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From the Vice-Chancellor

I am extremely happy to pen this column for the *Azhagu Newsletter* for the first time after assuming office as the 10th Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University. This citadel of higher learning and research, initiated and carved out by the public-spirited philanthropist Vallal Alagappar, stands as a lasting monument to his zeal and zest for serving the people of this region. The spectacular growth and development of this institution after it became a State University in 1985 speaks volumes of the tireless efforts of the successive Vice-Chancellors, the Registrars, other Officials, the Faculty and the Administrative Staff with the unstinted support of the Central and State Governments, which have already been well documented in the annals of the University.

I assumed office at a significant time when Alagappa University has attained a high watermark in higher education. It is a well-known fact that my predecessors have done commendable work that brought several distinctions, accolades and awards including the conferment of A+ Grade with a CGPA of 3.64 in the recent NAAC Assessment and the Autonomy to the University from the UGC-MHRD. With a host of achievements in teaching, research and extension activities, it has secured a place of pride among higher education institutions at the national-level. The Founder's long felt dream to a large extent is realized, but it is a small step in the long journey.

With the continuous rising of expectations, after many laurels won by the University, I am aware of my responsibility of taking the institution to further heights, which could be accomplished with the fullest co-operation and dedicated work of the entire University Community in the days to come. Now, more and more thrust should be bestowed on socially relevant research and every student should be encouraged to come up with innovative ideas and richer insights.

On the eve of this new academic year 2018-2019, my greetings and best wishes to all the Faculty, Students and Administrative Staff of the University.

Prof. N. Rajendran
Vice-Chancellor

PROF. N. RAJENDRAN ASSUMES OFFICE AS THE 10TH VICE-CHANCELLOR OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY



Prof. N. Rajendran assumed office as the 10th Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 05.06.2018. He occupies this highest position with his rich academic achievement and administrative acumen gained during the three decades of service in varied key positions at Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

Besides being the Founder Professor of the Department of History and the Founder Director of the Bharathidasan School of Management (BSM 2016-2017), Founder Director of the Center for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Studies (2007-2008), Prof. Rajendran was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and School of Social Sciences from 2008 to 2015. He also served as the Director of Centre for Distance Education (2014-2015) and the Co-ordinator of RUSA Scheme from 2014 to 2016.

During his acclaimed academic career, Prof. Rajendran, received many accolades and awards. He was honoured with the prestigious membership of the Indian Council of Historical Research, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India (2008-2015). He also served as a member on various UGC Review Committees. He has done commendable work as the General Secretary of the Tamil Nadu History Congress for 10 years from 2007 to 2017. He was also the General Secretary of the South Indian History Congress from 2015 to 2017.

Oxford University Press has published his book titled ***National Movement in Tamil Nadu : Agitational Politics and State Coercion 1905 – 1914***, in which he has challenged the very thesis and ideas of the Cambridge Historians C.J. Baker and D.A. Washbrook for which he got

the “**Citation of Meritorious Achievement**” from the Cambridge University. His book *Tamil Natil Desiyam and Swadesiyam* received the best Tamil Book Award and he was honoured with the title “**Sindanai Peroli**”. His total publications include 12 books.

Prof. Rajendran has delivered 170 expert lectures as resource person and has been an invited speaker for academic programmes, including UGC Refresher and Orientation Courses, Training Programmes and Endowment Lectures. He has presented 162 research papers in various national and international seminars, workshops, symposia and conferences.

He served as the coordinator of ICHR project titled *Dictionary of Martyrs: India's Freedom Struggle (1857-1947)*, Southern Region. He also published 65 research articles in various national and international peer reviewed journals of reputation. His articles have appeared in *The Hindu, The Indian Express and The Frontline*. He successfully organized 10 UGC Refresher Courses and more than 65 national and international level conferences and seminars, sponsored by the UGC, the ICHR and the TANSCH during his long academic career.

New Vice-Chancellor's Address to the Press

After assuming office as the 10th Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University on 05.06.2018, Prof. N.Rajendran addressed the Press on the same day. He expressed his happiness on becoming the Vice-Chancellor of renowned Alagappa University which has been accorded the highest status at the national

level; and he added that he was fully aware of the responsibility entrusted to him by the government.

The Vice-Chancellor said that steps will be taken to name the entire University campus as “Vallal Alagappan Valagam”. He said that “to enhance the excellence-level of the University, quality in knowledge production, acquisition and dissemination of Knowledge are very essential”; and he exhorted the faculty to be always conscious of the fact that inquisitive mind and enquiring mind coupled with critical thinking and creative writing ought to be the parameters of imparting knowledge and that would help us to realize the new Vice-Chancellor's vision “Access, Quality and Excellence”. He added that for this the “shift now should be from studying to learning”. Quality research ought to be the anchor-sheet of good teaching. Committed devotion to teaching and research on the part of the faculty will automatically boost the image of the institution and lift it to loftier heights.

Prof. N. Rajendran, stated that the Central Library in the University should have an exclusive Transparent Reading Hall for the aspirants preparing for various competitive examinations; and in this context he cited the example of such a facility in existence at Connemara Library, Chennai. The transparency in the reading and preparation for different competitive examinations will inculcate a sense of learning in the students visiting the library and make them join the cluster of serious learners. This facility will soon be added to the Central Library of Alagappa University for the benefit of the students at large.

Alagappa University Signs MoU with Japanese Institution



A Japanese delegation consisting of Dr. Chisato Ushida, Dr. Kimitoshi Sakamoto and Dr Takahiro Sato from Faculty of Agriculture & Life Science of Hirosaki University, Japan visited Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 27th June 2018 for initiating scientific collaborations and exchanges. The delegation had intense discussion with the Vice Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. N. Rajendran and the Faculty Members from the Faculties of Science & Arts. The meeting culminated in the signing of MoUs between Alagappa University Faculties of Science & Arts and Hirosaki University's Faculty of Agriculture & Life Science. The MoUs that will be effective for three years will pave the way for undertaking collaborative research projects and applying for Indo-Japanese joint research grants from JSPS in Japan and DST/DBT from India in addition to the exchange of teachers and students between Alagappa University and Hirosaki University. Further, the Faculty Members from the Department of Biotechnology have been invited by the Japanese delegation for a Workshop to be held at Hirosaki in the first week of August 2018. Alagappa University's Registrar Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Science Dean Prof. G. Paruthimal Kalaignan, Special Officer Prof. V. Balachandran, Director of the Centre for International Relations Prof. C. Sekar, Prof. K. Balamurugan and Prof.

S. Karutha Pandian from the Department of Biotechnology and Syndicate Member Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy were also present during the discussions. The delegation visited various Departments and Centres at Alagappa University during their stay here.

109TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF VALLAL DR. ALAGAPPAR

The 109th Birth Anniversary of Vallal Dr. Alagappa Chettiar was celebrated on 6.4.2018 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi.



Presiding over the function held at L.C.T.P.L. Auditorium, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, stated that Vallal Alagappar's life was a saga of hard work and munificent philanthropy and said that the institutions started by him have been a perennial source of benefit to the rural youth of Tamil Nadu. He is a synonym for philanthropy. The Founder's dream of providing quality education to all seekers without discrimination is being realized by Alagappa University. He added that today Alagappa University has secured a place of pride by obtaining the 27th position in the NIRF Ranking - 2018 among the "Universities Category" at the national level.

Senthamizh Selvar Devakottai Ramanathan, in his Founder's Day Speech, described Alagappar as a multi-faceted personality who could achieve great success in the fields of

education, industry and business. The speaker said that Alagappan was thoroughly convinced of the benefits of education and used all his earnings for establishing educational institutions for the benefit of the society. He was a man of compassion and action and he did whatever he loved and could succeed magnificently in all his endeavours.

Dr. Vairavan Ramanathan, the grandson of Vallal Alagappan, while offering felicitations, said that his grandfather was a dynamic personality and a man of action. He attributed his success in all fields to his time management. In spite of his physical sufferings, he had a mind of determination to serve society. He was active and he led a life of happiness and satisfaction because of his involvement in offering education to the economically poor people.

Dr. SM. Ramasamy, Syndicate Member, Dr. Tan Sri Dato Prof. Joseph Adaikalam, Executive Chairman of Binary University, Malaysia, offered felicitations.

Senior Professors Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Head, Department of Biotechnology and Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Head, Department of Economics and Rural Development, were honoured with the award of "Professor of Excellence" at the function.

Former Registrars Dr. R. Dhandapani and Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Assistant Professor Dr. A. Saravanakumar and eminent public personalities of Karaikudi Thiru Muthu Palaniappan, Thiru Sakthi Thirunavukkarasu, Dr. Ayykkan and Thiru Swami Dravidamani, were honoured for their contribution to the establishment of Dr. Vallal Alagappan Museum.

AURF Research Award was given to nine Faculty Members for their outstanding research which included Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Dr. K.R. Murugan, Dr. C. Vethirajan,

Dr. B. Dharmalingam, Dr. M. Ramesh, Dr. J. Sujatha Malini, Dr. M. Karthikeyan, Dr. M. Sudha and Dr. D. Maniazhagu.

Nine faculty members -- NABARD Chair Professor and UGC Research Awardees -- were also honoured on the occasion.

Three Faculty Members who received state and national level awards Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh and Dr. K. Pandima Devi were also honoured.

Earlier, floral tributes were paid at Vallal Alagappan Memorial by Tmt. Umayal Ramanathan, Life Member Syndicate, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries.

Syndicate Members Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Dr. K. Gurunathan and Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, were present on the occasion.

Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, welcomed the gathering. Dr. V. Balachandran, Special Officer (Planning and Development), proposed a vote of thanks. Prof. S. Senthamizh Pawai and Dr. Rajeswari, compered the programme.

Higher Education Minister Declares Open New Buildings and Percolation Tank



Thiru K.P. Anabalan, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, declared open three new buildings and a percolation tank cum fish rearing

pond at Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 23.05.2018 in the presence of Thiru. G.Baskaran, Hon'ble Minister for Khadi and Village Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu, Mrs. G.Latha, I.A.S., Collector, Sivagangai District, Thiru PR. Senthilnathan, Member of Parliament, Sivagangai Constituency and Thiru. K.R.Ramasamy, M.L.A., Karaikudi Constituency. Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah presided over the function.

The three buildings constructed at a cost of Rs. 58 lakhs included additional class rooms building for the Department of Economics and Rural Development, additional amenities building with locker facilities for Indian Bank located on the University campus and a multipurpose store room building. A percolation tank with fish-rearing pond was constructed at a cost of Rs.25 lakhs.

Three Scholars Nominated as Syndicate Members



Dr. R. Swaminathan, Principal, Vidhyaa Giri College of Arts and Science, Puduvayal, Sivaganga District, has been nominated as a member of the Syndicate of Alagappa University by the

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Dr. R. Swaminathan will hold this position for a period of three years with effect from 3rd May 2018. He is a renowned academic, specialized in the subject of Mathematics and he is devoted to the teaching of Mathematics with passion for more than three decades. He is an M.Sc., M.Phil. with a Ph.D. Degree in Education in Mathematics. His rich experience has led him to author text books on mathematics for State Universities and also for Higher Secondary Schools. He is a recipient of honours and accolades which include Dr. S.

Radhakrishnan State award for Best Teacher for the year 2002-2003, BOLT (Broad-Outlook-Learner-Teacher) Award in 2003 jointly given by Air India, The *Dinamalar* and The *Hindu* and Education India's Best Teacher Award by TATA Consultancy Services in 2005.



