

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

2013-14

The Department of English began the academic year 2013-14 with a change of guard. Following the retirement from service of Dr.M.D.Radhika who had been the Head of the Department for ten years, Dr.Lalitha Menon took over as the new Head of the Department.

Results: UG - 97% Pass.

PG - 100% Pass.

Academic Activities

- Class on “Accent in Spoken English” - conducted by Prof. Gopalakrishnan, Rtd. faculty, Govt.College, Madappally, on 4-10-2013
- The fourth issue of the research journal, ‘Diotima’s’, was released in December 2013, with the focus on Films.
- Lecture on “Indian Philosophy” by Dr.Priyadarshan Lal, Rtd.faculty, Govt. College, Calicut, on 1-2-2014.
- Talk on “Writing for the Electronic Media” by Sowmya Balakrishnan, Freelance Journalist, on 7-2-2014
- Career Guidance Talk on “Journalism as a Career Option” by P.Anima, The Hindu, Calicut - on 10-3-2014

- Interclass Literature Quiz conducted by the students of the department on 21-2-2014
- Observed Malayalam Week in the first week of November. Anjumol B of PG I Sem presented the experience of writing her short stories

Co Curricular Activities

ASAP: The Additional Skill Acquisition Programme

The Department is Co-ordinating the ASAP programme of the Govt. of Kerala, in the college. Two camps of 21 days each, with 60 participants from all over the state, were organised during the Summer vacation (13-5-2013 - 2-6-2013). The college was granted A Star status by the Higher Education Dept. for this programme.





A Training Programme spread over two years, with 180 hours of English and IT classes, was launched in the month of November, 2013. 30 students from the various I Semester UG courses have been selected for this course.

The ASAP Co-ordinator, Bindu Amat was selected to undergo a 4 day special course for Master Trainers at Thiruvananthapuram from 11-11-2013 to 14-11-2013.

An Orientation Programme for the Final Semester UG and PG students was conducted on 3-3-2014

ASAP Fest was conducted on 5-3-2014 to recruit students for the 21-Day Training Programme and the Vocation for Vacation Skill Training Programme. All the students of the outgoing batches participated.



Group Discussion and Personal Interview: Conducted on 13-3-2014 and 17-3-2014 to select students from various colleges of Calicut for the 21 day Training Programme. 90 students participated, and 49 were selected.

Activities Organized by the Clubs

Grassroots, the Environmental Club

Talk by Dr. A.R.R.Menon, Rtd. Scientist, Kerala Forest Research Institute on "Biodiversity Status of Kerala" - on 29-8-2013

Mise-en-Scene, the Film Club

Remembering Rituparno Ghosh: Presentations by alumnae Aiswarya Sanath and Lakshmi Prabha followed by the screening of *Choker Bali* - on 19-6-2014

7 members of the club participated in the Film Festival organized by the Don Bosco College, Kannur University

Ten members sent abstracts for the Paper Presentation competition organized by St.Joseph's College, Devagiri. Four students were selected

to contest in the finals held on 28-10-2013: Shradha Sudhir, Shilpa Joy(III Sem BA English), Amala Devi CS, Anna Ruphus(I Sem BA English)

Four students participated in the Quiz Competition organized as part of the same event.

Transvision, the Radio Club

Final Year BA students participated in Campus Masala Programme in the Yuva Vani Section of AIR.

Students interviewed dignitaries viz- District Collector, City Police Commissioner, RTO and BSNL Chairman for various Radio Programmes.

Bookscape, the Readers' Club

Observed Readers' Week Celebration on 19-6-2013. Adithi Aravind of PG III Sem presented a review of Yashodhara Lal's fiction.

Alicia Jacob of III Sem BA presented a review of Alvin Tofler's *The Third Wave* on 25-7-2013.

Organised an interaction for students with the Tamil writer Salma on 4-10-2013. A biopic on the writer was also screened on the occasion.



Lakshmi Muraleedharan and Anitha Rose George of VI Sem BA presented a review of the work of the Canadian writer Alice Munro, this year's Nobel Laureate for Literature on 12-12-2014

Sreejisha Sudhakaran of PG IV Sem paid tributes to the British writer Doris Lessing on her demise in November 2013. 2-12-2013

Sneha Susan Smauel of PG IV Sem presented an analysis of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's story "The Yellow Wallpaper." 7-1-2014

Organised an Interclass Literature Quiz for the students of the dept. 21-1-2014
The PG IV Sem team won the I Prize.

Shradha Sudhir of IV Sem BA made a presentation on *Jane Eyre* on 31-1-2014.

Neha Sunil of IV Sem BA paid tributes to Amiri Barak and Namdeo Dhasal on their demise in January 2014. 15-2-2014

Crossfire, the Debating Club

Organised the Annual Debating Competition for the Prof. Radha S Nair

Prize on 21-1-2014. The topic was “ Are Reality Shows Real?”

Extension Activities

The students were engaged in tuitions at Varadoor LP School, voluntary work at SUMAN Rehabilitation Centre and Home of Love.

