will gain practical insights into urban management and policy implementation.

The interns will lead various on-ground projects including: Organizing and executing local clean-up campaigns in high-traffic areas such as markets, streets and public spaces. They will promote and educate the public on the importance of waste segregation at source. The Interns who work hard and make visible changes in the society will be rewarded with cash prizes.

Online Workshop on Vedic Mathematics

The Department of Lifelong Learning organized an Online Workshop on Vedic Mathematics on 14-11-2024. The workshop aimed to introduce students to the ancient and efficient techniques of Vedic Mathematics, enhancing their speed and accuracy in solving mathematical problems. The event was conducted virtually via video conferencing platform and saw enthusiastic participation of students across various disciplines. The workshop began with a brief welcome address by Dr.N.Johnson, who highlighted the importance of acquiring mathematical skills for success both in academic and professional domains. The session was led by Mrs.Vidhya Vikram, a Soft Skills and Quantitative Aptitude Trainer & a Motivational Speaker. With her engaging teaching style and deep understanding of the subject, she provided participants with valuable insights into the fascinating world of Vedic Mathematics. She introduced participants to its core principles, focusing on how the techniques are derived from ancient Indian scriptures, the Vedas. She emphasized that Vedic Mathematics is not just a tool for solving problems quickly but also a means of cultivating logical thinking and creativity. During the workshop, she also demonstrated several techniques, such as rapid multiplication, division, square roots and solving equations. Students were amazed by how these techniques could significantly reduce the time and effort required to solve mathematical problems.

Two-Day International Conference on Perspectives and Trends in Human Resource Development



The Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University in collaboration with its Student Council, successfully organized a Two-Day International Conference on Perspectives and Trends in Human Resource Development on 9th and 10th Dec, 2024. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, presiding over the inaugural function, said that Human Resource Development sector focuses on improving the skills of the workforce to improve individual and organizational performance. According to the World Economic Forum, more than 1 billion workers will need additional skills by 2030 due to advances in automation and introduction of artificial intelligence. The event commenced with a keynote address by Dr.G.Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education. He highlighted the evolving dimensions of Human Resource Development (HRD). This was followed by a special address by Dr.V.P.Matheswaran, Former Director of UGC-HRDC, University of Madras who shared insights into the dynamic trends shaping the HRD landscape. Vice-Chancellor Prof.G.Ravi was conferred with National Award for Excellence in Governance by CTEF. As part of the event, two books--Human Resource Development and Leadership Development authored by Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning were released by the Vice-chancellor. Additionally, a compendium comprising 85 abstracts of research papers was released. Another proud moment was the release of the student magazine titled Meraki, which showcased the creative talents of the students. The conference featured notable presentations from distinguished international speakers.

Dr. Cheong Huey Fen, Senior Lecturer from the University of Malaysia, presented a thought-provoking paper titled "The R.O.A.R. (Resilience, Optimism, Adaptability and Readiness) of University Students towards the Future of Work: A Case Study in Malaysia". Her research emphasized the importance of preparing students for future workforce. The afternoon session began with an insightful presentation by Dr. Khagendra Raj Dhakal, Specialist Lecturer, King Mongkut's University of Technology, North Bangkok, Thailand on Critical Thinking as a Core Competency for the 21st-Century Workforce. This was followed by a session by Dr. Pramila Thapa, Founder Chairperson, Life Skills Education Institute Pvt. Ltd, Kathmandu, Nepal, who elaborated on Embracing Emotional Intelligence to Nurture Empathy, Resilience and Meaningful Connections. The second day of the conference commenced with parallel paper presentation sessions through hybrid mode. Each session was moderated and evaluated by esteemed chairpersons, fostering an engaging and constructive exchange of ideas. Scholars from diverse academic and professional backgrounds shared their innovative perspectives, addressing critical trends and challenges in Human Resource Development. The second day featured an impactful session by Dr. D. Venkataram, Head, Department of Geography Education, IASE, Chennai who spoke on Team Management and Brain Based Learning. Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, was the Chief Guest at the valedictory ceremony. Dr. V. P. Matheswaran and Dr. C. K. Muthukumar, Head i/c, Department of Disaster Management, shared valuable ideas on the multidimensional aspects of Human Resource Development during the session. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. Kanaga, Teaching Assistant, Department of Lifelong Learning.

Students Entrepreneurship Development Programme

On 17th December 2024 the Department conducted Students Entrepreneurship Development Programme aimed at nurturing entrepreneurial skills among the students to pursue innovation-driven ventures.

Dr. N. Johnson spoke on the significance of entrepreneurship in today's rapidly evolving global economy.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

World White Cane Safety Day Observed

On 15th October 2024, the World White Cane Day was observed in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. The Head of the Department Dr. J. Sujathamalini delivered the welcome address. Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Former Syndicate Member, offered felicitations. Ms. S. Pushpa, a Ph.D. Scholar served as the resource person and highlighted the importance of White Cane for persons with Visual Impairment and explained Sighted Guide Technique to the participants. Mr. P. Prabhu another Ph.D. scholar of the department lectured on orientation and mobility awareness to the prospective teachers and the NME students as well.

