

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

2015 - 16

The Department of English began the academic year 2015-16 with a change of guard. Following the retirement from service of Ms.Ancy Mathew who had been the Head of the Department for a year, Ms. Leeji Francis took over as the new Head of the Department.

Ms.Santhi Vijayan entered FDP Deputation, and Ms.Gayatri Balakrishnan has been appointed in the subsequent vacancy.

Results:

UG - 89 % Pass.

Grades - A -1; B - 12; B+ - 17; C+ - 2;

F - 3

PG - 69% Pass.

Grades - B+ - 3; B - 5; C+ - 2; C - 1; F - 5

Academic Activities

- Class on Research Methodology for PG and Final Year UG Students by Dr. C.V.Abraham, Faculty, St.Joseph's College, Devagiri. On 23/6/2015



- UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Image, Text and Subjectivity: Visual Culture and the Humanities – 17/9/2015 – 18/9/2015. Inaugurated by Prof. M.V.Narayanan, Faculty, University of Calicut. Co-ordinator – Aparna Nandakumar. Other Resource Persons – Dr.Deepa Sreenivas, HCU, Hyderabad; Dr.A.T.Mohanraj, Art Critic; Dr.Ratheesh Radhakrishnan, Faculty, IIT Bombay. 15 papers were presented by participants from various parts of the country.



The Department also organized an exhibition of paintings by the early 20th century painter Chittaprasad Bhattacharya, and a book exhibition in connection with the National Seminar..



- Inauguration of Literature Association by Dr. Sunitha Srinivas, Head of the Dept. of English, Govt. College, Mokeri. - 4/12/2015. Delivers a talk on Reading in the Age of Distraction.



- Former faculty Ms. Beulah Thomas engages a three-hour session on the novel *The Golden Gate* for the PG students on 15/12/2015.
- Talk by Dr. Alexander Dunst, University of Potsdam, Germany, on Visual Culture and the Humanities, on 2/2/2016.



- The Department continues to offer the Add-on course in Communicative English.

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 28 participants from all over the

state, was organised during the Summer vacation (27/4/2015 - 17/5/2015).



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 2015-16 began in January 2016 after an Orientation session, Personal Interview and Aptitude Test. Selected students attended Skill Orientation Programme at MCCSS.

An Orientation Programme and a selection process with GD and Personal Interview for the Final Semester UG

and PG students was conducted on 7-3-2016

Workshop on Public Speaking

A two- week Public Speaking Workshop, in association with Toastmasters International, was organized for the students of the college. Alumna Payal Pankaj Bhulani was the Resource Person. 15 students completed the course in December 2015.



Interaction with a Film maker:

Noted film director Anil Radhakrishnan Menon interacted with the students of the department on 5/2/2016



R&D Cell:

- Final year students of the previous year, Shradha Sudhir and Remya R presented papers on the projects undertaken by

them as part of their UG Course, on 26/6/2015.

- V Sem UG students Ananya G, Unnimaya V Nambiar and Priyanka Antony make a presentation on Higher Education and Non Conventional Career Opportunities for English Literature graduates - 6/11/2015.

Activities Organized by the Clubs

Debating Club, Crossfire

- Class on Debating Skills for the students of the dept by SCERT Curriculum Board Member Mohammed Shiyas -5/10/2015
- Annual Competition for Prof.Radha S Nair Prize for the Best Debator – conducted on /2/2016. Topic: Should the Media Judge? Winner – Anagha Anil, IV Sem B.A.English

Environment Club – Grassroots

- Readings of literary works with Ecocritical themes - 29/6/2015
- Paper Presentations on Environmental issues for the students of the dept – 6/11/2015

Film Club, Mis en Scene

- Anna Ruphus (III DC) reviews Kim Ki Duk's repertoire - 26/9/2015

- Screening of Dr.Zhivago as tribute to Omar Sharif - 14/7/2015
- Screening and Review of 'Open Your Mind' directed by Vishnu Raghav – by Indulekha MS, IIDC - 13/8/2015
- Review of Japanese film 'The Wind Rises' by Anaswara Ramachandran, IIDC - 18/11/2015
- Reading of "Queen" by Remya R and Alicia Jacob, IPG - 9/12/2015

