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## DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING





“My Happiness is boundless, limitless, because my happiness does not consist naturally in my own happiness, but my happiness consists in the happiness of the thousands of students young and old, boys and girl that read in our vast educational campus”

*- Dr.RM.Alagappa Chettiar*



**Prof.G.Ravi, Ph.D., D.Sc.**  
*Vice Chancellor*  
*Alagappa University*



**Prof.S.Rajamohan**  
*Registrar i/c*  
*Alagappa University*



## **From the Chief Editor**

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**It is with delight and gratitude I write this editorial as the Chief Editor. I hope that this departmental magazine presenting the most significant academic events that happened during 2023 in the Department of Lifelong Learning will regale the readers. I pay my indebtedness to our Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof.G.Ravi and Prof.S.Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University for the unstinted support and motivation rendered to the department in bringing out this departmental magazine 2023.**

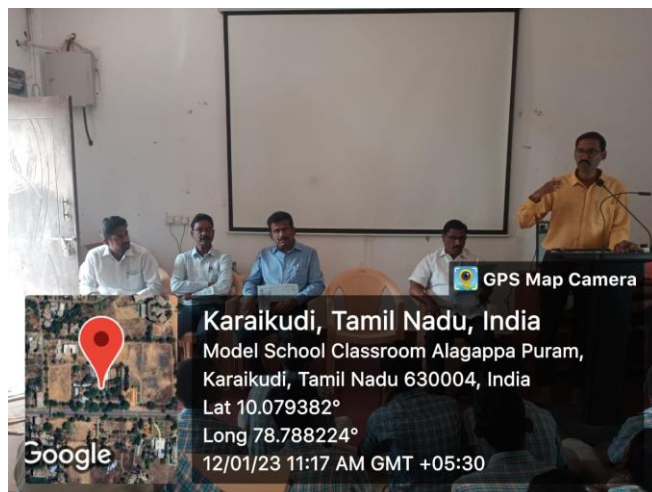
**A item of note worthy news is that the University is placed in the 251-260 ranking bandwidth in QS Asia ranking and it is positioned in the 401-500 ranking bandwidth in Times Higher Education World University ranking. The write ups on the other academic events and extra-curricular activities will be equally interesting and worth reading.**

**I pay my gratitude to the faculty of Department of Lifelong Learning Dr.M.Neethiperumal, Mr.Shiju Nathaniel Mathew, Mr.David Rathina Bharathi for the overwhelming support rendered to me in bringing out this magazine successfully. My sincere appreciation to the students of the Department of Lifelong Learning.**

**- Dr.N.Johnson  
Chief Editor**

### **Field Outreach Programme – 12.01.2023 (Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School)**

The Department of Lifelong Learning organized a Field Outreach programme entitled character building through Life Skills Education on 12.01.2023 at Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University welcomed the gathering and spoke on the theme of the Field Outreach programme. Dr.S.Thanuskodi, Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University delivered the Presidential address. He stressed the need for Digital technology and ways to empower oneself through the reading of different motivational books and restricted usage of mobile phones in the digital era. Dr.S.P.Mathiraj, Professor & Head i/c, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Alagappa University gave Felicitation address. He highlighted the significance of Goal Setting, Time Management and Societal Adjustment. Mr.M.S.Rajapandian, Headmaster, Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School spoke on the success stories of great personalities. Dr.T.Ramesh, Asst. Headmaster, Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School delivered a keynote address and spoke on the importance of character building. Dr. M.Neethi Perumal, Adjunct faculty delivered the vote of thanks. Nearly a hundred students from higher secondary levels benefitted from the programme. The students gave positive feedback to conduct such programmes frequently in future also.



### **International Multidisciplinary Conference – 13.01.2023**

Dr.N.Johnson, HOD i/c served as a Resource Person and presented a topic on Global Trends in Lifelong Learning: The Covenant Higher Education Perspective in the International Multidisciplinary Conference on Transdisciplinary Approaches: Global Trends in Education, Research and Development jointly organized by Council Teacher Education Foundation, Kerala State Centre and Mar Baselios College of Education, Sulthan Bathery, Wayanad, Kerala in collaboration with KSHCEC, AIRIO and CEAM on 13.01.2023.



### **HOMES-2023 – 31.01.2023**

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning chaired a session and presented a paper on Promoting Cultural Education among young minds to live in Harmony with the World at the two days International Conference on HOMES-2023 organized by the Department of Education, Alagappa University on 30.01.2023 and 31.01.2023.

### **Artificial Intelligence in Education – 01.02.2023**

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning acted as a Resource Person for UGC sponsored Faculty Induction Programme, Batch – XIII (online) conducted by the UGC – Human Resource Development Centre, University of Madras for the University and College Teachers on 01.02.2023 entitled Artificial Intelligence in Education.