The renowned NAAC Co-ordinator and a former Professor of Commerce and Chairman, School of Management at Alagappa University Prof. M. Selvam was nominated by the

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu to the Syndicate of Alagappa University for a term of three years from 28th May 2018. An alumnus of Annamalai and Madras Universities he served Alagappa University for quarter of a century with distinction. Being a member of numerous academic and administrative committees and bodies, he has gained rich experience, which stood him in good stead in the tasks he undertook. Currently he is a Senior Advisor of the IQAC of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappali. His abiding work and meticulous guidance to the Faculty of Alagappa University during the 2017 NAAC Visit are part of Alagappa University history. It is to be noted that he serves the Syndicate for the second time.



The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit has nominated Dr. G. Baskaran, Dean and Professor of English, Gandhigram Rural Institute as a Member of the Syndicate of Alagappa University. Dr. Baskaran will hold office for a term of three years from 28th May 2018. An illustrious alumnus of Madurai Kamaraj and Bharathidasan Universities, he

has three decades of service as a teacher of English. An expert in Indian English Literature, he has specialised in the subjects such as Commonwealth Literature, Comparative Literature and Communicative English. He has published seven books and more than 100 articles in reputed journals and books edited by others. He has presented 34 research papers in national seminars, symposia and conferences. He is on the Advisory Board of 16 journals. He has served as member on various academic bodies, committees and societies.

34TH FOUNDATION DAY OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF DAY

The 34th Foundation Day of Alagappa University and the Administrative Staff Day were celebrated on 09.05.2018 at the Convocation Auditorium. On the occasion, Non-Teaching Staff Association Building was declared open by Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah and tree saplings were planted by the Officials and Administrative Staff at the newly created Non-Teaching Staff Orchard.



Presiding over the function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that the Foundation Day of the University aptly coincided with the Administrative Staff Day is a pointer to the fact as to how the good work of non-teaching fraternity is intrinsically linked to the effective functioning of the University. He

attributed the recent achievements of this institution at the national level to the untiring co-operation and enormous hard work put in by every worker of the University. He said that we have achieved many things at the national level and now we should strive to get recognition at the international level by getting global ranking. He honoured all the administrative staff by giving Certificates and Mementoes in recognition of their services rendered during the NAAC accreditation.

Prof. P. Kanniappan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, who initiated the first NAAC accreditation work at Alagappa University and who brought “A” grade to the University, delivered the Special Address on the occasion. While elaborating on the nuances of the academic administration of higher education institutions, he said that a proper coordination among the higher officials would help the Vice-Chancellor to steer the institution on a right path. From his rich experience as the Controller of Examinations and Registrar at Gandhigram Rural University, he could utilize the services of the administrative staff very effectively after assuming office as Vice-Chancellor at Alagappa University. He appealed to the administrators to concentrate on human relationship which is a very essential factor for their own success and for the institution. He added that a University should be a performing university and in today’s context, internationalization is a key factor for obtaining global ranking and he exhorted the members of the staff to work hard to achieve this feat.

Kavignar N. Govindan paid a poetic tribute to the matchless Founder Dr. Alagappa Chettiar and also to the Chief Nine Architects of Alagappa University who have contributed to the building of this edifice of higher education during the last 33 years.

Prof. Pavai Kannadasan and Mr. Stephen, who spoke on the occasion, highlighted the contribution of poets Kavignar Kannadasan and Veera Kavi Mudiarasan to modern Tamil Poetry and they quoted the moving lines of Mudiarasan's poem written on the day of Alagappar's passing away from this mundane world.

It may be recalled here that portraits of Kavignar Mudiarasanar and Kavignar Kannadasan were unveiled on 08.05.2018 at the University. As an honour to the poet Mudiarasan, a building was named as Veerakavi Mudiarasanar Hall.

Dr. P. Subas Chandra Bose, Syndicate Member, Prof. V. Balachandran, Special Officer (Planning and Development) and Mr. M. Murugesan, Secretary, Non-Teaching Staff Association, spoke on the occasion.

Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Prof. K. Gurunathan and Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Syndicate Members, Thiru Pari Mudiarasan, were also present at the meeting. Prof. H. Gurumalles Prabu, Registrar, welcomed the gathering. Prof. P. Shakkthivel, Controller of Examinations, proposed a vote of thanks.

GRADUATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Graduation Day of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was celebrated on 15.04.2018 in two sessions.



Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presided over the function. In the first forenoon session, 482 students of Arts and Management Programmes were presented with degrees by the Vice-Chancellor; and in the function held in the afternoon, he gave away degrees to 657 students of Science and Education Programmes.

Delivering the Graduation Day Address in the forenoon session, Hon'ble Justice Dr. S. Vimala of the Madras High Court, Chennai, referred to the Founder's munificence and said that Alagappa Chettiar's "vision is visibly reflected in the form of this great institution which has become a citadel of higher education". While referring to the amazing growth of modern higher education in India, she said that the country has all along been giving a prime place for education which is intrinsically intertwined with values. The ancient Nalanda University could be cited as a pointer to this aspect. And the ancient India was considered a knowledge super power and this tradition is perpetuated by 864 modern Universities and 40,000 Colleges in India today.

Further, the Hon'ble Justice stated that "a nation needs citizens with values and character. Mere literates with least concern for society are burdens. They reach only their personal goal of getting a degree. But the benefit of education lies in the service to community, society and to the nation". "Success in one's life does not come by itself; it comes only through hard work. Tireless striving is the key to achievement", she added. She exhorted the recipients of degrees to "keep running to enrich and update your knowledge otherwise you will stand where you are while others will overtake you. Do not stagnate yourself. There is no greater jewel than learning which does not stop with leaving the portals of the University and, indeed, it is a lifelong process".



In the afternoon session, Prof. K.R.S. Sambasiva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University (Central University) Aizawl, Mizoram, in his Graduation Day Address to the students of Science and Education Programmes, said that India is becoming a world leader in producing scholars of innovative ideas in the modern world. About 20% of leaders in education sector all over the world are Indians and the reason is that Indian students are hardworking and more focused. He added that higher educational institutions in India have adapted to the global demands and have geared up to meet the global challenges by harnessing the latest technologies in education front. Scientific and technological manpower is a crucial component of a nation's developmental framework. The developing world is littered with major environmental, ecological disasters and security issues, owing to the increasing number of population living below the poverty line. The educated youth of India should be conscious of these problems and try to solve them. He advised the new graduates "do what you love with all your heart and develop a passion for it; and even a crazy amount of passion could be shown in realizing the dreams".

Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering and presented a detailed report about the various achievements and activities of the University.

Syndicate Members Prof. SM. Ramasamy, Prof. P. Subas Chandra Bose, Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Prof. J. Jeyakanthan and Prof. K. Gurunathan, Prof. P. Shakkthivel, Controller of Examinations, Dr. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Finance Officer i/c., Deans of various faculties, Officials, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff and recipients of degrees and their parents, participated in the function.

Felicitation Function Organized to Honour the Vice-Chancellor on His Achievements

A felicitation function was organised by the Syndicate and Senate Members, the Faculty, the Administrative Staff and Students of Alagappa University to honour the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. Subbiah for taking the University to greater heights at the national level in the past three years. Presiding over the function Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Thiru K.P. Anbalagan had a word of praise for Alagappa University for its noteworthy contribution to higher education from its inception to till date. By founding a number of educational institutions at Karaikudi, the philanthropist Dr. Vallal Alagappan made the entire nation to turn to this backward region for higher education. Referring to the significant activities and achievements of Alagappa University at the national level, he congratulated Prof. S. Subbiah for his devotion, commitment and hard work in taking the University to lofty heights during the last three years. He highly complimented the Vice-Chancellor for drafting future plans for the next 15 years which showed his keen interest to take the University to the global level. Further, the Minister pointed out that among the "University category" in India, Alagappa University could get the 27th place in NIRF Rankings – 2018. He stated that Tamil Nadu tops the list at the national level in offering higher education with a gross enrolment of 46.9 percentage. He

concluded his speech by stating that Alagappa University should achieve many more laurels of this kind in the years to come.



While offering his felicitation Thavathiru Kundrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar stated that the leadership quality of Prof. S. Subbiah consisted in coordinating and extracting work from both the academic and administrative staff with deep understanding and humanism. He attributed the success of Prof. S. Subbiah for his humane approach and to his concern for the welfare of the staff and students. He also referred to the Vice-Chancellor's remarkable capability and acumen in academic and administrative fields which led to his success. He added that Prof. S. Subbiah is a model Vice-Chancellor to be emulated by the executives of other higher educational institutions to attain progress and development in the field of education at national level.

Thiru G.Baskaran, Hon'ble Minister for Khadi and Village Industries Board, Government of Tamil Nadu offered felicitation on this occasion. He praised the Vice-Chancellor for his untiring efforts and hard work for bringing name and fame to the University. He exhorted the students to emulate the example of Vice-Chancellor for their progress.

Tmt. G.Latha, I.A.S. District Collector, Sivaganga in her felicitation address said that Prof. S. Subbiah is a dynamic Vice-Chancellor,

noted for his active implementation of planned projects for the benefit of the society. She congratulated him on his national level achievements.

Thiru. P.R. Senthilnathan, Member of Parliament, Sivaganga Constituency, Thiru. K.R.Ramasamy, M.L.A., Karaikudi, Thiru. H.Raja, Ex-M.L.A., Karaikudi, Dr. P.Manisankar, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Dr. P.Kanniappan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Dr.R. Thirumalaisamy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamilnadu Sports University, Thiru. P.Subas Chandrabose, Syndicate Member, Prof. Senthil, Senate Member, Prof. V.Balachandran, S.O.(P&D), Prof. S. Rajaram, Director i/c, DDE, Thiru M.Murugesan, Superintendent, Thiru. Ayyappan, Research Scholar offered felicitations and they presented awards to the Vice-Chancellor in recognition of his various achievements during his tenure.

Prof. J.Jeyakanthan, Syndicate Member, presented a citation extolling the contributions of Prof.S.Subbiah to the University and honoured him with the "Institution Builder Award". Dr. SM. Ramasamy, Syndicate Member, welcomed the gathering earlier.

Food Festival 2018

Following the Felicitation Function a Food Festival 2018 was inaugurated on 23.05.2018 by the Hon'ble Minister. This function was organized by the Directorate of Collaborative Programmes, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management of Alagappa University in association with Collaborative Catering Institutions.

Alagappa University signed Memorandums of Understanding with 12 higher educational institutions of Tamil Nadu in the presence of

the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamilnadu, Thiru. K.P. Anbalagan for collaborative research, utilization of modern laboratory and library facilities and exchange of faculty members and students

Earlier 11 Digital Boards containing the events of significance from the history of the University since its inception to the present were unveiled by the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education.

Alagappa University Signs MoUs with 12 Institutions of Higher Education



For the first time in the history of Universities in Tamil Nadu, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, signed MoUs with 12 institutions of higher education for academic collaboration on a single day at one place on the Alagappa University campus recently, in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Thiru K.P. Anbalagan, Pro-Chancellor of all State Universities in Tamil Nadu.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that the signing of MoUs at one place on a single day in one institution with many higher educational institutions participating in the collaborative academic endeavour has been the practice in world's top class universities. This best practice was followed for the first time in Tamil Nadu at Alagappa University venue in the presence of Higher Education Minister. By organizing such

a memorable event, the University has created a model platform for other Universities to sign similar MoUs for the enhancement of quality of higher education.

He added that the objectives of inking MoUs are 1) to encourage exchange of expertise of the faculty between the partner institutions 2) to identify special short-term academic projects and programmes beneficial to signatories 3) to promote collaborative research, lectures, seminars, conferences, symposia, etc. and exchange of research scholars and students 4) to organize national / international workshops, conferences and seminars jointly by these institutions 5) to utilize the resources available in the libraries of these institutions for the benefit of scholars, students and faculty members 6) to share information of common interests between these institutions.