Radio Club, TransVision

- Yuvavani presented on AIR. Aiswarya P (IIDC) takes part in GD on Environmnet Day Issues – 2/6/2015
- II DC Students present various programmes on Calling the Youth on AIR - 26/9/2015
- Bindu Amat presents a review of the Booker Prize winning novel "A History of Seven Killings" by Marlon James on AIR – 20/11/2015
- Ananya G of VI Sem UG presents her short story, broadcast by AIR Calicut on 11/2/2016.
- Calling the Youth Programme presented by the students of the department – Remya R, Alicia Jacob 9I PG), Shruthi Denny, Debthara Suresh, Fathima Afeeda, Unnimaya TP(I year UG) on 12/2/2016

Readers' Club, Bookscape

- Observed Bloomsday, with readings from Joyce's Ulysses and the screening of a short film – 16/6/2015
- Reading Day observed - Tribute to Gunther Grass, Reviews of Karoor's poetry and Khaled Hossein's The Kite Runner by Amrita P (I PG), Malavika J and Shahanaz KM (I IDC) – 19/6/2015
- Anagha Anil, I IDC reviews Jhumpa Lahiri's The Namesake - 22/7/2015



- Tribute to Premchand by Shruthi TK, I IDC on the occasion of Premchand Week Celebrations – 13/8/2015
- Three students of the college – Abony Mathew, Shinu Hamna (I IDC Eng) and Anju Francis (I IPhy) participate in a Symposium on Reading and Reflecting Malayalam Poetry organized by Anweshi and Sahitya Akademi – 12/9/2015
- Reading of Prize Winning poems composed by Remya R and Alicia Jacob, IPG – 2/12/2015
- Review of *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Anaswara Ramachandran, I IDC – 2/12/2015
- Presentation by Ananya G on her recently published novel, *Njan Seetha* on 13/1/2016.



Theatre Club, Repertoire

- Presentation of Macbeth by II DC students - 2/12/2015



- Members attend a presentation of Macbeth at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri – 3/12/2015.

Excursions and Study Trips

- UG final year students made a tour of Cochin accompanied by faculty Aparna Nandakumar and Elizabeth Antony on 15/1/2016.

Extra Curricular Activities

Students of all the three UG classes presented cultural hours displaying their talents.



celebrated Onam with the inmates of the centre - 20/8/2015, and Christmas, by making Christmas cards to be sold towards fund-raising for the Centre.



Extension Activities

- **Mother Veronica Library** - Story Telling session by the students, for the children of the college neighbourhood - 1/8/2015
- **Books worth Rs.3500** added to the library.
- **Talk by Dr.Soniya John** on Ayurveda for Monsoon Related Ailments - arranged for the women of the college neighbourhood - 10/8/2015.
- **Varadoor LP School** - II B.A. Students presented a skit based on the Anti Drugs campaign - 20/8/2015. Students also celebrated X'mas at the school.



Student Council Activities

Organised the Welcome and Farewell functions for the new and outgoing batches.

Released the manuscript magazines of the three UG classes

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

Student Achievements

Ms.Ananya G of Final Year BA English gets her third novel, *Njan Seetha*, published by Mathrubhumi Books. The book is released by eminent South Indian writer Sri. Jayakanthan.



- **Suman Rehabilitation Centre** - Students of I B.A.

Banath Nashathul of III Sem B.A.English wins the prize instituted by the College Union for the student who has read the maximum number of English books during the previous year - 29/6/2015.

College Magazine - Varthamanam Paranju Paranju - edited by Gayathri Devi KG, released by noted writer Indu Menon on 15/7/2015.

