

2022-2023

Resource Person:

16/12/2022

Ms. Anthea Issac
Assistant Professor of
English, Lady Doak
College
Madurai



The resource person delivered a lecture on „**Blogging**“. She explained that blogging is the self-publication of writing, photography, and other material on the internet. Blogging began as a way for individualsto post diary-style entries, but it has subsequently been integrated into many businesses' websites. Blogging distinguishes itself with regular updates, casual language, and possibilities for readers to interact and create a dialogue. Two hundred and forty-two students were benefited from this program.

1. Resource Person:

06/03/2023

Dr. Beatrice Anne
D' Couto Former Head
&
Associate Professor of
English Lady Doak College
Madurai.



The resource person gave a talk on the topic „**Drama Is Education**“and enlightened the student about drama and theater arts. The use of drama leads to a holistic learning that accelerates personality development and imparts students with crucial life skills and leadership. Drama-in-education is an innovative educational practice; the use of drama conventions creates a safe space that breaks down, or temporarily suspends, the hierarchies between teacher and student, as well as between students. The use of drama conventions such as teacher-in-role, freeze frames, and image theatre contribute to a problem-posing theory of education, where teachers and students arrive at possible answers/solutions through a collaborative process. 241 students got

benefited.

2. Resource Person:

09/03/2023

Dr. J. Lakshmi
Assistant Professor &
Head Department of
English Anna University
Tindivanam.



The guest speaker gave her lecture on the topic, „**Better English, Better Life**“.

Her lecture was effective and innovative. She said that integrating a new language into one's consciousness broadens one's brain strength, but anyone may utilise their English skills to master non-linguistic things as well. Learning English fluently may considerably increase people's employment and business prospects. As the globe gets more linked, being able to communicate with people from diverse language origins

becomes increasingly important. Her session was interactive and she also held many interesting activities for the students. Two hundred and seventeen students benefited from her lecture.

3. Resource Person:

14/03/2023

Dr. T. Lavanya
Saradha College for
Women Salem.



The resource person delivered her lecture on the topic, „**Afrofuturism**“. This topic was entirely new for all the students. She said that Afrofuturism is a fluid philosophy developed by generations of artists, singers, researchers, and activists with the goal of re-creating "Blackness" through culture. Afrofuturism is a cultural blueprint that can be found in the lives and works of luminaries such as Octavia Butler, Sojourner Truth, Sun Ra, and Janelle Monáe. Mark Dery created the word in 1993, although it was born in the imaginations of enslaved Africans who prayed for their lives and the lives of their ancestors throughout the perilous Middle Passage. The early Afrofuturists imagined a civilization free of oppression, both physical and social. Afrofuturism envisions a world free of white supremacy and the systems that have ruthlessly oppressed African populations. Two hundred and twenty students got benefited from this enlightening lecture.

4. Conference on Local Color Literature

1. Name of the College : MannarThirumalaiNaicker, Pasumaali, Madurai
2. Title of the Conference : Local Color Literature
3. Date of the Conference : 27th&28th January 2023
4. Details of the Resource Persons : 1. Bama
Writer in Tamil, Pudupatti, Sivagangai Dt.
2. Dr. S. Armstrong
Professor& Head,
Dept.of English, University of Madras
3. Sabthika
Writer in Tamil, Pollam
Kanyakumari Dt.
4. Mr. Ponneelan
Writer in Tamil
ManikattiPottal, Kanyakumari Dt.
5. Ms. E. Malarvathi
Writer in Tamil
Vellikodu, Kanyakumari Dt.
6. Cho. Dharman
Writer in Tamil
Kovilpatti, TuticorinDt.
7. P. Ravindran
Writer in Tamil
8. Dr. R. Chakkaravarthy,
Vice Principal& Associate Professor of
English, G.T.N. College, Dindigul
9. Dr. Ajay S Sekkar
Assistant Professor of English
SreeSankaracharya University of Sanskrit
Kerala
10. Thiru Tamil Selvan,
Writer, Nagalapuram
Tuticorin Dt.
11. Thiru. Narumpunathan,
Writer in Tamil
Kalugumalai, Kovilpatti Dt.
13. ThiruLakshmanaPerumal
Writer in Tamil

Report on the Two Day National Conference on **Local Colour Literature**

The two-day conference on Local Colour Literature in association with Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai and Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli was organized by

the Department of English, MannarThirumaaliNaicker College. The conference threw light on the importance of learning literatures of the world like Australia, Africa, America etc. in the light of local colour literature of Tamil especially the literatures produced by the writers of the Karisal (Black Soil) land like ThiruKi.Rajanarayan, ThiruPoomani, ThiruMelanmaiPonnusamy, Thiru Cho Dharman, ThiruPonneelan, ThiruRavindran, ThirumathiSabthika, Thiru Tamil Selvan, ThiruNarumpunathan, SelviMalarvathi, and ThiruLakshmanaPerumal.

