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The combined issue of Azhagu Newsletter presents the significant academic activities that happened on the campus during the period of April-June and July-September 2022.

Commemorating the 113th Birth Anniversary of Vallal Alagappan, the grateful University Community remembered the peerless philanthropy of the Founder of this institution which champions the noble cause of education in this part of the country. A write-up on the event will enlighten the readers on the benefaction of Alagappan.

The newsletter has given a brief profile of the 11th Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. G. Ravi who assumed office on 22.8.2022. A researcher par excellence and an outstanding academician, Prof. G. Ravi has joined the elite and eminent Chief Executives of Alagappa University. With his bonhomie, pleasing manners and disciplined approach, he has earned the goodwill of the entire academic and administrative fraternity on the campus, interestingly his home pitch, during his unblemished service in the last two and a half decades. He commenced his work on the very first day of his assumption of office as the Vice-Chancellor stating that he would endeavour hard to get maximum score in the fourth cycle of NAAC accreditation due in 2024.

The University securing the 28th place in NIRF Ranking - 2022 among the "universities category" at the national level, getting the 122nd position in Times Higher Education Asia Ranking 2022 and RUSA Star Award for Optimum Utilization of Resources are some of the laurels which the University has won recently. Celebrations of Teachers' Day, 76th Independence Day and International Yoga Day took place on a grand scale on the campus besides a number of seminars, webinars, conferences, special lectures and other programmes that were organized by various Departments of Study.

PROF. G. RAVI ASSUMES OFFICE AS THE 11TH VICE-CHANCELLOR OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY



Prof. G. Ravi Receiving the Order from the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University



The Vice-Chancellor with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu

Prof. G. RAVI - A PROFILE

Dr. G. Ravi, who has assumed office as the eleventh Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, holds a high academic profile with 27 years of teaching and research experience in higher education. He hails from a progressive agriculturist's family rooted in culture. Born in the year 1965, he had his school education in Sirkali. As a consistently meritorious student, he obtained his P.G. and Doctoral Degrees from the Bharathidasan and Anna Universities respectively. He has done Post Doctoral Research at the world renowned Materials Science

Laboratory - NIMS, Japan under the most prestigious JSPS Award. He joined Alagappa University in February 1995 as Lecturer in Physics and by dint of hard work and impactful research, he has risen to the top executive position at the University. He holds a D.Sc., degree in Physics obtained from Alagappa University.

He has served as Dean, Industry and Consultancy; Chairperson School of Physical Sciences; Head, Department of Physics; Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Chairman of various academic boards at the University. He has published so far around

400 quality research papers in Scopus Indexed, International and National Journals with an average impact factor of 3.8. They have attracted the attention of researchers in the specialized field with 6842 citations and have brought a h-index of 40 and also i-10 index of 182. His research works have helped in devising instruments such as Electro Optical Modulators for Optical Communication, Optical Memories for Data Storage, Super Capacitors, Sensors and Solar Cells which are directly useful to the society. The credit of publishing 1/12th of the total number of publications of the University goes to him. He holds 8 patents. He has guided 25 scholars in their Ph.D. research and undergone leadership training under LEAP programme at the University of Hyderabad and Monash University, Australia.

He has won 22 prestigious awards including Young Scientist Award, JSPS Fellow Award, Visiting Professor and Honorary Guest Professor at Shizuoka University, Japan and Fellowships like FRSC, U.K. and FASCH. He received the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021. He has visited 23 countries across all the continents for presenting research papers. So far, he has presented 363 research papers in International / National Conferences.

8 Major research projects worth Rs. 350 Lakhs were executed by him with the help of funding agencies like UGC, DST, AICTE, TNSCST etc. During his tenure as Head of the Department of Physics, MoUs were signed between the Department of Physics, Alagappa University and Stanford University, U.S.A.; Western Norway University, Norway; GRT, Singapore, to which students are being sent periodically for training.

Infrastructural facilities have been improved at the Department and many sophisticated instruments were procured and installed in the Department and these facilities are being extended to other institutions. About Rs.140 lakhs were received as consultancy charges. Owing to his constant encouragement, the staff of the Department have published 600 quality research papers and improved the department h-index from 28 to 67 in the last six years.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS AT THE PRESS MEET ON 22.08.2022



After assuming office as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. G. Ravi told the press that he would strive for an all inclusive development of the University as envisioned by its Founder Vallal Alagappan. Concerted efforts would be taken to reinforce the government policy of strengthening skill-oriented programmes that would help in developing the specific employability skills of the students and thus meet the expectations of the employers. At the same time focus would be laid on socially relevant research at the higher level. He added that steps also would be taken to augment the financial resources for meeting increasing expenditure. Transparency in all activities will be the key factor in administration. Priority would be given to get maximum score (3.8 out of 4) in the fourth cycle of NAAC Accreditation to sustain the status of "grade one autonomous university". He concluded by saying that he would seek the co-operation of the faculty, administrative staff and students to achieve the planned progress and success in all endeavours.

Syndicate members Dr. R. Swaminathan, Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Prof. S. Karuppachamy, Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Registrar i/c Prof. S. Rajamohan, Controller of Examination i/c Prof. E. Kannapiran, Finance Officer Thiru. R. Pandian, Deans and Professors were present on the occasion.

Benefaction and Philanthropy Glorified

113th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF VALLAL ALAGAPPAN CELEBRATED

The 113th Birth Anniversary of Vallal Alagappan was celebrated on a grand scale at Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 06.04.2022. The celebrations began with a memorial rally that started from Bhavnagar Stadium and ended at Vallal Alagappan Memorial Building. Floral



tributes were paid to the portrait of Vallal Alagappan by Dr. R. Swaminathan and Prof. S. Karuppuachamy, Members, VC Officiating Committee, Dr. C. Sekar, Registrar i/c, Dr. E. Kannapiran, Controller of Examinations i/c, Syndicate Members, Officials of the University, Teaching and Non Teaching Staff, Students, Alumni and Admirers of Alagappan at the Memorial Building.

Presiding over the function held later at L.C.T. L. Palaniappa Chettiar Auditorium, Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member, VC Officiating Committee, said that the great tasks that could be successfully done only by the Governments and big organizations were accomplished by Vallal Alagappan as a single individual. Alagappan made his sleepy hometown Karaikudi as a hub of educational institutions benefiting all classes of people.

In his inaugural speech Prof. S. Karuppuachamy, another Member of the VC Officiating Committee, noted that the unparalleled philanthropist of the 20th century Alagappan was a nationalist and a progressive thinker and that his services to the cause of education has become part of history. As a visionary-patriot he firmly believed that education alone could contribute to the progress of free India and he started educational institutions with the aim of improving the lives of those at the grassroots levels of the society.

Pulavar R. Shanmugavadivel, a renowned and inspiring orator, delivered the Founder's Day Oration. He said that Alagappan, who lived a meaningful life, acted with determination adhering to Thiruvalluvar's dictum that entertaining high thoughts is the only way to rise in life. Considering education as the only permanent and sustainable wealth and cure for all ills of the society, Alagappan devoted his entire life to the development of education.

Dr. Vairavan Ramanathan, grandson of Alagappan and Lifetime Syndicate Member of Alagappa University, in his online speech delivered on the occasion, said that Alagappan donated all his assets for the betterment of the society and 30 lakhs of alumni of the educational institutions founded by Alagappan will vouchsafe for his munificence.

Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director, Central Institute of Electro Chemical Research, Karaikudi and Film Director and Writer Mr. KS. Kasthuriraja offered felicitations.

Prof. K.R. Murugan, Dr. N. Rajkumar and Ms. Kaviya spoke at the event on behalf of the University teachers, Non Teaching Staff and Students respectively.

Earlier Prof. C. Sekar, Registrar i/c, welcomed the gathering and Prof. E. Kannapiran, Controller of Examinations i/c, proposed a vote of thanks.

Syndicate members Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan & Dr. K. Gunasekaran, VIPs from Karaikudi town, Senate Members, Principals, Directors, Officials of the University and Students participated in the celebrations.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of various competitions held for University Faculty, Administrative Staff and Students in connection with Founder's Day Celebrations.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY SECURES 28TH POSITION IN NIRF RANKING - 2022

The Hon'ble Minister of Education Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan released the India Rankings 2022 for Higher Education Institutions during a function organized by the Ministry of Education (MoE) at New Delhi on 15.07.2022.

Alagappa University has secured the 28th position among the "Universities Category", 43rd position among the Research Institutions and 53rd position under the "Overall Category" among the 1875 higher educational institutions assessed at the national level for the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).

The University secured the 3rd place in "University Category" and "Research Institution Category" among the Universities that participated from Tamil Nadu.

The ranking framework evaluates institutions on five broad generic groups or parameters, i.e., Teaching, Learning and Resources, Research and Professional Practice, Graduation Outcome, Outreach and Inclusivity and Perception of the Public, Academics and Employers and also evaluates Research Papers in Journals and Citations.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Director and his team members from Alagappa University Ranking Cell, collected, analyzed and submitted the data to NIRF, MoE, New Delhi for ranking.

It may be noted that Alagappa University has improved its ranking from 57th to 53rd position under Overall Institution Category and from 33rd to 28th rank under University Category.

On behalf of Alagappa University Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, Member, V.C. Officiating Committee and Senior Professor T.R. Gurumorthy participated in the NIRF release function organized by the MoE at New Delhi on 15.07.2022.

The Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Convener & Tamil Nadu Higher Education Secretary Dr. D. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Members Dr. R. Swaminathan, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy and Members of the Syndicate Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Prof. K. Gunasekaran, Dr. M.L. Raja and Registrar i/c. Prof. S. Rajamohan, appreciated the coordinated efforts taken by the academic and administrative staff and research scholars for achieving this position.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY GETS 122nd PLACE IN TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) ASIA RANKING - 2022

Alagappa University has secured 122nd Rank in Times Higher Education ASIA Rankings - 2022 released by the Times Higher Education (THE) on 01.06.2022. A total of 829 Institutions from Asia have secured different positions in Times Higher Education ASIA Universities Rankings - 2022. Alagappa University has secured the sixth place in the overall institutions ranked in India and the first place at the Tamil Nadu State level.

Under this THE world ranking, the performance of the participating institutions under five specific areas, viz. Teaching, Research, Knowledge Transfer, International Outlook and Industry Income, have been assessed and analyzed. However, the weightings are recalibrated to reflect the attributes of Asia's Institutions. "13 carefully calibrated performance indicators are used for providing

the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons, trusted by students, academics, university leaders, industry and governments", states the release.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Director, Alagappa University Ranking Cell and his team members collected, analyzed and submitted the data to participate in THE World Ranking pertaining to the year 2021.

The Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Convener & Principal Secretary of Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu Dr. D. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Members of the V.C. Officiating Committee Dr. R. Swaminathan, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy and Members of the Syndicate Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Dr. M.L. Raja and Registrar i/c Prof. S. Rajamohan, appreciated the coordinated efforts of both the academic and administrative staff and research scholars for achieving this position.

