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## *From the Vice-Chancellor*

This issue of Azhagu reports on the celebrations of National Education Day held on 11.11.2016 at the University; and it made us reflect on the exponential growth of Higher Education in the independent India in terms of key dimensions of development. A quick glance at the quantitative development will show the magnitude of its expansion. The number of universities in India has a marvelous growth. Numerically, it rose to a surprising figure i.e. from 25 in 1950 to 544 in 2010 and 777 in 2016. Equally, the number of colleges registered a growth from 700 to 45,680 in 2016. Student enrollment increased from just 4 lakhs to 296 lakhs and the faculty strength saw an increase from 15,000 in 1950 to 6,99,000 in 2016.

This statistics proves that next to China and USA ours is one of the largest educational systems among the developed nations. It will be appropriate here to state that Alagappa University, established by a Special Act in 1985, stands as a classic example of inclusive rural higher education catering to the immediate needs of students hailing from the economically and educationally backward Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram Districts of Tamil Nadu. The University offers 265 programmes of study through regular, affiliated, distance and collaborative modes. The student-strength of Alagappa University has risen steadily to 1.05 lakhs. The major issues of access and equity are meaningfully addressed to by Alagappa University.

Among the days to be cherished are the Constitution Day and the Children's Day celebrated on a grand scale in our university. The birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, the Father of the Indian Constitution, marked a grand occasion to recall the remarkable contributions of this much-lauded legal luminary to the nation. With absolute involvement and unremitting dedication he framed the Constitution of India. Paying handsomer compliments to the genius of Ambedkar, they referred to the vibrancy of the Indian Constitution which has incorporated all the noteworthy features of other democracies in the world. The Children's Day celebrations afforded an opportunity to remember the never-to-be-forgotten services of Shri Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Architect of Modern India. In no small measure we are indebted to the great leaders of our nation and we resolve ourselves to uphold the principles they valued.

The current issue of Azhagu among other things makes a mention of significant academic activities that happened on the campus.

**Prof. S. SUBBIAH**  
Vice-Chancellor

## FACULTY OF ARTS

### DEPT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

#### Prof. K. Chellappan Endowment Lecture



On 07.11.2016 the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, organized Prof. K. Chellappan Endowment Lecture Programme at the University Seminar Hall.

The Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. Dr S. Subbiah, who presided over the programme, appreciated the efforts of Department of English and Foreign Languages in holding various Guest and Special lecture programmes and helping the students to imbibe the ray of knowledge about the main literary trends from the luminaries representing various areas of research. He spoke of his interest in the twentieth century English literature, especially poetry of complexity, subtlety and allusiveness involving a deeper figurative meaning different from the surface meaning. He also expressed his exceptional love of T.S. Eliot's poems exploring the meanings of barren spiritual life and the chaotic physical life of the post-war Europe in an atmosphere surcharged with immense erudition and dislocated language.

Prof. S. Bharadwaj, Professor (Retired), from Annamalai University, in his coruscating lecture gave a detailed account of the twentieth century poetry, from the Georgian to the poetry of Dylan Thomas. He insisted that the readers, aiming at enjoyment of reading poetry, should divert their attention from the poet to poem. He commended the Textual and Derridean approaches to examine



and understand modern poetry. To him, a poem is an independent object and it survives by itself free from any externalia; it is to be tested not according to its subject matter which does not share this objectivity, but by its formal qualities. What makes a poem good is the structure created out of texture, the fusion of heterogenous experiences, the like with the unlike. He underlined the various aspects of language used as modern poetic strategies to project the new emerging reality in an effective manner which has resembled that of the Metaphysical poets and resulted in enriching the modern poetic tradition. In this context, he analysed the poems of the major poets such as T.S. Eliot, W.B. Yeats and W.H.Auden. By interpreting Easter 1916, Sailing to Byzantium and The Waste Land, he underscored the play of paradox and irony, the mythical method and poetic images, the historical symbols and individual myths as the single distinctive poetic features of the 20th century British poetry.

Earlier Dr. P. Madhan, Associate Professor and Head i/c, delivered the welcome address and at the end of the programme, Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

#### Lecture Programme on 'Some Notions about Post-Modernism'

The Department of English and Foreign Languages arranged a special lecture programme on 02.11.2016. Prof.Vinod Balakrishnan, Professor, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli in his scintillating lecture on 'Some Notions about Post-Modernism' gave a detailed portrayal of post-modernism and its impact on the reader's mind.



He said that it is too difficult to comprehend the works of post modernism and at the same time he illustrated the importance of it. He emphasized that post modern writing is the simulacra copy of past and he exposed it through Picaso's 'les demoiselles d'avignan'- painting, Sandra Botticelli's 'The Birth of Venus', Ericfischl's 'The Old Man and the Old Man's Dog', 50- year old Shanghai Tower, Constantinople, Heagra Sophia, -a 400-year old church and with references to John Cage's musical composition 4.33 (1952). He explained that post modernism is an exact copy of reality, so when we read post-modernist works, we must follow the text with its multidimensional perspectives. He showed many paintings and pictures that exposed the plight of women in the Renaissance Period. The regeneration and re-creation of past played a significant role in postmodernism. He also pointed out the vitality of James Joyce, Philip Roth and the Nobel prize awardee Bob Dylan in his thought provoking lecture. Dr.P.Madhan, Associate Professor and Head i/c, Department of English and Foreign languages delivered the welcome address and Dr.M.Natarajan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

### Special Address on Indian Constitution

Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Head of the Department of History i/c, was invited to be the chief guest at the Constitutional Day celebrated under the auspices of the Nehru Yuva Kendra, Sivagangai, at SR School Karaikudi, on 26.11.2016. Mr. R. Namasivayam of Nehru Yuva Kendra, presided over the function and delivered the presidential address in which he highlighted the significance of the Constitutional Day Celebrations.

Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, in his address, narrated how the voluminous and remarkable Constitution came into being. He said that the important Constitutional items were drawn from the Constitutions of various countries and their good features were incorporated into the Indian Constitution and that is the uniqueness of this Constitution. Amendments to the Constitution have been done over the years according to the changing needs of society. People should know all major Constitutional Rights and their significance for the development of the nation. He added that we are fortunate to be the citizens of this country as we live in one of the best democratic and secular countries of the world. All people are equal before law in this country. The speaker also referred to the Constitution Drafting Committee and highlighted Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's remarkable role in bringing out the Indian Constitution.

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE

### DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

#### Prestigious JSPS Invitation Fellowship

Prof. G. Ravi, Head of the Department of Physics and Dean, Industrial Consultancy Cell, was at the Research Institute of Electronics, Shizuoka University, Hamamatsu, Japan, for a period of two months from 1st November to 30th December 2016 to carry out research under the prestigious JSPS Invitation Fellowship awarded by the Government of Japan in recognition of his outstanding research contribution to the field of Materials Science.

#### Guest Lectures Delivered

Dr. R. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor, delivered an invited talk on "Preparation of  $\gamma$ -MnS films by chemical bath deposition" at the Second International Conference on Advanced Materials for Power Engineering, held during November 11-13, 2016, at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala (in association with Wroclaw University of Technology, Wroclaw, Poland). In addition, he chaired a session at the conference.



Dr. G. Ravi, Professor and Head, Department of Physics, Alagappa University as a resource person delivered a special lecture during the presentation of “The 18th Takayanagi Kenjiro Memorial Symposium toward Advanced Imaging Science Creation” held at Hamamatsu, Japan, on 15th and 16th November 2016.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

### National Seminar on Recent Developments in Computer Networks



The inaugural function of a Two-day National Seminar on “Recent Developments in Computer Networks” was held on 7.11.2016 at the L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium, under the auspices of the Department of Computer Applications, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, said the use of computers has become inevitable in all walks of human life in the current scenario and the computer networking has been connecting everything and everywhere. The purpose of organizing this kind of seminar is to expose the students to the latest developments in networking and hence he exhorted the students to listen to the experts’

presentation of recent developments that are taking place throughout the world every day in this field. He further said that the intrinsic connection of computer in all research activities is to be seen and understood in proper perspective by the young scholars. It will not only help them in the selection of their research topics but also provide them with valuable clues for the progress of their research. He advised the students to have lofty goals and work hard; and in fact all their actions should be focused towards those aims which would definitely usher in achievement.



Dr. S. Laveen Vikram, Senior Systems Engineer, Honeywell Technology, Hyderabad, in his special address, referred to the very recent developments in computer networking and alluded to the prevailing hot topics in networking such as IoT, Cognitive Computing, Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality. He said that the IoT is getting enormous attention from analysts and the press. He said that several popular IT companies are investing in Cognitive Computing Research. Hence there are many avenues for research and employment in the IT sector.

Dr. A. Vadivel of NIT, Trichy and Dr. G. Kumaravelan of Pondicherry University, also spoke about the recent progresses in networking.

More than 400 students, research scholars and faculty members from the Department of Computer Applications and Department of Computer Science attended the function.

Prof. K. Mahesh, Department of Computer Applications, presented the thematic address.

Dr. V. Palanisamy, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Applications, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Vanitha, Organizing Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

## **DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

### **Invited Lectures Delivered**

Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Professor & Head, Department of Biotechnology, delivered an invited lecture entitled "Proteomics in understanding biological phenomena" on 11th November, 2016 at the UGC sponsored Refresher Course in Biology held at the School of Biological Sciences, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai. He also delivered an invited lecture entitled "Next-Generation sequencing for comprehensive analysis of bacterial diversity" on 15.11.2016 at Mizoram University, Mizoram. On 16.11.2016 Dr. S. Karutha Pandian delivered an invited lecture entitled "Proteomics and its application to determine the mechanism of action of quorum quenching principle" at the same University.

Dr. M. Ramesh, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, delivered an invited lecture entitled "In vitro production of phytopharmaceuticals through hairy root cultures" on 18th November 2016 at the National Workshop on "Plant Tissue Culture, Cell Culture and Cryopreservation Technologies" held at the Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Dr. A. Veera Ravi, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, delivered an invited lecture on "Bacterial Talk - Quorum Sensing: Its Role in Virulence and Possibilities for Its Control" on 22nd November, 2016 at the UGC sponsored Refresher Course organized by Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

### **Conferences Attended by Scholars**

Mr. L Satish, Research Scholar, Department of Biotechnology, presented a poster entitled "In vitro stimulation of and regeneration of foxtail millet (*Setaria italica* L.) genotypes through cyanobacterial

extract" at the 5th International Conference on Sustainable Utilization of Tropical Plant Biomass: Bioproducts, Biocatalysts & Biorefinery organized by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore on November 17-18, 2016. In the same conference he also presented a poster entitled "Development of rapid protocol for lipid extraction from seaweeds for biodiesel production and comparative assessment".

C. Parthiban, Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Biotechnology, presented an oral entitled "A comparative study of seaweed liquid fertilizer with commercial fertilizer and its effect on nutritional value of cultured plant *Vigna mungo*" at the "National Conference on Algal Biology and Biotechnology (NCABB - 2016)" organized by Department of Biotechnology, University of Madras, Chennai, during November 24-26, 2016.

## **DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS**

### **Invitation for Discussion by Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiative (TNII) Scheme**

The Department of Bioinformatics submitted a research proposal on Pharmacogenomics Based Identification of Effective, Less Side Effects and Less Cost Drugs for Diabetes. After scrutinising the proposal of the project, the TNII called Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Professor & Head, for discussion and presentation at the Directorate of Drugs, Chennai on 7th November, 2016.