## Field Outreach Programme – 07.02.2023 (Government High School)

The Department of Lifelong Learning organized Field Outreach programme entitled character building through Life Skills Education on 07.02.2023 at Govt. High School, Illuppakudi. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong learning, Alagappa University welcomed the gathering and spoke on the theme of Field Outreach programme. Dr.V.Palanisamy, Member of Syndicate, Professor & Head, Department of Computer Application, Alagappa University presided the function. He highlighted the effective usage of social media among school students, importance of teachers & parents in nurturing their life, insisted about discipline & time management. He also advised the students to set a goal in life and to work hard to achieve it. He also stressed the students to be more independent. Dr.M.A.Velusamy Head i/c Department of Social Work, Alagappa University delivered the Presidential address. He stressed on the importance of government schools and quoted a real life example for the teacher – student relationship. He also explained the ways to handle criticism and to maintain a friendly relationship between the fellow students. Dr.G.Gopu, Vice Principal, Ananda College, Devakottai gave Felicitation address. He highlighted on the significance of Goal Setting, ways to empower oneself through reading of different motivational books. He also narrated a short story to improve the management skills in the younger days itself. Dr.J.Easwari, Headmaster, Govt. High School, Illuppakudi delivered key note address and spoke on the importance of teachers in character building of students. Dr.M.Neethiperumal, Adjunct faculty delivered vote of thanks. A book named RIYA authored by S.Selvi, a student of Government High School, Illuppakudi, Sivagangai was presented to Shiju Nathaniel Mathew and David Rathina Bharathi of the Department of Lifelong Learning by the Head Master, Government High School, Illuppakudi. Nearly hundred students from higher secondary level were benefitted from the programme. The students gave a positive feedback to conduct such programmes frequently in future also.



## International Conference - 10.02.2023 & 11.02.2023.

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, chaired the session, Challenges in Inclusive Education and presented a paper on Revolutionizing Natural Language Processing with ChatGPT in the International conference on transformative Solutions for Inclusive Development – Fueling an Accessible and Equitable World for Persons with Disability – ICTSID-23 held on 10.02.2023 and 11.02.2023.





### **Workshop entitled "Character Building through Life Skills Education" – 14.02.2023**

The Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi organised a Workshop entitled "Character Building through Life Skills Education". The programme was held at S.M.S.V. Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi on 14.02.2023. The main objective of this training programme was to impart necessary life skills training to school students with a view to make them better citizens of the country. Dr.N.Johnson, Head (i/c), Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the importance of character building workshop for school students.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University presiding over the event mentioned that he was born in a small village. Hailing from an agriculturist family, he studied in government schools; and only through hard work, he said, he has risen to the rank of Vice Chancellor. Only hard work could lead to achievement, he added. Further, he motivated the students by saying that there is no shortcut to success. This has to be borne in mind by every aspirant to success. Due to the use of advanced technology and people's unremitting hard work, Japan has become the third-largest economy in the world. India is rich in human resources, if we rightly tap the human potential and enrich the youth with various skills, India will soon occupy a predominant place at the International level. Students should learn various skills after completing their higher education only then they can succeed in the competitive

world. Alagappa University offers various technical courses to enhance the skills of students. He asked the students to get benefits from Alagappa University which is offering a number of skill-oriented programmes. He concluded by saying that he was very proud to participate in the school event, where Vallal Alagappar, the founder of Alagappa University, had his school education.

On this occasion, Dr.K.Gunasekaran, Member of Syndicate, Alagappa University offered felicitations. Dr.R. Annamalai, Headmaster, S.M.S.V.Higher Secondary School delivered the Keynote Address. Master Trainer and Career Counselor Mr.K.Kalaimani spoke to the students about various professional courses and employment opportunities available in the job market. Dr.M.Neethiperumal, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning, delivered the vote of thanks. Dr.N.Johnson acted as organizing secretary and Mr.P.Senthilkumar acted as co-organizing secretary for the workshop.



### **DU LICH 2K23 – 15.02.2023**

Dr.N.Johnson, Department of Lifelong Learning acted as a Judge in the Fashion Show Competition at State Level DU LICH 2K23 organized by the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Alagappa university held on 15.02.2023. He also delivered special address and distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted by Dr.S.P.Mathiraj, HOD, Department of Tourism & Hotel Management.

Dr.M.Neethiperumal and Shiju Nathaniel Mathew, Department of Lifelong Learning acted as a Judge in



the Ad Contest at State Level DU LICH 2K23 organized by the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Alagappa university held on 15.02.2023.