Optimum Utilisation of Resources

UNIVERSITY GETS RUSA STAR AWARD

Alagappa University has secured the "Winner Award" (RUSA STAR) in the universities category in Tamil Nadu in Optimum Utilisation of Resources (OUR) from RUSA 2.0 funding. This declaration has come after a rigorous evaluation of all the beneficiaries of Colleges and Universities RUSA funds that included 87 institutions in Tamil Nadu.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University and Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, RUSA 2.0, Co-ordinator, received the award from Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Dr. K. Ponmudy in the presence of Dr. D. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to the Department of Higher Education and State Project Director of RUSA, in a brief award giving ceremony held at the Secretariat on 28.09.2022.



It may be noted that the State Project Directorate of RUSA has instituted RUSA-STAR Award for Optimum Utilisation of Resources (OUR) from RUSA funding to felicitate the beneficiary institutions of RUSA 1.0 and RUSA 2.0. The Institutions were evaluated on an expansive set of parameters such as the facilities created, efficient utilisation of funds, adherence to accounting procedures and timely submission of reports.

CHIEF MINISTER LAUNCHES DRUG-FREE TAMIL NADU SCHEME THROUGH VIRTUAL MODE



Under the auspices of the Government of Tamil Nadu, a scheme titled Drug-Free Tamil Nadu was launched on 15.06.2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru M.K. Stalin at Kalaivanar Arangam in Chennai.

The event was shown through video conferencing to a gathering of students and officials of the University at the Convocation Seminar Hall.

The Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee members Dr. R. Swaminathan and Prof. S.Karuppachamy, Syndicate Members Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan and Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Karaikudi Constituency MLA Thiru. Mangudi, Karaikudi Municipal Chairman Thiru.

Muthudurai, Panchayat Presidents and other local body representatives of Kottaiyur, Pallathur, Pudukkottai, Sakkottai and Kanadukathan and students of the University participated in the event and they took the oath against the drug abuse when the Chief Minister administered the oath.

Then as a sequel, an oath taking programme was organized here in front of the Administrative Block. Prof. S. Karuppachamy, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Member read out the oath against drug abuse in the presence of another Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Member Dr. R. Swaminathan. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c Thiru R. Pandian, Finance Officer, Administrative Staff, Faculty Members and Students took the oath to stamp out the drug abuse.

The oath taking programmes were organized in all the Departments of the University and also in affiliated colleges.

Anti-Elderly Abuse Pledge Taken



As per the instructions of the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, an "Anti-Elderly Abuse Pledge" was taken at Alagappa University on 15.6.2022.

Prof. S. Karuppachamy, VC Officiating Committee, read out the pledge which was repeated by the gathering. Dr. R. Swaminathan, another member of the VC Officiating Committee, Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Prof. E. Kannapiran, Controller of Examinations, Mr. R. Pandian, Finance Officer and other officials and administrative staff took the pledge. The pledge was taken by the staff of all the Departments of Study.

SEVENTY-SIXTH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED



The 76th Independence Day was celebrated on 15.08.2022 in all grandeur at Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Dr. R. Swaminathan, another member of the V.C. Officiating Committee and accepted the guard of honour presented by the NCC cadets and students of the University.

In his Independence Day address, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy said that the country's Independence was obtained with great sacrifices made by lakhs and lakhs of nationalists and patriots. It is an occasion to remember and recall the significance of the hard won freedom. It is the duty and responsibility of the youth to safeguard the sovereignty, democratic ideals and multi-faceted culture of our nation. According to an All India Higher Education Survey done in 2020-21, that Tamil Nadu has attained 51.4% in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER); and Tamil Nadu stands in the forefront in offering Higher Education at the national level. In this context, he said that all the Departments of Alagappa University are offering quality education and encourage all socially relevant researches for nation's development.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The International Yoga Day was celebrated at Alagappa University on 21.06.2022. The event was organised by the Centre for Yoga Education of the University. The theme of this year's Yoga Day was "Yoga for Humanity".



Presiding over the event, Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member of the V.C. Officiating Committee, said that consistent yoga practice plays an important role in improving the health of human beings. It is very essential for mental and physical health of individuals in today's world. Yoga helps in keeping all the internal organs of the body to function properly and to get mental strength and live a long and healthy life. Another V.C. Officiating Committee Member Prof. S. Karuppuchamy who spoke on the occasion said that our ancestors comprehending the enormous benefits accruing on account of practising yoga made it compulsory in the Gurukul System of Education. It helps in controlling the mind to a large extent. Extensive research on yoga is currently being done all over the world and this makes India proud. He stated that philosophy of yoga is based on a coordination of the mind and body. It controls the senses and creates harmony in man. He added that the five principles of yoga are proper training, proper relaxation of the body, proper breathing, proper diet and proper meditation.



Twenty students of the University led by Dr. S. Saroja, Co-ordinator of the Centre for Yoga Education participated in the International Yoga Day celebrations held at the Governor's House in Chennai.

On the campus Dr. R. Swaminathan, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Dr. E. Kannapiran, Prof. P. Sivakumar, Dr. T.R. Gurumoorthy and Colonel Rajnesh Pratap of the 9th Tamil Nadu NCC Battalion joined the yoga exercise arranged on the campus in which a large number of Teachers, Officials, Non-Teaching Staff of the University participated.

As part of the celebrations, various cultural events were conducted which included a drama enacted by the students of the Theatre and Film Studies Department, Yoga demonstrations were made by the students of the Yoga Centre and a dance and song programme was performed by the students of the Fine Arts Department.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan and Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Syndicate Members, Prof. E. Kannapiran, Controller of Examinations i/c, Thiru. R. Pandian, Finance Officer, Deans, Directors, Heads of the Departments, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff and Students participated in this function. Dr. R. Senthil Kumaran, Director of Physical Education and Dr. Rajalakshmi, Principal i/c, AUCPE and other faculty members of the College of Physical Education made arrangements for the successful conduct of this function.

Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, NCC Officer and Dr. M. Jothibas, Head i/c, Department of Theatre and Film Studies compered the programme.

TAMIL NADU TEACHER EDUCATION UNIVERSITY APPRECIATES ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR ITS GOOD WORK



The Management Information System (MIS) functioning at Alagappa University has computerized all the office work of the University. It has also introduced software project consultancy service as requested by other institutions. It undertakes computerization of office work of other universities. On request from the Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University, it developed appropriate computer programming for computerizing some office work at the first phase and implemented it meticulously. The MIS received an appreciation letter from the Registrar of Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University for the good work done.

GRAND TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Teachers Day was celebrated on a grand scale at Alagappa University on 5.9.2022. Presiding over the event Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, highlighted the significant role teachers played in nation building. He said that teaching is not just a profession, it is indeed a way of life. It is a day to remember the services rendered by teachers with gratitude by all individuals. The teachers are the shaping forces in individual's life. Their guidance and proper counselling at every stage would have gone into the making of a person's of achievements. But for them, he said, he would not have risen to this position.



Prof. P. Ramasamy, Former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, delivered the Teachers Day Address. He said that teachers entrusted with the noble task of removing the darkness of ignorance and bringing light into the lives of students deserve to be revered and glorified. The Teachers Day Celebrated on the birth anniversary of a great teacher Dr. S. Radhakrishnan provides an opportunity for all of us to remember our teachers who are the architects of our life. He concluded his speech by recalling the statement made by Alexander, the great "I owe my life to my parents. But I owe all my achievements to my teachers".

A total of 45 Faculty members comprising 15 Professors, one Associate Professor and 29 Assistant Professors were honoured with certificates and cash prizes for excelling in research. The awards were given based on their publications in Scopus indexed journals; all the Faculty Members of the University and teachers of Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School were given Teachers Day souvenirs.

Earlier Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, welcomed the gathering and Dr. E. Kannabiran, Controller of Examination i/c, proposed a vote of thanks.

TWO-DAY SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CAMP CONDUCTED

The Tamil Nadu State Council of Higher Education and Alagappa University jointly organized a Two-Day Skill Development Training Camp for the Faculty Members of Arts and Social Science and Management Departments working in Government and Government Aided Arts and Science Colleges in Trichy Zone on 5th May 2022; it was conducted at two places on Alagappa University campus.

In this training camp, training was imparted by experts on quality improvement in higher education, use of facilities for effective teaching, soft skills development, research development, skills for future employment in industry and on preparation for national assessment and accreditation work.



The training for the teachers of Arts and Social Sciences Department was held in the Department of Economics and Rural Development. Senior Professor and Head of the Department of Economics and Rural Development Dr. A. Narayanamurthy welcomed the participants at the inaugural session. Dr. E. Kannabiran gave the introductory speech. Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, delivered the felicitation address. Dr. R. Suresh, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Rural Development, proposed a vote of thanks.

The training camp for the teachers of Commerce and Management Departments was held at the Industrial Chemistry Department Seminar Hall. Prof. C. K. Muthukumar welcomed the participants. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Dean, Faculty of Management, in his keynote address, mentioned the difficulties faced by the teachers. He gave hints on how to deal with imbalances and shortcomings. He hoped that this training would help them immensely.

Senior Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce Dr. T.R. Gurumoorthy delivered the felicitation address. In his speech, he elaborated on strategies to attract students' attention and he referred to do's and don'ts and things to avoid in the classroom.

Ms. M. Ambika a student pursuing I year M.B.A proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the function.

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

International Webinar on Postmodernism

As part of the International Lecture Series, the Department of English and Foreign Languages conducted an International Webinar on 27.4.2022 with Prof. Dono Usmanova, Head of English Language Department, Fergana State University, Fergana, Uzbekistan as the resource person. Prof. P. Madhan, Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, delivered the welcome address.

Prof. Dono Usmanova, the guest of honour from Fergana State University, Uzbekistan spoke about post modernism. She called the school of postmodernism a counter-enlightenment movement which brought about unprecedented progress in all walks of human life. Prof. Dono Usmanova's articulation is that progress on this scale was made possible only by the faculty of reason and rationality. The phenomenon of enlightenment is a reason-powered movement but post-modernism does not believe in this reason-driven progress, Prof. Dono Usmanova added. Quoting Immanuel Kant who stated that the faculty of reason functions in specific ways in specific people and its findings are contingent and provisional, the guest of honour Prof. Dono Usmanova illustrated that postmodernism wants intuition-driven progress rather than reason-powered development. In addition to that, Prof. Dono vocalized the view that post modernism seeks to replace totalizing and over-arching meta narrative, by mini-narratives. The former is concerned with grand subjects like politics, religion, Marxism and so on whereas the latter deals with the way of life, culture, traditions and conventions of people who belong to the peripheries of society. The resource person

described postmodernist fiction as historiography metafiction. Referring to Canadian postmodern critic Lynda Hutcheon, Prof. Dono Usmanova said that historiography is related to actual historical events and metafiction is pertaining to fictionality of fiction. It is a strange paradox. History contains the elements of fiction and fiction is seen as contributing to history, Prof. Dona Usmanova spelt out. She further put forth the notion that magical realism, pastiche, intertextuality, hyper-reality and pre-occupation with extra-terrestrial lives are some of the important post modern features.

At the end of the programme Dr. SP. Shanthi, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. Faculty from University Departments, Affiliated Colleges, Research Scholars and PG students participated at the programme in great numbers.