On this occasion, besides Alagappa University, Mother Teresa Women's University, signed MoUs with Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University and Tiruvalluvar University.

Dr. K. Bhaskar, Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Dr. S. Thangasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University, Dr. G. Valli, Vice-Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University, Dr. K. Murugan, Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluvar University, Dr. P. Manisankar, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Prof. R. Perumal Samy, Vice-Chancellor, Noorul Islam University, Dr. K. Ravindran, Vice-Chancellor, Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Kelambakkam, Dr. K.M. Subramaniam, Registrar, Tamil Nadu Open University, Dr. Kabilan, Dean, Annamalai University, Dr. Joseph Kennedy, Registrar, Karunya Institute of Technology and Science, Prof. S. Balaji, Dean, SCSEMV Deemed University, Dr. Antony Ashok

Kumar, Director, SRM University, signed MoUs amongst themselves and also with Alagappa University on the occasion.

Principal Secretary Declares Open a Marine Museum at Alagappa University Satellite Campus at Thondi



Mr. Sunil Paliwal I.A.S., Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Higher Education, declared open a Marine Museum at the MARINEX CENTRE at the Satellite Campus of Alagappa University at Thondi on 07-05-2018. The Museum, attached to the Department of Oceanography and Coastal Area Studies of Alagappa University, showcases rare species of varieties of fishes, crabs, molluscan forms, prawns, mussels, chanks, cockles, oysters, seahorses, coral reefs, sea fan, sea grass, sea weeds, sediments, and petrological samples of rare nature.

Digital Boards Displaying the Contributions of Nine Vice-Chancellor's of Alagappa University Declared Open on the Campus

The Principal Secretary also declared open Digital Display Boards depicting briefly the contributions and developmental activities initiated and done by 9 Vice-Chancellors of Alagappa University during their tenure. The boards also contain the photographs of 9 of these institutional heads. Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Syndicate Members Dr. SM.Ramasamy, Prof. Subas Chandra Bose,

Prof. A.Narayanamoorthy, Dr. J.Jeyakanthan and Prof. K. Gurunathan, Registrar of Alagappa University Dr. H.Gurumallesh Prabu and officials of University were present on the occasion. Mr. Sunil Paliwal I.A.S. also attended the 170th Syndicate Meeting of Alagappa University.



ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL INFORMATICS CENTRE (RICE)



During the post-independence period of 70 years, the Indian Sub-Continent has significantly grown in multiple fronts and emerged as an enviable super power among developing countries. The nation building process could be accomplished through five-year plans and annual plans, using all possible virtues available with Science and Technology improvement.

Significantly in the recent years, our country has phenomenally grown in the hi-tech areas such as Information Technology, Biotechnology, Space Technology, General Engineering Technology, etc. and their advanced outputs would help in faster and precise decision-

making while framing developmental plans for our rural-based country. Alagappa University is one among the top-tier universities in the country owing to good work done in the fields of Biological Sciences, Energy, Biosensors, Bioinformatics, Arts, Management and Education and its new leaps are in the fast emerging areas of Earth Sciences, Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System Technologies. Now, due to rich reserves in its knowledge bank, Alagappa University has envisioned to contribute to the grass-root level rural developmental planning.

To accomplish this, the University has initiated the process for establishing a “**Rural Informatics Centre (RICE)**” at the University. The prime objectives of RICE are 1) to create GIS-aided computerized village- based informatics models for various districts of Tamil Nadu on natural resources, physical resources and human resources with options to retrieve and download the above information village-wise, block-wise, taluk-wise, district-wise and user demanded query-wise in two or three clicks of the computer, benefitting the planners and administrators towards faster and precise grass-root level planning; 2) to develop rural informatics models on specific domains and sectors of natural resources, physical resources and human resources, as per the time requirement and again modify it according to rising demands of the region and nation; 3) to conduct training programmes and workshops for the planners, administrators and scientists on rural informatics and 4) to offer courses on GIS for the aspiring students.

These Rural Informatics models will have special and advanced options to call and download all the information from the computer on all the themes either for a village or a block or a taluk or for the whole district or on a particular theme in pictorial, statistical and tabular formats.

For example, if the user wants to see the general map of a district, he has to open the menu in the computer and click thematic maps and click the name of the particular map, it will be displayed in the computer. Instead, if one wants to see any data, say the water bodies of a particular block in a district, then he can click natural resources menu, block name, water bodies, the name of the block, then all the water bodies of the particular block will be displayed. Similarly, if the planner wants to see the tanks that have to be desilted, he can click 2 or 3 desired menus and then the computer will display the particular village along with the tanks and its status of siltation. From the model, he can get further details on perimeter, volume of silt, etc. Similarly, all the maps can be colour codified, enlarged, reduced, distances can be measured between any two points for laying roads or canals, etc. Similarly disasters vulnerability and environmental status from the Village to District levels can be retrieved. In the same way, all the physical resources (rural housing, electricity, health, education, agriculture, etc.) can be retrieved spontaneously from the computer. For example, in the area of health, by clicking the health sector, one can see the village-wise distribution of primary health centres and other different types of hospitals, distribution of different categories of doctors, distribution of medical facilities in various categories of hospitals, distribution of medical support staff, the pictorial information on the non-availability of health facility, the villages from where the people will have to travel for 0-3 kms. or 3-6 kms. etc. to avail the nearest hospital facility, etc. Similarly, the education data, the agricultural data and the data on rural housing, transport facility, etc. can be spontaneously downloaded from the computer in pictorial, statistical and tabular forms.

In the same way, data on the population and demography and the issues of different age segment of the rural populace, issues related to women, status of women empowerment, self-help group, employability, distribution of otherwise-challenged people, etc. can be retrieved from the village to district levels. In the same way, if one desires to set up an industry in a district, then his requirements on manpower, water availability, transport, etc., can be given as a conditional query and the model will search and identify the suitable village location to set up the factory.

To start with, Alagappa University under the Rural Informatics Centre (RICE) would launch a model project on Sivaganga (Rural Informatics of Sivaganga – Project RUSI). In this mission, all the possible departments from Sciences, Arts, Management and Education would be involved and students would be utilized for data collection. The well-designed village- based questionnaire will be given to the students during the Village Placement Programme of the University for collection of data.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA CELEBRATED

A mega Yoga Demonstration was organized on 21.06.2018 as part of the International Day of Yoga celebrated at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. The faculty, students and administrative staff, numbering about 1200 participated in the event. It was jointly organized by the Centre for Yoga Education and NSS of Alagappa University.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.Rajendran while inaugurating the event referred to the efficacy of Yoga. He said that the art of yoga is an invaluable contribution of ancient India and it symbolizes the great ancient wisdom of India. The great exponents of Yoga tradition Patanjali and Thirumoolar contributed to the well-being of humanity by imparting Yoga Sutras. Unlike other western aerobic fast-paced exercises, the Indian system of Yoga advocates bodily movements of slow pace that bring harmony, balance and peace to the body and the mind, paving the way for the elevation of the soul. He added that Swami Vivekananda's wake-up call to the youth of the country to build "muscles of iron and nerves of steel" symbolically represented the need to develop the union of body, mind and soul to bring about equanimity. The University proposes to impart Yoga training to the new students during the orientation programme to be held shortly, he added. In today's world of hurry and flurry, Yoga is, indeed, a great stress-buster and the advocacy of the practice of Yoga will be a great panacea in the strife-torn world.



The international Olympian Padmashri V.Baskaran, Captain of the Indian Hockey Team, which won the World Cup in 1980 was the guest of honour at the event. He said that yoga helped the people to keep their hearts in a healthy condition. He stated that players participating in games strain their nerves and muscles and can get relaxed by practising yoga for a period of 10 minutes and that would keep

them fit for the next day's play. The other modes of relaxation like swimming etc. takes 24 hours to soothe the nerves and the body, but yoga affords relaxation in a few minutes. From his own experience he added that "this is the secret that every player should learn". Yoga really rejuvenates and warms up the players and keep them ready to play the next day's game with vigour. He stated that the celebration of yoga day has created an awareness among the people of the world about the immense benefits of yoga and the world owes a debt of gratitude to India for this invaluable gift. The real possession of a human being, he added, is health and "this property" has to be protected by the practice of yoga by everyone.

A special yoga demonstration was displayed by C.Kamatchi, a Gold Medal Winner of the World Yoga Championship held in Dubai and that won the applause of everyone present at the event.

Prof.H.Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering. Dr.P.Srinivasan, NSS Co-ordinator, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr.S.Saroja, Co-ordinator of the Centre for Yoga Education, was the organizer of the event.

MoU Signed with Open University of Malaysia

Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Open University of Malaysia on 2.4.2018 for academic co-operation and collaboration through teaching, research and development.

The MoU provides internship opportunities for students, faculty exchange programmes and for promoting educational tours for the mutual benefit of staff and students of the two institutions.



During this event, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Hashem, Vice-President, Open University of Malaysia, Associate Professor, Dr. Richard Ng, Director IPD, Open University of Malaysia, Mr. SK. Kalaiarasan Founder & CEO, Tharshal Group of Companies, Malaysia, Mr. Jai Nanak Singh Founder and CEO, Training Minds Malaysia, Mr. Sahak Bin Ahmed, Ex. General Manager of Malaysia Associates of Hotels Tr. and Edu. Tharshal Group of Companies, Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar and Prof. B. Vaseeharan, Department of Animal Health and Management, Alagappa University, were present.

Prof. Richard Ng, Director IPD, Open University of Malaysia, has consented to collaborate with the Department of Animal Health and Management of Alagappa University in the areas of vermicomposting and aqua culture farming for the benefit of farmers. This collaboration will help in enhancing the production of vermicompost and boost aquaculture studies through joint ventures of research between the collaborative partners. The research with the adoption of various recent techniques in biotechnology and nanotechnology by both the institutions will benefit in increasing the production of vermicompost, in creating disease free fishes, and also in producing fishes resistant to various pathogenic bacteria along with probiotic

bacterial population. Moreover, it would help in the production of hardy variety of fish species for the control of mosquito larval production. This will lead to mosquito population control.

MoU Signed with Binary University (BU), Malaysia

Alagappa University has been recently accredited with 'A+' Grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and graded as Category I University by the University Grants Commission - Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. The University has attained 27th position among all the Universities in India under National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF 2018).



Having achieved such a glorious status at National Level, the University has been aggressively promoting internationalization of the University with the sole objective to achieve global ranking. In this direction, Alagappa University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Binary University (BU), Malaysia on 21st February 2018.

The Binary University is rated as a 5-STAR (excellent) University by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) Malaysia, the highest rating accorded to any public or private university. The University is an accredited member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities

(UK), World Higher Education (UNESCO) and International Association of Universities (France). The university is reported to attract international students from over 60 countries around the globe.

The Executive Chairman and Founder of Binary University Prof. Joseph Adaikalam visited Alagappa University on 6th April 2018 and signed a Memorandum of Agreement to be implemented from the ensuing academic year. The objectives of the Memorandum of Agreement are to jointly offer PG degree programme (M.Sc. Bioinformatics) in Binary University campus. Alagappa University faculty members will handle theory classes in Malaysia and the laboratory facilities in Alagappa University will be used for practical and project works as agreed mutually.

It is also agreed to arrange Industry Specialized Professional (ISP) training for the final Semester Students of School of Management (MBA Programme) of Alagappa University at Binary University on Credit transfer basis.

