

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

## PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

### 2017-18

#### Faculty

**Ms. Leeji Francis** relinquishes the Headship of the Department.

**Ms. Shyama E.** takes charge as the new Head of the Department.

**Ms. Shanthi Vijayan** rejoins after availing FDP for the completion of her Ph.d.

**Dr. Kavya Krishna** resigns from her post on being appointed as Faculty at IIT Benares.

#### Results:

UG – Pass Percentage – 87%

A-6 B+--9 B-17 C+ --1

PG – Pass Percentage – 100%

B+8 B-8 C+2 C-1

#### JRF/NET Qualification

• **Varsha Vinu** and **Renu G** of 2017 PG batch and **Smriti T** of 2016 PG batch qualified NET



#### Faculty Achievements



• **Surya K.** -  
Awarded Ph. D Degree by the University of Calicut

• **Shanthi Vijayan**- Submitted her Ph. D Thesis to the University of Calicut.

• **Aparna Nandakumar** – Awarded a Monograph Project by National Film Archives of India (NFAI), Pune.

#### Student Achievements

Unnimaya T.P (VI Sem UG) and Aysha T.K (IV Sem UG) won the second prize in the Sports Quiz conducted by AIR.

Shifali R (I Sem UG) won the first prize for Hindi Essay Writing and Second Prize for Hindi Elocution in the competitions held by Gandhi Peace Foundation.

Unnimaya T.P (VI Sem UG) and Aysha T K (IV Sem UG) won the second place in the Literature Quiz conducted by Dept. of English (Functional), St. Joseph's College, Devagiri.

Three students of VI Sem UG- Jilna. C, Sruthi Deny and Christina Alphonsa- participated in the seminar on Start Up Companies organised by the Kerala Start Up Mission at IIIM Kozhikode.

Karthika P (IV Sem PG) won the third place in the Short Story Writing Competition held in connection with the Bi-Centenary celebration of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein at Blossom Arts and Science College, Kondotty.

Unnimaya T.P (VI Sem UG) won the first place in the JAM and Spelling Bee competition held as part of the Inter Collegiate Physics Fest organised by the Dept. of Physics, Providence Women's College.

Unnimaya T.P (VI Sem UG), Mariya John and Smrithi Manoj (II Sem UG) were part of the Western Group Music team that won the second place in the Calicut University B Zone Arts Fest 2018 with A Grade.

Anuvindha A (IV Sem UG) was part of the Sanskrit Drama team that won the second place in the Calicut University B Zone Arts Fest 2018.

Neha Raj, Meghna Francis, Saniya Saji, Pooja Mohan and Shifali R (II Sem UG) were part of the English Drama Competition that won the third place in the Calicut University B Zone Arts Fest 2018 with B Grade.

Unnimaya T.P of VI Sem UG was adjudged the Best Performer and won the first prize in JAM competition conducted by Blossom Arts and Science College, Kondotty.

Alisha Franklin (III Sem UG) won the third prize in the Taekwondo Inter Collegiate Competition held at MG College, Thrissur.

Unnimaya T.P (VI Sem UG) won the third place for The Reporter Contest in the Ragam fest held at NIT-Calicut.

### Diotima's

The Department published the annual academic journal *DIOTIMA'S: A Journal of New Readings*. The thrust area of the issue was 'The Body: History, Representation, Resistance'.



### Academic Activities

- Class on Post Colonial Studies by Dr. Vipin K.K, Assistant Professor, Benares Hindu University for the PG students on 15.06.2017.
- Class on the topic 'Samaresh Basu's Adaab: A Tale of Resistance of Communal Politics' for UG and PG students by Dr. Sanghita Sen, Researcher and Tutor, University of St. Andrew's, Scotland, UK on 27.7.2017.



- Inauguration of English Literature Association and the Intercollegiate Literature Festival 'Wanderlust 2K 17' (All Kerala) by social activist Ms. Kanchanamala on 13.10. 2017.