International Webinar on T.S. Eliot, Identity and India

The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized an International level webinar on 16.06.2022. Prof. Robert Frazer, from Open University, Faculty of Arts Royal Holloway, University of London, participated as a guest of honour and delivered a lecture on the title "T.S. Eliot, Identity and India". In his lecture, he illustrated how the literary creations of T.S Eliot have turned out to be the documentation of socio, political, cultural and religious conditions of England in the wake of the two great World Wars. Prof. Robert Frazer called T.S. Eliot a versatile man of letters who stamped his individuality and creative personality in several literary genres including poetry, drama, prose, criticism and so on. The distinguished academic opined that T.S. Eliot's stature and standing are so great that he is known as the identity and face of twentieth century English literature. T.S. Eliot whom the resource person projected as a spiritualist bemoans the decline of ethics, deterioration of morals and break-down of public morality in "The Waste Land". T.S. Eliot's knowledge of Indian Vedas and Upanishads is so phenomenal that he presents a three-fold remedy of Datta, Dayatavam and Damyata taken from Upanishads for eliminating all the maladies of modern life, Prof. Robert Frazer added. Another significant idea which figured prominently in the discourse of Prof. Robert is that T.S Eliot is a modernist keen on creating order out of disorder, unity out of disunity and coherence out of incoherence. It is

very much palpable that T.S Eliot was concerned about the overall progress of mankind, Prof. Robert Frazer explained. The English faculty of University department, affiliated colleges and other universities, research scholars and students participated at the webinar. At the end of the webinar, Dr. SP.Shanthi, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

Parent-Teacher Association Meeting



The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized Parent-Teacher Association Meet - 2022 on 6th August 2022. The parents were informed through their wards about the said meeting. More than 30 parents/guardians graced the occasion. Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering followed by the interaction between Parents, Class Teachers, Subject Teachers and Mentors. There was a discussion on student's performance in individual subjects, students' discipline in classrooms and their attendance percentage. One parent was happy with the way the department is run. He was very satisfied with the performance of her ward. One parent also enquired what kind of placement arrangements are done for their ward. The faculty members discussed in detail the academic calendar and their last working day. He also stressed that if parents and students have any difficulty, they can contact the faculty and the Department at anytime. CIA marks in all the subjects were discussed with the parents. At the end of the meeting Dr. SP. M. Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks. The department faculty members Dr. S. Valliammai, Dr. M. Natarajan, Dr.S. Sudha, Dr. SP. Shanthi, Dr. S. Vinoth Kumar, Assistant Professors attended the meeting.

Prof. Chellappan Endowment Lecture



The Department of English and Foreign Languages staged a special lecture programme under the auspices of Prof. Chellappan Endowment on 4.9.2022. Prof. NP. Manikkam who served in Alagappa Government College for about three decades participated as a resource person and made a lecture on Tennyson's poem "Ulysses". The senior professor expatiated upon the indomitable spirit and the unquenchable quest of Ulysses for adventures. Even if Ulysses made a great number of accomplishments in his life, he does not like to be complacent or self-satisfied. Prof. Manikkam explicated Ulysses' discontent, restlessness and anxiety upon returning to his kingdom Ithaca. By entrusting his kingdom to his son Telemachus, Ulysses wishes to explore life more. The guest of honour quoted the following lines from the poem, "I cannot rest from travel I will drink ; Life to the lees: All times I have enjoyed greatly, have suffered greatly". Prof. Manikkam's exhortation to students is that they should draw inspiration from the character of Ulysses and make rapid strides in their career. They should always have a spark inside them to accomplish further in their career. He wound up the lecture by quoting the lines, "To strive, To seek and not to yield". When students put their heart and soul into the work they undertake, they will definitely become successful and victorious, Prof. Manikkam said.

At the end of the programme, Dr. SP. Shanthi proposed a vote of thanks. Faculty, Research Scholars and students took part in large numbers.

Webinar on Shakespeare for All Ages

An International Webinar on Shakespeare for All Ages happened at the Department of English and Foreign Languages on 25.09.2022. Prof. Boothenia Majoul from University of Carthage, Tunisia took part in it as a guest of honour and made a talk on the above-mentioned topic.

Prof. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address.

Prof. Boothenia Majoul called Shakespeare a phenomenon whose thirty seven plays and hundred and forty four sonnets have attained immortality and deathlessness. She further added that Shakespeare's works are not for an age but for all ages not for one country but for all countries and not for one generation but for all generations. From her perspective, Shakespeare's plays are a repository of knowledge and a store-house of worldly wisdom. The Tunisian Professor Boothenia Majoul spelt out that Shakespeare's literary works remain a beacon light and guidance for human life. Apart from providing entertainment for the readers, the dramas of Shakespeare present enlightenment as well. Other ideas that appeared prominently in her lecture are as follows : Macbeth teaches that over-whelming ambition is an evil ii) Hamlet's lesson is how procrastination of action is dangerous iii) King Lear makes readers know blind-judgement of people is a flaw and Othello's weakness is that suspicion of loved ones is a huge defect. As part of her lecture, the speaker shed light on the ever-relevant and ever-applicable nature of Shakespeare's plays. Even if Shakespeare does not follow poetic justice in his plays, the very nature of human-life - as the combination of joys and sorrows and ups and downs-justifies the absence of it, Professor Boothenia Majoul added.

At the end of the webinar, Dr. M. Natarajan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. English Faculty from University Department, Affiliated Colleges, Research Scholars and Students took part in the webinar.

DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

அறிஞர் அண்ணா பிறந்தநாள் விழா சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் நிறுவப்பட்டுள்ள அறிஞர் அண்ணா ஆய்வு இருக்கையின் சார்பில் அறிஞர் அண்ணா பிறந்தநாள் விழா சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு 15.09.2022 அன்று லெ.சித.லெ. பழனியப்ப செட்டியார் நினைவுக் கலையரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு தலைமை தாங்கிய பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.க.ரவி அவர்கள் தனது தலைமையுரையில், அறிஞர் அண்ணா, நாடு, மொழி, இனம் என அனைத்தையும் கடந்து மனிதநேயம் காட்டியவர்.

அருடைய எளிமை, நட்புணர்வு, அரவணைக்கும் பண்பு போன்ற நல்ல குணங்களையும், பேச்சாற்றல், எழுத்தாற்றல், படைப்பாற்றல் போன்ற பண்புகள் திறன்களையும் மாணவர்கள் பின்பற்ற வேண்டும் எனக் கேட்டுக்கொண்டார். அறிஞர் அண்ணா மாணவர்களின் மீது மிகுந்த அன்பும், அக்கறையும் கொண்டவர். மாணவர்கள் கல்வியில் அதிக கவனம் செலுத்தினால் தான் எதிர்காலத்தில் வீட்டிற்கும், நாட்டிற்கும் நல்ல பலனை தரமுடியும் என்னும் அறிஞர் அண்ணாவின் புத்தக வாசிப்புப் பழக்கத்தை இன்றை மாணவர்கள் முன்னுதாரணாகக் கொண்டு வாழ்க்கையில் முன்னேற வேண்டும் எனவும் கேட்டுக்கொண்டார். எந்தவொரு கருத்தையும் நாகரிகமாக எடுத்துரைக்கும் அறிஞர் அண்ணாவின் பண்பை நாம் அனைவரும் பின்பற்ற வேண்டுமெனவும் கேட்டுக்கொண்டார்.



இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் “அண்ணாவின் செந்திரம்” எனும் தலைப்பில் சொற்பொழிவாற்றிய கவிஞர் மதுக்கூர் ராமலிங்கம் அவர்கள், அறிஞர் அண்ணா அரசியலை அறிவு இயக்கமாக மாற்றியவர், எளிய மக்கள் முன்னேற்றத்திற்குப் பாடுபட்டவர். பெண்கள் மேம்பாட்டிற்கு உறுதுணையாக இருந்தவர் என்று எடுத்துரைத்தார். அறிஞர் அண்ணாவின் பேச்சாற்றல் அனைவரையும் கவர்ந்தது. தமிழில் மட்டுமல்லாமல் அதற்கு இணையாக ஆங்கிலத்திலும் பேசக்கூடிய நாவண்மை மிக்கவர். அவர் தம் நாவண்மையால் தமிழக மக்களின் மனதில் இன்றும் நிலைத்து நிற்பவர் என்றார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் பல்கலைக்கழக அளவில் நடைபெற்ற கவிதை, கட்டுரை, பேச்சுப் போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவ, மாணவியருக்கு பண்ப்பரிசும், சான்றிதழும் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

அறிஞர் அண்ணா பிறந்தநாளையொட்டி நடைபெற்ற பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதற்பரிசு பெற்ற சிவகங்கை, மன்னர் துரைசிங்கம் அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரி மாணவி க. செந்திவேலம்மாள் “காலப் பெருங்கொடை அண்ணா” என்னும் தலைப்பில் உரையாற்றினார்.

முன்னதாக பல்கலைக்கழக தமிழ்த்துறைத்தலைவரும், அறிஞர் அண்ணா ஆய்வு இருக்கை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளருமாகிய பேரா.சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார்.

நிறைவாக உதவி பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் நன்றி கூறினார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் புலமுதன்மையர்கள், பேராசிரியர்கள், கலைப்புலம், கல்வியியல் புலம், மேலாண்மையியல் புலம் மற்றும் திறன் மேம்பாட்டு மைய மாணவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

"Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniyan"

Videos on Inspiring Women's Stories Screened

The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, screened a series of videos on inspiring women's stories titled "Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniyan" on 17th August 2022 in the University Convocation Seminar Hall. The main objective of the programme was to recall the feats of extraordinary women and inspire the students and staff through it. The videos portrayed seven women change-makers from across India and these women shared their stories of breaking the glass ceiling. They were shown as 'forces of nature' as they spoke about what Azadi means to them. Around 700 students from various Departments attended the screening of videos. After the screening, participants shared their views and impact of these video presentation on them.

Alumni Meet - 2022 Organised

The Department of Women's Studies organized the "ALUMNI MEET 2022" on 25.08.2022 through online mode. The main objective of this meet was to reconnect with the alumni and celebrate their successes and various achievements. The Alumni Meet started with a welcome address by Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University. The alumni recollected their fruitful happy days in Alagappa University and interacted with the staff members and also with their friends. 36 alumni actively participated and expressed their gratitude to all teaching and non teaching staff for their guidance and support during their study period in the University. At the end of the meeting, Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, delivered a vote of thanks.

Awareness Programme Organised on Legal Provisions for Safety and Security of Women

The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University and Free Legal Aid Centre organised an awareness programme on Legal Provisions for Safety and Security of Women at Alagappa University on 27.08.2022. 42 students and staff participated in the programme. The main objective of the programme was to sensitize the students about the legal provisions available for safety and security of women and also to make them learn about the Constitutional rights. Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering.



Mr. Nelson Jeeva, an Advocate, elaborated on the Right to Information Act (2005), Hindu Marriage Act (1955), Domestic Violence Act (2005), The Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005 (property rights) and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act (2013). Dr.P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. 42 students and staff participated in the programme.

MoU Signed With Bullock-Cart Workers Development Association



The Department of Women's Studies signed an MoU with BWDA on 07th Sep 2022. The aim of the MoU is to promote institutional collaborative activities such as students and faculty exchange programme to enhance the knowledge on research, extension activities and educational programmes, student internships and to implement the field level activities such as conducting surveys, making research studies on social, educational, economic, environmental, legal and cultural aspects that promote the development of the society and the nation as well.

