

**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
PROVIDENCE WOMEN'S COLLEGE
2018-2019**

Faculty

Chitra Sebastian resigns from her post on being appointed in government service.

Varsha Vinu and Swathi T. join as guest faculty.

Leeji Francis retires from service.

Results:

UG – Pass Percentage – 64.10%

B 13, C 10, D 2

PG – Pass Percentage – 100%

B+ 4, B 14, C+ 1, C 1

JRF/NET Qualification

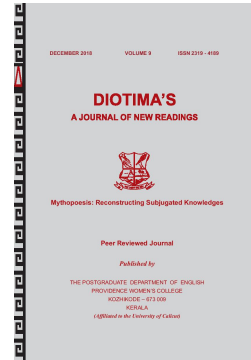
Doyal Jobin Jacob of II MA English qualified NET, along with alumnae Alicia Jacob, Remya R, Anitha Rose George, Sreejisha Sudhakaran, Sujatha Menon, Gargi A, Archa Farooq, Shahin SA, and Anusree G



Diotima's

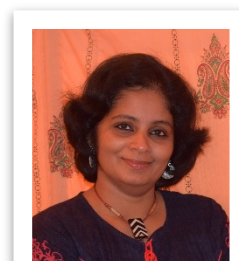
The Department published its annual academic journal **DIOTIMA'S: A Journal of New Readings**, edited by Dr. Shanthi

Vijayan. The thrust area of the issue was “**Mythopoesis: Reconstructing Subjugated Knowledges**”. A website was also created for the journal.

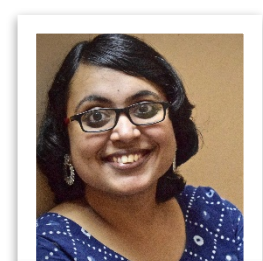


Faculty Achievements

- Chitra Sebastian submitted the UGC Minor Project entitled “Anti Realist Techniques Employed in the Japanese Noh Theatre”.
- Aparna Nandakumar submitted a monograph on Venu Nagavally to the National Film Archives of India, Pune.
- Aparna Nandakumar was awarded PhD by the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad
- Shanthi Vijayan was awarded PhD by the University of Calicut.



Dr. Shanthi
Vijayan



Dr. Aparna
Nandakumar

Student Achievements

Alsha Maria Biju of II BA English received certificates for successfully completing the NPTEL online courses on “Developing Soft Skills and Personality” with a consolidated score of 70% and on “Applied Linguistics” with a consolidated score of 56%.

Rida Jaleel of III BA English was selected to present her story at the Kerala Edition of *Stories Worth Sharing* held at Thiruvananthapuram. Rida Jaleel won the first prize in English Short Story Writing and the third prize in English Elocution in the B-zone competition 2019. She won the third prize in a State level essay competition on Higher Education conducted by Sir Syed College, Taliparamba.



Rida Jaleel,
III BA English

Greeshma K. of I BA English secured the silver medal in fighting at the Senior Taekwondo championship held at Kasaragod on 1-2 July 2018, and was selected to attend the National Games camp.

Angelina, Greeshma Antony, Jain Ann Joseph, Devika S. Praveen and Anjali Soman of I BA English were winners of the quiz competition conducted by the Dept. of Physics as part of Moon Day celebrations.

Anagha PM, Niketha Mohan and Josna Joseph of I BA English secured second place in the second round of the quiz conducted by the Career Guidance Cell of the college.

Liyana, Estelle, Tamanna, and Fathima passed the driving test, attending classes organised under the skill development programme of the department.

Smrithy Manoj and Neha Raj of II BA English won the first and second prizes respectively in the Haiku and Letter to Romeo competitions at Farook College.

Shivangi Shankar of II BA English won the second prize for English Essay Writing in the B-zone competition 2019.

Meghna Francis of II BA English won the first prize for English Versification in the B-zone competition 2019.

