

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Appointment of New Faculty:

Dr. Kavya Krishna K.R., (M.Phil, PhD.)and Ms. Chitra Sebastian, M.Phil (Pursuing PhD.)join the department as Assistant Professors.

Ms. Anjana TJ joins the department in the FDP vacancy of Shanthi Vijayan, subsequent to Ms. Gayatri Balakrishnan's resignation from the post.

Results:

UG - PassPercentage –91.7%

Grades – A -12, B+ -9 B -10; C+ - 2; c- 3

PG – Pass Percentage - 100%.

Grades – B+ - 3; B - 4; C+ - 2; C - 5; C-1

JRF/NET Qualification

- Sneha Susan Samuel, PG batch of 2012-14 Qualified JRF
- Amrita Vydoori and Aiswarya Sanath, UG batch of 2013 qualified JRF.

Faculty Achievements

- Chitra Sebastian – selected for the FLAIR Programme by the Govt. of Kerala.
- Aparna Nandakumar and Surya K submitted their Ph D Theses to the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, and the University of Calicut, respectively.

Student Achievements

· Ms. Rida Jaleel of I BA English won the State Level I Prize in the Essay Competition organized by PRTC, Calicut in connection with the Birth Anniversary of Justice V R Krishna Iyer on 24/11/2016.



· Alicia Jacob of IIPG won the III Prize at the International Poetry Writing Competition organized by Farook College, Calicut on 23/2/2017, and the poem has been published in the anthology Shakespeare Sings, brought out as part of the event.



- Ms. Varsha Vinu of PG Final year wins the Kerala State Film Critics' Award for the Best Female Playback Singer for her song in the movie Marupadi. The department felicitated Ms.Varsha on 21/3/2017.



- Remya R and Renu of II PG won III Prize in Intercollege Literature Quiz at Holy Cross College on 26/10/2016

· Alicia Jacob, Remya R and Swathi T presented research papers at the PG Students' National Seminar on "Literature from the Margins" organized by Unity College, Manjeri on 23/11/2016. These papers will be published in the forthcoming issue of the Peer-Reviewed Journal, Singularities.

- Ridha Jaleel of I B.A. English won I Prize for the Best Management Team at the Management Fest organized by FIMS on 1/12/2016

· Aloshya and Indulekha of I PG won II Prize at the Bob Dylan Quiz at Holy Cross College, Calicut on 2/12/2016

· Students of the department won II Prize in the Fine Arts Fest organized by the College Union on 7/12/2016

· Unnimaya TP of II BA won the Special Jury Prize at the Arts Fest conducted by Blossom Arts and Science College, Calicut on 12/1/2017.



- Ayisha TK and Oshin N of I BA won the II pRize in the Quiz conducted by AIR on 18/1/2017.
- Ridha Jaleel of I B.A. English won II Prize for English Versification at the Shakespeare Fiesta organized by Farook College, Calicut, on 8/2/2017.
- Unnimaya TP of II BA won the II Prize in the App Presentation competition organized as part of Digital Day Celebrations by Malabar Christian College, Calicut, on 23/2/2017.

Academic Activities

- Class on Academic Writing led by Prof.Bhaskaran Nayar, former faculty, Lincoln University, UK, for the UG and PG final year students on 21/6/2016.



- Class on Feminist Literary Theory for UG and PG students by Dr. M.D. Radhika, former Head of the department and eminent writer, on 15.7.2016.



- The Dept. organized the release of a book authored by former Pricipal Sr.Carmilla, A.C., titled Starry and Sublime: Reading Elizabeth Jennings. Book released by former Head of the Dept, Dr. Lalitha Menon.



- Inauguration of Literature Association by Dr. M.V. Suma, Head of the Dept. of English, Govt. College, Kodencheri. - 4/12/2015. Delivered a talk on Feminist Theatre.
- Lecture on Postcolonial Fiction by former faculty

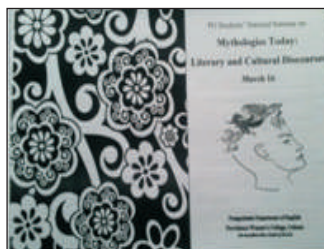


Ms.Beulah Thomas for the PG students on 27/1/2017.

- Talk by Dr. Madhumita Sinha, Reader, EFLU, on Feminist Documentaries on 17/2/2017.

PG Students' National Seminar on Mythologies on 16/3/2017.

Keynote speaker: Dr.K.Arunlal,



Faculty, Govt. College, Mokeri. 15 papers were presented by students of various colleges.

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 – 20/4/2016 to 10/5/2016

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.

An Orientation Programme and a selection process with GD and Personal Interview for the Final Semester UG and PG students was conducted on 14-2-2017

Career Guidance Programmes:

- An Orientation to the Teach for India Programme by



Ms. Sharanya Lal, TFI Fellow, on 1/7/2016.