Special Lecture on Fund Raising and Project Management

A Special Lecture on Fund Raising and Project Management was organized on 07th Sep 2022. Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, in her welcome address, elaborated on the significance of the programme and highlighted some of the international and national agencies that provide funds for the development of nation. Further, she motivated the students to actively involve themselves in the activities carried out by various NGOs in and around their residing places. Dr.C. Joslin Thambi, Founder, BWDA Group of Institutions said that Bullock-Cart Workers Development Association (BWDA) was established on 2nd October, 1985 with the primary objective of rendering selfless, dedicated service for poverty alleviation and empowerment of bullock cart workers, unorganised labourers, rural artisans, poor and needy women and children in Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Their areas of work included health, water and sanitation, education, advocacy and lobbying, capacity building and livelihood development, child welfare, women's welfare, and social awareness.

He added that ensuring good education is essential for the proper growth of the younger generation; and they started BWDA Arts and Science College, BWDA Polytechnic College and BWDA Schools to address the disparity in accessing the educational facilities which help the marginalized for attaining intellectual prosperity. He also referred to various national and international funding agencies, method of availing funds, importance of auditing, significance of programme planning and steps in writing project proposal. He concluded his speech by

pointing out that the work done with involvement, commitment and enjoyment would definitely lead to success in life.

Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistant, Department of Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks.

Special Lecture on Extension Approaches

The Department of Women's Studies organised a Special Lecture on Extension Approaches on 19th Sep 2022. Prof. K. Manimekalai, in her welcome address, said that the extension work which is mainly based on people's needs, as well as on national economic needs have several approaches. She added that various extension approaches help the students, voluntary organizations and educational institutions to adopt various strategies while approaching the people and they help to create a conducive environment in bringing positive behavioural changes and also for achieving the goals.

Mrs. S. Balasaraswathy, Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science, V.V. Vanniaperumal College for Women, Virudhunagar, in her special lecture, explained the significance, principles of extension and qualities of an extension worker. Further, she highlighted the basic eight extension approaches, their applications, merits and demerits. Additionally, she motivated the students to develop unique qualities which differentiate them from others that would facilitate their development in all aspects. Nearly 36 students, staff and scholars attended and benefited out of the programme. Finally, the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistant.

Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme



The Department of Women's Studies in collaboration with Karaikudi Taluk Legal Service Committee organized the Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme on 22nd September 2022 at the Central Library Seminar Hall.

Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, in her welcome address, highlighted the significance of the programme and asked the students and staff to disseminate the knowledge on various laws and acts that support and safeguard girls and women.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, elaborated on the functions of Taluk Legal Service Committee and said that the main aim of the committee is to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society, to promote justice on a basis of equal opportunity and to ensure that justice is not denied to any citizen by reason of their economic or other disabilities. He pointed out that promoting legal literacy would empower women and girls and help create a violence-free society. He also referred to legal principle that indicates "ignorance of the law is no excuse." which means that people cannot defend their actions by claiming they didn't know the law. Further, he mentioned that access to justice is a fundamental right guaranteed to all citizens by Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Denying a person in accessing justice deeply affects the quality of one's life.

Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, in his keynote address, said that while India has enacted several acts for the welfare of the people only a few people approach the justice delivery system for redressal of their grievances. Majority of the people due to lack of awareness are victimized and hence to avoid such conditions the Taluk Legal Service Committee promotes awareness about the legal rights and various means and ways in accessing justice. Further, he elaborated on the significance and functions of Consumer Protection Act 1986, Human Rights Act 1993 and Right to Information Act, 2005.



Mr. A. Dharanidharan, Chairperson/District Munsif, Karaikudi in his special address highlighted that crimes against women in Tamil Nadu went up from 5,934 in 2019 to 6,630 in 2020, and 8,501 in 2021, as per NCRB data. These crimes include 'Cruelty by Husband or His Relatives', 'Assault on Women with Intent to Outrage Her Modesty', and 'Kidnapping & Abduction of Women', and 'Rape'. He referred to the years of sentences for violations such as outraging the modesty of women, sexual harassment, voyeurism and stalking.

Mr. V. Kannappan, Advocate, in his speech, said that in Tamil Nadu the Right to Information Act was enacted in 1997 but in India it was enacted in 2005. He highlighted that there are 31 sections in RTI 2005, and Sections 8,9,19, and 11 deal with disclosure of information. Further, he discussed the significance and importance of RTI 2005 act and exhorted the students to propagate the information they have gained through this programme to the people.

Mrs. S. Ratha, Advocate, Karaikudi discussed the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, that protects children from offences like sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography. She highlighted various sections that protect children and spoke about the methods of doing investigation as per POCSO Act, 2012.

Nearly 100 students and faculty members from various departments derived benefit from this programme. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. I. Sivakumar, Teaching Assistant.

Observance of National Nutrition Month 2022

To commemorate the National Nutrition Month" and "International Year of Millets", the Department of Women's Studies, organized a series of programmes from 28.08.2022 to 29.09.2022. Lecture series and competitions such as Seminar Presentation, Rangoli, Food Fest (Millet base), Comedy Skit, Debate, Nutri King and Queen were conducted by the Department.

Awareness Programme on Health Benefits of Millets

The International Year of Millets was also observed. The types millets and the importance of daily intake of millets were explained to the students and they were asked to disseminate the knowledge about the millets among neighbours, family members and friends. Nearly 80 students from various departments participated and benefited from the programme.

Millet base



Awareness Programme on Millets as Functional Foods in Combating Diseases Conducted

On 29.09.2022 Prof. K. Manimekalai, spoke about the importance of observing National Nutrition Month and International Year of Millets and highlighted the role and significance of millets that serve as functional foods in curing various non communicable diseases. Nearly 100 students actively participated and benefited from the programme.

To create awareness about the millets a quiz competition was organised for University students on 17.10.2022 at the play ground of Faculty of Arts. 150 questions were asked in 10 rounds. Nearly 102 students actively participated and gained knowledge on health benefits of millets.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

World Suicide Prevention Week Observed

The World Suicide Prevention Week was observed by the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. This programme is being conducted throughout the world every year in September to raise awareness about the importance of taking suicide prevention measures and thereby improving the individual's mental health.



Presiding over the event held on 27.9.2022 at Alagappa University, Vice - Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi said: "According to WHO statistics, 7 lakh people commit suicide every year in the world. It has also mentioned that suicide is the fourth leading cause of death among youngsters aged between 15 and 29. In 2019, 77 percent of suicides occurred in low- and middle-income countries. Studies suggest a link between suicide and mental disorders in well- developed high- income countries. Suicide has been found to occur in times of crisis due to reduced ability to cope with stress created by financial problems, relationship breakdowns, chronic illness and pain. Suicide rates are high among people who experience discrimination, such as refugees and immigrants, homosexuals, transgender people, and prisoners. He added that according to a recent report published in "The Economic Times", Maharashtra accounted for the highest number of suicides in India as of 2021, followed by Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh. A recent report by the National Crime Records Bureau states that career- related problems, loneliness, violence, family problems, mental disorders, alcoholism, financial loss and chronic illness and pain are the leading causes of suicide in India.

The theme of World Suicide Prevention Day 2022 is "Creating Hope through Action", and that reflected the need for collective action to address this public health issue. Suicide is a growing social problem in every society. And it is the duty of Social Work students to help people with suicide tendency to overcome this problem. They should be aware of NGOs that focus on suicide prevention activities. Students should also talk to and comfort the depressed people from lower rungs of the society who suffer on account of discrimination and depression. This awareness programme will help in understanding the barriers found in the society for discussing the topic of mental disorders and suicides. Discussing this issue openly is considered indecent and abhorred in many societies. This should change", he added.

Mrs. Leema Thomas, Psychologist, Rejoice Counselling Centre, Karaikudi, delivered the thematic address. She referred to the suicide triggering points and suicide prevention methods. She insisted on strengthening the social factors through which we could prevent many suicide attempts. She also explained how symptoms like social withdrawal, isolation and depression are predictors

of suicide. She said that suicide rate in Asian countries are very less when compared to Western countries and attributed it to the strong family units and the parenting interventions in the East. She also emphasized the importance of social work in preventing suicide, suicidal attempts and self-harm.

Mr. S. Pragadeeswaran , Head, Department of Social Work, Athma Hospital, Trichy, highlighted the significance of developing a positive mental health for a happier life and he shared some of the case studies that he encountered in his practice. He also referred to a lot of facts and myths about suicidal symptoms and attempts. He pointed out that every suicide death is due to prior suicide attempt. He discussed different terminologies of suicide that include attempted suicide, committed suicide, consummated suicide, para suicide and deliberate self - harm. He hinted at the methods to be practised for positive mental health through an acronym called "EMI" which meant "Exercise, Meditation and Introspection".

Earlier in his welcome address Dr. A. Velusami, Head i/c, Department of Social Work said that the overall aim of the event was to create awareness about suicide prevention worldwide and another purpose was to promote preventive measures to stop self-harm and suicide attempts. Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Two-Day "National Conference on Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education" (NCTLISE-2022)

A Two-Day "National Conference on Changing Information Landscape and Its Transformation in LIS Education" (NCTLISE-2022) was inaugurated on 02.09.2022 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)-sponsored Conference was hosted by the Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University.

Inaugurating the Conference Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, referred to the significance of a well-equipped modern library in rendering great help to a scholar who is passionate in his

pursuit of innovative research. He said that the invention of printing made an enormous impact which is beyond human expectation and imagination. Printed materials can never be replaced, he added. But at the same time with the advent of digitization, getting information and acquiring knowledge have become easier for researchers. In today's world of knowledge explosion, judicious use of resources is very important for focused studies. The modern technology helps in the selection of the right materials and it is a boon for the scholar.

Making a reference to the declining habit of reading among the modern youth, he said that books are unfailing companions to lonely individuals. "Reading books can change the world; reading reduces stress; reading strengthens the functioning of the brain; reading helps in acquiring knowledge; reading enhances one's vocabulary in the subject concerned and reading builds confidence. In short, reading makes a full man, as said by an English essayist". He concluded his speech by saying that "changing scenario demands updating of knowledge on the part of LIS professionals.

Dwelling on the impact of digitization and consequent transformation in library and information services in the present era, Prof. Pravakar Rath, Senior Professor from Mizoram University, in his keynote address, stated that the role and responsibility of the LIS Professionals have undergone tremendous changes in the changing information landscape; he added that quality services in this field can only be assured through innovative services and best practices to meet the changing needs of the users. "An innovative librarian explores, applies and discovers applications to change the system that provides impactful services. With the successful digital library initiatives, libraries have started connecting with each other through library networks and share their resources to avoid duplication of money, manpower and material. In this regard, library resource sharing networks and consortia are a boon to academic and research community".

A compendium containing research articles was released by the Vice- Chancellor and the first copy was received by Prof. Pravakar Rath.