### **Invited Talks & Conferences Attended**

Dr. J. Jeyakanthan delivered the inaugural address at the National Workshop on Computational Analysis of Molecular Data organized by the School of Bio-Sciences and Technology, VIT University, Vellore, held on 17th November, 2016. He also delivered the inaugural address at the Winter Schools on Statistics for Biologists, Mathematical Modelling on Bio-resource Management, Kinetics of Marine Microbial Products held on 21st November, 2016, at the Thiagarajar College (Autonomous), Madurai

## Research Paper Published

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh has published one review article in Current Neuropharmacology (Bentham Science Publishers) entitled "Advantages of Structure-based Drug Design Approaches in Neurological Disorders ", (2016), with an impact factor of 3.7.

## DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

### Invited Lectures Delivered

Dr. A. Arun, Associate Professor and Head (i/c), delivered an invited lecture on "Microalgae for bio-energy production and bioremediation process", at the Winter School on Kinetics of Marine Microbial Products, organized by the National Centre of Excellence in Statistical and Mathematical Modeling in Bio-resource Management, Thiagarajar College, Madurai on 22.11.16

## DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

### Parents -Teachers Meet



The Department of Botany organized a Parents-Teachers Meet on 07-11-2016 at the seminar hall of the Department of Botany. The main purpose of the meet was to create a common platform, where teachers and parents come together to evolve strategies for enriching the student's educational experiences and discuss various issues relating to the all-round development of students. Almost all M.Sc students were present with their parents. The meeting started with welcome address given by Dr. A. Arumugam, Head i/c of the Department. He spoke about the departmental activities and significance of the course- content. Dr. N. Anusuya, Assistant Professor, elaborated

on the scholarships available, scope of study and the future opportunities for employment. Parents interacted with the Faculty members and expressed their expectations, and came up with various suggestions regarding betterment of students. Dr. N. Anusuya proposed a vote of thanks.

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Invited Lecture by an Expert



Prof.S.B.Singh, Dean, Faculty of Education, MDS, University, Ajmir, Rajasthan, gave a lecture on "Education and Science". In the course of his interesting speech, he stressed the importance of science education and its role in the field of education. He also stated that science teachers should exploit classroom situations in order to enable the students to grasp the subject taught; and the lecture, he added, should be followed with illustrative examples. During his lecture he gave a good demonstration of a science experiment. His lecture was a source of inspiration to the staff and students. Ph.D scholars of the department found the lecture very useful. He was honoured with a shawl by Dr.G.Kalaiyaranan , Head of the Department.

### National Education Day





The National Education Day was celebrated at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, jointly by the Department of Education and Alagappa University College of Education, on 11.11.2016 at the University Convocation Seminar Hall.

Presiding over the function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, paid handsomer compliments to the first Education Minister of independent India Dr. Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad. He called him the visionary who had woven the fabric of a secular, modern and systematic education in India. At the time of independence, there were 20 Universities and merely 500 colleges with a student-strength of 50,000. But today, it has risen to a spurt of 769 universities and 39,000 colleges catering to the needs of 2 crore- student-population. He added that it is an enormous increase in higher education. The gross enrolment ratio in Britain is 59%, in USA it is 34%, in Japan it is 55% and in China it is 28% but the Indian average is 22%. Interestingly, it is 42% in Tamil Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu has been contributing to the growth in this sector by providing quality education and also by strengthening the educational institutions.

He further added that India has always evinced a keen interest to keep the country as a knowledge super power on the educational map of the world. It may be recalled here that in the 5th century A.D., Nalanda University had 2000 Professors for a student-strength of 10,000 with a ratio of 1:5; and it had attracted students as far as Korea, Thailand, Japan, China and other neighbouring countries. He was proud to state that India has been offering value-embedded education. The purpose of education, he added, is not simply to gain knowledge and get jobs, but to evince real societal interest and to develop helping tendency.

Prof. R. Karpagakumaravel, Former Vice-Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University and currently, Professor and Head, Department of Education, Central University, Thiruvavur, in his Special Address, said that organizing this function



is not a mere ritual but to bestow serious thoughts on new roles and responsibilities of educators and educational administrators in the New Education Policy of 2016. He stated that the first National Policy on Education was propounded by the Kothari Commission on Education and the second National Policy was introduced in 1986 and that was a landmark in the history of higher education in India which laid emphasis on training programmes such as Orientation Programmes, Refresher Courses, In-Service Training and it also made mandatory for teacher recruits to have qualifications like a pass in NET and SLET Examinations and laid great thrust on research. The District Institute for Education and Training (DIET) was also introduced for training school teachers. He asked the planners to ponder over whether a single body like the UGC would be enough to manage a higher education system with a vast and diversified group of higher educational institutions in India. In a vast country like ours with a complex educational system, there is no greater coordination among the various agencies connected with educational administration.

While a single University in the USA like Chicago University could produce 85 Nobel Laureates, it was a pity that India with strength of 733 Universities could not produce Nobel Laureates. He attributed the success of the Chicago University to its work culture and research environment. He exhorted the Indian teachers to have a clear goal and work with missionary zeal, great involvement and commitment to achieve that goal. He noted that Alagappa University has been a Mecca or a Jerusalem or a Benaras for educational research all along and hoped that it is sure to become a University with

Potential for Excellence very soon. He asked the academicians to give serious thought and offer valuable suggestions to the current National Policy on Education, which is hotly debated today throughout the country.

Dr. P. Sivakumar, Dean, Faculty of Education, offered felicitations. Teachers from various faculties and students numbering about 300 participated in the function.

The celebration began with a rally taken out by the B.Ed. and M.Ed. students. Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., flagged off the rally.

Earlier, Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Professor and Head i/c., Department of Education, welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Balu, Principal i/c., Alagappa University College of Education, proposed a vote of thanks.

## DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக சிறப்பு கல்வி மற்றும் புனர்வாழ்வுறுறை மற்றும் மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளுக்கான பல்வகை உபகரணங்கள் தயாரிக்கும் மையம் ஆகியவை இணைந்து காரைக்குடி கனராவங்கிநிதி உதவியின் மூலம் மாற்றுத் திறனாளி மாணவர்களால் தயார் செய்யப்படும் கைவினைப் பொருட்கள் விற்பனைமையம் துவக்கம் மற்றும் பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்கான கனராவித்யா ஜோதி உதவித் தொகைவழங்கும் நிகழ்ச்சி மாலை 4.00 மணியளவில் பல்கலைக்கழக கருத்தரங்க அறையில் நடைபெற்றது.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சப்பையா அவர்கள் தமது துவக்க உரையில், மாற்றுத் திறனாளி மாணவர்களுக்கு கல்வி மற்றும் வேலைவாய்ப்பினை அமைத்துத் தருவதில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் சிறப்பான சேவை செய்து வருகிறது. தமிழ்நாட்டிலேயே காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா

பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் மட்டும் தான் மாற்றுத் திறனாளி குழந்தைகளுக்கான சிறப்புள்ளி நடத்தப்பட்டு வருவது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது என்றார். இப்பள்ளியில் சேர்ந்துள்ள 37 மாற்றுத் திறனாளி குழந்தைகளை பராமரித்து, அவர்களுக்கு கல்வி புகட்டி, அவர்களால் கைவினைப் பொருட்களை தயாரிக்கக்கூடிய அளவிற்குபயிற்சி கொடுத்து சமூகத்தில் தன்னிறைவு பெறுவதற்கும், எங்களால் சுயமாக பொருள் ஈட்டமுடியும் என்ற நம்பிக்கையை அவர்களுக்கு ஊட்டுவதற்கும், இப்பள்ளி சிறப்பாக பணியாற்றி வருகிறது என்றார். ஒருவர் கடவுளை அடைய வேண்டும் என்றால், கோவிலுக்குச் செல்ல வேண்டியதில்லை, இது போன்ற குழந்தைகளுக்கு உதவி செய்தாலே போதும். ஏனென்றால், மாற்றுத் திறனாளி குழந்தைகள் கடவுளுக்கு சமமாக சமூகத்தில் கருதப்பட வேண்டியவர்கள் என்றார்.

மதுரை கனரா வங்கியின் துணைப் பொது மேலாளர் திரு. எம். மீனாட்சிசுந்தரம், தமது சிறப்புரையில், கனரா வங்கிக்கும், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கும், கடந்த 30 ஆண்டுகளாக சமூகம் சார்ந்த சேவையில் சிறந்த தொடர்பு உள்ளதாக குறிப்பிட்டார். கனரா வங்கியின் தோற்றம் குறித்து குறிப்பிட்டு, வங்கியின் முக்கியநோக்கமானபெண் கல்வி ஊக்குவிப்பு, சேமிப்பு மற்றும் வறுமை கோட்டிற்கு கீழ் உள்ள மக்களுக்கு கடன் வழங்கி அவர்களது பொருளாதாரத்தை உயர்த்துவது ஆகியனவாகும் என்றார். இந்தியாவில் அதிக அளவில் மாணவர்களுக்கு கல்வி கடன் வழங்குவதில் முன்னணியில் இருக்கும் வங்கி கனராவங்கியாகும் என்றார். அதோடு, மாற்றுத் திறனாளி மாணவர்களுக்கும் உதவிபுரியும் வகையில் கைவினைப் பயிற்சிமையம் கனரா வங்கியின் மூலம் பல்வேறு இடங்களில் நடத்தப்பட்டுவருகிறது. அதன் தொடர்பாக அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் மாற்றுத் திறனாளி மாணவர்களின் கைவினைப் பொருட்கள் மையம் தொடங்குவதற்கான பொருளாதார உதவியினை வழங்குவதில் பெருமுகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறோம் என்றார்.

இவ்விழாவில் மிகவும் பின் தங்கிய குடும்பத்திலிருந்து வந்து பள்ளியில் பயிலும் ஏழை மாணவிகளுக்கு கனரா வித்யா ஜோதி உதவித் தொகை காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா மாதிரி மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி, எஸ்.எம்.எஸ். மீனாட்சிபெண்கள் மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி மற்றும் கோட்டையூர் தஞ்சாவூர் அருணாச்சலம் செட்டியார் அரசமேல்நிலைப் பள்ளிகளைச் சார்ந்த 11 மாணவிகளுக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டது.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் கனரா வங்கியின் உதவிப் பொதுமேலாளர் திரு. ராமச்சந்திரன், காரைக்குடி கனரா வங்கியின் முதுநிலை கிளைமேலாளர் திரு. கதிசேசன், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக கல்வியியல் புலபேராசிரியர்கள், மாணவர்கள், மாற்றுத் திறனாளி பள்ளியைச் சார்ந்த ஆசிரியர்கள், மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் பெற்றோர்கள் இவ்விழாவில் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக சிறப்பு கல்வி மற்றும் புனர்வாழ்வுதறைத் தலைவர் (பொ.) முனைவர் ஜெ.சுஜாதாமாலினி அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். அழகப்பா மாதிரி மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி தலைமையாசிரியர் முனைவர் அருணாச்சலம் நன்றி கூறினார். சிறப்பு கல்வி மற்றும் புனர்வாழ்வுதறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் கே. குணசேகரன் மற்றும் உதவியாளர்கள் இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை செய்திருந்தனர்.

## ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக உடற்கல்வியியல் கல்லூரியில் இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு எம்.பி.எட். (Master of Physical Education) பயின்று வரும் செல்வி ச. வித்யபிரியா தருமபுரியில் நடைபெற்ற சீனியர் மாநில சாம்பியன்சிப் கபடி போட்டியில் கலந்துகொண்டு சிவகங்கை மாவட்டத்தின் சார்பாக தமிழக சீனியர் பெண்கள் கபடி அணிக்கு தேர்வு பெற்றுள்ளார்.