- Talk by Dr. Sherin B.S, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Comparative Literature, English and Foreign Languages University, on 'Islam and Feminism' for the UG and PG students on 2.11.2017.



- Class on Vikram Seth for the PG students by Ms. Beulah Thomas, Former Faculty of the Department on 18. 12. 2017.
- The Department organised a Lecture on 'Trauma Theory' by Dr. Umer Thasneem, Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of Calicut, on 5.3.2018 in connection with the IQAC Multidisciplinary Lecture Series held in the college.



- PG Students' One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k18 on "Mapping the Myriad Dimensions of Popular Culture" on 15.3.2018. Dr. Mohammed Shafeeq K., Post Doctoral Fellow, Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities delivered the Keynote Speech.



### 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 residential camp, with 28 participants from all over the state, was organised during the Summer vacation from 24/4/2017 to 13/5/2017.

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.

### R&D Cell:

- Final year students of the previous year, Anagha Anil and Shahnaz K.M, presented papers on the projects undertaken by them as part of their UG Course, on 20/6/2017.



### Activities Organized by the Clubs

#### Debating Club- Crossfire

Annual Competition for the Prof. Radha S Nair Prize for the Best Debator – conducted on 14.12.2017. The topic was ‘Development Causing Displacement’.

Meghna Francis of I BA emerged the winner.

#### Environment Club – Grassroots

Paper Presentation by III Sem UG students- Os-hin N, Parvathy P. Rajeev, Estelle Edwin and Anuvindha A- on relevant environment based issues on 11.7.2017.

### Film Club - Mis en Scene

Screening of the film ‘The Anniversary of the Nagasaki Explosion’ for the students of the Department on 9.8.2017.

### Radio Club -TransVision

Anuvindha A and Drishya K.V of III Sem UG and Alinta and Ardra. D of I Sem UG participated in the Yuvavani programme of AIR.

Rida Jaleel of III Sem UG participated in the programme ‘Calling the Youth: Talk on Youth’ broadcasted on AIR.

Nooriya Aboobacker (V Sem UG) and Meghna Francis (I Sem UG) participated in the AIR Yuvavani programme on the topic ‘Me Too’ Campaign on Social Media.

Neha Raj, Meghna Francis, Shivangi Shankar, Pooja Mohan, Mariya John and Smrithy N. Manoj (II Sem UG) participated in the AIR programme on “Calling the Youth: Talk on Gender Equality”.

Ms. Shanthi Vijayan (Faculty, Dept.of English) and Ms. Sosheena C. (Faculty, Dept. of Hindi) and the students Meghna Francis (II Sem English), Gopika V.M (II Sem Botany) Lakshmi K.R (VI Sem Physics) and Sreelakshmi V.R (VI Sem Physics) participated in the Yuvavani special programme “Kalalayavar-nangal” on AIR.

### Readers’ Club - Bookscape

Observed Bloomsday on 16.6.2017 with a James Joyce Quiz conducted for IV Sem PG students.

Conducted a Literature Quiz for V Sem students on 8.6.2017.

Conducted an English Language Quiz for Open Course students on 13.6.2017.

Members attended various sessions of the Kerala Literature Fest organised by the Govt. of Kerala and DC Books from 8/2/2018 - 11/2/2018.

### Excursions and Study Trips

- PG final year students made a tour of Ooty accompanied by faculty Preethy Mary George and Elizabeth Antony on 18/11/2017, and UG final year students made a trip to Kodaikanal, accompanied by faculty Bindu Amat and Chitra Sebastain on 18/12/2017.

### Extra Curricular Activities

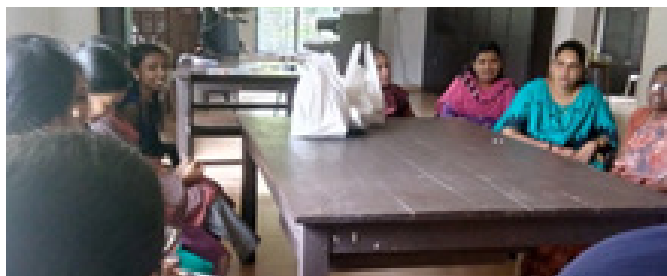
- Rida Jaleel of II Year B.A. is unanimously elected to the College Union as Student Editor.
- Students of III Year B.A. released their Manuscript Magazine.
- Students organised the Welcome and Farewell functions for the new and outgoing batches.