Shifali R. of II BA English won the first prize for Hindi Elocution.

Aarya K. and Namratha Sreenivasan of II BA English were part of the team that won the first prize for English Drama in the B-zone competition 2019.

Aswathy of II BA English was part of the team that won the second prize for Hindi Drama in the B-zone competition 2019.

Anuvindha of III BA English, Neha Balachandran of II BA English, and Vedalakshmi and Kavya Rajesh of I BA English were part of the team that won the third prize for Sanskrit Drama in the B-zone competition 2019.

Neha Balachandran and Ardra Vincent of II BA English and Anjitha of I BA English were part of the team that won the first prize for Naadanpaattu in the B-zone competition 2019.

Gayathri Muraleedharan, Jenny Johnson, and Devika S. Praveen were part of the team that won the second prize for Group Song Western in the B-zone competition 2019.

Athira Prabhakaran of II BA English was part of the team that won the third prize for Margamkali in the B-zone competition 2019.

Sreelakshmi N. of III BA English and Ardra D. of II BA English were part of the team that won the first prize for Group Dance in the B-zone competition 2019.

Academic Activities

- Association inauguration and lecture by Dr. S. Nagesh, Head of the Department of English, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, on the topic "Literature in the Post-human, Post-truth Era".



- The PG Students' **National Seminar Con-TEXTS 2k19** on "Revisiting the Classics" was conducted on 1 March 2019. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Janaky Sreedharan, University of Calicut.



- Talk on Children's Literature by Dr. Diti Vyas, Adani Institute of Infrastructure Management, Gujarat.



- A 3-hour session on "Soft Skill Development Training - Communication and Leadership Skills" was conducted by Ms. Payal Pankaj Bhulani. 20 students from II BA English attended the session.



- The Career guidance Cell organised a talk by Mr. Alan Lukose, Rajagiri College of Management.
- Dr. Shanthi Vijayan gave a talk on Research Methodology for the final year UG and PG students on 19 February 2019.

Co Curricular Activities

ASAP: The Additional Skill Acquisition Programme

The ASAP Foundation Course co-ordinated by Elizabeth Antony has two batches running to its credit. The Foundation

Module which began with a batch of 28 first year UG students in January 2018 will end in the month of March 2019. The students of the 2018-19 are being trained by Ms. Keerthi R., Skill Development Executive, ASAP. In 2019 the batch was formed with 21 first year UG students and classes commenced in the month of March. The students are being trained by Ms. Ananya C., Guest faculty, Dept of Economics.

Research and Development Cell

On 20 July 2018, the R&D Cell conducted a project presentation talk by Cherie Diana Rose Thomas for the second and third year students of the department. The PG Students' National Seminar Con-Texts 2k19 on "Revisiting the Classics" was conducted under the aegis of the Cell. The R&D Cell of the college awarded two cash prizes for the best papers. Swetha TP of Amritha University won the first prize and Anjana Sanilkumar of Central University of Kerala won the second prize. As part of the Mega Project on environmental awareness organised by the R&D Cell of the College, the R&D Cell of the department conducted a study on "The Depiction of Nature in Literature". The participants Neha Raj, Sanjana R. Das, and Shivangi Shankar K presented their report.

Literature Fest

Riviera 2k18, the literature festival organised by the department, was officially inaugurated by RJ Joseph Annamkutty Jose. A food fest was also organised as part of the fest.



Activities Organized by the Clubs

Environment Club: Grassroots

A talk by Sr. Pilty, Dept. of Botany, on Ecological Interactions was held for the BA English Students on 5 October 2018.



Film Club: Mis-en-scene

The following films were screened under the aegis of the film club: *Gone Girl* (dir. David Fincher, 2014), the National Award-winning Marathi film *Court* (dir. Chaitanya Tamhane, 2014), the Hollywood classic *The Godfather* (dir. Francis Ford Coppola, 1972), the Japanese classic *Rashomon* (dir. Akira Kurosawa, 1950), *King Lear*, and *The Cakemaker* (2017) by the Israeli auteur Ophi Raul Graizer.