வருகின்ற 27.11.2016 முதல் 31.11.2016 வரை பீகார் மாநிலம் பாட்னாவில் நடைபெறவுள்ள 64-வது சீனியர் தேசியகபடி போட்டியில் சிவகங்கை மாவட்டத்தின் சார்பாக விளையாட உள்ளார். இவர் கடந்த இரண்டு வருடங்களாக அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக பெண்கள் கபடி அணி தென் மண்டல பல்கலைக்கழகங்களுக்கு இடையே நடைபெற்ற கபடி போட்டியில் கால் இறுதிச்சுற்று அளவிற்கு முன்னேறுவதற்கு சிறப்பாக விளையாடினார். அதே போன்று, கடந்த ஆண்டு நடைபெற்ற தென் மண்டல பல்கலைக்கழகங்களுக்கு இடையேயான கைப்பந்து போட்டியில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக பெண்கள் அணி சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தை பெறுவதற்கு அணியின் கோல்கீப்பராக மிகச் சிறப்பாக விளையாடியவர் என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. மேலும், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் சார்பாக பனாரஸ் ஹிந்து பல்கலைக்கழகம், வாரனாசியில் நடைபெற்ற அகில இந்திய பல்கலைக்கழகங்களுக்கிடையேயான கைப்பந்து அணியிலும் பங்கேற்று சிறப்பாக விளையாடினார்.

## DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING

### Participation of MJMC Students in 47th International Film Festival of India



Students Pursuing Master of Journalism and Mass Communication Programme (MJMC) I & II year and M.Phil Programme (Media and Communication) and Faculty members attended the 47th International Film Festival held at Panjim, Goa, from 22.11.2016 to 26.11.2016. The team was headed by Dr. N. Arunachalam, Prof & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning. The 47th International Film Festival of India was organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, in association with Government of Goa, Entertainment Society of Goa, Directorate of the Film Festival and National Film Development Corporation, New Delhi. The Faculty members and students stayed in the Youth Hostel at Panjim, Goa.

A Netherland Movie on Liyla (CW) directed by Mijke De Jomg, a Chile Movie Endless Poetry directed by Alejandro Jodorowsky were witnessed by the students and they also participated enthusiastically in the Symposium on Master Class on Action Direction by Peter Hein, an Action and Stunt Director, on 24th November 2016.



On 25th November 2016, the students witnessed the screening of Indian non-feature documentary film Guns and Guitar -- a Musical Travelogue directed by Bidyutkotoky and a Mexican Movie We are the Flesh directed by Emiliano Rocha Minter and a Columbian Movie Between Sea and Land directed by Carlos Del Castillo. All the movies were screened at INOX and Kala Academy, Goa. Technical sessions provided an opportunity for students to listen to the experts.

On the same day the students participated in the International Workshop on Visual Effects – Master Class conducted by Theresa Ellis Rygiel, Visual Effects Director, USA.

On the third day the students visited St. Francis Xavier Church, Aguada Fort, Sinquerim beach - Dolphin point, Baga, Calangute, Dona Paula, Miramar and Bina -Vasco beaches and made Cruise ride. During the return journey, the students visited Bangalore in transit to University.

### Guest Lectures

Dr. C. Manikandan, Head of the Department, Department of Media Studies Subalakshmi Laskhmipathy College of Science, Madurai, delivered a special lecture on Media Laws and Ethics on 21.11.2016 at the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University.

The faculty members of the Department of Lifelong Learning attended the meeting with the Director, State Literacy Mission Authority, Government of Tamil Nadu at Chennai on 09.11.2016 for devising a Pilot Project on Eradication of Illiteracy among Women in Selected Educational Backward Blocks in Tamil Nadu.

### Student Activities and Achievements

The II Year MJMC and M.Phil (Media and Communication) students of the Department produced and directed 20 short films independently such as Vendam Ilavasam (Vijayalaxmi Arumugam), Manithapimanam (Parthiban), Thodarven..., (Gomathi), Rendu Ittaly (Dhivya Bharathi),

Ennamolam Nadakuthu (Ramadevi), Onnumilai (Ravina), Mobileaha....? (Vennila), Hello... Stop download (Satheesh), Neram (Priyadharshini), Ennam (Ramya), Aabathu (Anitha), Muyarchi (Muthukumar), Pesathey (Sivabharathi), Thanneer (Vigneshwari), Marantha Manitham (Dinesh), Kanakku Pannathey (Vijayaraj), Untitled (Karthikeyan), Inge Ithayam (Karthi) etc.,

### Research Grant

An amount of Rs.2.91 Lakh was released by the State Planning Commission, of the Government of Tamil Nadu, to the Department of Lifelong Learning in November 2016, as the third and final instalment for conducting a survey to find out the Impact of Adult Education Programme (Saakshar Bharath) in Tamil Nadu.

### Papers Published

Dr. N. Johnson Acted as event coordinator in the ALUTES 2016 during October 3 – 5, 2016 organized by the Cultural Club, Alagappa University. He published a research paper entitled "Imparting values among VIII std students in learning parallelogram through paper folding method" in IJARIE , Vol I Issue 2 2016, ISSN 2395-4396. He presented a paper entitled "Swami Vivekananda's Philosophy of Education" in the one-day National Conference on Swami Vivekananda --A Youth Icon on 24.10.2016. He also attended the one-day Workshop on Enhancing Magazine Layout & Importance of Typography, organized by the Department of Visual Communication, Jamal Mohamed College on 18.10.2016.

## FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

### DEPARTMENT OF BANK MANAGEMENT

#### International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women

The International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women was held at Alagappa University on 25.11.2016. Presiding over the function Prof.V.Balachandran, Registrar i/c, said that it was painful to note that once in every three minutes a



crime against women is committed in the country. According to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) the reported incidents of crime against women has increased from 1,95,856 in 2008 to 3,27,394 in September 2016. On an average it has increased by 67%. Hence, it becomes imperative on the part of the parents and teachers to create awareness by inculcating values in the minds of children. The existing gender inequality contributed to the cause of violence and this could be overcome by a change of perception of the society towards women.



In her keynote address Mrs.S.Mahalakshmi, Principal District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi, stated that the widening gap between parents and children is the root cause for all sorts of violence. She regretted that most of the parents fail to imbibe moral values in their children. She stressed that women should develop courage, confidence, tolerance and sacrifice to face challenges in their day-to-day life. While explaining the Constitutional provisions for the protection of women, she highlighted the nuances of Domestic Violence Act 2005 and Hindu Widows Re-marriage Act.

Mrs. R. Senthamizh Selvi, a Senior Advocate from Karaikudi, in her special address, pointed out that the Government of India has enacted a number



of laws to safeguard the welfare of women; and women students should be aware of them. As the misuse and abuse of mobile phones led to several cybercrimes, she exhorted the women students to avoid communicating with strangers through social media. Quoting profusely from practical Legal Cases that came for hearing, she said how simple reasons lead to divorces and the consequent sufferings of women at a later period.



Dr. K. Gurunathan, Syndicate Member of the Alagappa University offered felicitation. A placement brochure brought out by the Dept. of Bank Management was released by the Registrar Prof. V. Balachandran and the first copy was received by Judicial Magistrate Mrs.S.Mahalakshmi. Dr.G.Jayabal, Professor and Head, Dept. of Bank Management, welcomed the gathering. Dr.K.Alamelu proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. C. Yogalakshmi, Professor of Bank Management, compered the programme.



## CENTRES

### Health Awareness Programme



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக ஆரோக்கிய மன்றம் மற்றும் உடற்கல்வியியல் மற்றும் சுகாதார அறிவியல் துறை ஆகியவை இணைந்து மாணவிகளுக்கான ஆரோக்கியம் பற்றிய விழிப்புணர்வு நிகழ்ச்சியினை 4-11-2016 பல்கலைக்கழக பட்டமளிப்பு விழா அரங்கில் நடத்தியது.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு தலைமையேற்று அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் பேசுகையில், இது போன்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகளை நடத்துவதற்கு காரணம், வகுப்பறையையும், பாடப்புத்தகங்களையும் தாண்டி, மாணவர்களின் வாழ்க்கைக்கு எதுதேவை என்பதை அவர்கள் அறிந்து கொள்வதற்கே ஆகும். சிறந்த உடல் நலம் என்பது ஒருவர் உடல் ரீதியாக, மனரீதியாக, உணர்வுரீதியாக, சமூகத்தோடு ஒத்து போகக்கூடியவராக இருப்பதே ஆகும். அதுவே சிறந்த ஆரோக்கியத்தை குறிக்கும். குறிப்பாக பெண்கள் எந்தப் பிரச்சனையாக இருந்தாலும், அதை எதிர் கொள்கிற மனப்பக்குவத்தையும், தைரியத்தையும் வளர்த்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். வாழ்க்கையில் வெற்றி பெற வேண்டுமானால் பிறரோடு ஒத்து போகக்கூடியவர்களாக பெண்கள் இருக்க வேண்டும். உணர்ச்சிவயப்படாமல் இருந்தால் எதிலும் வெற்றி கொள்ள முடியும். இந்தியாவில் பெரும்பாலான சிக்கல்களுக்கு முக்கிய காரணம் ஆண் பெண்களுக்கு இடையே சமத்துவமின்மையே ஆகும். 2011-ல் வெளிவந்த ஐக்கியநாடுகளின் மனித மேம்பாட்டு வளர்ச்சி அறிக்கையின் படி, ஆண் பெண் சமத்துவம் இல்லா நிலை குறித்த கணக்கெடுப்பின்படி, 187 நாடுகளில் இந்தியா 132-வது இடத்தில் இருக்கிறது என்றார். இந்தியாவை பொறுத்தமட்டில் 75 சதவிகித மக்கள் கிராமப் புறங்களில் வாழ்கின்றனர். இவர்களிடையே மருத்துவ விழிப்புணர்வு பற்றி அறிந்தவர்கள் மிகவும் குறைவே. மாணவிகளாகிய நீங்கள் இது போன்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் பெறக்கூடிய உடல் நலம் பற்றிய விழிப்புணர்வை தங்களது குடும்பத்திற்கும் மற்றும் சமூகத்திற்கும் பயன்படும் வகையில் எடுத்துச் செல்லவேண்டும் என கேட்டுக் கொண்டார்.



காரைக்குடி அப்பலோ மருத்துவமனையின் மருத்துவர்கள் டாக்டர் சி. வெற்றி செல்வி மற்றும் டாக்டர் கிருத்திகா ஆகியோர் பெண்களைத் தாக்கும் நோய்கள் குறித்தும், அவற்றிலிருந்து நலம் பெறுவதற்கு தேவையான ஆலோசனைகள் மற்றும் அவற்றை எவ்வாறு முன்னெச்சரிக்கையோடு தவிர்க்கலாம் என்பது பற்றியும் விரிவாகப் பேசினர். மாணவிகளின் பல்வேறு சந்தேகங்களுக்கு கேள்வி நேரத்தின் போது தெளிவான பதில்களை தெரிவித்தனர்.

500-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவிகள் இந்த விழிப்புணர்வு நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்து கொண்டனர். ஆரோக்கிய மன்றத்தின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் கே. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். முனைவர் சரோஜா நன்றி கூறினார்.

## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

### Vigilance Week Special Programme



The National Service Scheme of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in collaboration with Indian Overseas Bank, Karaikudi, conducted a Vigilance Week Special Programme on 4th November, 2016 at the Seminar Hall of University Convocation Auditorium.