MoU Signed with Torus Academy, Chennai

Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Torus Academy, Chennai signed an MoU on 19.05.2018. Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah stated that the purpose of this MoU is to help the University students learn the latest software production and to impart training in "Low Code Platform" at the International Standard. The main aim of this agreement is to produce the well-trained programmers in this platform to cope up with the needs in software industry at the international level. He added that definitely this MoU would help the upliftment of rural students. The Vice-Chancellor also pointed out that the same scenario is to be continued in the years to come.

Mr. Sekar Ponniah, the architect of this Platform and the Managing Director of Torus Academy has about 35 years of experience in the IT field. He returned to India from the USA to promote a Company in India and offer employment opportunities to rural based computer science students. Many countries are currently building Low Code Platforms as the future way of developing softwares. In India, Torus Academy has given training in Low Code Platform for the students of Alagappa University for the first time. Low Code Platform is the next generation expectation of the Software industry which would help build softwares in less time. Also the entry-level programmer can build applications very easily on this Platform.

It may be recalled that the Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Torus Academy Chennai jointly organized a four-day special training on Low Code Platform, the new technology, for the first time to the outgoing M.Sc. Computer Science Students. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. Subbiah issued placement orders to the best five students at the end of the training programme on 12.05.2018.

Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Prof. V. Balachandran (S.O. P&D) and Prof E.Ramaraj, Head of Dept. of Computer Science, were present on the occasion of the signing of the memorandum.

THANKS GIVING FUNCTION

A grand “Thanks Giving Function” was organized at Alagappa University on 30.04.2018 to express appreciation to the Syndicate Members, Faculty Members and Administrative Staff for their remarkable work done to achieve A+ grade with a CGPA of 3.64 out of 4 from NAAC and for attaining “Category I Status”,

“Autonomy” from MHRD, UGC and 27th place in the “University Category” in the assessment of NIRF - India Rankings 2018.

While felicitating the academic fraternity and administrative staff, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. Subbiah, attributed their untiring efforts and sincere commitment for achieving this feat. He recalled the yeomen services rendered by the past Vice-Chancellors, past and present Syndicate Members, the Officials and the Alumni for the development of the University in every sphere. Attributing the success to the three stages – goal setting, working on it relentlessly and achieving the target – he said that the fourth stage was rejoicing over the victory and hence this celebration. The Vice-Chancellor honoured everyone who has contributed to this accomplishment by presenting Certificates and Mementoes.



Dr. K. Gnanasambandan, Distinguished Professor, Thiagarajar College, Madurai, in his Special Address, said that Alagappa University has attained a remarkable status among the Indian Universities because of the Vice-Chancellor’s efficient leadership qualities such as “enormous confidence, focused foresightedness, positive thinking, painstaking efforts adopted to achieve the goal”. He stated that coordination and cooperation of every employee of the University have led to this success. He exhorted the employees of the University to keep the glories attained and also

to strive to achieve many more glories of this kind and bring laurels to the institution.

Former Syndicate Members Dr. S. Mohan and Dr. R. Dhandapani, Present Syndicate Members Dr. SM. Ramasamy, Dr. P. Subas Chandra Bose and Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy offered felicitations. Dr. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, Mr. Balasubramanian, Deputy Registrar and Mr. M. Murugesan, Superintendent, also offered felicitations.

Dr. M.V. Rao and Dr. V. Alagappan, Former Syndicate Members, Dr. K. Gurunathan and Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Present Syndicate Members, Dr. K. Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Dr. P. Sivakumar, Dean, Faculty of Education, Dr. G. Paruthimal Kalaignan, Dean, Faculty of Science and Dr. V. Manickavasagam, Dean, Faculty of Management and Dr. M. Selvam, Former Coordinator, IQAC, were honoured on this occasion.

Dr. S. Rajaram, Director i/c., Distance Education and Dr. G. Rajeswari compered the programme. Earlier, Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Shakkthivel, Controller of Examinations, proposed a vote of thanks.

**FAREWELL FUNCTION
ORGANIZED BY THE UNIVERSITY
COMMUNITY TO HONOUR THE
VICE-CHANCELLOR**

A Farewell Function was arranged by the entire University Community of Alagappa University to express its thanks to the Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah on the day of his demitting office on 4.6.2018. He was the 9th Vice-Chancellor to adorn the highest office of the University.

Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, who welcomed the gathering, highlighted all the major achievements of the Vice-Chancellor during his fruitful tenure of office at Alagappa University. He made a mention of the nine sparkling Navaratna Awards conferred on Alagappa University during the tenure of the Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah.

Madurai Kamaraj University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chelladurai, Trichy Bharathidasan University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Manisankar, Former Vice-Chancellor of Anna University Prof Mannar Jawahar, Former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. P.Ramasamy, Former Vice-chancellor of Periyar University Prof. Swaminathan, Former Vice-Chancellor of Bharathidasan University Prof. Meena, Prof. SM. Ramasamy, Syndicate Member and Prof. P. Sivakumar, Alagappa University, Tamilchemmal Kavignar Thangamoorthy, Former Member of Sahitya Akademi, Tamilchemmal R. Sampathkumar, Secretary, Kamban Kazhagam, Pudukottai, Thiru Gnana Sambandan, Professor Emeritus, Thiagarajar College, Madurai, Thiru. M.Thennavan, Ex-Minister, Thiru. S.Muthudurai, Ex-Chairman, Karaikudi Municipality, Thiru Pitchai Kurukkal, Pillaiyarpatti, Prof. Aikkan, Writer, Thiru Muthu Palaniappan and Thiru Swami Dravidamani, Chamber of Commerce, Karaikudi, Prof. M. Pandi, Head, Department of Tamil, Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Director, Centre for Tamil Culture and Prof. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Finance Officer i/c., Dr. R. Rajkumar, Deputy Director, Mr. M. Murugesan, Assistant Registrar, offered felicitations on the occasion. Alagappa University Syndicate and Senate Members, Teachers, Administrative Staff, Students and the prominent citizens of Karaikudi participated in the function.

Prof. S. Subbiah, in his acceptance speech, while expressing his gratitude at the farewell

party, said that he cherished the support extended by the three Chancellors Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Dr. K. Rosaiah and Thiru CH. Vidyasagar Rao, three Chief Ministers Thiru Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Selvi J. Jayalalithaa, and Thiru O. Panneerselvam and two Education Ministers Thiru K.P. Anbalagan and Thiru P. Palaniappan. He added that he enjoyed the warmth and help rendered by three Higher Education Secretaries Thiru Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S., Thiru A. Karthik, I.A.S. and Selvi Apoorva, I.A.S., and the Finance Secretary Thiru K. Shanmugam, I.A.S. and the Secretaries (Expenditure) Thiru Udayachandran, I.A.S., Tmt. Pooja Kulkarni, I.A.S. and Thiru P. Umanath, I.A.S. He also acknowledged the help rendered by the Sivagangai District Collectors Tmt. Malarvizhi, I.A.S., and Tmt. G. Latha, I.A.S., and also the District Superintendents of Police Dr. Durai, I.P.S., Thiru Ziawul Haq, I.P.S., and Thiru Jeyachandran, I.P.S.

Prof. Subbiah made a warm reference to the care, concern and patronage extended by the Founder's daughter and Life Time Syndicate Member Tmt. Umayal Ramanathan. He added that she encouraged him in all his work done to uplift the University in all domains at the national level.

The Vice-Chancellor also recalled the keen and earnest interest shown in the progress and development of Alagappa University by Thiru. P.R. Senthilnathan, Member of Parliament, Sivaganga Constituency, Thiru. K.R.Ramasamy, M.L.A., Karaikudi, Thiru. M.Thennavan, Ex-Minister, Thiru. H.Raja, Ex-M.L.A., Karaikudi, Tmt. Karpagam Ilango, Ex-M.L.A., Karaikudi and Thiru Chozhan Palanichamy, Ex-M.L.A., Karaikudi, Thiru. S.Muthudurai, Ex-Municipal Chairman, Karaikudi and the prominent citizens of Karaikudi. He also referred to the blessings received from Thavathiru Kundrakudi

Ponnambala Adigalar, whose words of sincere appreciation encouraged him at every moment.

While expressing his debt of gratitude to the Syndicate Members, Prof. Subbiah, referred to their intrinsic involvement in planning and the execution of projects designed for enhancing the quality of education, improving infrastructural facilities and designing extension activities for the upliftment of the society around. He thanked the Senate Members for their pragmatic suggestions to keep the economy of the University healthy and on a sound footing. The academic council members and the faculty, he added, extended their fullest cooperation in introducing new programmes of study in emerging areas and to bring-in changes in the existing curriculum.

He stated that but for the unrelenting and strenuous work put in by the Administrative Officers and the entire Non-teaching Staff of the University, we could not have achieved great progress in every sphere in the past three years.

Prof. P. Shakkthivel, Controller of Examinations, proposed a vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

கவிச் செம்மல் டாக்டர்
ரெ. முத்துக்கணேசனார்
அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தமிழ்த் துறையின் சார்பில் “கவிச் செம்மல் டாக்டர் ரெ. முத்துக்கணேசனார் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு” 5.4.2018 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறை கருத்தரங்க அறையில் நடைபெற்றது.



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு தலைமையேற்று உரைநிகழ்த்தினார். அவர் தமது உரையில், டாக்டர் ரெ. முத்துக்கணேசனார் மிகச் சிறந்த தமிழ் அறிஞர், தேசிய உணர்வு மிக்கவர் என்றும், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் முதல் முதலில் ஆய்வு இருக்கையை அமைத்தவர் என்றும், தான் சேர்த்த 2000 நூல்களை பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கு கொடுத்தவர் என்றும் பெருமைப்பட கூறினார். அவர் மேலும் பேசுகையில், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தமிழ்த்துறையில் மொத்தம் 14 அறக்கட்டளைகள் உள்ளது என்றும், ஒவ்வொரு அறக்கட்டளை சொற்பொழிவிற்கும், மிகச் சிறந்த தமிழறிஞர்களை அழைத்து, அவர்களது சொற்பொழிவுகளை மாணவர்கள் கேட்டு பயன்பெறும் வகையில் ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுகிறது என்றும் தெரிவித்தார். இதனை மாணவர்கள் நன்கு பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ள வேண்டுமென கேட்டுக் கொண்டார்.

மனித வள மேம்பாட்டு அமைச்சகம் சிறந்த உயர் கல்வி நிறுவனத்திற்கு நிர்ணயித்துள்ள அனைத்து திட்டங்களிலும் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் முன்னிலை பெற்றுள்ளது. எல்லா தகுதிகளையும் பெற்றுவிட்ட நிலையில் அவற்றை தொடர்ந்து தக்க வைக்க ஆசிரியர்கள், அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் அனைவரும் தொடர்ந்து ஒன்றுபட்டு உழைக்க வேண்டுமென கேட்டுக் கொண்டார்.

பேரா. ரெ. சந்திரமோகன், முதல்வர், சேவுகன் அண்ணாமலை கலைக் கல்லூரி, தேவகோட்டை, “உயிருண்ணல்” என்ற பொருளில் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார். தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் மு. பாண்டி அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் தமிழ்த்துறை பேராசிரியர்கதஆராய்ச்சி மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

CENTRE FOR TAMIL CULTURE

International Conference on Trends in Research



Centre for Tamil Culture, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in collaboration with Sultan Idris Education University, Pendidikan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Semmoodhai Publications, Chennai, conducted on 28.03.2018 an International Conference on “Trends in Research”.