- Career Guidance and Orientation class for the I DC English students by Dr.Lalitha Menon, Former HoD on 7/9/2016.



- Session on Being Interview-Ready, led by Career Consultant Ms. Milu Zacharias, on 9/12/2016.

R&D Cell:

- Final year students of the previous year, Ananya G and Shinu Hamna presented papers on the projects undertaken by them as part of their UG Course, on 26/6/2015.



- PG students Alicia Jacob and Swathi T presented a paper on "The Christ Figure in the Film Charlie" and Remya R presented a paper on a "Historical Revisionism in the film Kammattipadom" on 3/2/2017.

Activities Organized by the Clubs

Debating Club, Crossfire

- Annual Competition for the Prof.Radha S Nair Prize for the Best Debator – conducted on 3/3/2016. Topic: "Atrocities Against Women Spring from our Attitude" Winner – Sona Sathar, VI Sem B.A.English

Environment Club – Grassroots

- Inter-class Collage competition on Global Warming on 27/6/2016
- Eco Critical Readings of Literary Texts by I PG students on 29/7/2016
- Quiz on the Environment conducted by II DC student Debthara Suresh on 7/9/2016

Film Club, Mis en Scene

- Tribute to film maker Paul Cox presented by the students of II DC on 30/6/2016
- Review of Maheshinte Pratikaram by III DC students Anamika and Nushathul Banath on 6/9/2016
- Cultural Programme in honour of Sreekumaran Thampy and Mohammed Rafi on 2/11/2016
- Screening of the film Hamlet in association with the British Council, on 17/11/2016
- Screening of the film Randu Penkuttikal for the women of the neighbourhood on 9/2/2017
- Organized a Talk cum Screening of Documentaries by Dr. Madhumitha Sinha, Reader, EFLU, Hyderabad on "Gender and Documentary Films", on 17/2/2017.



Radio Club, TransVision

- Interviewing freedom fighter PGK Raghavan - by Malavika J of III DC on 11/8/2016
- Talk by Asst. Station Director, AIR, Smt. Meera Rani, on Opportunities for students in Akashvani.



- Shifana KP of I Zoology participates in a quiz on AIR on Eye Donation on 24/8/2016
- Lesson on Communicative English by Anjali CK on 11/9/2016
- Yuvavani Programme on Swachh Bharath Mission by NSS volunteers on 30/9/2016
- Interview with Jewellery Designing faculty Priya Nath on 6/10/2016
- Interactive programme on CAD with Jewellery Designing faculty Neethu Krishna on 11/11/2016
- Calling the Youth programme by the students of the

college on 17/12/2016 and 7/1/2017

- Yuvavani Programme on Energy Resources by Lakshmi KR and Binit Mathew of IV Sem Physics on 18/1/2017
- Ayisha TK and Oshin N won the II Prize in the Quiz conducted on 23/1/2017
- Yuvavani Programme on Radio Clubs on Campuses. Participants – Faculty Ramani CE and students of the dept. Malavika J (VI Sem), Jilna C (IV Sem) and Oshin N (II Sem)
- Skit presented by the students of the college at the Women's Day Programme organized by AIR and the Social Welfare Dept at MCC, Calicut, on 4/3/2017.



Mahaswetha Devi on her demise, by Shahnaz KM of IIHDC on 16/8/2016

Arranged a lecture on the Harlem Literary Renaissance for the PG and Final Year UG students by alumna Anitha Rose George on 5/9/2016.



Members had an interactive session with novelist Ravinder Singh at the launch of his latest book This Love That is Just Right organized by Penguin Books, on 29/9/2016.

Presentation on the Songs of Bob Dylan, Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, 2016 by Rida Jaleel, I DC on 24/11/2016

Members participated in the book launch of author Sudeep Nagarkar's latest book, All Rights Reserved for You, organized by DC Books, on 21/1/2016.

Members attended various sessions of the Kerala Literature Fest organized by the Govt. Of Kerala and DC Books from 2/2/2017 - 5/2/2017.

Observed World Poetry Day on 21/3/2017 with a reading of poems by faculty and students. Tributes were paid to Nobel Laureate Sir Derek Walcott with readings from his work.



- Workshop on Poetry Recitation and Impromptu Speeches for IDC students, led by language trainer Anjali CK, Dept of TTM, on 15/3/2017.
- AIR Quiz on the topic of Water. Participants Sreelakshmi VR and Lakshmi KR of II Physics won the III Prize.



Readers' Club, Bookscape

Observed Bloomsday on 16/6/2016. Sreelakshmi K of I PG made a presentation on the significance of the day, and the works of James Joyce.