Radio Club: Transvision

On 5 July 2018, Mohasina N.V., Faculty, Jewellery Designing, presented a talk on Yuvavani. Meghna Francis, Smrithi N. Manoj, Neha Raj, and Shivangi Shankar of II BA English participated in the Calling the Youth programme on 20 July 2018 at the All India Radio, Kozhikode. They spoke on the topic, "Breaking Taboos". On 12 September 2018, Naipunya Sunil of II BA History shared her experience as an International Mixed Martial Arts Competition contestant on the FM Live Chat Show "Music Mix". On 19 December 2018, Hanan Ashraf, Arunima, Aisha Nilufer, and Shahda of I BA English presented a Christmas-themed skit and Greeshma Antony shared her Christmas experience for Yuvavani. Devika S. Praveen, Gayathri Muraleedharan, Ann Maria, Jain Ann Joseph, and Jenny of I BA English and Thanmayi of I BSc Physics sang carols. Thanmayi also presented a musical composition. A talk on "Examination Stress" (Niranjana Sunil, II BA English) and "Cherish the Forgotten Values" (Mariya, II BA English) was conducted as part of the "Calling the Youth" programme on AIR on 1 March 2019. The following students presented book reviews as part of the "Calling the Youth" programme on AIR: Hanan Ashraf reviewed *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, Ayisha Nilufer reviewed *A Child Called It* by Dave Pelzer, Devika S. Praveen reviewed *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Greeshma Antony reviewed *The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari* by Robin Sharma, Shilpa Mathew reviewed *Wise And Otherwise* by Sudha Murthy, Smrithy Manoj reviewed *Island Of The Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell, and Meghna Francis reviewed *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.



Reader's club: Bookscape

On 3 July 2018, Neha Raj of II BA English reviewed the novel *To Sir with Love* by E.R. Braithwaite as part of the Readers' Club activities. On 20 July 2018, as part of the Readers' Club activities, Niranjana Sunil of II BA English presented a review of *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. On 30 July 2018, the Readers' Club of the department conducted a Crossword puzzle challenge to celebrate the bicentennial birth anniversary of Emily Bronte during the third hour. Sanjana and Amrutha of II BA won the first prize while Parvathy and Neethu of III BA English won the second prize. Estelle Edwin and Oshin of III BA also made presentations on Emily Bronte and *Wuthering Heights*.



The Debating Club, Crossfire, conducted the annual debating competition for the Radha S. Nair Prize. Neha Raj of II BA English won the prize, while Devika S. Praveen of I BA English was awarded a special jury prize.



Excursions and Study Trips

PG final year students made a tour of Kariyathanpara accompanied by faculty Leeji Francis and Remani C.E. on 25 February 2019, and UG final year students made a trip to Coorg and Chikmagalur, accompanied by faculty Shanthi Vijayan and Aparna Nandakumar on 3-4 February 2019.

Extra Curricular Activities

- Aarya K. of II BA English was elected to the college union as Fine Arts Secretary, Ardra Vincent of II BA English as Student Editor, and Estelle Edwin as University Union Councillor.
- Students of III Year B.A. released their Manuscript Magazine.
- Students organised the Welcome and Farewell functions for the new and outgoing batches, as well as a Farewell function for retiring faculty Ms. Leeji Francis.
- Students participated vibrantly in the Fine Arts Day, Sports Day, Ethnic Day, and Christmas Day programmes.
- Students played an active role in organising the Intercollegiate Literature Festival (All Kerala) Riviera 2k18.