### **Life Skill Education for Sustainable Development – 23.02.2023**

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University acted as a Resource Person and delivered lecture on Life Skill Education for Sustainable Development in the Department of Adult & Continuing Education, University of Madras on 23.02.2023.

### **CTEF National Conference – 24.02.2023**

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, acted as a Chair Person and presented a paper entitled Preparing Futuristic Teachers for next generation in the 36<sup>th</sup> CTEF National Conference on NEP-2020 & its Effective implementation: Preparing Teachers for Next generation Learners organized by Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, CTEF & MAAP E.P.I.C on 24.02.2023.



### **Book Talk Programme – 27.02.2023**

The students of the Department of Lifelong Learning took part in the Book Talk Programme on 27.02.2023 at 10:30am in Seminar hall, AUCE. The main reason for conducting such programmes is to widen the intellectual capacity of the students. Further it helps them to share knowledge, analyze critically, interest to read new books and promote the networking opportunities and critical thinking. Ms.Gulafsha Parveen of M.A Life Skill Education, I-Year spoke about the book entitled “1984 – George Orwell”.



Mr.Santhosh Kumar D M.A Life Skill Education, I-Year spoke about the book entitled “சுத்தம் - வெ.இறையன்பு”.

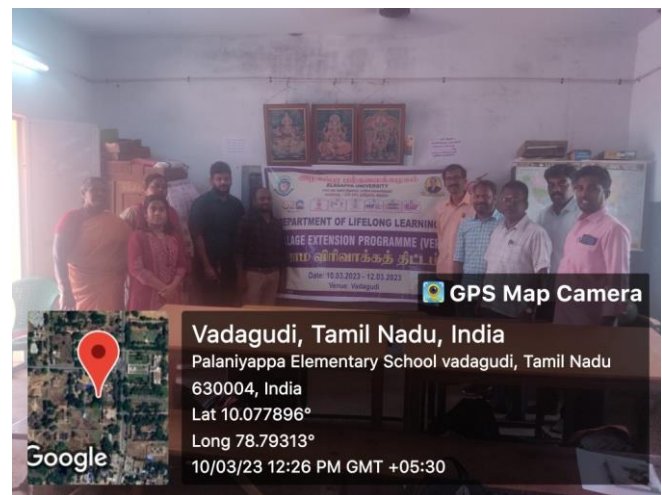


## VILLAGE EXTENSION PROGRAMME – VADAGUDI – 10.03.2023 to 12.03.2023

### First Day: 10.03.2023

Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University conducted the Village Extension Programme for 3 days in Vadagudi Panchayat, Sakkottai Union near Karaikudi. The first-day Programme was inaugurated at 10.30 am on 10.03.2023 in Vadagudi Panchayat Council office. For this inauguration programme, Vadagudi Panchayat President - Mr. Bala Subramanian, Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning and Dr. M. Neethiperumal, Teaching Assistant, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University were present and conveyed their wishes to the students. The President Mr. Bala Subramanian delivered a speech about the importance of Time and the Value of tree plantation. The Head In charge of the Department of Lifelong Learning, Dr. N. Johnson, explained the importance of the village extension programme for the students as well as for the residents of the village. Further, he explained the three-day programme schedule to the students.

The students were able to share the experience and the nucleus of the story with the peer group members. This creates a kind of self confidence and motivation which makes them a gearing force to move further. The prizes to the students was given by Dr.J.Sujatha Malani, Dean, faculty of Education.



Then, Vadagudi village Palaniappa primary school Headmaster welcomed the students. After the inauguration ceremony in the school, the students went to the Palaniappa Primary School at around 11.30 am. The students conducted an awareness puppetry program regarding personal hygiene to motivate the school children. Then, the students conducted a Talent exhibition showing activities like Moral Storytelling,

