

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

2014-15

The Department of English began the academic year 2014-15 with a change of guard. Following the retirement from service of Dr.Lalitha Menon who had been the Head of the Department for a year, Ms.Ancy Mathew took over as the new Head of the Department.

Three new faculty members joined the department - Ms.Aparna Nandakumaran, Ms.Elizabeth Antony and Ms.Preethy Mary George.

Results: UG - 96.3 % Pass.

PG - 100% Pass.

Academic Activities

- Workshop on Academic Writing, led by Prof.Bhaskaran Nayar, former faculty of Lincoln University, UK, on 29-8-2014



- The fifth issue of the research journal, 'Diotima's', was released in December 2014, with the focus on European Literature.

- Lecture on American Literature by Ms.Shalini Raja, former faculty, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur, on 7-11-2014

- Class on Writing for the Media by Abdul Lateef Naha, Senior Correspondent, The Hindu, on 10-12-2014



- Class on Communicative English for the IDC and III DC students of the college, in collaboration with Overseas English Institute, Cochin, on 15-12-2014 and 16-12-2014 respectively

- Talk by Dr.Jenson Joseph, faculty, Central University of Tamilnadu, on The Superstar Phenomenon in South Indian Cinema, on 30-12-2014
- Inauguration of the Literary Association by Dr.B.V.Lasitha, faculty, Dept. of English, SN College, Kannur, with a talk on “Women and Technology”, on 16-2-2015
- Lecture on “Indian Philosophy” by Dr.Priyadarshan Lal, Rtd.faculty, Govt. College, Calicut, on 21-2-2014.



The Training Programme spread over two years, with 180 hours of English and IT classes, was continued for the 30 students from the various III Semester UG courses. A new batch for the I Semester students of 2014-15 has begun, after an Orientation session, Personal Interview and Aptitude Test. Selected students attended another Orientation Programme at MCCHSS on 10-10-2014.

The ASAP Co-ordinator, Bindu Amat was part of the Curriculum Development Committee for SDE Training, and was a Master Trainer at the 5 Refresher Courses for SDEs conducted by ASAP in February/March 2015.

An Orientation Programme and a selection process with GD and Personal Interview for the Final Semester UG and PG students was conducted on 10-2-2015

Theatre Workshop: Alumna Sowmya Balakrishnan anchored a Theatre workshop for the Final Year students on 2-7-2014

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. A 21 day camp, with 26 participants from all over the state, was organised during the Summer vacation (5-5-2013 - 25-5-2013). The college was granted A Star status by the Higher Education Dept. for this programme.





Talk on Higher Studies in English:
Delivered by alumna Linet Mary Thomas on 30-7-2014.

Motivational Talk: By alumna Ms. Payal Pankaj Bhulani on choosing Public Speaking as a Career option, on 18-8-2014.



Interaction with a Film maker:
Ms. Shahina Rafeeqe interacted with the students after the screening of her Short Film *Unfriend* on 9-9-2014.



Activities Organized by the Clubs

Grassroots, the Environmental Club

A documentary titled “Life Around Periyar” was screened for the V Sem students on 4-7-2014

Nature Walk by the V Sem students in and around the college campus on 25-7-2014

Mise-en-Scene, the Film Club

Remembering Padmarajan - Tribute paid by Anjumol B of II Sem PG, followed by screening of the movie *Namukku Parkan Munthirithoppukal* on 15-6-2014

Remembering Rituparno Ghosh: Screening of *Memories in March* on 17-6-2014

Transvision, the Radio Club

III Sem students presented programmes in the Yuva Vani Section of AIR, August 2014.

Sithara Mohan of III Sem PG interviewed the City Police Commissioner for All India Radio on 15-10-2014

Programme featuring the Sports students of the college is aired on AIR on 28-2-2015

Bookscape, the Readers’ Club

Observed Readers’ Week Celebration on 19-6-2013. Tributes were paid to

Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Maya Angelou by the students Swathi T, Harsha Vincent, Remya R, Neha Sunil, Swetha Premkumar and Shradha Sudhir. Former Principal Sr.M.Carmilla was the chief guest at this programme. Copies of Marquez's stories were distributed among the audience.

Members interacted with the Malayalam writer Sri.C.Radhakrishnan on the topic of Creative Writing, Literature and Science on the occasion of the release of his novel Agni, translated into English, on 23-7-2014

Ananya G and Anna Ruphus presented a tribute to Nadine Gordimer with a reading of her short stories on 31-7-2014

Swetha Premkumar of V Sem reviewed the book A Happy Place and Other Stories by Vineetha Mokkal, alumna of 1993 batch on 21-8-2014



Shilpa Joy paid tributes to UR Ananthamurthy on his demise, and reviewed his novel *Samskara* on 23-9-14

Organised a Quiz workshop for the students of the college. Anchored by Mr.Snehaj Sreenivas of Quiz Society of India, on 25-9-2014



Crossfire, the Debating Club

Organised the Annual Debating Competition for the Prof. Radha S Nair Prize on 19-2-2015. Remya R of VI Sem English was adjudged the best Debater.