Student Achievements

Shafna M Ali of PG Final Semester Class won the third prize in the State wide Best PG Dissertation Competition organized by Unity Women’s College, Manjeri. (January 2014)

Shradha Sudhir and Remya K of IV Sem BA English won the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively at the Educational App Presentation Competition conducted by Malabar Christian College in connection with Digital Learning Day. (4-2-2014).

Shradha Sudhir of IV Sem BA English won the Prof.Radha S Nair Prize for the Best Debater organized by the Debating Club of the college.

Student Participation in Inter College and Inter Dept. Events

Sithara Mohan and Jinu Elizabeth of PG II Sem participated in the Translation Workshop at the Dayapuram Arts and Science College, Calicut on 16-2-2014.

Sneha Susan Samuel of PG IV Sem made a presentation for the R&D Cell on “A Psychoanalytic Reading of ‘The Yellow Wallpaper’.

Anju Jose and Sneha Susan Samuel of PG IV Sem reached the Final Round of the Author Quiz conducted by the Dept. of English, Unity Women’s College, Manjeri, on 3-12-2013.

Unnimaya Nambiar of I BA English won I Prize in Hindi Elocution and II Prize in Hindi Essay Writing at the B Zone Arts Festival.

Arathi Narayan (VI Sem BA), Swetha Premkumar(IV Sem BA) and Akshaya Rajan(II Sem BA) were part of the Thiruvathirakkali and Malayalam Drama and Skit Competitions that won I and II Prizes respectively at the BZone Arts Festival.

Participation of Faculty in Academic Activities and Consultancy/Extension Services

Dr.Lalitha Menon: Resource Person at the National Seminar on Trends in Contemporary Indian Fiction organized by the Dept. of English, Govt. Arts and Science College, Calicut(19th -20th November, 2013). Topic of Presentation: From Text to Screen: The Case of *The Namesake*.

Leeji Francis: Participated in the National Seminar on Postcolonial Perspectives in Indian English Literature organized by the SN Govt.Sanskrit College, Pattambi (16th-17th December, 2013)

Beulah Thomas: Made E-Content Presentations at the Educational MultiMedia Research Centre, Calicut

University - September, October and December, 2013.

Shyama E.: Participated in the National Seminar on Trends in Contemporary Indian Fiction organized by the Dept. of English, Govt. Arts and Science College, Calicut(19th -20th November, 2013).

Participated in the International Seminar on English language Teaching and Technology organized at Malabar Christian College, Calicut, on 5,6,&7 December, 2013.

Ramani CE: Participated in the National Seminar on Postcolonial Perspectives in Indian English Literature organized by the SN Govt.Sanskrit College, Pattambi (16th-17th December, 2013)

Participated in the International Seminar on “English Language and Literature: Rendezvous with Technology” organized by Vimala College, Thrissur with the State Institute of English, US Consulate and Chetana Media Institute (9th -10th January, 2014)

Bindu Amat: Conducted the College Level Independence Day Quiz organized by the NSS Unit of Malabar Christian College, Calicut (15-8-2013)

Conducted the Interschool Gandhi Jayanthi Quiz organized by the District Information and Public Relations Dept, Calicut, at Gandhi Griham (2-10-2013)

Conducted a Three hour session on Communication Skills at the Leadership

Training Camp organized for students by OISCA Calicut Chapter (7-10-2013)

Selected to attend the Master Trainers’ Training Programm organized by the Kerala State Dept. of Higher Education and the US Consulate at Thiruvananthapuram (11-14 November, 2013)

Conducted the State e Level Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition organized by the Dayapuram Arts and Science College (28-11-2013)

Chaired the Session on the Literature of the Marginalized at the National Seminar on Trends in Contemporary Indian Fiction organized by the Dept. of English, Govt. Arts and Science College, Calicut(19th -20th November, 2013).

Discussant at the International Seminar on English language Teaching and Technology organized at Malabar Christian College, Calicut, on 5,6,&7 December, 2013.

Resource Person at the National Level PG Teachers’ Inservice Course organized by the KV Sangathan at KV Calicut, 23rd&26th December, 2013.

Moderated various sessions and post-screenng discussions at the Prakrithi National Documentary Film Festival organized by the Consortium for Educational Communication and the Educational Multimedia Research Centre at the University of Calicut(2-4 January, 2014).

Delivered a Radio Talk on “Learning Language Through Music” broadcast on AIR on 19-1-2014.

Jury at the Bright Minds Best School Competition conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode(1-2-14)

Shanthi Vijayan: Jury for “Shoot an Idea” programme organized by Mathrubhumi Kappa TV at the college campus (22-10-13)

Jury for Paper Presentation Competition, “Talking Pictures”

organized by St,Joseph’s College, Devagiri (28-10-2013)

Attended International Film Festival of Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram 13-17th December, 2013.

Participated in the National Seminar on Trends in Contemporary Indian Fiction organized by the Dept. of English, Govt. Arts and Science College, Calicut(19th -20th November, 2013).