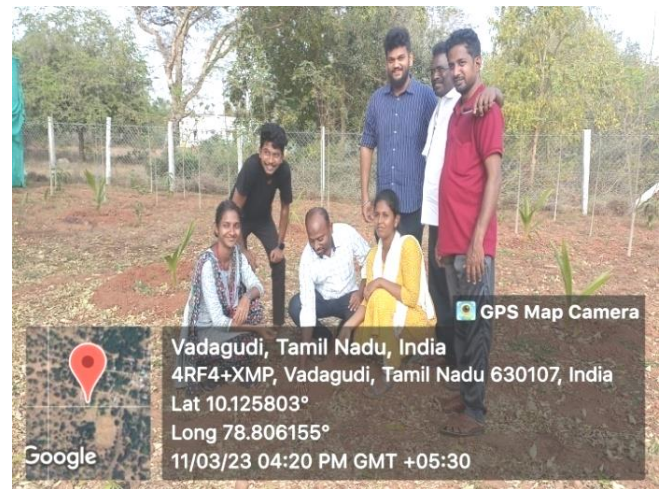
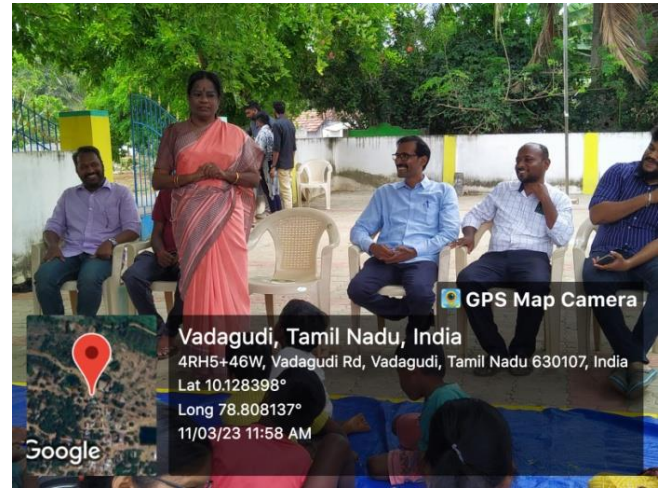
Spell bee, Singing competition, Dance and focused group discussion. At 12:30 pm, the students were involved in cleaning public places like lake, pond, water tank, temple for rural development. At around 5.00 pm, the students organized various cultural programs for the village people in the Village community hall.



**Second Day: 11.03.2023**

On the second day of the Village Extension programme at 10.00 am the Students organized the awareness programme regarding Women Empowerment and Child Education for the village person which was held at Vadagudi Panchayat Council office. The Special Guest for this event was Mrs. Krishnaveni, a retired child line officer from Pudukottai Multipurpose Social Service Society (PMSSS). The event was hosted by the students. Dr. M. Neethi Perumal – Teaching Assistant delivered the welcome address. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning presided over the function. After that, Mrs. Krishnaveni delivered awareness messages about girl child education, women’s life progress, women’s management skills, child abuse prevention methods and shared a few real-life stories and case studies. Later, students performed a puppetry show on women's education, an act on the environment and the importance of healthy food habits. In the afternoon, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was carried out by students. Later, at around 4.00 pm, students planted tree saplings in the nursery garden. At 6.00 pm, students conducted an awareness cultural program such as puppetry, drama, dance and song to

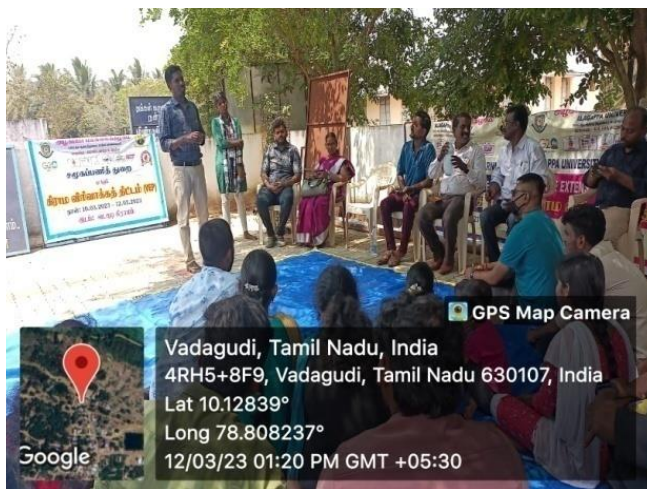
the people of Vadagudi village in the village community hall. The inmates of the village and the President of the Village Panchayat appreciated the cultural activities performed by the students.



**Third Day: 12.03.2023**

On Sunday (12.03.2023), the last day of the three-day Village Extension Program, an environmental awareness rally was carried out in the streets by the students at 10.30 AM in Vadagudi village. Alagappa College of Education faculties Mrs.Parimala Fatima, Mrs.Rajeswari, Mrs.Suganti, and Mrs.Shanmuga Revathi came to Vadagudi village and conveyed their best wishes and congratulated the students about their activities in Village Extension Programme. Then, Dr.V.Vijayalakshmi, ICDC Counsellor, Kannagudi shared many information regarding health, medical social work and precaution methods of sexually transmitted diseases to the students. Then, the students surveyed to know about the quality of life and

family structure of Vadagudi Panchayat people. Finally, the valediction ceremony was held at the Vadagudi Panchayat Council office. In the valediction program, the lifelong learning students shared their VEP experience. Dr.N.Johnson, Head In charge of the Lifelong Learning Department, Dr.M.Neethiperumal, Teaching Assistant, Mr.Shiju Nathaniel Mathew and Mr.David Rathina Bharathi of the Department of Lifelong Learning expressed their gratitude to Panchayat Council President Mr.Bala subramanian for his enormous support to their students and appreciated his activities for the development of the village.