At the inaugural function Dr. Manonmanidevi welcomed the participants and presented the thematic address. Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavaai, Director, Centre for Tamil Culture, Alagappa University, released a compendium of research articles, and the first copy was received by Dr. Samikkanu Jabamoney Ishak Samuel, Associate Professor, Sultan Idris Education University. Delivering the special address on the occasion Dr. Senthamizh Pavaai stated how innovative research practices could contribute to the richness of any language and she referred to the emerging trends in the field of research in Tamil language and literature. She added that modern research topics chosen by scholars are invariably focused on varied sociological, anthropological and

cultural aspects while conventional topics have almost been given a go-by. She elaborated on innovative topics on which some of her scholars are currently working. Dr. Samikkanu, speaking on the occasion, highlighted the necessity of conducting such conferences to preserve and protect the identity of the Tamils and their culture who have migrated to various countries. The conferences on these lines would help the diasporic Tamils to recall the happy memories of the culture of the Tamils of the by-gone days. Dr.M.Paattazhagan, Director, Kavignar Dr. Alandur G. Mohanarangan Tamil Research Centre, Chennai, proposed a vote of thanks. After the inaugural session a number of scholars presented their papers. Dr. R. Kurunjivendhan, Department of Foreign Languages, Tamil University Thanjavur, and Mr. Sakthi Murali of Sakthi Kalaikoodam and Publications, Chennai, delivered the keynote address.

At the valedictory function held in the evening Dr. Saipolbarin Bin Ramli, Head, Modern Languages Department, Sultan Idris Education University, Malaysia, welcomed the gathering. Prof. Mahzan Bin Arshad, Dean, Faculty of Languages and Communication, Sultan Idris Education University, Malaysia delivered a scintillating valedictory address. He said that the MoU signed between the universities have paved the way for scholar exchange programmes which would ultimately help in enhancing the quality of research; and he also gave away the certificates to the participants. Dr. K. Sathasivam, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Madras Christian College, Chennai, spoke about the highlights of the conference and proposed a vote of thanks.

It was the first International Conference organized outside the country by the Centre for Tamil Culture, Alagappa University, Karaikudi

in which a team consisting of 55 enthusiastic teachers and scholars participated.

தமிழ்ப்பண்பாடு - இலக்கியப் பயிலரங்கு

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கு மலேசியாவைச் சார்ந்த 37 பேர்கொண்டமாணவர் மற்றும் ஆசிரியர் குழு,மலேசிய எழுத்தாளர் சங்கத் தலைவர் பெ. இராஜேந்திரன் அவர்கள் தலைமையில், 12.06.2018 அன்று வருகை புரிந்தது. புலம் பெயர்ந்து மலேசியாவில் வசிக்கும் தமிழ் மாணவர்களும் ஆசிரியர்களும் தங்கள் தாயகமாகிய தமிழ்நாட்டையும் தமிழர் தம் பண்பாட்டையும் நேரில் பார்த்து அறிந்து கொள்ளும் நோக்கத்தோடு இங்கு பயணித்திருப்பதாகக் கூறினர். இக்குழுவினர் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பதிவாளர் பேரா.ஹா. குருமல்லேஷ் பிரபு, தனி அலுவலர் பேரா.வி.பாலச்சந்திரன், தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு இயக்குநர், பேரா.சே.செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை ஆகியோரை வள்ளல் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக வளாகத்தில் சந்தித்துக் கலந்துரையாடல் நிகழ்த்தினர்.

பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் அயல் நாட்டுமாணவர்கள் இங்கு வந்து கல்விப்பயில் அணைத்து வசதிகளும் செய்துதரப்படும் என்று கூறினார். தனி அலுவலர் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையமும் அருங்காட்சியகமும் உருவாக்கப்பட்டதன் நோக்கம் அதன் சிறப்புகள் குறித்து எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

இதன் பின் மலேசியக் குழுவினர் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு அருங்காட்சியகம், வள்ளல் அழகப்பா அருங்காட்சியகம் ஆகியவற்றைக் கண்டுகளித்தனர். தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டுமைய இயக்குநர் பேரா. சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்கள் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாடு குறித்து மாணவர்களுக்கு உரைநிகழ்த்தினார். இதில் கலந்துகொண்ட மாணவர்கள் தமிழர்தம் கலாச்சாரம், பண்பாடு பற்றியும் செட்டிநாட்டுக் கட்டடக்கலை மற்றும் விருந்தோம்பல் பற்றியும் தாங்கள் நேரடியாக அறிந்து கொண்ட அனுபவத்தை மிக்கமகிழ்வுடன் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டனர். “தங்களுடைய வேர்களைத் தேடி விழுதுகள் வந்த இந்நிகழ்வு” அவர்களுக்கு மிக்கமனநிறைவைத் தந்ததாக அவர்கள் கூறினர்.

Books on Chettinad Heritage Donated to Tamil Culture Museum

A set of books on Chettinad Heritage were donated to Tamil Culture Museum of Alagappa University by Tmt. Meenakshi Meyyappan, Director of the popular heritage hotel “The Bangala” functioning at Karaikudi. The Chettinad Heritage is intrinsically linked to the fascinating life-style of minority Nagarathar community. The English books titled *The Chettiar Heritage*, *Mansions of Chettinad*, *A Chettiar Album* and the Tamil book bearing the title *Chettiar Parambariam* deal with the lifestyle of Nagarathars, the architectural splendour of their mansion like dwellings, wedding style and other rituals performed by them from birth to death.



The highly informative books were presented to the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. S. Subbiah by the Chief Accountant Tmt. Meenal and the Manager S. Sridhar of the heritage hotel “The Bangala” on 17.04.2018. Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar and Dr. S. Senthamizh Pawai, Director, Centre for Tamil Culture, were present on the occasion. The books are on display at the Tamil Museum.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

National Entrepreneurship Week Celebrations

The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, organised

a programme in connection with National Entrepreneurship Week Celebrations on 13.4.2018 in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute, Government of Tamil Nadu and Sivagangai District Small Scale Industries Association at the Convocation Seminar Hall of Alagappa University.

The objective of the programme was to inculcate the needed skills among the new and existing entrepreneurs and also to provide proper and effective guidance to them in order to promote small and medium scale industries in Sivagangai District. As part of the celebrations, various competitions were conducted to the school students of Karaikudi, to create awareness among them on the importance of becoming entrepreneurs so as to make them contribute to their own progress and also to the nation's development. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the Competition.

Prof.K.Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, in her welcome address, referred to the significance of the celebrations. She added that building a society that encourages new entrepreneurs for socio-economic development and progress of the nation has become imperative in the current Indian employment scenario.

Presiding over the function, Prof.S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, pointed out the importance of Entrepreneurship Development Programme among the new and young entrepreneurs and spreading the entrepreneurial culture among the youth for solving problems of unemployment; and he added that at the same time the efforts of the Government in this regard will pave the way for creating innovative entrepreneurs. He opined that educational institutions should play a vital role in fulfilling the requirements needed for a nation's socio-economic prosperity and in this

regard, he added that Alagappa University has organized a series of programmes in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute (EDII) for developing entrepreneurial skill among the youth of this District. He appealed to the youth to become entrepreneurs for their own development and nation's development. He asserted young entrepreneurs with innovative ideas, quality consciousness and incredible self-confidence will succeed in all their enterprises.

Mr.J.Thomas Rex Vaz, Training Coordinator, EDII, Tamil Nadu, Chennai, delivered the keynote address. He elaborated on the functioning of EDII and advocated its various schemes for the benefit of the young entrepreneurs. He stated that the new entrepreneurs should be deterministic with a focused goal to become successful entrepreneurs.



Dr.Bangaru Giri, District Development Manager, NABARD, Sivagangai, Mr. S. Ganesan, General Manager, District Industries Centre, Sivagangai, Mr.T.Sattanathan, District Manager, TAHDCO, Sivagangai, Ms.G.Alamelu, Director, Rural Training Centre, Amaravathipudur, Mr.T.Selvam, Manager, Indian Bank, Karaikudi and Mr.KR.Rajamanickam, President, SIDISSIA, Sivagangai spoke on the occasion focussing on various facilities and training programmes available for the new and existing entrepreneurs and exhorted

them to make use of the benefits extended by the government agencies for improving their micro, medium and small scale industries and contribute to nation's growth.

Mr.K.T.Kannappan, Secretary, SIDISSIA, Sivagangai, proposed a vote of thanks.

[Mission Possible : Create Entrepreneurs from Seeds](#)

Four-Day Entrepreneurship Camp for School Students

The inaugural function of a Four-day Camp for School Students on the importance of Entrepreneurship was held on 19.06.2018 at Alagappa University. The programme titled "**Mission Possible : Create Entrepreneurs from Seeds**" was conducted by the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, from 19.06.2018 to 22.06.2018.

The objective of this programme for school students was to **educate, train and empower** entrepreneurs of the next generation to become productive individuals, conducting fruitful enterprises; and it also aimed at making them lead meaningful lives of integrity, serving others and making the world a better place to live in. Besides lectures by expert trainers, management games and field and industrial visits were conducted as part of the programme to create awareness among them on the significance of becoming entrepreneurs so as to contribute to the individual's progress and also to the development of the nation.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, in her welcome address, referring to the significance of the programme, stated that building a society which encourages young

entrepreneurs for social development and national progress have become imperative in the current employment scenario. She asserted that young entrepreneurs with innovative ideas, time management, entrepreneurial skills and incredible self confidence are needed for sustainable growth of the nation. This Entrepreneurial School Programme, she hoped, would provide ample opportunities to students to learn the concept of entrepreneurial skills and to build the mindset required to solve real-world problems.

Presiding over the function, Prof.N.Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, pointed out the importance of imparting entrepreneurship training to the young school students along with their regular studies. "Teaching entrepreneurial skills to school students would result in long term benefit", he observed. He said that any idea powerfully conveyed to school students would easily get imprinted on their minds and he contended that training of students in entrepreneurial skill at this stage is very appropriate. He further stated that entrepreneurship education benefits students from all socio-economic backgrounds as it teaches kids to think outside the box and nurtures innovative talents and skills. He asked the trainers, besides giving training to the participants, present interesting case studies to the students and showcase success stories of famous entrepreneurs. The study of the history of world-class entrepreneurs would reveal how they started their business ventures on a small scale and how they faced innumerable challenges to sustain and to develop their business over the years.

The Vice-Chancellor said that many of the women entrepreneurs are doing extremely well in their business by adopting innovative strategies. The programme, he added,

would help the school students to learn the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, creative problems-solving, delivering an effective elevated pitch, understanding start-up financials and writing a business plan and also help the students to take their business ideas from concept to reality.

Dr.P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks. 54 students from Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Alagappa Girls Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Ramanathan Chettiar Municipal High School, Baharath Public School (CBSE) and Sri Ragavendra Matriculation Higher Secondary School participated in this camp.

Women Employee's Club Inaugurated

A "Women Employee's Club" set up at Alagappa University, Karaikudi was inaugurated on 25th April, 2018 at the Convocation Seminar Hall, Alagappa University. The main objective of the club is to strengthen the role of women employees of Alagappa University through collectivism.

Prof.K.Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, welcomed the gathering and introduced the Coordinators and the other members of the club. In her welcome address, she highlighted the importance of the club and its functioning for the welfare of all women staff (both teaching and non teaching). She pointed out that a happy woman would be able to promote happiness in her family and workplace. She listed out the various activities to be performed by the club viz. providing personal counseling, creating awareness on health issues (physical and mental health), arranging evening tuition for the children of the staff, running a University Creche, teaching Yoga and creating awareness

on contemporary issues and so on for the benefit of all the women staff of the University.