Excursions and Study Trips

PG Final year students travelled to Chennai for reference work at the Chennai Central Library, accompanied by faculty Shanthi Vijayan and Elizabeth Antony -28th and 29th November, 2014

UG final year students made a tour of Fort Cochin and Mattanchery accompanied by faculty Bindu Amat and Elizabeth Antony on 4-12-2014.

Extension Activities

Quiz to spread awareness against alcoholism and drug abuse: The department and the college union coordinated the programme with the Dept. of Excise, Govt. of Kerala, to organize the Regional Level quiz competition - Moksha 2.0. on 7-10-2014. Inaugurated by Sri.Pradeep Kumar, MLA.



Talk on Breast Cancer Awareness -Was organized for the women of the college neighbourhood, in association with Mother Eugenie Oncocare, on 11-12-2014. The resource person was Dr.Sandeep Pillai, BMH, Calicut.

The students were engaged in tuitions at Varadoor LP School, voluntary work at SUMAN Rehabilitation Centre. Books and sweets were distributed to these students on the occasion of Onam and Christmas.

Essay Competition was organized for the readers and members of MV Library. Prize winner Master Viswajith was awarded his cash prize on the day of the Association inauguration.

Student Council organised the following events:

FIFA World Cup Quiz on 20-6-14. Winner - Khadeeja Manika, V Sem

Discussion on the life and works of Helen Keller, 29-6-14.

Review of Kamala Das's *Balyakalasmaranakal* by Greeshma Markose on 23-9-14

Acrostic Poetry Competition on 18-8-14. Winner - Remya R, V Sem

Celebrated Teachers' Day, Onam and Christmas in a fitting manner.

Student Achievements

Tintu Abraham of IV Sem PG is part of the Indian Women's Handball Team participating in the Incheon Asian Games in September 2014

College Magazine - DNA - edited by Shilpa Joy of V Sem, released by noted writer P.Geetha on 17-7-2014

Priya Prakash and Harsha Vincent of V Sem BA English won the 1st prize in the Quiz event organized as part of the seminar Informatics Visually at Malabar Christian College on 18-7-2015

Khadeeja Manika of V Sem won the III place in the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial State Level Quiz at College of Agricultural Engineering, Tavanur on 23-9-14

Remya R of VI Sem BA English won the Prof.Radha S Nair Prize for the Best Debater organized by the Debating Club of the college.

The students of the department bagged the Overall Championship in the Sports Day held on 23-1-2015.

Student Participation in Inter College and Inter Dept. Events

Alicia Jacob, Athira Devadas and Swathi T participated in the National Seminar, “Shakespeare Continuum” at the Unity College, Manjeri, 12-8-14 to 13-8-14.

Shradha Sudhir of V Sem was chosen the Best News Reporter and won III place in a political debate organized by the History dept.

The Dept.choir with the fol students- Greeshma Markose, Varsha Vinu, Gayathri, Aida, Aloshya, Amaladevi, Priyanka and Niranjana- won the I place in the Patriotic song competition conducted by the NSS in connection with the Independence Day.

Shilpa Joy of V Sem participated in a Creative Writing Workshop at the Dayapuram Arts and Science College, Calicut on 16th and 17th October, 2014.

Amaladevi CS and Unnimaya V Nambiar of III Sem participated in the Debate on the Relevance of the Planning Commission organized by the Xavier Institute of Management Education at MCC, Calicut, on 26-9-2014

Shilpa Joy and Shradha Sudhir of VI Sem made a presentation for the R&D Cell on “A Kafkaesque Reading of the film ‘Shutter’”on 12-12-2014.

Anita Simon and Amrita M of PG I Sem participated in the Author Quiz conducted by the Dept. of English,

Unity Women’s College, Manjeri, on 11-2-2015.

8 students - Basrath, Malavika, Aiswarya, Anagha, Anjana, Swathi and Anamila of II Sem UG participated in the seminar on Advertisements at MCC on 26-2-15. Anunkha of II Sem won the II place in the quiz organised as part of the event.