National Education Day Celebrated



The National Education Day was celebrated in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science on 11th November 2024. The department's Student Council President Mr. S. Prakash delivered the welcome address. The Inaugural Address was delivered by Dr. J. Sujathamalini. The Special address was given by Mr. Vishnu. TR a Ph. D. Scholar from M.S. University, Tirunelveli. He spoke about the value of education in building a strong nation. The Student Council Vice-President Mr. S. Samaya Prabhakar, delivered the vote of thanks.

Towards Inclusion

Special Olympic Bharat -Tamil Nadu Organises State Level Athletic Selection



Special Olympic Bharat -Tamil Nadu organised a state level athletic selection in collaboration with the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science and Alagappa University Special Schools for Intellectual Disability and Autism, on 19th December 2024. The programme was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. He stressed the importance of the motto behind the event i.e. "to build communities and bring inclusion in the society". Mr. K. Prabhakaran, Secretary, Special Olympic Bharat organised the event in a grand manner. The valedictory function was presided over by Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University. He distributed prizes to the winners in different athletic events. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by Mr. P. Suresh, Teaching Assistant, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. More than 250 students participated in the event from seven districts and the students who received the first prize will attend the National Selection Camp and the selected athletes will represent India at the international level competitions to be held in South America Athletic Competition 2027.

MOU Signed with Special Olympic Bharat



An MOU was signed between Special Olympic Bharat and the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, Alagappa University on 19th December 2024 to conduct sports coaching camps to the students and sports training programmes for the students with intellectual disabilities at the Alagappa University Special School for Persons with Disabilities. The MoU will also help initiate Certificate and Diploma level programmes to train students to participate in various sports events of Special Olympic.

ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Skill Training Programme on Making Phenyl / Soap Oil / Detergent Powder



The Skill Training Programme commenced with a welcome address delivered by Ambika, Principal of Bharat Public School, Aaravayal setting a positive tone for the day. Following this, the presidential address was given by Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University. Her speech highlighted the importance of skill development and its role in empowering individuals, particularly women of the rural communities. Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c of the Alagappa Institute of Skill Development emphasized the significance of practical skill training in fostering self-reliance and entrepreneurship among the youth and women. The core of the skill training programme included hands-on training sessions on the following topics: Phenyl Making: Participants learnt the process of producing high-quality phenyl, including the selection of raw materials and mixing techniques. Soap Oil Production: The training focused on the formulation and preparation of soap oil, with careful attention paid

to cost-effectiveness and market standards. Detergent Powder Manufacturing: Participants were introduced to the step-by-step process of making detergent powder, along with tips on packaging and branding. These sessions were conducted by experienced trainers, ensuring that participants gained practical knowledge and confidence to become women entrepreneurs.



The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. PR. Saranya, EIC Hub Coordinator, Alagappa Institute of Skill development. The Skill training was well-received by 50 women participants. The attendees appreciated the comprehensive training and expressed enthusiasm about applying their newly acquired skills to generate income and contribute to their communities.

Three-Day Workshop on Value Added Business Plan Training in Aari & Embroidery



The "Value Added Business Plan Training in Aari & Embroidery," was held from 9th to 11th December, 2024, at the EIC Hub, AISD. It was a significant initiative aimed at empowering women artisans. Organized collaboratively by the

Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII), Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation and the Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career HUB-EIC & EDII of Alagappa University, the programme focused on enhancing the entrepreneurial and technical skills of women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Sivagangai District. The inaugural session set an inspiring tone for the programme, with Mr. J. Arumai Rubaan delivering a welcome address. It was followed by the presidential address by Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c, who underscored the importance of entrepreneurial growth in traditional crafts. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. PR. Saranya. The training programme was thoughtfully structured to address both technical and business-related aspects. Participants were provided with hands-on training in advanced Aari and embroidery techniques, enabling them to refine their craftsmanship and produce high-quality products with enhanced value. Additionally, the business training sessions equipped the participants with the skills to design comprehensive business plans, covering key areas such as market analysis, branding, pricing strategies, and financial planning. These sessions encouraged participants to explore innovative ways to address challenges in the craft industry, tap into market opportunities, and scale their businesses. Real-life success stories and case studies were shared to inspire participants and to demonstrate practical applications of the concepts discussed.

The presence of women from SHGs fostered a collaborative environment, where participants not only learnt from the trainers but also from each other's experiences. The programme emphasized the importance of networking and collective growth, ensuring that the participants left with both enhanced skills and a stronger sense of community.

The outcomes of the programme were highly positive. Participants reported gaining confidence and clarity in planning and executing business strategies for their crafts. Participants expressed their appreciation for the hands-on approach and the valuable insights

shared during the sessions; it was a resounding success. It effectively addressed the needs of women artisans by equipping them with technical expertise and entrepreneurial acumen, paving the way for sustainable growth and economic independence.