Presiding over the function, Prof.S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, pointed out that Alagappa University is the first University in Tamil Nadu to set up a Women Employee's Club to look after the welfare of the women staff of Alagappa University. He hoped that the club within the campus would create safe spaces for women employees to discuss difficult issues arising, both at home and workplace. Also, he added that the club would provide fun environment, help in the process of healthier understanding of womanhood, help in increasing self-esteem and personality development, impart increased skills to take public action to prevent violence against women. He asked women to be always conscious about their rights and privileges in order to enjoy full freedom and to progress in life.



Mrs. S. Geetha Lakshmi, Inspector of Police, All Women Police Station, Sivagangai, delivered the keynote address in the programme. She appreciated the coordinators for their efforts taken for establishing the club specifically for women staff of the University. In her keynote address, she said that the club should pave the way for social change through championing the cause of women, children, and families and help members of the club to take a progressive stance on such issues as child welfare, health and women's rights.

Dr.M.Jayabharathi, Deputy Registrar and one of the Coordinators of Women Employee's Club, Alagappa University proposed a vote of thanks. More than 100 women teaching and non teaching employees from various Departments and administrative sections of Alagappa University participated in the programme.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Two-Day National Seminar on Evolving Optimum Strategies for Promoting Wellness and Healthy Lifestyle of Women with Disabilities

The inaugural function of a Two-Day "National Seminar on Evolving Optimum Strategies for Promoting Wellness and Healthy Lifestyle of Women with Disabilities" was organized by the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, under the sponsorship of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi, on 19.4.2018.

While welcoming the participants, Prof. K.R. Murugan, Head, Department of Social Work, said that the keywords for deliberation in this seminar are "**Access, Aware and Avail**". The prime objective of the seminar is to acquire intensive knowledge about the various challenges faced in the promotion of health of women with disabilities and to set right the barriers and help women with disabilities to access and avail health promotion services which would enhance their lifestyle. He thanked the National Commission for Women for sponsoring this useful and highly relevant seminar.



In his presidential address, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, quoting the Census of India said, of the 121 crore population about 2.68 crore people are “disabled”, which works out to 2.21% of the population. Majority of the people with disabilities are women and their suffering in all spheres is more intensive than that of men. He hoped that the panel discussion of experts would provide pragmatic suggestions and recommendations to frame policies regarding the promotion of the wellness of women with disabilities. Alagappa University is one of the pioneer institutions in this part of the country to start a Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences and the needs of special children are fulfilled through the special school attached to the Department and he assured that the University is ready to offer any help sought in this regard.

Dr. C. Ramasubramanian, State Nodal Officer, District Mental Health Programme, in his inaugural address, stated that disabled women are not wanted by the society and they are either neglected or discarded and they remain silent sufferers. He stated that the UN Assembly in 1975 declared the rights of women with disabilities to lead a life of happiness but unfortunately the prevailing picture is gloomy and he stated that they have every right to demand a life of joy and happiness. He added that disabled women are not very ambitious in their demands and they ask for a humble

shelter, decent food and clothing. He asked the stakeholders to concentrate more on promoting wellness so as to avoid the occurrence of illness.

Ms. P. Kalaivani from the National Institute of Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai and Prof. Jamuna, Head, Department of History, Bangalore University, offered felicitations, highlighting the need for proper understanding of the mental condition of the disabled women and help them overcome from the trauma they experience on account of their marginalization in the society.

The highlight of the seminar was a Panel Discussion by Experts drawn from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience, Bangalore, National Institute of Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Chennai, M.S. Chellamuthu Institute of Mental Health and Rehabilitation, Madurai, Athma, Trichy, Centre for Differently Abled Persons, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Brothers of Charity, Karaikudi, Siraguhal – Special Children Parents’ Association, Trichy, Guide Trust, Sivagangai, Renuga School and Nirmal School, Karaikudi and District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Sivagangai.

Besides paper presentation and plenary sessions, experience-sharing sessions were also conducted, as part of this Seminar. 200 persons – women with disabilities, caregivers, representatives from NGOs and service organizations, medical officers, clinical psychologists, special educators, students and scholars from the Department of Special Education -- attended the seminar.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Articles Published:

A. Narayanamoorthy published an article

titled, "Financial Performance of India's Irrigation Sector: A Historical Analysis", in the *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, Vol. 34, No.1, pp. 116-131 (Routledge, London, UK,). He also published an article in collaboration with M. Dinesh Kumar, V. Ratna Reddy, Nitin Bassi and A. J. James. The title of the article was "Rainfed Areas: Poor Definition and Flawed Solutions", and it was published in the *International Journal of Water Resources Development*, Vol. 34, No. 2, pp. 278-291 (Routledge, London, UK,).

A. Narayanamoorthy and S. S. Kalamkar, wrote a chapter on, "Bt Cotton Cultivation in Maharashtra: An Economic Analysis Based on Field Data" (pp. 351-378) for the book titled *Biotechnology for a Second Green Revolution in India*, edited by Chandrasekhara Rao, Carl E. Pray and Ronald J. Herring, and published by Academic Foundation, New Delhi. He and N. Devika collaboratively published an article titled, "Economic and Resource Impacts of Drip Method of Irrigation on Okra Cultivation: An Analysis of Field Survey Data", in the *Journal of Land and Rural Studies*, Vol. 6, No.1, pp. 1-19 (Sage Publications, Delhi).

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Field Visit to Dharmapuri Archaeological Museum

A team of enthusiastic History Professors from Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Government Arts College, Dharmapuri and Thonnam Historical Research Centre, Dharmapuri, made a field visit to Archaeological Museum at Dharmapuri with a view to exploring facts related to the ancient Kuruman nomadic tribal community's life-style such as their migration routes, culture and tradition and occupations. The team keenly studied the

historical finds, remnants and artefacts brought to light by the spade of archeologists during the excavations affording an opportunity to the scholars to learn about the ancient Kuruman culture. Collections are currently displayed at the Museum. It is to be noted that Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts in Tamil Nadu are known for the ancient archaeological sites and this region was popularly known as "Thagadoor" during the Sangam Period. References to Thagadoor abound in ancient Tamil literary works.

The team also visited the hilly areas adjoining Chennachathiram situated 5 kilometres away from Kurubarahalli on Krishnagiri-Hosur highway. The researchers located the ancient Kuruman's settlements where they could trace the stone walls of their homesteads and the worn-out woollen thread-making structures and scrap pieces of iron implements used by them. They also found places exclusively structured for rearing live-stock. The memorials and historical sites indicated the rich culture of the migrant nomadic Kuruman tribal community. Though Kurumans were a nomadic tribe, they had documented their history through some of the memorials.

The team members included Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Head i/c, Department of History, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Prof. S. Chandrasekar, Government Arts College, Dharmapuri, Prof. V. Gunasekaran, Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi and Thiru. Nagaraj, ICF, Chennai and Thiru. Kirubanantham, Chennai and the post graduate students of Dharmapuri Government Arts

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

World Music Day Celebrated

On behalf of the Department of Fine Arts, the World Music Day was celebrated on 22.06.2018

in the Seminar Hall of the Central Library of Alagappa University. Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, in his inaugural-cum-presidential address, brought home the significance of music in the day-to-day life of the people. He said that it is comparatively easier to acquire any branch of knowledge than to cultivate the fine arts such as music and dance. It does require individual taste and talent. This day, 21st of June, every year is celebrated the world over as World Music Day for the purpose of spreading the importance of music and also for honouring the doyens of music.



Music has the power to soften and soothe the minds of the people and has an important role to play in the development of the society. Fertile imagination and creative faculty are essential for the growth of literature to which music and painting belong. Music transcends barriers of culture and climes, races and religions, creeds and isms.

In the Indian context, there is concrete textual evidence that King Mahendra Varman of Pallava dynasty was well acquainted with the comprehensive knowledge of music. That is why, history states, he was called Sangeethana Jaathi. During the golden age of Guptas coins were minted and circulated with the engraving of the Veena being played. The excavations at Mohenjo-Daro brought to light artefacts like bronze idols of women in the dancing posture. These idols date back to three thousand

five hundred years before Christ. Through preservation and propagation of music, we become worthy sons of the soil in preserving our tradition and culture.

Dr. P. Natrajan, Principal, Kalaikaveri Fine Arts College, Trichy, in his special address made a special mention that God is the Personification of Music and that the seven musical notations (sapta swaranga) have descended from Nature and also referred to the curative power of “ananda bhairavi” raga in bringing down blood pressure and in reducing stress. There are enough evidences in Tamil Bhakthi Literature that a recitation of the verses from Thevaram might serve as a therapy bringing relief to people from illness and ailment. He also referred to the Pythagorean concept of the existence of universe due to the music of the spheres.

Prof. TR. Gurumoorthy, Finance officer i/c offered felicitations. The students of the Fine Arts Department performed a scintillating musical recital. Prof. P.Dharmaligam welcomed the gathering earlier and at the end Dr. M.S.P Sarala proposed a vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Prestigious Research Award for University Faculty



Dr.G.Ravi, Professor and Head, Department of Physics, Alagappa University, has been honoured with the award of “Honourable Guest Professor (HGP)” by Shizuoka University, Japan, in recognition of “his outstanding and exemplary performance and contributions in the field of Materials Science”.

Shizuoka University is one of the pioneering and most prestigious government universities in Japan where first picture tube for television was invented. The most important role of HGP is to keep strong collaboration and friendship in the framework of research and education in Doctoral course.

The Japanese University has mentioned that Prof. Ravi’s experience will be utilized for acting as a committee member of Ph.D. defence and also for cooperative research in the field of crystal growth, in particular thermo-electric materials preparation for green energy. Moreover, the Honourable Guest Professors will be asked to give Invited Lectures at Shizuoka University with the full support by the Government of Japan.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, congratulated Prof. Ravi on his achievement and said “it is a great privilege and honour bestowed on Alagappa University”.

It may be noted that the selection procedure of HGP is very stringent. The collaborators in Shizuoka University are nominating their choices of illustrious Professors for this award, who have been contributing in fostering inter-university relationship with Shizuoka University as well as their outstanding academic achievements and contributions in the field of Materials Science based on their publications and citations.

World-wide five scientists are being selected and awarded HGP every year. Prof. Ravi is one among the five researchers being selected in

alternate years starting from 2014. He is the only Indian Professor selected for the year 2018 and the remaining scientists are from Europe and USA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed on 26.06.2018 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. A rally highlighting the evils of drug abuse was taken out by the Students of the Skill Development Centre of the University.



Presiding over the function Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that 3.6% to 6.6% of people in the world population have taken unfortunately to the habit of drug addiction. In the year 1987, the World Health Organization passed a resolution to create awareness among the people of the world about the evil of drug abuse. In India, the National Day against Drug Abuse is being observed aptly on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi i.e. on 2nd October every year. Some youngsters when suffering from mental depression and stress cultivate the bad habit of consuming drugs that might give them a kind of false sensation and temporary relief

but land them in serious trouble. Drug addicts who misuse or abuse drugs should be helped to come out of this social evil. He further said that drug abuse spoiled the character of the person concerned and affected his career. It is the duty of every one to help in eradicating drug abuse. He appealed to the Social Work Department personnel and students counseling centres to focus on providing proper and effective counselling to the people affected by this evil and that is the way to save them from peril.

Dr. R.V.Surenderan, Vice-President, Tamil Nadu Medical Council and the Chief Physician of Devaki Hospital, Karaikudi, in his special address, said that every year two lakh and fifty thousand people died the world over on account of drug abuse. Youth in the age group of 15 to 35 who are drug addicts commit suicide on account of this habit. People in all strata of society fall victims to this evil habit. Medicines should be taken only as per the prescription of the Doctor. Medicines are only meant for curing diseases and to be taken for a period mentioned by the Doctor.