Sreelakshmi and Deepika of II Sem UG were part of the Thiruvathirakali team that won the I place at the B Zone Arts Fest

Swetha Premkumar(VI Sem BA) and Akshaya Rajan(IV Sem BA) were part of the 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

Shyama E.: Participated in the seminar “Informatics Visually” at Malabar Christian College on 18-7-2014

Participated in the UGC National Seminar on New Cultural Studies: A Critical Investigation at St.Joseph’s College, Devagiri, on 13th and 14th October, 2014

Jury member at the Yuva Intercollegiate Paper Presentation Competition at St.Joseph’s College, Devagiri on 28-10-2014

Bindu Amat: Panellist at the interview for the selection of SDEs of ASAP in June, July and August.

Participated in the seminar “Informatics Visually” at Malabar Christian College on 18-7-2015

Conducted the Monsoon Quiz organized by the College Union as part of Monsoon Fest, on 25-7-2014

Participated in the National Seminar, “Shakespeare Continuum” at the Unity College, Manjeri, 12-8-14 to 13-8-14. Chaired the session on Shakespeare and Films.

Conducted the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial State Level Intercollege Quiz organized by the College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Tavanur on 23-9-2014

Inaugurated the Exhibition of English Language Newspapers of India organized by the Journalism Club of MCC, Calicut on 9-10-2014

Chaired the session on Culture and Discourses of Power at the UGC National Seminar on New Cultural Studies: A Critical Investigation at St. Joseph’s College, Devagiri, on 13-10-2014

Conducted the State Level Intercollege Quiz organized by Dayapuram Arts and Science College, Calicut on 30-10-2014

Conducted the Interschool Quiz organized by Spring Valley Public School, Calicut, on 30-10-2014

Attended the International Philosophy Day Lecture by Prof. Madhava Prasad at the University of Calicut on 18-11-2014

Attended the Workshop organized by the Dept. of Collegiate Education, Govt. of Kerala, on the Walk With the Scholar Programme at SN College, Kannur on 19-11-2014

Delivered a Radio Talk on “Presentist Shakespeare” broadcast on AIR on 14-12-2014.

Participated in the Workshop on Deconstruction organized by Other Books, Calicut, on 26-1-2015

Attended the Frontier Lecture on Subjectivity by Dr. K. M. Kunhammad at the SS College, Areacode on 31-1-2015

Member of the Curriculum Development Committee for ASAP SDE Training at Trivandrum on 2-2-2015

Master Trainer at the 5 Refresher Courses for SDEs conducted by ASAP in February/March 2015.

Engaged a three hour session on Improving Communication Skills as part of the Scholar Support Programme at MCC, Calicut on 28-2-2015

Shanthi Vijayan: Participated in the UGC National Seminar on New Cultural Studies: A Critical Investigation at

St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, on 13th and 14th October, 2014

Jury for Literary events of the Youth Festival at St. Joseph's AIGHSS, September 2014

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Surya K: Attended the Orientation Course conducted by the Academic Staff College, University of Calicut, from 30-7-2014 onwards.

Participated in the UGC National Seminar on New Cultural Studies: A Critical Investigation at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, on 13th and 14th October, 2014

Aparna Nandakumaran: Presented a paper titled "A Generation Awakens: Youth and Politics in a Postcolonial Nation" at the 25th Annual ASNEL and 14th Biennial GAST International Conference on Postcolonial Justice at the University of Potsdam, Berlin 29-5-2014 to 1-6-2014.

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Participated in the UGC National Conference on Film, Film Studies and Ideology organized at the Dept. of English, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur from 12th to 14th November, 2014, and presented a paper, "The Emergence of the Rebel: Rahman and the Figuration of Youth in Malayalam Cinema"

Elizabeth Antony: Participated in the seminar "Informatics Visually" at Malabar Christian College on 18-7-2015

Attended a Workshop on Human Values Development Programme organized by AIACHE at Aluva, 13th to 16th October, 2014

Presented a paper, "Revisioning Caste and Gender: A Dalit Critique of Select Poems of Meena Kandasamy" at the UGC National Seminar on Dalit Feminist Autobiography at Sacred Heart College, Thevara, Kochi on 28th and 29th of October, 2014

Preethy Mary George: Attended a Workshop on Human Values Development Programme organized by AIACHE at Aluva, 13th to 16th October, 2014

Participated in the Faculty Training Programme for Young Teachers organized by the Kerala State Higher Education Council at Trivandrum 25th to 27th November, 2014.

Alumnae News

Shalini Baby of the 2014 batch has been selected by All India Radio as Dubbing Artiste

Merlin Babu of 2012 batch has collaborated as Asst. Director for Malayalam movies *Munnariyippu* and *Sapthamasree Thaskarah* released in 2014. She has won the PK Rosy Award for women film makers.



Alumna Merin Gregory led the Music Programme organized by the College Union on 11-2-2015