Presiding over the function, Prof. S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, emphasised the importance of the public participation in upholding integrity and eradicating corruption. He said that honesty and integrity are the significant

traits that one should possess for achieving success in one's life as well as profession. He reiterated that the resultant trustworthiness and sincerity are to be held in high regard. The "Young India" should be vigilant and adhere to these principles for making a corruption-free nation.

Integrity of conduct in public domain is the sure way to eradicate corruption, he added. Misusing or abusing of power wrested in public servant would also be tantamount to corruption. He stated that transparency and accountability in public life alone could put an end to the vicious cycle of corruption.



Mrs. Rukmani Lakshmanan, Chief Regional Manager, IOB, Karaikudi, delivered the special address. Citing an example from The Ramayana how the evil advice, listened to by Kaikeye, led to a series of trials and tribulations undergone by Rama and Sita. She cautioned the youth not to succumb to evil advice and evil designs of the corrupt elements. Youth should imbibe the qualities such as honesty, self-discipline, hard work and devotion to duty for nation-building and should set an example for future generations to emulate. She asserted that the holistic development of our country lies in the hands of the youth and hence this programme is focussed on them.



Mr.Chandramohan Achary, Chief Manager, IOB, Karaikudi, delivered the felicitation address. An educative mime and an interesting dance recital highlighting the need to wipe out corruption in all walks of life were performed by the students of Government High School, Koviloor.

At the outset of the programme, nearly 500 students who attended the programme took an oath not to indulge in any corrupt practice in their lives. Earlier, Dr.S.Rajaram, Coordinator, NSS, welcomed the gathering. Mr.John Panneerselvam, Regional Vigilance Officer, IOB, Karaikudi, proposed a vote of thanks.

### அரசியலைமைப்பு தினம்



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக எஸ்சி/எஸ்டி குழுமம் மற்றும் நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்டத்தின் சார்பில் அரசியலைமைப்பு தின சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு நிகழ்ச்சி 26.11.2016 பல்கலைக்கழகக் கருத்தரங்க அறையில் நடைபெற்றது. அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்து கொண்டு தலைமையுரையாற்றினார். திருச்சி வழக்கறிஞர் திரு ஏ. இளங்குமார் சம்பத் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ) பேரா. வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார். முன்னதாக இந்திய அரசியலைமைப்பின் முகப்புரையை முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் வாசிக்க மாணவர்கள் அனைவரும் அவ்வாசகத்தை திரும்பவும் உரக்கக் கூறினர். எஸ்சி/எஸ்டி குழும ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் க. நெடுமாறன் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் சு. இராசாரம் நன்றி கூறினார். பல்கலைக்கழகப் பேராசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் பங்கேற்றனர்.

## PARA SPORTS CENTRE



தமிழ்நாடு விளையாட்டு மேம்பாட்டு ஆணையம் சார்பில் மாவட்ட அளவிலான மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளுக்கான விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகள் சிவகங்கை மாவட்ட விளையாட்டரங்கில் 15-11-2016 அன்று நடைபெற்றது.

இவ்விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகளில், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளுக்கான விளையாட்டுப் பயிற்சி மையத்தைச் சார்ந்த (Para Sports Centre) 28 விளையாட்டு வீரர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டு, இறகூப்பந்து மற்றும் டேபிள் டென்னிஸ் போட்டிகளில் ஆண்கள் மற்றும் பெண்கள் பிரிவில் சாம்பியன் பட்டம் பெற்றனர். மேலும், தடகள போட்டிகளில் முதல் இடத்தை சிவகவி மற்றும் முருகானந்தம் ஆகியோரும், இரண்டாமிடத்தை சிவராஜன், சோன்சிலா உடையப்பன் ஆகியோரும் பெற்றனர். மூன்றாம் இடத்தை செல்வராஜ் பெற்றார். குண்டு எறிதல் போட்டியில் இரண்டாம் இடத்தை அய்யனார் பெற்றார். மேலும், 100 மீட்டர் சக்கர நாற்காலி போட்டியில் அய்யனார் முதல் இடத்தையும், முருகன் இரண்டாம் இடத்தையும் பெற்றனர்.

போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக மாற்றுத் திறனாளிகளுக்கான விளையாட்டுப் பயிற்சி மையத்தைச் சார்ந்த விளையாட்டு வீரர்கள், பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் முனைவர் சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்களை நேரில் சந்தித்து வாழ்த்துப் பெற்றனர். அப்போது, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக உடற்கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் முனைவர் எம். சுந்தர் உடனிருந்தார். இத்தகவலை பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ.) முனைவர் வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்கிறார்.

## Grand Children's Day Celebrations



The Children's Day was celebrated under the aegis of the Centre for Nehru Studies and IL&FS – Institute of Skills of Alagappa University, on 14.11.2016.

Presiding over the function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, said that people at large are well aware of the objectives of celebrating this day but unfortunately they do not realize its significance. Children, he said, are the real treasures of a nation and they have the right to enjoy unalloyed happiness; according to the vibrant Indian Constitution children are entitled to all the basic rights and this should be borne in mind by parents and teachers. For creating a good citizenry, children should be loved and cared for and given healthy food besides offering a happy and conducive environment for their proper growth at home. They should not be burdened with any extra responsibility.

He added that it becomes imperative on the part of teachers not only to impart effective education, but also to provide a joyful ambience for children's all round development at school. He reiterated that when children are sick or mentally retarded or physically challenged, parents and teachers should bestow more care and concern to make these special children experience happiness. Children should always be considered as children and allowed to enjoy life to the core and develop latent talents in them as this phase of childhood is the most crucial period in a man's life. He expressed that amidst his very busy schedule, Jawaharlal Nehru, could find time to be with children, as he loved them most. To pay tributes to Panditji, his birthday is observed as Children's day in India.