Conducted an Inter Departmental Literature Quiz in connection with Reading Week, on 17/6/2016. Winners Dept. of Mathematics and Dept of. English

Review of Jodi Picoult's My Sister's Keeper by Jahiza K of IIHDC on 25/7/2016

Tribute paid to Jnanpith laureate and activist

Theatre Club, Repertoire

Skit presented by II DC students to spread the Anti-Ragging message on 28/6/2016



Organized an Interactive session with Sri Ranjith Kuzhur, the director of the Documentary 18 Feet, and screened the film.



Excursions and Study Trips

PG final year students made a tour of Ooty accompanied by faculty Aparna Nandakumar and



Elizabeth Antony on 11/11/2016, and UG final year students made a trip to Coorg, accompanied by Surya K and Preethy Mary George on 3/12/2016.

Extra Curricular Activities

Anaswara Ramachandran of Final Year BA was the Editor of the Annual College Magazine released on 9/8/2016.

Afeeda Fathima and Aleena Abraham Joseph of II Year B.A. are elected to the College Union as Student Editor and Joint Secretary respectively.

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

Students of II DC and I DC released their Manuscript Magazines.

Students organised the Welcome and Farewell functions for the new and outgoing batches.

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

Extension Activities

Mother Veronica Library Story Telling session by the students, for the children of the college neighbourhood 21/1/2017

Suman Rehabilitation Centre Students of I B.A. celebrated Onam and Christmas with the inmates of the centre

Students displayed new products created by them at the Innovation Club Exhibition organized on 10/1/2017.

5 students of the UG Final year participated in a Workshop organized by the District Administration, and updated the Website of the Kozhikode District Administration in January, 2017.

Student Participation in Inter College and Inter Dept. Events

6 BA Final year students attend a Seminar on Dalit Literature At Dayapuram College on 19/8/2016

5 PG students attend the Dissertation Management Workshop at Unity Women's College on 25/10/2016

4 IPG students attend the 2-day Lecture Series on Renaissance History and Literature organized by Dayapuram Arts and Science College, Calicut - 11/11/2016 12/11/2016.

4 IIPG students attend the National Seminar on Performing Life: Theorizing the Quotidian at Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad on 13 and 14 Dec, 2016

3 IIPG students attend a workshop on Career Prospects in Research organized by CIGI at the University of Calicut on 13/12/2016

Participation of Faculty in Seminars

Seminar	Organised by	Participants
ASAP Curriculum Development Workshop, 5/8/2016	ASAP, Govt.of Kerala	Bindu Amat
7 th All Kerala Queer Pride Convention, 11/8/2016 - 12/8/2016.	Queer Pride Keralam	Elizabeth Antony
II Singularities Conference on Space	Unity Women's College, Manjeri	Shanthi Vijayan, Aparna Nandakumar, Elizabeth Antony
UGC sponsored National Workshop on Digital Information Literacy	Farook College, Calicut	Preethy Mary George
FLAIR Training and Induction Programme, 31/10/2016 - 1/11/2016	Govt. of Kerala.	Chitra Sebastian
Professional Development Programme 11/11/2016-12/12/2016	ASAP, Govt. of Kerala	Bindu Amat
Training Programme on Social Skills Development: Engineering of Minds and Mindsets, 17/11/2016-18/11/2016	FLAIR Programme and Loyola College, Trivandrum	Chitra Sebastian
National Seminar on the Works of MT Vasudevan Nair, 21/11/2016 – 22/11/ 2016	Govt. Madappally College	Elizabeth Antony and Kavya Krishna
National Seminar on Human Rights and the Humanities : 6/12/2016 – 7/12/2016	University of Calicut	Bindu Amat, Shanthi Vijayan
Workshop on the Scholar Support Programme	Govt. of Kerala, Loyola College, Trivandrum	Aparna Nandakumar
II Singularities Conference on	Unity Women's College,	Aparna Nandakumar,

Space on 17/1/2017	Manjeri	Elizabeth Antony
Workshop on Human Values Development: 23/1/2017–24/1/2017	AIACHE and St.Joseph's College, Devagiri.	Chitra Sebastian
Workshop on Moodle on 23/2/2017	Providence Women's College	Aparna Nandakumar, Chitra Sebastian
Discussion on the Malayalam Translation of Niveditha Menon's book <i>Seeing Like a Feminist</i> 4/3/2017	AMTU, Kozhikode	Kavya Krishna KR
Women's Day Symposium on 4/3/2017	Dept. of Social Welfare, All India Radio and Malabar Christian College	Ramani C E
Workshop on Women and Capacity Building, on 8/3/2017	Centre for Women's Studies, University of Calicut	Preethy Mary George

Participation of Faculty in Academic Activities and Consultancy/Extension Services

Leeji Francis. Chairman of the PG II Semester Board of Examination, June 2016.