Prof. M. Sadik Batcha of Annamalai University, who presented the overview of the conference, said this conference would provide a platform for interaction among the library professionals and digital library experts, researchers, academicians, and students on the needed changes to transform library and information science education and training and it would also help to adopt, implement and utilize the emerging Digital Library and all other available new technologies and their applications toward shaping information paradigm to bridge the digital divide through knowledge sharing and would provide an opportunity to identify the strengths and gaps in the library system and to suggest new models, policies and mechanisms for reshaping the traditional libraries into next generation libraries.

Earlier Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science and the Organizing Secretary of the Conference, welcomed the gathering. Dr. C. Baskaran, Librarian, Central Library, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

International Literacy Day Organised

The International Literacy Day was conducted on 16.9.2022 at Alagappa University under the auspices of the Department of Library and Information Science.



Presiding over the event Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said at the time of India's Independence, only 2 out of 10 people were literates at the national level. But in 2022 India's literacy rate is 77.7 percent owing to the efforts of the governments. He added that Tamil Nadu's literacy rate is 82.9 percent, with male literacy constituting 87.9 percent and female literacy rate is 77.9 percent. The overall enrollment rate in higher education in India is 27.1 percent. But the total enrollment rate in higher education in Tamil Nadu is twice the national average i.e. 51.4 percent. He further said that countries like Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland have achieved 100 percent literacy in the world. Countries like North Korea and Cuba excel in fields like agriculture and medicine only because of education. He also said that literacy means knowing and studying what is necessary for life along with the curriculum prescribed for study. Japan is the third richest country in the world and it is because of people's hard work and quality education system prevailing there.

Prof. V. Thiruvalluvan, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil University, Thanjavur, delivered the keynote address. He stated there is a co-relation between literacy rate and all-round progress of a nation. Education enhances the quality of life of individuals and it is, indeed, a blessing. He dwelt on the qualities one has to nurture in his early education. "Besides learning subjects the youth should learn moral and ethical ways of living which ancient Tamil Literary texts highlight. There should be gratitude and loyalty and these are the most important traits one has to cultivate. Purity of mind is very important. Experience is real life. Students should remember the saying that reading makes a full man. Education should be used properly for a righteous living and students should make reading a daily routine. Those who control the mind and concentrate on studies become scholars".

Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean Research, offered felicitation. He said there is no development without education. If literacy develops, the country will automatically progress in all sectors. He exhorted the students to go to libraries and read a lot of books for their personal elevation and national development.

Earlier, Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, delivered the welcome address and Dr. V. Muthumari, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

World Music Day Celebrated

Under the auspices of the Department of Fine Arts, the World Music Day was celebrated on 21.6.2022 through virtual mode. In her welcome address, Dr. S. Senthamizh Pawai, Head i/c of the Department of Fine Arts, made a reference to the special guest's achievements.

Presiding over the event Dr. R. Swaminathan, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Member, elaborated on the history of music and its importance. He referred to various personalities and artistes who excelled in music and their devotion to music. "The healing power ingrained in soul-stirring music would help one to come out of constrictions", he added.

Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, another Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Member, in his inaugural address, said that the power of music attracts not only human beings but also gods. It has no barriers of language, race and religion. Tamil Music has a glorious history and is intrinsically connected with the lives of the people. It has a significant place at various stages of one's life i.e from birth to death.

Bharathanatyam Exponent Kalaimamani Dr. Srinidhi Chidambaram was the special guest of the event. She said that there is no dance without music; the moving form of music is dance and the connection between music and dance are so intrinsic that they cannot be thought of separately. She highlighted the use of songs by Thanjavur Quartet in contemporary dance art; she also referred to the remarkable contributions of Papanasam Sivan and Uthukuli Venkatasubbaiyar to the world of music.

Dr. R. Sriraman, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Fine Arts, proposed a vote of thanks.

Book Festival

University Students Win Awards at the District Art and Literary Festival

The students of Alagappa University participated in the Art and Literary competitions organized by Sivagangai District Administration for college students as part of the first Sivagangai Book Festival held from 16.04.2022 to 25.04.2022 and won many prizes. The students of the University won prizes in all the art and



literary competitions in which they participated. The University students who won the first and third place in drama competition, the first and the second place in haiku poetry competition, the first place in Bharatanatyam competition, the second place in karakattam and kolattam competitions and the third place in oyilattam competitions were awarded prizes in the presence of dignitaries, legislators, parliamentarians and district officials.

Alagappa University Faculty Members Mr. B. Panchalirajan, Dr. M.S. Kanakadara and Mr. M. Ganesan trained the participants. Alagappa University Cultural Forum Coordinator Dr. M. Jothi Basu coordinated the training sessions.

The Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Members Dr. R. Swaminathan, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy and Syndicate Member Dr. K. Gunasekaran congratulated the students for showcasing their talents and for winning awards.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Research Scholar Attends International Research School in Mathematical Epidemiology



Mr. Sayooj Aby Jose, IMU Breakout Graduate Fellow, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Mathematics working under the guidance of Dr. R. Raja, Assistant Professor, RCHM attended the fully funded International Research School on "Summer Research School in Mathematical

Epidemiology" from May 9th to 20th, 2022, at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. It was an event conducted in collaboration with CIMPA, a category 2 UNESCO Center supported by France, Switzerland, Spain, Norway and Germany, with the mission of promoting research in mathematics in developing countries. About 50 local and foreign applicants from different universities in Bangladesh and 15 researchers and teachers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Philippines, Tunisia, Ghana and Senegal were selected to participate in this school. The workshop was run by seven international mathematics experts from USA, Canada, France, Spain and Italy. The scholar received the participation certificate from Barrister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister of Education, People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Mr. A. Stephen, Ph.D Scholar, Department of Mathematics working under the guidance of Dr. R. Raja, Assistant Professor, RCHM orally presented his research findings in the 25th International Annual Symposium on Computational Science and Engineering, at Khon Kaen University in Thailand on the topic "Pinning synchronization for multi-agent nonlinear delayed systems on time scale and its application to circuit network" in June, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Broad Based Board of Studies Conducted

The Broad Based Board of Studies (BOS) meeting was conducted on 25th July 2022 to review and modify the existing syllabi for M.Sc., M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes offered by the Department of Physics, Alagappa University. The Broad Based Board comprised the following members : Two external subject experts Dr. R. Jayavel, Professor and Director, Centre for Nanoscience and Technology, Anna University, Chennai and Dr. J. Hemalatha, Professor, Department of Physics, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, One foreign subject expert Prof. Dr. S.N. Piramanayagam, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, One Industry Expert Dr. K. Devakumaran, Deputy General Manager, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Trichy, One Student Alumni Dr. C. Subbu, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi and the Dean, CDC and the Faculty Members of the Physics Department. The Members had a

discussion on the existing syllabi and proposed to include recent developments in the subjects concerned in order to enrich the syllabi to global standard.

National Recognition to the Department

❖ The Department of Physics, Alagappa University, Karaikudi successfully completed the DST-FIST scheme with the grant of Rs.133lakhs.

❖ Research scholars Mr. M. Balaji and Ms. S. Swathi went to Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Norway in the month of March 2022 to carry out the collaborative research in the field of nanomaterials for clean energy applications under the MoU between Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Norway.

❖ Indo-Norwegian collaborative UTFORSK project was granted by HVL on Advanced Materials for Clean Energy Technologies It offers educational opportunity to the students to be short listed by Alagappa University and HVL. The period of project is 3 years.

❖ A proposal on Indo-Norwegian Collaboration on Higher Education and Research on Advanced Materials for Clean Energy Technologies (HERAMCET) is to be submitted to the Norwegian Center for International Cooperation in Education by Professor Dhayalan Velauthapillai of Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Norway in which Alagappa University, Karaikudi, India will be one of the active partners.

❖ Extensive research activities on various thrust areas have been undertaken in the department. That has resulted in the publication of more than 25 papers in internationally reputed journals having high impact factor; and 5 papers were presented in national/international conferences during the period April 1 to July 31, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS

DST-PURSE and FIST Meeting conducted

A meeting of the Well-Wisher Committee of DST-PURSE was held on June 17th, 2022 at the Syndicate Hall of Alagappa University, through hybrid mode to review the progress of the PURSE Programme. The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Members Dr. R. Swaminathan and Dr. S. Karuppuchamy. DST Officials



Dr. Pratishtha Pandey, Dr. Sanjay Puri and Dr. Shivaprasad and Heads of all Science Departments of our University were present during the meeting. The presentation was given by Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, DST-PURSE Co-ordinator to evaluate the complete progress report and explained the current status of PURSE implementations and future visions regarding the PURSE development. Dr. Shivaprasad, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, visited all the Science departments and University Scientific Instrumentation Centre (USIC) to review the DST-PURSE and DST-FIST Infrastructure & Instrumentation implements. He gave valuable suggestions regarding future plans and improvements of bilateral relations. The Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee appreciated the cooperative approach and recommended future extension of the programme. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar (i/c).

Broad Based Board of Studies (BBBOS - 2022)

The Broad Based Board of Studies (BBBOS) was held on July 28th, 2022 through hybrid mode in the Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University, to revamp the M.Sc and M.Phil curriculum with the introduction of outcome based learning on par with international standards to meet the demands of the 21st century knowledge society. Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Head, Department of Bioinformatics, formally welcomed the Department Faculties and Experts. He highlighted the objectives of the meeting and explained the milestones achieved by the Department. Prof. C.J. Chen-Foreign Subject Expert, NSRRC, Taiwan, Prof. K. Sekar-Subject Expert, Department of Computational and Data Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Prof. K. Premkumar - Subject Expert, Professor and Head, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Dr.

V. Sivakumar-Director, CD & DC, Dr. S. Raja Manikandan-Student Alumni, Assistant Professor, Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital, Chennai and DBI-Faculty Members attended the BBBOS meeting. The committee members endorsed the chairman to incorporate all the valuable suggestions given by the committee members during the meeting. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Singh.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

Faculty Attended Inaugural Meeting of a Major Consortium Project

Dr. A. Arun, Professor and Head and one of the recipients of the major Consortium Project entitled "DST-Bioenergy & H2 MAP" under the Department of Science & Technology-Integrated Clean Energy Material Acceleration Platform (DST-IC-MAP) participated in the inaugural meeting that was conducted at IIT Hyderabad on 17.06.2022.

The meeting was attended by the higher officials from DST, all the Principal Investigators (PIs) from IITH, Hyderabad; IITB, Mumbai; The Neotia University, Kolkata; Manipal Institute of Technology, Karnataka; IIT Kanpur, Kanpur (Two members); IIT Kharagpur, Kolkata; Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Thiruvananthapuram (IISER TVM), Kerala; and CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT).