The Chief Guest of the programme, Dr. A.M. Moorthy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, reiterated the view of giving due importance to the rights of children. He expressed that children should be affectionately cared for by parents and teachers. They should be given freedom to select their field of education. Schools should offer yoga and meditation to the students besides the regular curriculum, so as to make them physically, mentally and spiritually strong. He noted that when both the parents are employed, children are not given proper attention for their welfare and as a consequence they suffer a lot. By giving unbounded love and affection to them and also by providing basic rights, we can make children as "Great Leaders of Tomorrow", as envisaged by Panditji. He explained the contributions of Panditji to the development of children. He concluded his speech by saying that all children should be treated alike irrespective of their gender.

Dr. K. Gurunathan, Member of the Syndicate, in his felicitation address, stated that as children are the building blocks of the nation, they should be provided with standard education and they should be made to be aware of good hygiene and also to keep the environment pollution-free.

At the end of the programme, children from Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi, Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Sri Vidhya Giri Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Puduvayal and Karaikudi exhibited their talents in a Cultural Fete. Certificates and prizes were awarded by the Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Guest to the prize winners of Essay Writing, Elocution and Drawing Competitions.

Earlier, the Coordinator for Nehru Studies, Dr. C. Yogalakshmi welcomed the gathering and Mr. J. Prem Kumar, Regional Coordinantor, AU-IL&FS – Institute of Skills, proposed a vote of thanks.

## DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

### UGC-DEB Expert Committee Inspection

The UGC-DEB expert committee, New Delhi, visited the Directorate of Distance Education on 15th and 16th November 2016 for the renewal of recognition of various programmes offered through distance education mode.



A Four-Member Team comprising Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, UOU, Haldwani, Prof. SVS. Chaudhary, Director, Research Unit, Indra Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel, Former Dean, Faculty of Mathematical Sciences, University of Jammu, Jammu, Ms. Megha Kaushik, EO(DEB), UGC from New Delhi met the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, the Director and the staff of D.D.E.



The Vice Chancellor presented the profile of our University. The Director explained in detail about various programmes offered by the DDE, internal and external examination systems and other student-support services provided by the D.D.E. Dr. R. Perumal, Dr. E. Kannapiran, Dr. S. Leo Stanly and Dr. S. Malathi briefed about Management Programmes, Science Programmes, Education Programmes and Arts Programmes respectively.

The team members inspected the infrastructure, scrutinized the documents and the study materials. They interacted with the Faculty and Students. The team members also interacted with the Controller of Examinations.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### University Store



A University Store was started near the Administrative Block for the benefit of students.

### Para Sports Centre



The students of Para Sports Centre of Alagappa University won First and Second places in the Track events and winner / Runner-ups in Shotput, Badminton and Table Tennis in the Sivaganga District Differently-abled Sports programme 2016-17 organized by the Sports Authority of Tamil Nadu.

### Department of Lifelong Learning

The Department of Life Long Learning has edited and submitted 32 Nos. of CD's on e-content development in respect of DDE (24 Nos.) and Faculty of Education (8 Nos.) during this year.

### NCTE – Visit



The NCTE – Visiting Team visited AUCE for giving recognition to offer two year B.Ed. / M.Ed. programmes in AUCE.

### Non-Resident Students' Lounge



Alagappa University Non-Resident Students' Lounge has been established in the Management campus.

### Project and Fellowship Grants

The UGC released the following grants for B.Voc. Programme for the year 2016-17:

- General category - Rs. 20.05 lakhs
- SC category - Rs. 4.22 lakhs
- ST category - Rs. 2.11 lakhs

The UGC sanctioned a sum of Rs. 18.90 lakhs to Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Professor, Dept. of Bioinformatics & UGC Research Awardee, towards first year grant for the year 2016-17.

### Addition of a New Bus

The Vehicle Stock of the University has been enhanced by an addition of a New Bus (purchased at a cost of Rs.24.50 lakhs) to enhance the students' support services.

### MOU's

Alagappa University inked an MoU with M/s Arima Exim Pvt. Ltd., Chennai (an authorized agency of Cambridge English Learning) to impart English learning and speaking skills to the students of ALU

Steps have been initiated by the Department of Bio Electronics and Bio Sensors for the execution of an MoU with Department of Engineering, University of Messina, Italy and by the Department of O & CAS with Universidad Católica Temuco, Chile.

The Department of Industrial Chemistry, Alagappa University, has entered into an MoU with M/s Tamilnadu Chemical Products Ltd, Koviloor, for consultancy services. Rs. 5.00 lakhs will be the consultancy charges per year.

### **International, National Recognitions'**

Dr. R. Jeyshankar, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Library and Information Science, presented a paper at the International Conference organized by the Korean Library and Information Science Society at Chonbuk National University, Jeonju, South Korea, on 11th and 12th November 2016.

Dr. V. Sivakumar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Logistics Management and Dr. M. Gurupandi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce attended and presented papers at the "4th International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Engineering, Management & Information Technology ICMIT 2016" held in Thailand during 7th – 11th November 2016.

Dr. K.Uthayasuriyan, Professor, Dept. of International Business, attended the Annual International Research Conference held at South Eastern University, Sri Lanka, as Keynote Speaker.

Dr. R. Raja, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, attended the 4th International Conference on Mathematical Sciences held during 15th to 17th November 2016 held at Palm Garden Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia.

Dr. M. Senthil, Professor and Head i/c of Logistics Management & S.O. (P&D) was nominated by the TANSHE, Govt. of TN to attend the Higher Education Leadership Forum held in Mumbai on 15th & 16th November 2016.

Dr. K. Manimekalai, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, attended the 2nd International Women and Justice Summit organized by the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and Women and Democracy Association held at the WOW Convention Centre, Istanbul, Turkey on 25 – 26, November 2016.

## **CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

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