Anaswara Ramachandran of III Sem wins the prize for the best short story, in a competition organized by the Magazine Committee. 15/7/2015

The students of the department bagged the II Prize in the Pookalam Competition organized by the College Union on 20/8/2015, and the Overall Championship in the Fine Arts Day Competition held on 23-1-2015.

Unnimaya V Nambiar and Shinu Hamna of V Sem B.A. win the II and III prizes respectively in the debate on the topic 'Does Education Empower Women', organized by the Swadeshi Science Mission, Kerala State Women's Commission and the Indian Institute of Spices Research in association with the college, on 10/9/2015.

Debthara Suresh of I Sem B.A. wins Best Parliamentarian Award at the State Level Competition conducted by the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Kerala 3/10/2015



Remya R and Alicia Jacob of I Sem PG win the I and II Prizes respectively at the Intercollege Versification Competition conducted by Unity Women's College, manjeri on 24/11/2015.

Sona Sathar and Shahanaz M of IV Sem.UG win the I and II Prizes respectively in the Tagline Competition organized as part of AdFest at Malabar Christian College, Calicut on 15/12/2015.

Doyal Jacob John of II BA is felicitated by the college on the occasion of Women's Day for her achievements in the literary field on 9/3/2016..

Student Participation in Inter College and Inter Dept. Events

Abony Mathew and Shinu Hamna of V Sem B.A. participated in the Symposium on Reading and Reflecting Malayalam Poetry organized by the Kerala Sahitya Akademi and Anweshi Women's Collective on 12/9/2015.

11 PG students attend a National Seminar on Recent Trends in Literature at the Govt. Arts and Science College, Calicut - 3/12/2015-4/12/2015.

Remya R and Alicia Jacob of I PG attend the Film Fest organized by the Dept. of English, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, and present a paper on "Oppositional Consciousness" in the Hindi Film 'Queen'" on 10/12/2015.

Jasiha, Sona Sathar and Shahanaz M participated in the Ad Fest organized by the Dept of English, Malabar Christian College, Calicut, on 15/12/2015

Alicia Jacob and Swati T of PG I Sem participated in the Author Quiz conducted by the Dept. of English, Unity Women's College, Manjeri, on 10-2-2015.

I year PG students Rinsha CP, Sreeakshmi N, Sr.Jisa Chacko and Liya Susonne Mathai attend a Lecture Series - re-reading Shakespearean Tragedy, at Dayapuram Arts and Science College, Calicut -4/3/2016-5/3/2016

I PG students Surya, Anjali Sadanandan and Sreelakshmi attend a Workshop on Writing for the Media organized by the Dept. of English, University of Calicut, on 18/3/2016.

University Arts Fest Winners:

Unnimaya V Nambiar of VI Sem UG won the II Prize in Hindi Elocution at the B Zone Arts Fest

Ruthulya V Nambiar of II Sem UG won the I Prize in the Folk Dance competition at the B Zone Arts Fest

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

Keerthana M, Akshaya Rajan (VI Sem BA) and Keerthana of IV Sem UG were part of the Malayalam Drama and Skit Competitions that won I Prize at the BZone Arts Festival.

Participation of Faculty in Seminars

Seminar	Organised by	Participants
UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Popular Culture and Literature, August 17-18, 2015.	Unity College, Manjeri.	Aparna Nandakumar

Dr. T. K. Nandakumar Memorial Oration delivered by Dr. T. T. Sreekumar on 11/11/2015.	Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur	Aparna Nandakumar
Seminar on Effective Teaching and Research on 5/12/2015	IQAC of the college	All the teachers of the dept.
International Film Festival of Kerala, 4/12/2015-8/12/2015	KFDC, Govt. of Kerala	Santhi Vijayan, Elizabeth Antony
UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Writing, Censorship and Democracy, 9/12/2016	Dept. of English, University of Calicut	Bindu Amat, Surya K
International Conference on Power, 12/1/2016 to 14/1/2016.	Unity Women's College Manjeri and Higher Education Council, Govt of Kerala	Shyama E, Ramani C E, Bindu Amat, Surya K.
Kerala Literature Festival, 4/2/2016-7/2/2016	Sahitya Akademi, DC Books	Shyama E, Ramani C E, Bindu Amat, Aparna Nandakumar
UGC Sponsored Canadian Literature Lecture Series, 5/2/2016- 6/2/2016	Canadian Studies Centre, Kerala University, Thiruvanthapuram	Leeji Francis, Ramani CE
International Conference on New Trends in Language Learning using Technology, 17/2/2016-18/2/2016	Dept of English, Malabar Christian College, Calicut	Bindu Amat
National Seminar on Quality Assurance, 27/2/2016	IQAC, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri	Bindu Amat