- Students celebrated Teachers' Day, Onam and Christmas in a fitting manner.
- Students played an active role in organising the Intercollegiate Literature Festival (All Kerala) Wanderlust 2K 17.

#### Extension Activities

- Suman Rehabilitation Centre – Students of II B.A and I BA visited the inmates of the centre and organised a cultural programme on 14.11.2017.



- Varadur LP School – Students of I BA celebrated Christmas with the students and staff of the school.



#### Add-On Course

Add-On Course on Communicative English was conducted for 30 hours for 37 UG students by Chitra Sebastian

#### Student Participation in Inter College and Inter Dept. Events

**Ayisha T.K** (III Sem UG) participated in the Calicut University Golden Jubilee Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition held on 15.01.2018.

**Unnimaya T.P** (VI Sem UG) and **Aysha T.K** (IV Sem UG) participated in the Intercollegiate Quiz Competition conducted by MES Youth Wing on 10.02.2018.

**Ayisha T.K** (IV Sem UG) participated in the Mathrubhumi Campus Reporter's Workshop held on 25.2.2018.

**Sreelakshmi.N** (III Sem UG) participated in the Inter Collegiate Kabaddi Championship held at St. Mary's College, Thrissur.

**Estelle Edwin** (IV Sem UG) was part of the college team that won the Overall Championship in the Intercollegiate Chingamaasam Competition held on 13.1.2018.

7 students of I MA participated in the National Seminar on Theatre as Adaptation at University of Calicut on 5.12.2017.

2 students of I MA participated in the International Colloquium on Creative Teaching and Learning at SS College Areacode from 12.12.2017-14.12.2017.

8 students of II MA participated in the International Colloquium on Creative Teaching and Learning at SS College Areacode from 12.12.2017-14.12.2017.

2 students of II MA participated in the National Seminar on Canadian Literature at Zamorin's Guruvayurappan College, Calicut on 20.02.2018.

**Karthika P** of II MA participated in the International Conference on Literature and Philosophy at PSMO College Thirurangadi, Malappuram on 26.03.2018.

#### Paper Presentations/Publications

**Neena Varghese** of II MA presented a paper "Popular fiction: A Tool to Develop English Language Skills" in the Intercollegiate paper presentation contest on Creative Teaching and Learning in Higher Education organised by Sullamussalam Science Col-

lege, Areacode on 31.10.2017.

**Neena Varghese** of II MA presented a paper “Resistance Narrative : Mitr, My Friend & English Vinglish : Reassertion of Patriarchy” in the PG Students’ National Seminar on Resistance Narrative organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College, Manjeri on 20.11.2017 and published it in the online journal TRACINGS.

**Karthika P** of II MA presented a paper “Rethinking Teaching of Performance Texts in the Age of Multi-Media: An Illustration with Hamlet” in the Intercollegiate paper presentation contest on Creative teaching and Learning in Higher Education organised by Sullamussalam Science College, Area-code on 31.10.2017.

**Karthika P** of II MA presented a paper “Resistance Narrative: An Illustration with Mark Antony’s speech in Julius Caesar” in the PG Students’ National Seminar on Resistance Narratives organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College, Manjeri on 20.11.2017 and published it in the online journal TRACINGS.

**Karthika P** of II MA presented a paper “Beauty: An Illustration with the General Idea ‘I took White, I stay White’ in the Singularities International Conference on Beauty organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College, Manjeri on 04.1.2018.

**Karthika P** of II MA presented a paper “Patriarchal India in Anita Nair’s Ladies Coupe in the light of Soumya and Aruna Shanbaug Cases” in the two day National Seminar on Nation, Narration and Narratology organised by Govt. College, Malappuram on 20.12.2017 and published it in the journal IJAR Vol.7 Issue no. 2278 – 7275.