The first day of the conference began with the welcome address by Dr. A. Ramasubbiah, Convener and IQAC Coordinator of M.T.N. College. Dr.S.Venkateswaran, Principal, M.T.N. College delivered the presidential address. Renowned philanthropist, Thiru.M.Vijayaragavan, the Secretary, M.T.N.College offered felicitations followed by Thiru A. Alwarswamy, Treasurer of the College. Dr. S. Prabhakar, Dean, Faculty of Indian and Other Languages and Professor and Head, Department of English, M.S. University spoke about the conference and its significance. Dr.S.Armstrong, Professor and Head, Department of English, Madras University, Chennai introduced the chief guest, Ms.BamaFaustinaSoosairaj (known as Bama, a renowned writer and the author of the autobiography Karuku) of the conference and offered felicitations. Later the inaugural address was delivered by Ms.Bama highlighting the necessity of giving importance to local literature. Finally, Dr. S. Udayakumar, Head of the Department, English, MaduraiKamaraj University proposed the vote of thanks for the inaugural programme.

The first session of the conference began with the lectures given by the Tamil writers, ThiruPonneelan, ThiruDharman, ThiruRavindran and SelviSabthika. This session was chaired by Dr. G. C. Abraham, former Vice Principal, The American College, Madurai. The second session was chaired by Dr. P. BalaShanmuga Devi, Principal and Associate Professor of English, A.P.C Mahalakshmi College for Women, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu and the speaker was Dr. R. Chakkaravarthy, Vice Principal and Associate Professor of English, G.T.N. College, Dindigul. The day came to a close with the research scholars presenting their papers on a variety of topics related to the theme of the conference.

The second day of the conference started with the lecture by Dr. Ajay S Sekkar, Assistant Professor of English, SreeSankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala on the closeness of the literatures of Tamil and Malayalam. He appealed to the audience on the importance of inclusivity and to challenge the cultural hegemony etc. Buddhism, Social justice, Equality, Writings by Adivasis of the Kerala, Dr.BabasahibB.R.Ambedkar's contribution to the society, Narayana Guru's revolution, Ayodhidasar's contribution, Narayan's contribution (author of the novel, Kochaethi – the first tribal novel in Malayalam), S.Joseph's role in literature, C.Iyyapan's writings were part of his illustrious lecture. Dr.T.S.Varadharajan, Assistant Professor of English, PG and Research Department of English, Thiagarajar College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu was the chairperson of the session.

The second session of the day was chaired by Dr. S. Prabhakar, Dean, Faculty of Indian and Other Languages and Professor and Head, Department of English, M.S. University. The Tamil writers who spoke on the session were Thiru Tamil Selvan, Thiru. Narumpunathan, SelviMalarvathi and ThiruLaksmanaPerumal. The lectures by these famous writers shed light on the greatness of Karisal literature especially the art of story-telling and other unique

qualities of Karisal writings. An elaborate summing up of the speeches delivered by the writers was given by Dr. S. Prabhakar with his innate spontaneity.

The Valediction of the conference was presided over by Dr. R. Perumalsamy, Pro Chancellor, Noorul Islam University, Kumarakoil, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. Dr.R.Dayalakrishnan, Head, Department of English, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai welcomed the gathering and appreciated with gratitude ThiruM.Vijayaragavan, Secretary of M.T.N. College for his magnanimity and support for the smooth conduct of the Conference. Dr. R. Perumalsamy in his valedictory address stressed the importance of having such academic programmes to help the students and the research scholars to get huge benefits. He recalled his close association with the secretary of the college, Thiru M. Vijayaragan and praised his „readiness to help the students in many ways“. He congratulated Dr. S. Prabhakar on his excellent organizing ability as Dr. S.P. was the brainchild of the National Conference on “Local Colour Literature”. He thanked Dr.S.Udayakumar and Dr. R. Dayalakrishnan for their great support representing Madurai Kamaraj University. He applauded Dr. A. Ramasubbiah, Convener, National Conference, (also IQAC Coordinator and Associate Professor of English) of M.T.N. College for his outstanding leadership and professionalism in making the National Conference the most successful one.

The feedback session was so moving as many participants expressed their gratitude to the host institution whose hospitality was exceptional so to the academic ambience prevailed upon. Dr.Lingeswari, Assistant Professor of English, and Organizing Secretary, M.T.N.College proposed the vote of thanks recalling all the aspects of the Conference and the people who extended their unstinted support.





The Resource Person Dr. J. Preethi, Assistant Professor & Head i/c, Department of English, Jeyaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam addressed the students about honing the creating skills and imagination through the world of literature. She underlined the importance of the booming areas in the field of literature and language and encouraged students to pursue careers in the same. Around 165 students from the Undergraduate and Postgraduate streams attended the programme.

The Resource Person Dr.R.Daniel Rubaraj, Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of English, Additional Dean for Curriculum Development and Research, The American College addressed the students on the topic 'Reimagining Literary Studies: Popular Culture in Literature' as he cited eclectic literary works that reflect the phenomenon of popular culture. His address also gave a glimpse on the booming areas in the field of literature and the future career opportunities for literature graduates as well. Around 160 students from the Undergraduate and Postgraduate streams attended the programme.