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Participation of Faculty in Academic Activities and

Consultancy/Extension Services

Shyama E.: Chaired a session on Power and Literary Interventions at the International Conference on Power organized by the Unity Women's College, Manjeri, on 12/1/2016.

Bindu Amat: Engaged two sessions of Communication Skills Enhancement for Teachers at the National Level Inservice Courses for PGT Teachers organized by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at KV, Calicut on 7/6/2015 and 25/12/2015.

Engaged the session on Women Empowerment through Education at the Orientation Programme for the new UG batch in the college on 27/7/2015.

Moderated the debate on 'Can education Empower Women' organized by the Swadeshi Science Mission, Kerala State Women's Commission and the Indian Institute of Spices Research in association with the college, on 10/9/2015.

Participated in the District Level deliberations on the National Educational Policy organized by the Dept of Education, Govt. of Kerala, on 22/9/2015.

Delivered a Radio Talk on the Booker Prize winner Marlon James's novel *A History of Seven Killings* broadcast on AIR on 20/11/2015.

Attended the English PG Syllabus Restructuring Workshop of the Govt.

Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, on 24/11/2015.

Delivered the MS Subbalakshmi Memorial Talk at a programme organized by the Film Club, Malabar Christian College, Calicut on 7/12/2015.

Interviewed transgender activist Kalki Subrahmaniam for the EMMRC, University of Caicut, on 9/12/2015.

Conducted an Intercollege Literature Quiz as part of the UGC Sponsored Literature Fest, Litvanza, at EMEA College, Kondotty, on 17/2/2016.



Chaired the session on New Teaching Methods at the International Conference on New Trends in Language Learning using Technology, on 18/2/2016 at Malabar Christian College, Calicut.

Delivered the Keynote Address at the International Women's Day programme organized by the All India Women's Conference Calicut Chapter on 5/3/2016.

Engaged a session on Communication Skills in English as part of the Certificate Course in Communicative

English offered by the Dept. of English, MES College, Valanchery, on 9/2/2016.

Delivered the Keynote address at a Literary Event organized by the Research Forum in English, Farook College, Calicut on 17/3/2016.

Santhi Vijayan: Moderated a debate on 'Social media and Freedom of Expression' organized by the NSS Units of the college - 11/8/2015.

Delivered a talk on the film 'Chemmeen' at the Chemmeen Golden Jubilee organized by Sanskriti, the Cultural Forum of the Dept. of History, on 28/9/2015.

Surya K: Attended the 21 day Refresher Course conducted by the Academic Staff College, University of Calicut, from 3/12/2015

Presented a paper on at the International Conference on Power organized by the Unity Women's College, Manjeri on 12/1/2016.

Aparna Nandakumaran: Presented her poems at the Poetry Slam organized by the Open Sky Initiatives on 14/6/2015.



Was the Keynote Speaker at a UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Popular Culture and Literature at Unity College, Manjeri, and presented a paper titled 'Youth and Cultural Production of Humour', on 18/8/2015.

Presented her poems at the Kritya International Poetry Festival at Trivandrum on 20/2/2016.

Elizabeth Antony: Moderated a debate on 'Social media and Freedom of Expression' organized by the NSS Units of the college - 11/8/2015.

Participated in the Master Trainers' Training Programme for Communicative English Trainers organized by ASAP at Thiruvananthapuram, - 17/3/2016-18/3/2016.