Continuous use of medicines will lead to addiction and would affect important organs of the body like kidney, lungs, liver etc., Drug abuse affects not only the individual concerned, but affects the family, the society and the nation. He further said that smoking causes 40% of lung cancer. Consumption of alcohol has led to irreparable damage to the society. Creating proper awareness about these evils becomes imperative in the present context and the counseling centres are the need of the hour and they can do good work in this regard.

Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar welcomed the gathering. Dr. V. Palanisamy, Dean, Students Affairs, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Placement Programme



In a Placement Programme organized by the Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, five students of the Department received placement orders from Vice-Chancellor, Dr. S.Subbiah on 12.05.2018 to serve in Torus Global Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd.. While congratulating the selected candidates the Vice-Chancellor said he was overwhelmed by the excellent performance of rural students after a short intensive training programme given by the company. He also said by evincing keen interest and enthusiasm, the students could pick up the concept easily and reveal their hidden potentials. He had a word of praise for the company for selecting Alagappa University for this training and also for offering jobs to them in their renowned company.

Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Prof. V.Balachandran, S.O. (P&D), Prof. E.Ramaraj, Head of the Department of Computer Science, were present on the occasion.

Mr. Sekar Ponniah, Managing Director, Torus Academy, Chennai, said that 51 students of Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University attended the 4-day intensive training programme conducted by the company. Of them 26 were selected first, 11 were shortlisted

and 5 were given appointments immediately. He added, Torus Low Code is a platform which helps the learners to hone their skills and help them develop software programmes in a lesser time and in a very fast manner. The students who received the training, instead of taking 2 days for developing a software using Dotnet and Java, could develop it within 2 hours with the help of Torus Low Code. Prof. S. S. Dhenakaran, Department of Computer Science, has made arrangements for the conduct of the training programme and placement.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Research Scholar Bags the Dr. K.V. Rao Research Award for the Year 2017-2018



A prestigious Research Project Award was given to Mr. R. Rameshkumar, Research Scholar of Alagappa University for conserving IUCN red listed vulnerable medicinal shrub *Nilgirianthus ciliates*.

Dr. K.V.Rao Scientific Society in Hyderabad, Telangana, is a non-profitable society promoting scientific temper and thereby it encourages young scientists in their pursuit of scientific activities in Southern India. Every year the society is giving Dr.K.V.Rao Annual Research Award to the best projects done in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

Mr. R. Rameshkumar, Research Scholar,

Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, has bagged the Dr. K. V. Rao Research Award for the year 2017 - 2018 in Biology for the research paper presented at B. M. Birla Science Centre, Hyderabad.

This special category award carries a certificate, memento and cash award of Rs.10,000/-. This award was given for the effort taken by him and his mentors to conserve (IUCN) red listed vulnerable medicinal shrub *Nilgirianthus Ciliatus* from extinction.

A research team led by Dr. M. Ramesh, Associate Professor, Senior Professor S. Karutha Pandian and Research Scholar R. Rameshkumar of Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, with a research grant of Rs.15.28 lakhs from Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India, reintroduced the tissue culture derived plants of *Nilgirianthus ciliatus*(commonly known as Chinnakurunji/Karimkurunji) to its natural habitat, The Nilgiris. Reckless collection of this plant from wild considerably decreased its natural population and now the plant is included in the RED DATA list of South Indian medicinal plants by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN, 2015-4).

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University and Registrar Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu appreciated the Professors and the student for their contribution in the field of conservation biology.

Awards for Biotechnology Faculty

Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, was awarded the Professor of Excellence Award 2018 in recognition of his outstanding achievements

and academic contributions for more than a decade as Professor at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. This award carrying a certificate, a gold Medal and a cash award of Rs. 25,000 was given on 6th April 2018. He was honoured with the Appreciation Award carrying a Certificate and a Cash reward of Rs. 20,000 from Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 6th April, 2018 in recognition for receiving the Tamil Nadu Scientist Award (TANSA) 2012. He also received the UGC-BSR Mid-Career Award of Rs. 1000000 for successfully guiding 15 full - time Research Scholars for Ph.D.

Dr. M. Ramesh, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, received the Alagappa Excellence Award for Research–2018 on 6th April, 2018 in recognition of his research work done in the field of Plant Biotechnology. This award carried a cash reward of Rs. 15000, a gold medal, a memento and a Certificate of Excellence. Dr. K. Pandima Devi, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, was honored with the Appreciation Award carrying a Certificate and a Cash award of Rs. 30,000 from Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 6th April, 2018 in recognition of her contributions to the field of Biotechnology.

Special Lectures by Eminent Scientists

Dr. Raja Mugasimangalam, Founder and CEO, Genotypic technology – Genomics simplified, Bangaluru, Karnataka, delivered a special lecture on “Nanopore Technology & Its Application for Genome, Metagenome & Transcriptome Sequencing” on 6th April, 2018.

Dr. Kannan Balaji, Post Doctoral fellow, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Faculty of Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, delivered a special lecture on “Two Tales of Rod-shaped

Bacteria: Polar Targeting Landmark Cues and Arrangement of Chemoreceptors in *E. coli*” on 12th April, 2018.

Dr. G. Jeba Mercy, Post Doctoral fellow, The institute of Dental Sciences, Faculty of Dental Medicine, Hebrew University, Israel delivered a special lecture on “An Unbiased Approach to the Analysis of the Toll-like Receptor 2 Complex in Response to *Porphyromonas gingivalis* (Cross Linking Technology)” on 13th April, 2018.

Prof. Anirban Chakraborty, Deputy Director, NITTE University, Centre for Science Education & Research, Mangaluru, delivered a special lecture on “The Mystery and the Curiosity of Ribosomopathies” on 16th April, 2018.

Dr. Mohankandhasamy Ramasamy, Assistant Professor, Prof. Jintae Lee’s lab, Yeungnam University, South Korea, delivered a special lecture on “Implication of Nanotechnology for Antibiofilm Applications” on 9th May, 2018.

Best Paper Award for Biotech Scholar

Ms. S. Alagu Lakshmi, Research Scholar, Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University, won the best oral presentation award for her research paper entitled “Sequence Analysis and Expression of *Streptomyces griseus* TBG19NRA1 Alpha Amylase in *E. coli*” in the Indo-Mexican Seminar on “Emerging Trends in Bio-resource Utilization and Enzyme Technology 2018” organized by Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Kerala, on 13th April, 2018.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS

Project Sanctioned

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Professor and Head, Department of Bioinformatics, is the principal

investigator of a project titled “Design, Synthesis and in Vitro Anticancer Activity of Novel and Potent p21 Activated Kinase”, funded by the agency DAE-BRNS for a period from May 2018 to May 2021. The approved amount is Rs. 30,33,900.

Lecture Delivered

Dr. V. K. Langeswaran delivered a CME Scientific Talk on “Primary Liver Cancer Diagnostics & Therapeutics” at the Department of Medical Microbiology, Quest International University Perak, Malaysia on 2nd May 2018.

Fellowship Awarded

Mr. D. Prabhu, Full-time Ph.D Scholar, has been awarded the Senior Research Fellowship with Rs. 30,000 per month by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi, for his work on the identification of novel inhibitors to overcome antibiotic resistance.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

Publication of Research Paper

Dr. A. Arun, Associate Professor and Head (i/c), K.Mohanrasu, N.Premnath, G.Siva Prakash, MuniyasamySudhakar and T.Boobalan published a paper titled “Exploring multi potential uses of marine bacteria; an integrated approach for PHB production, PAHs and polyethylene biodegradation” in the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology B: Biology, Vol.185, August 2018, Pages 55-65 (IF 2.673), ISSN: 1011-134.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCE

Nominated as a Member of the Expert Committee

Prof. K.Balasubramanian, Head, Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has been nominated as a Member of the Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for framing guidelines for Learning Outcome-Based Curriculum in Physical Education.

The constitution of the Expert Committee is one among the several measures initiated by the UGC in bringing about quality improvement in Higher Education System. Outcome-based education prepares the student to achieve a set of stated learning outcomes and measures for achievement right through the entire learning period.

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Alumni Meet

The Department of Lifelong Learning organised an Alumni Meet on 07.04.2018. The past students participated and offered their suggestions for further strengthening of the Department. Dr.R.Rajan, Professor, welcomed the alumni and Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

Lecture on Ideas about Film Creation and Direction



In the Guest Lecture Series organised by the Department of Lifelong Learning Mr.R.Pandiyarajan, Actor-cum-Director, delivered a lecture on “Ideas about Film Creation and Direction”. He spoke elaborately on how to convey major ideas and themes effectively through a film and also spoke on a series of steps to be followed in film creation. To illustrate his point, he cited various success stories of great films and great directors. He also highlighted the rudiments with which every mass communication student should be familiar for understanding film creation and direction process. Dr.P.Sivakumar, Prof & Head i/c, delivered the welcome address & Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

Artificial Limb Production Unit and Braille & Audio Production Unit Initiated

An Artificial Limb Production Unit and a Braille & Audio Book Production Unit were initiated under the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. Prof. S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the two Units on 1.6.2018.



Facilities for Undergoing Internship

The Department provides facilities for students pursuing courses in psychology from

other Universities to undergo internship for a period of one-month at the Alagappa Resource School attached to the Department of Special Education. A student of Christ University underwent internship training at the school. She made psychological experiments by interacting with students.

Visit of Students to Resource School for the Differently Abled

Students of Vivekananda College of Education, Kummangudi, visited Alagappa University Resource School for the Differently Abled on April 11th 2018. They interacted with the students with various disabilities. They could gain knowledge on the concept of special education; they understood the nature of different disabilities and various teaching strategies adopted at the school by the special teachers.

Phenyl Preparation by Students of Resource School

Students with disabilities studying in the Alagappa University Resource School were trained to acquire various vocational skills such as jewellery-making, gardening and phenyl-production. The teachers trained the students to mix the phenyl compound and fill the liquid in the bottles. They were also trained to make fashion jewellery at the Resource school.



ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

World Entrepreneurship Day – 2018

Alagappa Institute of Skill Development organized the World Entrepreneurship Day 2018 on 21.04.2018 in the Convocation Seminar Hall. As part of this function, an Exhibition-cum-Sale was organized to exhibit and market the Fashion Garments, Accessories, Embellished Fabric Products made by B.Voc. and M.Voc. Fashion Technology students; and small scale household items produced at AISD/SISU such as, Phenyl, Soap Powder and Soap Oil, Agarbatti and Sanitary Napkins were also exhibited for sale.



The Exhibition-cum-Sale was inaugurated by Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar of Alagappa University. In his presidential address, he stated that the students must acquire product development skills. Sincerity and untiring hard work are very essential to become a successful entrepreneur. Further, he stated that, the main aim of celebrating World Entrepreneurship Day in the University is to highlight the recent technological developments and impart marketing strategies to the students for converting their skills into products so as to make them future entrepreneurs in their field of interest.

In his inaugural address, Mr. S. Ashok Sundaresan, President, BHEL Small and Medium Industries Association (BHEL-SIA), Tirchirappalli, illustrated the importance of small scale entrepreneurship and its contribution to the economy of our nation. Further, he described how a budding entrepreneur should be ready to take-up risks to exhibit the uniqueness of his products to become successful in business by overcoming difficulties. He also spoke about the schemes like MUDRA, etc. that are floated by the Government of India for the benefit of youngsters and women and said that loans to the tune of One Crore Rupees are given for new business start-ups.