**Karthika P** of II MA presented a paper “Popular Culture: Restructuring of Marriage in India” in the PG Students’ One Day National seminar Con-texts 2k18 on Mapping the Myriad Dimensions of Popular Culture organised by Providence Women’s College, Calicut on 15.03.2018.

**Krishnendu K** of II MA presented a paper “Reading of Internet Trolls as a Mode of Resistance” in the PG Students’ National Seminar on Resistance Narrative organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College Manjeri on 20.11.2018 and published it in the online journal TRACINGS.

**Krishnendu K** of II MA presented a paper “An Analysis of Shift from Black and White to Colour Photography” in the National Seminar on Colours organised by Little Flower College Guruvayur

from 13.12.2107-14.12. 2017 and published it in the journal MATIZ: Flottilla of Colours (ISBN no. 9788172550899).

**Shonima C.G** of II MA presented a paper “Editorials as a Medium of Resistance: Special Reference to Ban on Campus Politics” in the PG Students’ National Seminar on “Resistance Narratives” organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College Manjeri on 20.11.2018 and published it in the online journal TRACINGS.

**Amala T. Francis** of II MA presented a paper “Aghori Cult: Beyond Consumer Cult” in the PG Students’ One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k18 on Mapping the Myriad Dimensions of Popular Culture organised by Providence Women’s College, Calicut on 15.03.2018.

**Indulekha M S** of II MA presented a paper “New Media as a Spare for Resistance and Identity Formation” in the PG Students’ National Seminar on Resistance Narrative organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College, Manjeri on 20.11.2018 and published it in the online journal TRACINGS.

**Aiswarya N. Manoj Kumar** of II MA presented a paper “Feminist Resistance in Khalid Hosseini’s A Thousand Splendid Suns” in the PG Students’ National Seminar on Resistance Narrative organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College, Manjeri on 20.11.2018 and published it in the online journal TRACINGS.

**Aloshya B. Simon** of II MA presented a paper “Aesthetics of Resistance through Graffiti” in the PG Students’ National Seminar on Resistance Narrative organised by KAHM Unity Women’s College, Manjeri on 20.11.2018 and published it in the online journal TRACINGS.

**Aloshya B. Simon** of II MA presented a paper “Analysing Literature Fest as an Instance of Active Hearing” in the Inter collegiate paper presentation contest on Creative Teaching and Learning in Higher Education organised by Sullamussalam Science College, Areacode on 31.10.2017.

**Keerthi. N** of I MA presented a paper in the MES-MAC International Conference on Ecologies of the New: Matter, Mind and Body organised by MES Mampad College (Autonomous), Mampad on 9.1.2018, 10.1.2018 and 11.1.2018.