Extension Activites

Flood Relief: On 18 June 2018, Ms Preethy Mary George visited the flood-affected areas of Vadakkumvayal, Kannadikkal, for relief work, along with NSS volunteers from II BA English Neha Balachandran, Anu Renny, and Namratha Sreenivasan. On 29 June, Ms Elizabeth Antony accompanied the college union members to the Kattippara flood relief camp. The department contributed a sum of Rs. 8390 towards the relief effort. On 27 July 2018, the department contributed Rs. 2110 in cash and about Rs.4000 worth goods in kind to the flood relief effort in Alappuzha and Kottayam districts organised by the district collector, Kozhikode. On 1 September 2018, Ms. Ramani C.E, Ms. Bindu Amat, Ms. Shanthi Vijayan, Ms. Surya K and Ms. Aparna Nandakumar visited flood affected areas in Kannadikkal with student representatives. The faculty and students also participated in the flood relief camp held in the college during the Onam holidays. The department also raised an amount of Rs. 1,15,815 towards flood relief activities organised by the college, including an alumnae contribution of Rs. 83,000.





Varathur LP School: On 19 December 2018, Dr. Aparna Nandakumar and Ms. Varsha Vinu attended Christmas celebration at the Varathur LP School with students from I BA and III BA English.



NSS: Ms. Preethy Mary George coordinated the NSS special camp at Karanthur Markaz Girls Higher Secondary School from Dec 22- Dec 28, as well as several other activities of the NSS unit over the course of the academic year. Ms. Leeji Francis hoisted the NSS flag on the inaugural day of the camp.

Add-On Course

The Add-On Course on Communicative English was conducted for UG students by Chitra Sebastian and Swathi T.

Student Participation in Inter College and Inter Dept. Events

- The Career Guidance unit of the department organised a class on Preparing for Competitive Exams through Quizzing. Three students of the II BA class represented the department in the interdepartmental quiz competition organised as part of the class.
- Oshin of III BA English participated in Ormayil Ninnun, a gaanamela programme by Ganamalika Orchestra, Kozhikode, at the Town Hall.
- Jain Ann Joseph of I BA English attended the workshop on Entrepreneurship organised by the IQAC.
- Rida Jaleel, Fathima and Roobiya of III BA English attended the Shaping Young Minds programme organised by the Calicut Management Association at Ashirvad Lawns.
- Ayisha TK of III BA and Sanjana S of II BA participated in the Literature Quiz organised as part of YUGA

Literature Fest at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri

- Sneha Antony and Masnam Finsha of I MA English participated in the International Colloquim on Literature, Art and Culture in the Digital Age held at Farook college.
- Keerthy N., Aiswarya P., and Alusha George of II MA English attended The Golden Jubilee Annual Multi-Disciplinary Seminar Series, RIPPLES 2018, by SNG College, Chelannur.

Paper Presentations/Publications by Students

- Keerthi N. of II MA English presented a paper titled "Representation or Misrepresentation: Homosexuality in Spanish and Indian Movies" at the two-day National Seminar on Towards the Subaltern in Knowledge: Literature, Nature, Culture, Society and Media, organised by the Dept. of English, Pondicherry University.
- Aiswarya P. of II MA English presented a paper titled "Surging up of Netflix Series and Films in India and its Stand on Societal Institutions" at the PG National Seminar on Literature, New Media, and Contemporary Society, organised by the Dept. of English, Unity College, Manjeri.
- Jesna James of II MA English presented a paper titled "From Identity to Identities: A Study on Narayan's Kocharethi" at the Golden Jubilee National Seminar on

"Politics of Representation: Dalits, Adivasis, Minorities" organised by the Institute of Tribal Studies and Research, University of Calicut, from 28 to 30 January, 2019.

- Doyal Jobin Jacob of II MA English presented a paper titled "Nuances in the Writings of Arundhati Roy" at the RUSA- sponsored national seminar on "The Novel Boom: Mapping the Paradigm Shifts in Contemporary Indian English Fiction" held at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, on 21-22 February 2019.
- Doyal Jobin Jacob of II MA English presented a paper titled "Literature in Transformation: A Postmodern Reading of the Novel Lord of the Flies" in the PG Students' National Seminar Con-Texts 2k19 on "Revisiting the Classics" organised by the department on 1 March 2019.