Dr. A. Arun was given the opportunity to serve as Guest Editor for a Special Issue titled "Recent Advancement in Microbial Fuel Cell" in the Journal - Energies (Impact Factor- 3.252) in April 2022. He served as a resource person for the UGC-Sponsored Online Refresher Course in Biological Science (Interdisciplinary) held at Bharathidasan University on 13.07.2022.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF LIFE LONG LEARNING

International Senior Citizens Day Celebrated

The International Senior Citizens Day was held on 09.09.2022 at the Seminar Hall of the College of Education under the aegis of the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University. The Head of the Department of Lifelong Learning Dr. N. Johnson delivered the welcome address.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event, delivered a speech. He said that senior citizens are the mentors of future generations. He said that Senior Citizens Day is celebrated to show how their contributions are very important for the development of the nation. He said if we respect our parents we can reach a higher position in life; and every one should respect elders and help them lead a healthy and happy life. He said that elderly people in Japan are greatly respected by the younger generation and separate care homes with all facilities are functioning there. He added that 100-year-olds living on the Japanese island of Okuinawa are always active and hard-working and take great interest in keeping their surrounding clean. Dr.K.R. Subbiah (Ex-Army Medical Corps) and Prof. J. Sujathamalaini, spoke on the occasion. Dr. M. Neetiperumal proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Merlin Sasikala, Principal i/c, College of Education, participated in the event.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

Special School Children Win Awards by Showcasing Their Talents at Competitions

Alagappa University Resource School children participated in the competitions conducted for the differently abled children at the District-level Book Festival held at Sivagangai on 25.04.2022. Special children from



Alagappa University Resource School run by the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation showcased their talents in the competitions such as group dance, solo singing, drum music (parai isai), yoga etc. The participants and winners were honoured and presented with books by the District Administration.

The participants met the Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Members Dr. R. Swaminathan and Prof. S. Karuppuchamy at the Vice-Chancellor's Chamber; and showed the prizes won by them. The Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Members congratulated the participants and winners on their enthusiastic presentation of their innate artistic skills at the book festival and thanked the district administration for offering a chance to special children to showcase their talents in various art forms. Prof. J. Sujathamalini, Dean, Faculty of Education and Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Member of the Syndicate, were present on the occasion.

Autism Awareness Programme

The students of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science participated in Autism Awareness Programme organized by Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College for Women on April 19th 2022. The event was conducted in the University Convocation Seminar Hall. More than 100 Students from Umayal Ramanathan Arts and Science College participated. Prof. J. Sujathamalini, Head of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, referred to the characteristics of autism and explained how to handle children with autism. Umayal Ramanathan Arts and Science College students gave a cultural programme. Vocational materials made by the special children were also exhibited in the stall for sale and the college students purchased them to motivate those children.

Fruitful Educational Visit



A field visit was organized for the students pursuing Special Education Programmes. The students visited National Institute for Speech and Hearing, (NISH) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The staff working in NISH took the students to each department and explained the services rendered by it. The students could enrich their knowledge on audiology and the importance of speech and language training provided by the National Institute of Speech and Hearing.

Annual Day Celebrated

The Annual Day Celebration was organized in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. Students and Staff of the Department and Alagappa University School for the Differently Abled participated in the celebrations. Mr. R. Pandian Finance Officer of Alagappa University was the Chief Guest of that day. Prof. J. Sujathamalini presented the annual report of the department. Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Syndicate Member, also highlighted the important role of the Department in establishing relations with other Departments of the University. Meritorious students and winners of various competitions organized by the Department for the year were awarded prizes and certificates. Students of the department and school enjoyed the whole day by participating in and performing at cultural programmes.

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's Birth Anniversary Celebrated

India's Former President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam's Birth Anniversary was celebrated in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. Students and Staff of the Department and Alagappa University School for the Differently Abled participated in the celebrations. An oratorical competition was organized for the department students. Throughout the day, Dr. Kalam's life story and his contributions to society's welfare and

education were presented by the students. Prof. J. Sujathamalini, and Dr. K. Gunasekaran, presented prizes to the winners on the occasion.

Broad Based Board of Studies

On 8th August 2022 the Department conducted the Broad Based Board of Studies Meeting for the academic year (2022-23) of B.Ed. Spl. Edu. (ID), B.Ed. Spl. Edu. (VI) & M.Ed. Spl. Edu. (V.I) and M. Sc Psychology programmes in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Professor and Head, Chairperson of this meeting introduced the members. In this meeting Dr. K Gunasekaran, Assistant Professor, Dr. Madhyazhagan A/L Ganesan (Foreign Expert), Dr. Jayarti Pujari (Subject Expert), Dr. Manivannam (Subject Expert), Dr. Sreepriya Ramamurthy (Industry Expert), Dr. M Karuppasamy (Alumni) attended the meeting and discussed and finalized the regulations and syllabi for the programmes offered in the Department.

75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

The Talent Show by Differently Abled in connection with Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration was organized by the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science on 12th August 2022. Students and Staff of the Department and Alagappa University School for the Differently Abled participated in the programme. Dr. S Rajamohan delivered the special address. Dr. J. Sujathamalini delivered the welcome address. Dr. Vairava Sundaram, Secretary, served as Chief Guest for the programme. He highlighted the importance of teacher's role in the life of differently abled and stressed on the need for inclusive society for our next generation. Dr. K Gunasekaran, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. Students and staff of the Department and Special School Students exhibited their talents in the programme.

World Suicide Prevention Day

On 21st September 2022 the World Suicide Prevention Day Awareness Programme was organized by the faculty and students. The programme was conducted at Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School. Besides Dr. J. Sujathamalini and Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Dr. Raja Pandiyan, Head Master of the school gave special address at the programme. Dr. J. Sujathamalini highlighted the importance of life and how to handle life challenges with courage and self confidence. Dr. K. Gunasekaran delivered a motivational talk. Through drama, dance, song, speech

and poster, the department students conveyed the message of suicide prevention to the school students. Dr. Raja Pandiyan delivered the vote of thanks.

Swatchatha Pakhawada Day

Poster-Making, Essay-Writing and Slogan-Writing competitions were organized at the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science for celebrating the Swatchatha Pakhawada Day on 22nd September 2022. All the students of the department participated in Essay-writing and Slogan-writing competitions. The winners of competitions were given prizes.

International Day of Sign Language

In collaboration with the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai the Department celebrated the International Day of Sign Language on 23rd September 2022. The department faculty and students participated in the function. An online webinar on 'Protection and Enhancement of the Linguistic Identity & Cultural Diversity of Persons with Hearing Impairment' was presented by the Resource Person Dr. Pettala Ramakrishna, Assistant Professor in Special Education, Department of Teacher Training & Non Formal Education, Jamia Milia Islamia Central University, Delhi and the speaker explained how the 'Sign Languages Unite Us'.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Achievement by Faculty

Dr. A. PioAlbina, Assistant Professor, Alagappa University College of Education served as a Visiting Faculty in Lincoln University College, Malaysia. She handled a full module on "Researching Educational Leadership and Management (MEDU 1223)" in M.Ed. course from 26th March, 2022 to 17th April, 2022(8 days - Saturdays & Sundays) through online mode to 21 international students.

Invited Talk

An Invited Talk was delivered by Dr. P. Jagadeesan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, and Alumni of Alagappa University College of Education. He said that, this Institution provided space for Intellectual Development, Personality Development and Moral

Orientation for the students which would help them in their future career.

Swachhta Pakhwada-2022 Programme Organised

Alagappa University College of Education, Department of Education and Lifelong Education jointly organised Swachhta Pakhwada-2022 programme on 21st September 2022 at Alagappa University College of Education. Dr. N. Johnson, Head, Department of Lifelong Education, welcomed the gatherings. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran Head, Department of Education presided over this function. Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the keynote address. He pointed out the ill effects of usage of plastics and highlighted the alternate methods to avoid usage of plastics. Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal i/c proposed a vote thanks.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Sports Competitions for First Year Students Organised at College of Physical Education

Alagappa University College of Physical Education organised sports competitions for the first year students pursuing M.P.Ed., B.P.Ed., Diploma in Physical Education and B.Sc., Physical Education programmes on 22.9.2022. Prof. N. Rajalakshmi, Principal i/c of the college delivered the welcome address at the inaugural event.



Presiding over the event Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, said that Vallal Alagappar perceived the importance of Education and Physical Education and established two colleges appointing the best faculty. Since the inception these institutions function effectively bringing laurels to the University. Emphasising the importance of sports and games for gaining better health, he exhorted all students to participate enthusiastically in sports. He pointed out that all developed countries like

America, China, Russia and Japan are giving great importance to sports after economic development and that is why they are able to win more medals in Olympic Games. Now India too gives importance to sports. He said that he was happy to mention that the athletes of the University participated in the Para Olympic Games and won medals and brought fame to our country and the University. Participating in individual and team sports imparts character traits like, endurance, sense of unity, leadership and patriotism.

Earlier the NCC cadets presented a parade in honour of the Vice-Chancellor. The winners of the 3000 m multi-level steeplechase event were felicitated by the Vice-Chancellor. NCC officer Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, II year students and the Faculty members made arrangements for the day-long event. Dr. Jaskar, a second year M.P.Ed., student proposed a vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Two-Day International Conference on Sustainable Entrepreneurial Dynamism for India 2.0 (ICSEDI-2022)

Alagappa Institute of Management, Alagappa University, organized a Two-Day International Conference on Sustainable Entrepreneurial Dynamism for India 2.0 (ICSEDI-2022) on 29th & 30th September 2022 at the Convocation Auditorium Seminar Hall of the University.

Hosted under the sponsorship of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, the conference was conducted through hybrid mode. A team of 14 experts that included renowned Entrepreneurs, Corporate Heads, High Profile National and International Academics and International Corporate Consultants from Asia, Africa, Europe and North America conferred with the participants. A dedicated hybrid video conferencing platform facilitated the easy participation of more than 200 scholars from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, stated that out of 47 economies, India ranks 3rd in perceived opportunities; and 82 percent of the youngsters have the required skills and knowledge to start a business. He said that Japanese people always think innovatively and create new things,

whereas the Chinese grab those ideas to produce things with cheap labour.

Celebrating its 76th year of Independence, the nation focuses on achieving visionary goals of India 2.0 in 2047 as "Self-reliant India with Sustained Mega Economy", with a projected Indian per capita income of just over 12,000 US dollars and an aggregate size of the Indian economy of just over 18 trillion US dollars. He added that entrepreneurship should be seen as the only way to achieve this mega goal by transforming the young minds of the country to produce and sell their own products/services.



Prof. N. Panchanatham, Vice- Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, who delivered the special address, called upon to initiate pragmatic ideas for converting the committed citizens into entrepreneurs, politicians, officers for nation's progress and exhorted the students to come forward to excel as innovative entrepreneurs.

Prof. Dr. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Director, DDE, Alagappa University, said instilling entrepreneurial perfection in young minds is the need of the hour. He said the country which has advanced in technology will rule the world. He reiterated on the achievements of the University in QS rankings and the need to take forward the University to greater heights, through innovative activities and intelligent thinking.

Shri J. Vijay Kumar, Chief HR officer, Chemfab Alkalis Ltd, Chennai, in his keynote address, said that the aim of Entrepreneurship 2.0 is to give a boost to the innovative thinking of our youth, scientists and social organizations and women with a view to taking the nation to its acme in every sphere.

Thiru. E. Srinivasan, Realty Entrepreneur & Founder, SNR Esteem Easy Foods Production, in his inaugural address, said that the management students

should come forward to join the production industry with a lot of new ideas and increase the value of products.

Dr. R. Swaminathan, Syndicate Member, Alagappa University, said the University motivated the youngsters to develop the required entrepreneurial skills and gave impetus to act smart, and develop their career as leaders. He said that the Conference is organised at a right time, when India endeavours to come back as self-reliant economy.