Seminar on "Fitting into the Fashion Industry"



The Alagappa Institute of Skill Development organized a one day seminar titled "Fitting into the Fashion Industry" on 18th December 2024. The seminar aimed to provide insights into the dynamic world of fashion and equip attendees with knowledge about industry expectations, trends, and career opportunities. Dr. V. Dharuman, in his welcome address, set the tone for the day by highlighting the relevance of skill development in the fashion industry. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event, made a reference to the growing opportunities in the field of fashion and stressed the importance of innovation and creativity for achieving success. The seminar included a felicitation address by Dr. K.R. Murugan. He stressed the role of such events in bridging the gap between academia and industry.

The highlight of the seminar was the keynote address by Mr.S.Syed Bazil, Managing Director of Params Tex, Karaikudi. He discussed the nuances of the retail business and the importance of brand awareness in today's competitive market. He shared his vast experience in the fashion and textile industry, offering valuable insights into current trends, challenges, and strategies to succeed in the competitive fashion landscape. His address was highly informative and inspired attendees to pursue their aspirations in the fashion sector with renewed confidence. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms.P.Suruthi. The

seminar attracted students, budding fashion designers, and professionals who actively participated in discussions and networking sessions. The interactive nature of the event fostered a collaborative learning environment, leaving the attendees enriched with knowledge and motivation to excel in the fashion industry. The seminar served as a platform for sharing many ideas, building connections, and understanding the ever-evolving dynamics of the fashion world.

Towards Sustainable Elegance

International Fashion Day - 2024 Celebrated



The Fashion Technology Division of Alagappa Institute of Skill Development organised the International Fashion Day - 2024 on the theme of "Sustainable Elegance" on 9th July 2024 and conducted different competitions like Rangoli, Art from waste, Accessories making, Illustration and Mehandi. Students of the Institute participated in these events. The overall championship was won by Crazy Stylers. The students of Fashion Technology exhibited their talents in the Adult and Kids Fashion Show which was also a part of the International Fashion Day celebrations.

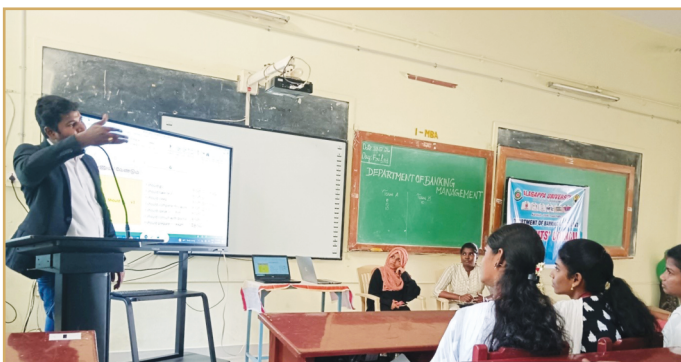
Adjunct Faculty Ms.P.Suruthi welcomed the gathering. The thematic address was given by Dr.KR. Murugan, Adjunct professor. He mentioned that this celebration would develop creativity, innovation and help in the fusion of art and education. Fashions inspire and empower individuals from all walks of life. Dr.V.Dharuman, Director i/c, AISD in his presidential address narrated the responsibility of students in honing their skills for the career development. He stressed the significance of the latest innovations in the process of production and sustainable fashion and its impact on the

current fashion trends. Dr. S. Sundararajan and Mr.R.Alaguraj spoke on the occasion and Ms.R.Monisha, adjunct faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

Seminar on Job Dynamics in Information Technology

The AISD organized a Seminar on "Job Dynamics in Information Technology" on November 22, 2024. This seminar aimed to educate the students on the latest trends, emerging opportunities and essential skills needed for thriving in the IT sector. Dr. V. Dharuman, in his welcome address, highlighted the importance of understanding job dynamics in the fast-evolving IT industry. Mr.S.Syed Hakkim Sultan, Director, Acrosys Technologies, Karaikudi, in his presidential address, emphasized the transformative impact of technology on employment patterns and the need for adaptability in a competitive job market. He inspired participants to leverage opportunities created by technological advancements. Mr.S.Palaniyappan discussed the current job dynamics in information technology. Dr.K.R.Murugan, Adjunct Professor, delivered the felicitation address. He urged attendees to take advantage of the discussions to refine their career paths and embrace lifelong learning. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. R. Ilavarasi, Adjunct faculty.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OF BANKING MANAGEMENT Five-Day Workshop on Communication Skill Organised



The Student Council of the Department of Banking Management organized a Five-day "Workshop on Communication Skills" from 20.12.2024 to 24.12.2024 for the I &II-yearMBA (Banking and Insurance) students. The training was provided by Mr.G.Sureshkumar, CEO of the National Institute of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, along with his team. A total of 133 students benefited from this comprehensive training programme. The workshop began with a welcome speech by Dr.R.Alamelumangai, Head of the Department. Dr.C.Yogalakshmi, Dean of the Faculty of Management, delivered the Presidential Address, highlighting the importance of communication skills in the professional world. The programme was organized by Dr.B.Sudha, Professor in the Department of Banking Management. The topics covered by the resource persons Mr.G.Sureshkumar and Ms.A.Kowsalaya, Trainer, NISDE, India included "Grammar Basics", "Be forms", "Tenses", "Helping Verbs", "Articles" and "Conversation Practices".



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