Participation of Faculty in Academic Activities and Consultancy/Extension Services

Leeji Francis:

Chief Superintendent of Examinations in the absence of the Principal.

Editor of the College Handbook.

Coordinated the activities of the debate club of the department.

Inaugurated the Mathematics department fest on 30 January 2019.

Accompanied the second year Walk with a Scholar students on a study tour.

Chief Guest for the Association Valedictory programme of the Physics department.

Shyama E:

Was part of the Board of Examiners for PG IV Sem Viva Voce Examination, University of Calicut

Chairperson of the III sem and I sem UG CMV Camps, 14-25 Sep and 10 Oct-3 Nov.

Inaugurated Moon Landing Day celebration organised by the Dept. of Physics.

Attended the Pass Board Meetings for III semester UG on 15 October 2018, and for I semester UG on 26 November 2018 at the University of Calicut.

Ramani C E:

Chaired a Session at the PG Students' One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k19 on "Revisiting the Classics", organised by the Department of English, Providence Women's College, Kozhikode on 1 March 2019.

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

Bindu Amat:

Chaired a scrutiny board meeting at Kerala University.

Subject competent at the selection of English teachers at St. Michael's Higher Secondary School, Kozhikode.

Was part of the Board of Examiners for PG IV Sem Viva Voce Examination, University of Calicut

Adjudged the photography competition "Carmel Frames", conducted as part of the World Youth Skill Day programme.

Conducted a State Level Intercollege Quiz Competition in the college as part of Reverberates Quiz Festival 2018 organised by the Quiz Society of Kerala.

Interviewed partition historian Anchal Malhotra and popular authors Shobha De and Ashwin Sanghi as part of the Kerala Literature Festival 2019.

Conducted an Intercollegiate Quiz for All India Radio, Calicut, on 24 January 2019.

Presented a paper titled "Reframing Frida: A Portrait of the Woman as an Artist" at the National Seminar on Women and Cinema at the University of Calicut on 30 January 2019.

Chaired a session on Films and Theory at the KSHEC sponsored International Colloquium on Theory and Possible Worlds at Kannur University on 1 February 2019.

Engaged a class on Speaking Skills at the Refresher Course for Higher Secondary Teachers at the University of Calicut.

Chaired the Inaugural Session at the International Colloquium on Literature, Art and Culture in the Digital Age at Farook College on 22 February 2019.

Was a faculty at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Programme at Calicut.

Adjudged the JAM and Debate events at Sastra 2K19, the State Level Physics Fest conducted by the Dept of Physics.

Delivered the Women's Day message at Popular Automobiles on the occasion of the International Women's Day Celebrations on 8 March 2019.

Resource person at the UGC-HRDC Refresher Course in English at the HRDC, University of Calicut, on 12 March 2019.

Coordinated various activities of the Readers' Club of the department.

Shanthi Vijayan:

Coordinator of the Skill Development Programme and the R&D Cell of the college, as well as of the department.

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

External examiner for the PG viva at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, on 21 June 2018.

Adjudged the Essay Writing Competition conducted as part of Althea 2K18 in the Department of Chemistry.

Inaugurated the Skill Development Programme of the Dept. of Botany, giving a brief introduction to the session "Self-care Skills: Grooming the Self".

Attended the International Film Festival of India, held at Goa from 20–28 November, and the International Film Festival of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram from 8 –12 December.

Adjudged the annual debating competition for the Radha S. Nair prize conducted by Crossfire, the debating club of the department, on 16 January 2019.

Gave an orientation cum workshop on Research Methodology for the PG students of St. Xavier's College, Eraniel.

Chaired a Session at the PG Students' One Day National Seminar Con-texts 2k19 on "Revisiting the Classics", organised by the Department of English, Providence Women's College, Kozhikode on 1 March 2019.