Dr. Seema Sharma, Dean, Assam Down Town University, Dr. Ahad Ali & Prof. Donald Reimer, Lawrence Technological University, USA, Shri. GV. Narayan, DGM, Supreme Petrochem, Dr. GV. Shangeerthana, Business Consultant, US Andre Global Ltd., Shri. M. Anbukani, MD, Penguin Apparels, Dr. RR. Surath Kumaar, MD, Hicare Pharma, Prof. Emmanuel Awuor, Management University, Kenya & Dr. Patricia Joliffe, UK Liverpool University were the other key speakers at the Conference.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, spoke at the conference and referred to the excellent exposure of the participants who attended the two-day conference. Dr. K. Chandrasekar, Convener of the Conference, proposed a vote of thanks.

56 research papers were presented on stage in two technical sessions. Faculty members, scholars and students from the Faculty of Management and other Departments participated in the conference.

DEPARTMENT OF LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

One Day International Conference on Nxt Gen Logistics and Supply Chain Management 5.0

A One Day International Conference on "Nxt Gen Logistics and Supply Chain Management 5.0" was organised by the Department of Logistics Management, Alagappa University, through online mode on 11.05.2022.

Dr. V.A. Anand, Assistant Professor, Dept of Logistics Management, delivered the welcome address. Prof. V. Sivakumar Professor and Head, Dept of Logistics management delivered the thematic address. He said that technology is the key for any business and it will get upgraded in the next 5 to 10 years of time. He said in a recent article indexed in Scopus the important technologies like Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Block Chain will be impacting on all aspects of Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

In his presidential address, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, said the digital supply chain management would be a predominant one in future. He stated that digital innovations are projected to have a huge impact on supply chains. Eight out of 10 companies believe that the digital supply chain will become the predominant model within the next five years and these supply chain changes will be disruptive. Industry believes that many supply chain innovations have the potential to disrupt the status quo and create a lasting competitive advantage for companies that embrace them. He added that the cloud has become the deployment model of choice for supply chain technology. Cloud computing and storage has the highest current adoption rate and manufacturing and supply chain operations continue to invest heavily in innovation.

Mr. Srinivasan Nagarajan, Director, Turbo Logistics Pvt Ltd, delivered the Inaugural Address. He referred to the benefits and importance of Globalization and added that the use of advanced technology in the Logistics and Supply Chain Management will take it to the Next Generation of Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Dr. P. Rajan Chinna, Assistant Professor, Dept of Logistics Management, proposed a vote of thanks.

In the plenary session Prof. N. Subramanian, Operations and Logistics Management & Supply Chains, University of Sussex, United Kingdom, spoke on the topic Digitalization and Circular Economy. A panel discussion on the topic "Re-Imagining Logistics and Supply Chain Management Operation -A Way Forward" was conducted; Mr. S. Sundar, Mr. CN. Lakshmanan and Mr. G. Rajamoorthy took part in the panel discussion. Dr. K.S Kamaludeen was the moderator.

The technical session was chaired by Dr. G. Illankumaran and Co-Chaired by Dr. P. Rajan Chinna. Eight research papers were presented on the theme Nxt Gen Logistics and SCM.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, delivered the valedictory address. Dr. V.A. Anand presented the conference report. Earlier, Dr. P. Rajan Chinna, delivered the welcome address at the valedictory function. Prof. V. Sivakumar, Head, Department of Logistics Management and Convener of the International Conference proposed a vote of thanks.

Fresher's Orientation Programme Conducted for 7th Batch MBA (LM) Students

A Four-Day Fresher's Orientation Programme for the Students of the Department of Logistics Management was organised by the Department from 07.09.2022 to 10.09.2022 at the Seminar Hall of the Faculty of Management.



Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Member of Syndicate, Alagappa University, inaugurated the programme. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Dean, Faculty of Management presided over the programme. Mr. G. Rajamurthy, Vice-Chairman - Export promotion centre and CEO & Director-Tamilnadu Economic Development Council, Madurai, delivered the Guest of Honour Address. Prof. V. Sivakumar, Head, Department of Logistics Management, welcomed the gathering, Dr. V.A. Anand, Assistant Professor, Department of Logistics Management, who coordinated the programme proposed a vote of thanks at the inaugural session.

In the afternoon session of the first day Mr. R. Arivalagan, Principal Engineer, Supply Chain Solutions, Comcast, Chennai focussed his lecture on the Data Analytics in Supply Chain and Logistics.

On the Second day, Ms. Saranya Raman, CEO, SAARAL Career Solutions, Pudukkottai, handled the session. She spoke on the topic "Personality Development & Grooming" and "Focus Determines Reality" - Goal Setting.

On the Third day, Mr. S. Manikandan, Senior Regional Manager - Training DVARA KGFS, Chennai, handled the session. He focussed on the Skills for the New Era of Logistics Management and Activity Based Skill learning.

On the Fourth day, Dr. P. Subburethina Bharathi, DGM & Head, Learning and Development, Kauvery Group of Hospitals, Tamilnadu, spoke on topic "Aspirational Horizons".

Dr. P.S. Nagarajan, Assistant Professor, Alagappa Institute of Management spoke on the topic "Identifying & Preparing to Tap Employment Opportunities in Logistics Sector".

Dr. K. Chandrasekar, spoke on the topic "Logistics - Gearing up for Tomorrow".

All the students of the first year interacted with the trainers and actively participated in all the activities.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

International Day of Peace Organised

Under the aegis of the Department of International Business, the International Day of Peace was organised on 26.9.2022 at the Management Faculty Auditorium. Prof. A. Muthusamy, Head of the Department, while welcoming the gathering, referred to the objectives of the event.

Presiding over the event, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, said if there is co-operation and endurance in a country, peace will automatically reign there. Wherever there is war, there will be uncertainty, suffering and economic collapse. War would lead to price rise and would affect the security and peace in the land. He added that the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine has greatly affected the economy of both the countries and the livelihood of the people. Peace is very essential for human development. He said that all should work together to establish peace for the overall development of the country.



Mr. KR. Nanda Rao, Secretary, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai, was the chief guest. In his speech he referred to the impact of Gandhi's principles of non-violence and tolerance which led to the freedom of our country. The efficacy of Gandhian ideals are understood and adored all over the world and these principles will forever be remembered by the people of the world.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c spoke on the occasion. Dr. Prasad, Assistant Professor, Department of International Business, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

Two-Day International Conference on "Contemporary Trends and Challenges in FINTECH Services in the VUCA World"

A Two-Day International Conference on "Contemporary Trends and Challenges in FINTECH Services in the VUCA World" hosted by the Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in collaboration with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Chennai, was held on 05th and 06th May 2022.

Alagappa University and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India executed an MoU for the benefit of researchers and students.

Inaugurating the conference CMA P. Raju Iyer, President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, said that the MoU will help the researchers of the University Department develop their skills. Enumerating the many advantages of using FINTECH, he said that it has endless array of applications. FINTECH has proven to be highly beneficial for the agricultural sector, he added.

Capt Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo, Principal, D.G. Vaishnav College, Chennai, said that start-up companies are strengthened when computer technology is combined with commercial technology and added that the development of FINTECH in India has created more employment opportunities for the youth.

Prof. Sivesan Sivananadamoorthy of the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, in his keynote address, quoted popular lines from the Tamil Classic Nannool Suthiram connecting it with FINTECH concept. He emphasized the importance of mastering current trends and new concepts by students for their elevation.

CMA K. Rajagopal, Chairman of the Southern India Regional Council of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, said that FINTECH has not only provided opportunities for students but also has created a significant impact on society as well.



Prof. S. Rajamohan, Dean, Faculty of Management, Alagappa University, offered felicitations. A CD containing research papers was released at the function.

Earlier Prof. C. Vethirajan, Head of the Department of Corporate Secretaryship welcomed the participants and presented the thematic address and CMA Rakesh Shankar Ravishankar, Assistant Professor, D.G. Vaishnav College, Chennai, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural ceremony.

In the four plenary sessions that followed the inaugural event, a series of plenary lectures were delivered by senior academics on topics of current interest and a number of research papers were presented by researchers and faculty both in the online and offline modes. At the end of every technical session comments were given by rapporteurs.

The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. K. Murugan, Former Vice-Chancellor of Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore. C. A. Sathish Viswanathan, Founder-Munnetram, USA., Prof. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Head of the Department of Commerce and Prof. A. Morarji, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University, also participated and delivered speeches in the conference.

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING MANAGEMENT

National Seminar on "Beyond Covid-19: Towards a Stronger Inclusive and Sustainable Banking"

A National Seminar on "Beyond Covid-19: Towards a Stronger Inclusive and Sustainable Banking" was organised by the Department of Banking Management, Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 12th April 2022 in the Convocation Seminar Hall of the University. Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, in his presidential address, said that commercial banks are the heart of Indian economy and they played a pivotal role during the pandemic. During COVID 19 banking sector was directed by the Government of India and Reserve Bank of India to proactively respond to the unprecedented challenges faced by the economy. There were problems of disrupted loan book, liquidity crisis and business contraction risk. Borrowers faced crisis in getting required funds. Employees faced job losses. Business organisations faced reduction in sales and declining profitability, Hence banks needed plans to protect the customers and they have taken concrete steps to reposition themselves for a recalibrated future.

The increased preference towards alternative distribution channels namely net banking & mobile banking, increase in customer expectations and the pressure on growth in revenues necessitated the banks to have an eye on strategies and brand issues which will define their future. The heavy decrease in cash flows of customers has resulted in huge NPA for banks and steps were initiated by the Government of India & Reserve Bank of India through a slew of measures like 15 basis point cut in the repo rate, reduction in the cash reserve ratio etc. It was opportune time for the public sector banks to offer better technology services through multiple digital channels resulting in a multiple channel mix. Digital agility alone will pave the way for success. Due to the availability of 1.6 lakh bank branches and 2.1 lakh ATM, cash needs of customers and payment services were facilitated. He said that banks should build up their capacity and capital to support the market and added that the banks responded well to meet the challenges imposed by COVID 19 providing the needed credit support. It would ultimately increase the trust & confidence of the public towards the banking industry in the long run.



Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, another Member of the VC Officiating Committee, in his inaugural address, said that after the unstable times posed by COVID 19, public sector banks have started to provide more micro finance & other financial assistance to the downtrodden sections of the society. He adored the green banking practices of commercial banks. He made an appeal to banks to increase the funding for green projects. He said that funding for such projects will act as a catalyst for the growth of the economy.

Dr. Alamelumangai, Professor, Department of Banking Management, introduced the theme of the seminar. Mr. Ramanathan, Circle Head, Punjab National Bank, said that during COVID times banking was felt necessary but not the banks. He said that bankers worked very hard during COVID times to help the customers. Dr. S. Rajamohan offered his felicitation.

Dr. K. Alamelu, Professor and Head, Department of Banking Management, welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. Parimalarani, Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. 160 students and research scholars and faculty members of various departments of the University participated in the seminar.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT

World Tourism Day Celebrated

On 27.09.2022 the World Tourism Day was celebrated by the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management of Alagappa University. Dr. SP. Mathiraj, Head of Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, delivered the welcome address on the occasion.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, presided over the function. In his address, he highlighted the role of tourism in the country's GDP. He also explained the glorious culture and tradition of Chettinad. He informed

the students in detail about the employment opportunities in the growing sector of tourism industry and referred to the needed qualifications and skills.