**NAV BHARATH SAKSHARATA KARYAKRAM – 13.03.2023**

Dr.N.Johnson acted as Resource Person for the training of Master Trainers for the implementation of NAV BHARATH SAKSHARATA KARYAKRAM at UGC - HRDC, University of Madras on 13.03.2023 organized by CNCL, NCERT, New Delhi.



**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON NEW INDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME (NILP - 2023) – 16.03.2023**

The Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University and Directorate of Non-Formal and Adult Education jointly organized the seminar on New India Literacy Programme (NILP – 2023) at Alagappa University, Convocation Seminar Hall on 16.03.2023.

Dr.P.Kuppusamy, Director, Directorate of Non-Formal and Adult Education, Government of Tamil Nadu has given the keynote address. In his address, he insisted that due to lack of literacy, how rural and down trodden people especially old men and women are exploited by their own family members due to ignorance of awareness of their rights. Even they are not aware of their own rights of law of senior citizens. He requested the students to enroll as volunteers to teach literacy under this new literacy programme for 30 to 5 learners.



Prof.S.Rajamohan, Registrar i/c of Alagappa University, Karaikudi highlighted literacy percentage of the National and State level the growth of literacy from 1961 to 2011. He appreciated the efforts of the Government right from the former Chief Minister Mr.Kamaraj to the current government and the schemes for women right from elementary level to higher level.



Mr.R.Swaminathan, Chief Educational Officer, Sivagangai gave special address and spoke on the current trends on the New Literacy programme. Dr.S.Theenadayalan, Professor of Economics, Madura College and Dr.J.Sujathamalani, Dean, Faculty of Education gave felicitation address. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning welcomed the participants and Dr.M.Neethi Perumal, Adjunct faculty proposed Vote of Thanks.

Nearly 50 persons from APO/ADPC/DC/BRTE/ DIET faculty from different districts of Tamil Nadu and 200 NSS student volunteers of various departments in Alagappa University participated in the National Seminar. Various competitions such as Elocution, Slogan Writing and Spot Photography were conducted as part of the National Seminar and prizes were given to the students. Dr.P.Srinivasan, NSS Programme co-coordinator, Alagappa University, Karaikudi gave valedictory address. All the participants gave positive feedback about National Seminar.



**Orientation Programme for NSS Volunteers – 16.03.2023**

The Department of Lifelong Learning conducted orientation programme for NSS volunteers on 16.03.2023 at the University convocation seminar hall. Dr.P.Srinivasan, NSS programme co-ordinator delivered the presidential address and spoke to the importance of character building, community participation. He also stressed on the deliberate participation of various government related schemes such as New India Literacy Programme, Naan Mudalavan scheme etc. Various competitions were

conducted for the NSS volunteers Unit No.AU89. The prizes were distributed to the winners. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr.M.Neethiperumal, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University. Dr.N.Johnson, NSS Programme officer acted as organizing secretary for the programme.



**Women's Day Celebration – 29.03.2023**

The Women's day celebration was conducted by the Department of Women's Studies on 29.03.2023 at Convocation seminar hall. Ms.Gulafsha Parveen of M.A Life Skill Education, I-Year bagged First prize in the poetry competition.



## Equality day Pledge – 13.04.2023

The Department of Lifelong Learning has taken Equality Pledge on 13.04.2023 at 11:00am. The pledge of equality day reminds us of the fundamental principle of social justice. It ensures that everyone has equal access to resources, opportunities, and basic human rights. Equality Day reminds us of the importance of addressing systemic inequalities and striving for a more just and inclusive society.



- Dr.S.Sridevi, Teaching Assistant, DTHM delivered invited lecture entitled “Prospective role of Self Awareness” on 14.03.2023.

## Invited Lecture Series

- Dr.J.E. Merlin Sasikala, Associate Professor, AUCE delivered invited lecture entitled “Gateway Approach to Thinking Skills” on 21.02.2023.



- Dr.R.Portia, Assistant Professor, AUCE delivered invited lecture entitled “Stress and Stress Coping Strategies” on 21.03.2023.



- Dr.C.Anbuchelvan, Assistant Professor, AUCE delivered invited lecture entitled “Enhancement of Communication Skills in Digital Era” on 21.02.2023.



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