Delivered a lecture on Gender Sensitisation at Popular Vehicles and Services on the occasion of the International Women's Day Celebrations 8 March 2019.

Surya K:

Was part of the Board of Examiners for PG IV Sem Viva Voce Examination, University of Calicut

Published a research article, "Beauty as Discourse" in *Singularities International Journal*, Vol. 5 issue 2, July 2018.

Delivered a talk as part of the IQAC Frontier Lecture Series on 20 July 2018.

Conducted a workshop on Academic Writing for the final year BA and II PG students, Unity Women's College, Manjeri.

Chaired a session at the international colloquium on Literature, Art and Culture in the Digital Age held at Farook college.

Coordinated various activities of Grassroots, the environmental club, as well as the extension activities of the department.

Aparna Nandakumar:

Attended an Orientation Programme conducted by the UGC-HRDC, University of Hyderabad, from 19 Sep to 16 Oct 2018.

Adjudged the photography competition "Carmel Frames", conducted as part of the World Youth Skill Day programme.

Attended the International Film Festival of India, held at Goa from 20–28 November, and the International Film Festival of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram from 8 –12 December.

Judged the annual debating competition for the Radha S. Nair prize conducted by Crossfire, the debating club of the department, on 16 January 2019.

Coordinated the PG Students' National Seminar Con-Texts 2k19 on "Revisiting the Classics" on 1 March 2019.

Coordinated various activities of the film club of the department.

Elizabeth Antony:

Co-ordinator of the ASAP- CET Programme during the months of April and May 2018.

Organised the ASAP Foundation Course in English and IT.

Fine Arts President of the college union during 2018-19.

Attended the International Film Festival of India, held at Goa from 20–28 November.

Attended an Orientation Programme organised by the UGC-HRDC, Kannur University, from 14 January to 11 February 2019.

Preethy Mary George

Attended the District Level Training for NSS Programme Officers jointly organised by KILA and Suchitwa Mission.

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

Attended an Orientation Programme organised by the UGC-HRDC, Kannur University, from 23 January to 20 February 2019.

Participation of Faculty in Seminars

Seminar	Organised by	Participants
Workshop on using iTell software and interactive whiteboards, 21 July 2018	Centre for Languages and Literatures	All faculty
One-day workshop on Moodle, 15 September 2018	IQAC	Shanthi Vijayan, Preethy Mary George, and Chitra Sebastian
Seminar on MOOC titled “Enhancing Effective Teaching-Learning Strategies in the Digital Era”, 18 September 2018	EMMRC	Shanthi Vijayan, Preethy Mary George, and Chitra Sebastian
Erudite Lecture by Jonathan Dollimore, 8 October 2018	Dept. of English, University of Calicut	Bindu Amat, Shanthi Vijayan

10th Dr. T.K. Nandakumaran Memorial Foundation lecture by Dr. Sharmila Sreekumar, 2 November 2018	Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur	Aparna Nandakumar
Faculty Development Programme, 4-5 January 2019	IQAC	All faculty
National Seminar on Women and Cinema, 30 Jan 2019	University of Calicut	Bindu Amat
KSHEC sponsored International Colloquium on Theory and Possible Worlds, 1 Feb 2019	Kannur University	Bindu Amat
UGC Workshop on Autonomy, 19 Feb 2019	NSLUI Bangalore	Bindu Amat
RUSA- sponsored national seminar on “The Novel Boom: Mapping the Paradigm Shifts in Contemporary Indian English Fiction”, 21-22 Feb 2019	St. Joseph’s College, Devagiri	Shyama E.
International Colloquium on Literature, Art and Culture in the Digital Age, 22-23 Feb 2019	Farook College	Bindu Amat, Surya K.
UGC-SAP sponsored 3-day workshop on “Malayalam Cinema: Contested Screens, Contending Economies”, 11-13 March 2019	Institute of English, Kerala University	Shanthi Vijayan, Aparna Nandakumar