Dr. Seema Sharma, Head of the Department of Commerce and Management, Guwahati Downtown University, Assam, in her keynote address, highlighted the importance of various service sectors related to tourism. She also made a mention of the importance of skill development of students for their employment in tourism sector and stressed the need for computerization of all services and activities in tourism sector. She also explained in detail the impact of the Corona pandemic on tourism industry.

Mr. A. Shankar, Assistant Tourism Officer, Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Department, Karaikudi, in his speech, mentioned that tourism is an important factor in showcasing the culture of the people of Chettinad and stressed the need for students to learn about this region's culture and tradition.

Mr. KP. Karthilingam, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Alagappa University, delivered the vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Disaster Awareness Programme Conducted

A Disaster Awareness Programme was conducted by the Department of Disaster Management, Alagappa University, on 29.04.2022 at L.C.T.L. Palaiappa Chettiar Auditorium. Prof. S. Chandramohan, Head of the Department of Disaster Management, welcomed the

gathering and Prof. S. Rajamohan, Dean, Faculty of Management, presented the thematic address.

Presiding over the inaugural function, Dr. R. Swaminathan, VC Officiating Committee Member, made a mention of natural disasters such as minor earthquakes, storms, and heavy rains, floods that occurred in India during the year 2021 and also referred to storms, floods, volcanic eruptions and epidemics that occurred in many countries around the world. He said that no one can prevent the occurrence of natural disasters and at the same time we must be prepared to face them. He added that disaster awareness and management have become very essential in today's world. The awareness programmes of this kind will be very useful, he concluded.

Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, another member of the VC Officiating Committee, in his inaugural address, said that natural disasters in India have been relatively less when compared to other countries of the world. However, natural disasters are likely to increase in the future owing to global warming. And so students should be aware of disaster management. There are also opportunities for students to travel and work in many countries after graduation. So they need to be aware of effects of natural disasters occurring in those countries. Countries like Japan are often affected by earthquakes. The Japanese people are vigilant without getting panicked. The reason for this, he said, that the people of Japan have been taught precautionary measures since childhood.



Dr. S.R. Ramanan, Former Director, Indian Meteorological Department, Chennai, in his special address, highlighted the key activities to be initiated immediately by the department of disaster management in times of disasters. The students pursuing this subject should always be ready to cooperate with the district

administration to take precautionary measures in the event of a disaster. He also mentioned the safety measures to be taken by fishermen and farmers in coastal settlements during storms. He also referred to job opportunities available for disaster management students.

Mr. V.R. Hari Balaji, a Humanitarian and Professional Developer, spoke on the nuances of disaster management. He said that his training in disaster management has provided a great opportunity for him to continue his involvement in humanitarian activities. He added that charity to the people in times of calamity will be considered as the great and real service to god.

Ms. Akshaya, Student Coordinator, proposed a vote of thanks.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HIGHER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Universal Brotherhood Day Celebrated

The Universal Brotherhood Day was celebrated on 09.09.2022 at Alagappa University under the aegis of Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event, said that every year on September 11, the Universal Brotherhood Day is celebrated worldwide. The purpose is to commemorate the historic speech delivered by Swami Vivekananda at the Parliament of World Religions held in Chicago on 11th September 1893. He noted that Swamiji's brief speech of only 458 words, beginning with "Sisters and Brothers of America" had an immediate and remarkable impact on the American people. Thus Vivekananda brought India to the limelight of

the World's Forum by his exhortation to all the people of the world to follow universal brotherhood ideal thus paving the way for absolute peace in the world torn by various sectarian tendencies. All the religions in the world advocated the doctrine of universal love and everyone should always be conscious of this fact. For a peaceful life all of us should develop good relations with all others. Good and peaceful relationship among the people of a nation reflects the greatness of its culture. He mentioned that the Scandinavian countries like Norway, Sweden and Denmark have been included in the list of countries known for peace; he added that there is a safe and peaceful environment for people to live in these countries.

Swami Arkaprabhananda of Madurai Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission delivered the keynote address on the occasion. He said that Swami Vivekananda's ideas will not only be relevant for the present but also after 1000 years from now. He stated that Vivekananda's ideas on true education is the key to the opening of real wisdom. He also mentioned that if the youth follow the ideals of Swami Vivekananda, this country will become an ethically inclined prosperous nation. "Act according to what you think ethically right," Vivekananda said. The distinguished speaker said that education alone determines the future of students and asked them to concentrate on studies avoiding all addictions. He said that the best education is the one which develops self-confidence and discipline in the learner. He further mentioned that if one acts with a positive mindset that he can achieve great things in life whatever be the situation or environment in which he is placed.

Earlier the Co-ordinator of Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher and Education Dr. M. Vasimalairaja delivered the welcome address and Project Officer Mr. V. Lakashmanan proposed a vote of thanks.

DIRECTORATE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Sports Competitions Conducted To Mark the 76th Anniversary of India's Independence



In commemoration of the 76th year of India's Independence, a series of sports competitions were conducted by the Directorate of Physical Education of Alagappa University.

The winners of the track and field events were honoured by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi in a ceremony held recently at the Convocation Seminar Hall. After giving certificates and medals to the winners, the Vice-Chancellor addressed the gathering. He said that the youth are the nation's wealth and asset. He added that all developed nations give prime importance to sports and games. Like in developed countries our youth should give priority to sports and games and regular physical exercise to keep themselves fit. Healthy body and mind alone would lead them to hard work thus making them to contribute to the nation's progress. He congratulated the students of Alagappa University Yoga Centre who participated in the Yoga Demonstration conducted at the Raj Bhavan, Chennai, on the eve of International Yoga Day and presented the certificates given by the Raj Bhavan, Chennai.

Dr. S. Saroja, Co-ordinator, Yoga Centre, welcomed the gathering. Hockey trainer Mr. Prabu Rajasekar proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. Senthil Kumaran, Director, Directorate of Physical Education, was present on the occasion.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

7th Vaccination and Booster Dose Camp Organised

Under the joint auspices of Alagappa University Health Care Centre, Youth Red Cross Society and the Centre for Yoga Education the 7th Vaccination and Booster



Dose Camp was organised on 26.07.2022 at the University Convocation Hall for the benefit of students, staff and their family members and people in the neighbourhood. The Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Members Dr. R. Swaminathan and Prof. S. Karuppuchamy inaugurated the camp. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c was present at the inaugural ceremony. The medical team comprising Dr. C. Anandaraj, Dr. Priyanka of Puduvayal Government Primary Health Care Centre conducted the camp. Dr. R. Aanandhi, Medical Officer, University Health Care Centre, Dr. K. Vinayagamoorthy, Zonal Co-ordinator of the Youth Red Cross, Dr. S. Saroja, Co-ordinator of the Yoga Centre made arrangements for the camp.

"No To Drug Abuse" -- An Awareness Programme Organised by Youth Red Cross

An Awareness Programme titled "No to Drug Abuse" was organized on 12.08.2022 at Alagappa University under the joint auspices of the Youth Red Cross of Alagappa University and Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi.

Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, who presided over the event, said that it is agonizing to note that today's youth are widely addicted to drugs. He attributed the drug addiction of youth to their family ambience and upbringing. While launching the scheme "Drug- Free Tamil Nadu" on 11.08.2022 in Chennai, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu said by creating appropriate and intense awareness among the youth the menace of drug abuse could be gradually reduced. He exhorted all sections of society to take intense measures to stamp out the menace of drug addiction. The Chief Minister further elaborated that only collective effort will produce the desired results in this regard. The main objective of the government is to

completely eliminate the drug abuse among school and college students. Dr. R. Swaminathan said that the Chief Minister's advice in this regard is to be borne in mind by administrators of all educational institutions.

In his inaugural speech, Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, another Member of the VC Officiating Committee, mentioned that according to the statistics of the National Narcotics Bureau 10 crores of people are addicted to various drugs in our country and added that it points to the intensity of the menace. He added that for our nation to become a super power the youth should be very healthy and resourceful. In this context, he said that it is very essential to guide the youth in a healthy direction and bring them up without any bad habits. The younger generation should be made aware of their role in creating a strong and healthy drug-free society. He further opined that if drug addiction is to be eradicated completely, the entire people of the nation must be supportive of the earnest efforts of the governments.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Prof. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Director, i/c DDE and Thiru. Bageeratha Nachiyappan President, Sivagangai District, Youth Red Cross offered felicitations. Dr. M. Sivakumar, Dr. G. Sivakumar, Dr. M. Natarajan and Dr. Ruby Jascinth, NSS Programme Officers and volunteers participated in the programme.



The students of Alagappa Government Arts College enacted a play titled "No Addiction" in order to create awareness.

Earlier Dr. K. Vinayagamoorthy, Zonal Co-ordinator, Youth Red Cross, welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Velayutharajan, Programme Co-ordinator, Youth Red Cross, Alagappa Government Arts College, proposed a vote of thanks.

PLACEMENT CELL

Virtual Job Fair conducted

Alagappa University Placement Cell in association with Exide Life Insurance and HDFC bank conducted a Virtual Job Fair 2k22 for various executive positions in Exide Life Insurance to the students of University Departments and Affiliated Colleges on 06.09.2022. About 150 students from the University Departments and Affiliated Colleges participated in the Virtual Job Fair 2k22. The Placement Co-ordinator Prof.G.Nedumaran, the Deputy Co-ordinator Dr. K. Govindarajan and the Placement Assistant Mr. A. Karthick organized this event through Virtual Mode.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Torch-Bearer Rally Organised



A grand torch-bearer rally was organized at Alagappa University, Karaikudi as part of the 76th Independence Day Celebrations. The rally was flagged off by the Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Members Dr. R. Swaminathan and Prof. S. Karuppuchamy in the presence of Mr. Rajnish Pratap, Commander 9(TN) Battalion NCC, Karaikudi.

The rally organized under the joint auspices of the NCC, NSS and YRC of Alagappa University began its run from Hotel Arya Bhavan and ended at the University Main Building. The volunteers who carried the torch were received by Prof. S.Rajamohan, Registrar i/c and other officials of the University. The rally was organized to create awareness among the youth about the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters. Among those present on the occasion were Syndicate Member Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Principal i/c of Alagappa University College of Physical Education Prof. Rajalakshmi, Programme Officers of NSS and YRC. Lt. Dr.C.Vairavasundaram, Associate NCC Officer, made arrangements for the programme.

CENTRE FOR GANDHIAN STUDIES

Herbal Plants Garden Established



A Herbal Plants Garden was established on 21.09.2022 on the campus of Alagappa University College of Education on behalf of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, Alagappa University. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi planted a herbal plant. It was followed by the planting of herbal plants by the teaching staff and students. During the event Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Syndicate Member, Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Dean, Faculty of Education, Special Officer - Planning and Development Prof. P. Sivakumar, Head of the Department of Education Prof. G. Kalaiarasan were present.

Earlier, Dr. M. Parimala Fatima, Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. Rajeswari, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.



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