## Participation of Faculty in Seminars

Seminar	Organised by	Participants
Talk on Film/Media Archive and Political Imaginaries on 5.4.2017	IIT Bombay	Aparna Nandakumar
UGC Sponsored One Day International Workshop on Poetry and Fiction on 24.7.2017	Farook College	Shyama E
Workshop on Teaching English Communication Skills on 2.8.2017	MES Mampad College	Bindu Amat, Preethy Mary George
Workshop on "Dalit Discourses: New Engagements and Directions" from 25-10-2017-26-10-2017	KNM Women's College, Kannur	Shanthi Vijayan
Curriculum Development Workshop on 26.9.2017	ASAP, Trivandrum	Bindu Amat
International Lecture cum Seminar on Critical Theory and Comparative Literature on 20.10.2017	Central University, Kasargod	Elizabeth Antony, Kavya Krishna
Talk on Translation on 21.10.2017	Payyannur College	Elizabeth Antony, Kavya Krishna
One Day Workshop for Teachers on Teaching Methodology of Literature and Literary Criticism on 28.10.2017	PSMO College, Tirurangadi	Chitra Sebastian
National Seminar on Theorising Culture on 9.11.2017	Govt. Krishna Menon Memorial Women's College	Elizabeth Antony and Aparna Nandakumar
NSS Programme Officers' Residential Camp on 20.11.2017	Youth Hostel, Calicut	Preethy Mary George
Training for NSS Programme Officers at ETI, Kalamassery on 22.11. 2017-28.11.2017	ETI, Kalamassery, Kochi	Preethy Mary George
National Seminar on Theatre as Adaptation on 5.12.2017	University of Calicut	Leeji Francis
International Colloquium on Creative Teaching and Learning from 12.12.2017-14.12.2107	SS College, Areacode	Shyama E, C.E. Remani, Bindu Amat, Surya.K, Chitra Sebastian
International Women's Seminar on 4.1.2018	AKPCTA and State Women's Commission	Shanthi Vijayan, Elizabeth Antony, Kavya Krishna
Singularities International Conference on Beauty from 3.1.2018-5.1.2018	Unity Women's College, Manjeri	Bindu Amat, Surya K
National Seminar on Transnational Narratives on 9.1.2018	Govt. Arts and Science College, Kozhikode	Bindu Amat
National Seminar on Malayalee Articulations in English on 7.2.2018	Dept. of English, University of Calicut	Shanthi Vijayan
UGC Sponsored Workshop on Cultural Studies on 22.3.2018	Farook College	Preethy Mary George

## Participation of Faculty in Academic Activities and Consultancy/Extension Services

### Leeji Francis:

Was the Chairman of the Board of Examination-PG III Semester, June 2017.

### Shyama E:

Was the External Examiner for the I and II Semester PG Viva-Voce Examination at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri.

Was part of the Board of Examiners for PG IV Semester Viva-Voce Examination, University of Calicut.

Attended the BA English Board of Studies meeting for Syllabus Revision at University of Calicut as Special Invitee.

### Ramani C E:

Was part of the Board of Examiners for PG IV Semester Viva-Voce Examination, University of Calicut.

Chaired a Session at the PG Students' One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k18 on Mapping the Myriad Dimensions of Popular Culture, organised by the Department of English, Providence Women's College, Kozhikode.

Coordinated various programmes for student and faculty participation on All India Radio, Calicut.

### Bindu Amat:

Was the External Examiner for the PG IV Sem Viva-Voce Examination at Farook College.

Was a faculty at the Training of Trainers for the ASAP University Integration Scheme held at Trivandrum.

Was the Scrutiny Board Chairman for the IV Semester UG English examination, 2017 of Kerala University.

Was the External Examiner for PG IV Semester Viva-Voce Examination held at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri.

Inaugurated the activities of the Literary Club Spandanam for 2017-2018.

Engaged a Class on Communicative English Teaching at Unity Women's College, Manjeri.

Delivered a Radio Talk on the occasion of Hiroshima Day on All India Radio on the topic 'Literary and Cultural Representation of the Atom Bomb'.

Inaugurated the Literature Association of Alphonso College, Thiruvambady.

Was the Resource Person at the Refresher Course for NAAC SDE's held at PMOC, Kozhikode.

Attended the ASAP Curriculum Development

Meeting at ASAP Head Quarters, Trivandrum.

Chaired a session on 'Human Trafficking and the Media' at the One-Day National Seminar on 'Human Trafficking' organised by the National Commission for Women and the NGO Srichethana at Kozhikode.

Conducted an Interschool Quiz Competition at Spring Valley Public School, NIT Campus, Kozhikode.

Attended the Curriculum Revision Workshop of the BA English Board of Studies at University of Calicut.

Was the Resource Person at the Training for ASAP Trainees, held at Loyola College, Trivandrum.

Delivered a Talk on "Why Read Jane Austen" at the Jane Austen Bi Centennial Celebrations at MES College, Mampad.

Chaired a Session on 'Leading to Innovate' at the International Colloquium on Creative Teaching and Learning in Higher Education at SS College, Area-code.