Shyama E. Presented a poem titled "As I Like It" at Dialogues, the National Conference on Poetry at Farook College, Calicut on 23/2/2017. The poem has been published in the anthology, Shakespeare Sings.

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

Bindu Amat: Bindu Amat – Inaugurated the Literary Club at KV, Calicut on 14/7/2016

Inaugurated the Chemistry Literature Association on 5/9/2016.

Resource person at the Refresher Course for SDEs organized by ASAP, at PMOC, Calicut, on 6 days in August and September, 2016.

Delivered a Radio Talk - a Review of Booker Prize winner

novel *The Vegetarian* on 18/8/2016

As Resource Person, engaged a class on Biopics at the Refresher Course organized at the University of Calicut, on 24/10/2016.

Keynote Speaker on the International Day for the Prevention of Violence Against Women, organized by IMA Calicut on 25/11/2016.

Resource person at the Intensive Training for English Teachers at the Secondary Level, organized by the Dept. of English, University of Calicut – 26/12/2016 – 30/12/2016.

Engaged a class on Non British Literatures at the UGC NET Coaching Classes organized by the Dept. of English, University of Calicut, on 12/1/2017.

Interviewed Norwegian writer Runo Isaksen at the Keral Literature Festival, on 5/2/2017.

Conducted an Intercollege Quiz on All India Radio, Calicut on 17/2/2017.

Chaired the session on Space and Ecology at the International Conference on Existence and Expression: Science, Philosophy and Art at MES College, Mampad, on 15/2/2017

Santhi Vijayan: Attended a 21-day Refresher Course in English Literature at the University of Calicut, from 12/10/2016-2/11/2016.

Engaged a class on Literary Theory at the UGC NET Coaching Classes organized by the Dept. of English, University of Calicut, on 21/12/2016.

Inaugurated the English Association and delivered the key note address on Mise-en-Scene at NSS College, Manjeri on 15/1/2017.

Chaired the session on Space and Media at the II Singularities Conference on Space at Unity Women's College, Manjeri on 17/1/2017

Was part of the panel of judges at the paper Presentation Competition on Queer Readings of Films at the Yuva Film Festival, St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, on 2/2/2017.

Presented a Plenary Session paper on "Feminism Reading Ecology: Ecology Reading Feminism" at the National seminar on 'Between the Margins: Ecology, Feminism, Apartheid' at NMSM Govt. College, Kalpetta on 10/2/2017.

Presented a paper, "Immanence and Transcendence: Forest as an Archetypal and Ecological Abode in Select Works of Sarah Joseph" at the Forest and Literature National Seminar organized by CUSAT, on 23/2/2017.

Surya K: Presented an Extension Lecture "Femininity and the Beauty Ideal : The Image of Women in Indian Popular Media" at the Research Forum of the Dept. of Russian and Comparative Literature, University of Calicut, on 5/1/2017.

Aparna Nandakumar: Coordinated the PG Students' Seminar on Mythologies, organized at Providence Women's College, on 16/3/2017.

Elizabeth Antony: Was the staff editor of the Annual College Magazine "Ivide Pothuve Ingineya"

Conducted a session on Team Building Skills at the Chetana

Personality Development Programme organized by the college for the students of the college neighbourhood on 6/10/2016.

Panellist at the selection of candidates for the ASAP Camps at Farook College, on 22/2/2017.

Preethy Mary George as Women's Cell Coordinator, organized a Seminar on Women and Writing – Penkaruthu, in association with Poorna Publications, Kozhikode on 13/1/2017.

Coordinated the various competitions in connection with the Women's Day Programme, and organized a Women's Day Talk by Dr. Rosamma Phillip, Associate Professor, Mt. Tabor College for Education, Kollam on 3/3/2017.

Dr. Kavya Krishna KR presented a paper, "Feminism in the Time of Corporate Women Empowerment Initiatives: A Study of Select Indian TV Commercials" an International Seminar on Gendered Myths of Conflict and Un-belonging from a Comparative Literature Perspective at organized by CSPILS, JNU, New Delhi - 2/8/2016 to 3/8/2016.

Presented a paper "Inventing a Dance Tradition: Making of Mohiniyattom as the Classical Dance Form of the Women of Kerala" at the 2nd Session of Kerala History Congress at UC College, Aluva – 20/12/2016 to 22/12/2016.

Participated in the Translation Workshop organized by the Institute of English, University of Kerala, from 13/3/2017 to 15/3/2017 and translated the paper "Dalit Feminism: Origin and Development" to be published as part of an anthology.

Chitra Sebastian conducted a session on Team Building Skills at the Chetana Personality Development Programme organized by the college for the students of the college neighbourhood on 6/10/2016.

Presented a paper on "Constructing Reality and Unreality: Japanese Tea Ceremony as Theatre" at the International Cultural Workshop, Melange 2017, organized by St. Mary's College, S. Bathery on 12/3/2017.