Was the Quiz Master at Yuga Inter collegiate Arts Fest held at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri.

Chaired a Session on 'Beauty and Brain' at the International Conference on Beauty at Unity Women's College, Manjeri.

Chaired a Session on 'Science and Arts: The Paradigm Shift' in the National Seminar on Transnational Narratives at Govt. Arts and Science College, Kozhikode.

Interviewed the Irish writer Alan Tiley and Moderated a Discussion on European Literature with Irish and Latvian writers.

Delivered the Women's Day Message at the event organised by the All India Malayalee Association, Kozhikode.

### Shanthi Vijayan:

Delivered a talk on "Feminist Theory and Praxis" at the Dept. of Malayalam, Govt. Arts and Science College, Meenchanda.

Published an article "Voicing the Poetics of Responsibility: Sarah Joseph's Aathi as an Eco-critical Document" in TJES, Journal of English Studies, Vol.9, No.1.

Was the Panelist for a discussion on Contemporary Women Politics at the International Women's Seminar organised by AKPCTA in collaboration with the Kerala State Women's Commission.

Delivered a Plenary Session at the National Seminar on Malayalee Articulations in English organised by the Department of English, University of Calicut.

Conducted a Workshop on the Fundamentals of

Film Studies: The Making and Watching of Movies at CREST, KIRTADS, Kozhikode.

Was the Resource Person at the UGC-ASC Refresher Course for English and Foreign Languages held at the University of Calicut.

Delivered a plenary session at the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Literary Studies at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri.

#### **Surya K:**

Was the External Examiner for UG Project Viva at Markaz College, Karanthur and IHRD College, Calicut

Presented a Paper "Beauty as Discourse: The 'Woman' Image in Indian Popular Culture" and Chaired a Session on 'Beauty, Nature and Culture' at the International Conference on Beauty held at Unity Women's College, Manjeri

Was the Resource Person at the UGC-ASC Refresher Course for English and Foreign Languages held at the University of Calicut.

Chaired a Session at the PG Students' One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k18 on Mapping the Myriad Dimensions of Popular Culture organised by the Department of English, Providence Women's College, Kozhikode

#### **Aparna Nandakumar:**

Was the External Examiner for UG Project Viva at IHRD College, Thamarassery

Was the Resource Person at the National Seminar on Theorising Culture organised by the Department of English and Directorate of Collegiate Education at Krishna Menon Memorial Women's College, Kan-nur.

Conducted a Workshop on the 'Fundamentals of Film Studies: The Making and Watching of Movies' at CREST, KIRTADS, Kozhikode.

Coordinated the PG Students' One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k18 on Mapping the Myriad

Dimensions of Popular Culture, organised by the Department of English, Providence Women's College.

#### **Elizabeth Antony:**

Was the Co-ordinator of the ASAP- CET Programme during the months of April and May 2017.

Organises the ASAP Foundation Course in English and IT.

Was the Superintendent of University Exams for August 2016-17.

#### **Preethy Mary George**

Co-ordinated the various activities of the NSS units of the college.

#### **Dr. Kavya Krishna KR**

Was the Co-ordinator of the Intercollegiate Literature Festival (All Kerala) Wanderlust 2K17 organised by the Department.

Chaired a Session at the PG Students' One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k 18on Mapping the Myriad Dimensions of Popular Culture organised by the Department of English, Providence Women's College, Kozhikode.

Was the script writer and composer for the NAAC Cultural Programme 2017 held at Providence Women's College.

#### **Chitra Sebastian**

Chaired a Session at the National Seminar on Contemporary Kerala History in Retrospect organised by PG Departments of History and Political Science, KKTU Govt. College, Kodungallor.

Presented a paper in the National Conference on Modern Trends in Research 2017 by Teresian Research and Consultancy Cell, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam.

Co-ordinated the Activities of the College Union as the Fine Arts President.

Attended a one month Refresher Course at JNU, New Delhi.

*The Department Organised the Annual Prize Day of the College.* ▶▶