Mr. Samy Thiravidamani, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) Karaikudi, delivered the special address. He said that the entrepreneurs should have knowledge, skill and experience for succeeding in their career. He requested the University to establish Alagappar Angadi to market the products of the students.

Prof. S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, visited the exhibition and congratulated the B.Voc/M.Voc students on their entrepreneurial talents.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Special Officer (P&D), Alagappa University, offered felicitations. Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Professor & Director of Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, welcomed the gathering and Dr. C. Balakrishnan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

One-Day Workshop on Android App Development

Alagappa Institute of Skill Development organized a One-Day Workshop on Android App Development in collaboration with University Business Collaboration Centre on 28th March 2018 in the Central Library Seminar Hall.

Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, said, "Around 100 crore Indians are using mobile devices. Owing to the use of mobile devices and internet penetration, the youngsters are getting opportunities to acquire knowledge and get information instantly. Now the elders learn from youngsters. Recently, the services market related to smart-phones has touched a sum of Rs. 250 crore. This has provided job opportunities related to the services and development of mobile applications. As, this field does not require any investment and qualification, even students can develop mobile applications and market them during the course of their study. Hence, this mobile application development platform would be the right choice for the students to become either mobile application developers of IT industry or a freelancer to earn money."

In his special address, Mr. RM. Venkatachalam, Founder & Managing Director, WBC Software Lab, Karaikudi, narrated the job opportunities available in the IT industry for mobile application developers. Further, he asked the students to equip themselves with designing and developing skills during their studies, as this mobile application development field never requires any prior qualifications to become successful professionals or entrepreneurs.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Special Officer (P&D) and Dr. B. Vaseeharan, Director, University Business Collaboration Centre, Alagappa University, offered their felicitations.

Around 175 students of B.Voc. and M.Voc. (Software Development) students of Alagappa Institute of Skill Development were the beneficiaries of the workshop. A team of trainers from WBC Software Lab, Karaikudi, gave hands-on training on Android App Development to the students.

Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Professor & Director of Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, welcomed the participants and Dr. C. Balakrishnan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

Invited Talks Delivered

Prof.C.Vethirajan, Dept. of Corporate Secretaryship, School of Management, Alagappa University, Karaikudi was invited as a Technical Resource Person for National Business Research Conference on "Emerging Trends in Commerce and Management in the Present Decade (ETCM' 18)" held in D.B.Jain College, Chennai on 24.02.2018. He delivered the key note address on the topic of 'E-Wallet System in India – A Cashless Payment in Indian Banking Sector' at the National Conference on the theme of "Paradigm Shift in Indian Banking Sector" organized by the PG Department of Commerce with Computer Application, Syed Ammal Arts and Science College, Ramanathapuram on 16th March–2018. He inaugurated the Seminar on Finance Bill 2018 & Companies (Amendment) Act 2017 organised by the Department of Commerce, Sir Theagaraya College, Shift – II, Chennai on 17th March 2018. He also acted as a Chair Person in the 4th Technical Session on the topic of 'Sustainable Development of Mindful Consumerism' at the Two-day National Seminar on the theme of "Sustainable Development - Role of Business Education & Research" organized by the Dept. of Studies in Commerce, University of Mysuru, Mysore on 20th & 21st March 2018.

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககத்தின் 25-வது ஆண்டு வெள்ளி விழா

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககத்தின் 25-வது ஆண்டு வெள்ளி விழா 20.4.2018 அன்று பல்கலைக்கழக லெ.சித.லெ. பழனியப்பச் செட்டியார் நினைவுக் கலையரங்கில் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணை வேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு தலைமையேற்று உரையாற்றுகையில், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் கற்றல், கற்பித்தல், ஆராய்ச்சி, விரிவாக்க செயல்பாடுகள் ஆகிய அனைத்திலும் சிறப்பாக விளங்குகிறது. அதனால் தான், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் தேசியத் தர நிர்ணயக் குழுவின் “A+” தகுதியையும், மத்திய மனிதவள மேம்பாட்டு அமைச்சகத்தின் முதல்தர பல்கலைக்கழக தகுதியையும் மற்றும் தன்னாட்சி தகுதியையும், தேசிய கல்விசார் தரவரிசை கட்டமைப்பு தகுதியில் 27-வது இடத்தையும் பெற முடிந்தது. அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் நிதி நிலையில் சிறப்பாக விளங்குவதற்கு தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககம் முக்கிய பங்காற்றுகிறது. தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி வாயிலாக பல்கலைக்கழக நிதி நிலையை பெருக்குவதை மட்டுமே குறிக்கோளாக கொள்ளாமல், மாணவர்களுக்கு தரமான கல்வியை வழங்குவதில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் முனைப்புடன் செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது. மாணவர்களுடைய குறைகளை உடனுக்குடன் நிவர்த்தி செய்வதிலும் தேர்வு முடிவுகளை குறித்த காலத்தில் உடனுக்குடன் வெளியிடுவதிலும், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் முன்மாதிரியாக விளங்குகிறது. அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தொலைநிலைக்கல்வி

இயக்ககத்தில் பயின்று பட்டம் பெற்ற மாணவ-மாணவியர்கள் தமிழகத்திலும், இந்தியாவிலும் மட்டுமல்லாமல், உலகின் பல்வேறு நாடுகளிலும் பணியாற்றி வருவது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது எனத் தெரிவித்தார். தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககத்திற்கு வெள்ளிவிழா ஆண்டை முன்னிட்டு ரூ.2.60 கோடி மதிப்பீட்டில் புதிய கட்டடம் விரைவில் கட்டப்பட உள்ளது என்றும் தெரிவித்தார்.

திருச்சி பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. பி. மணிசங்கர் தமது சிறப்புரையில், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் அதிகளவில் உள்கட்டமைப்பு வசதிகளை ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்கக நிதி நிலை சிறப்பாக இருந்ததே காரணமாகும். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககம் வாயிலாக வழங்கப்படும் கல்வியிலும் தரத்திற்கே முக்கியத்துவம் வழங்கப்படுகிறது. அகில இந்திய அளவில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் சிறப்பிடம் பெற்று விளங்குவதற்கு இதுவே முக்கிய காரணமாகும். மேலும், ஆசிரியர்கள், அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்களிடையே நிலவக்கூடிய ஒற்றுமை உணர்வும், அயராது உழைக்கும் பண்பும், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் உயரிய நிலையை அடைவதற்கு உரிய காரணங்களாகும் என்றார்.



கோயம்புத்தூர் கற்பகம் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தரும் மற்றும் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக முன்னாள் துணைவேந்தருமான பேரா. சேது. சுடலைமுத்து

அவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் தொடக்க உரையாற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் அகில இந்திய அளவில் சிறப்பு பெறும் வகையில் அயராது உழைத்த துணைவேந்தருக்கு தனது பாராட்டுக்களைத் தெரிவித்தார். மேலும், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் மேம்பட்ட கல்வி நிறுவனங்களுக்கான தகுதியை பெறுவதற்கு வாய்ப்புகள் சிறப்பாக உள்ளதாக தெரிவித்தார். 1992-93 ஆம் கல்வியாண்டில் பி.எட். படிப்புடன் தொடங்கப்பட்ட தொலைதூரக் கல்வி 1994-ஆம் ஆண்டில் இளநிலை பட்டப்படிப்புகளை வழங்கி 5000 மாணவர்களுடன் செயல்பட்டது. தற்பொழுது 47 பாடப் பிரிவுகளில் 46,000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவர்கள் பயின்று வருவது பாராட்டத்தக்கதாகும் எனத் தெரிவித்தார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் பெற்றுள்ள “A+” தகுதியை தக்கவைத்துக் கொள்வதும், இதைவிட அதிகமான தரப்புள்ளிகளை பெறுவதும், ஒரு சவாலான காரியமாகும். இதனை அடைவதற்கு பல்கலைக் கழக பேராசிரியர்களும், அதிகாரிகளும், அலுவலர்களும், மாணவர்களும் முனைப்புடன் செயல்பட வேண்டும் எனக் கேட்டுக் கொண்டார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் பதிவாளர் முனைவர் ஹா. குருமல்லோஷ் பிரபு அவர்கள் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பல்வேறு செயல்பாடுகள் மற்றும் சாதனைகள் குறித்து எடுத்துரைத்தார். தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககத்தின் முன்னாள் இயக்குநர்கள் பேரா. வி. பாலச்சந்திரன், பேரா. கா. மணிமேகலை, பேரா. டி.ஆர். குருமூர்த்தி மற்றும் பேரா. பி. சிவக்குமார் ஆகியோர் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினர்.

முன்னதாக, தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககத்தின் முன்னாள் இயக்குநர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நினைவுப் பரிசு வழங்கப்பட்டது. படிப்பு மைய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் வெள்ளிவிழா பரிசுகளை துணைவேந்தர் அவர்கள் வழங்கினார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக் கழக பல்வேறு துறைகளைச் சார்ந்த பேராசிரியர்கள், தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்கக பேராசிரியர்கள், அதிகாரிகள், அலுவலர்கள், கல்வி மைய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்கள், மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர். முன்னதாக தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்ககத்தின் இயக்குநர் (பொ.) பேரா. சு. இராசாராம் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். தொலைநிலைக் கல்வி இயக்கக பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் பெருமாள் நன்றி கூறினார். இணைப்பேராசிரியர் எஸ். லியோ ஸ்டான்லி நிகழ்ச்சிகளை தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HIGHER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Training of Trainers Programme (ToT)

A Training of Trainers Programme (ToT) was organised by Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education at the Convocation Seminar Hall on March 14, 2018. The training was given to the coordinators and members of the Vivekananda Cadet Corps on personality development and leadership and social service and they in turn will train others.

At the inaugural function, Ms.S.Chellam Co-ordinator (SVCHRE), welcomed the participants. Mr.S.SenthilKumar Director, Centre for Cultural Education, Training and Research, Tamil Nadu was the Principal Trainer of the programme.



Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabhu, Registrar, Alagappa University, who presided over the inaugural session pointed out that Yoga and Meditation will strengthen the body, the mind and the soul. He exhorted the youth to set apart some time for this to refresh themselves.

Mr.S.SenthilKumar, Principal Trainer, elaborated on the ideals and concepts of Vivekananda and by illustrations brought to light that “unity in variety” is the plan of the universe. He quoted Vivekananda’s saying “He who struggles is better than he who never attempts ...Cultivate always faith in you”.

Members of the Vivekananda Cadet Corps sang a song glorifying National Integration. Dr.Vasimalai Raja delivered a vote of thanks.

On March 15, 2018 another Training of Trainers Programme was organised by Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education in the campus of the Faculty of Science, Alagappa University.

The principal trainer of this programme elucidated the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda. To Swami Vivekananda “Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man”,. He appealed to the youth to “Learn everything that is good from others, but bring it in, and in your own way absorb it; do not imitate others”. At the end of the programme there was a questioning session. Students participated actively in the session. The National song Vandemataram was sung by the Members of Vivekananda cadet corps.

Earlier Ms. S. Chellam, Coordinator, SVCHRE, welcomed the participants and at the end Dr.C.Balalakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Nanoscience and Technology proposed a vote of thanks.

National Youth Day Celebration (NYD)-2018

The National Youth Day Celebration (NYD)-2018 was organised by Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education at Mary Wollstonecraft Hall on 16th March 2018.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms.S.Chellam Co-ordinator (SVCHRE), Prof. S.Subbiah Vice-Chancellor, presided and gave away prizes to the winners of the competitions.

Competitions in essay writing, elocution, classical dance, folk dance, mime, skit and slogan writing were conducted for the students of the university departments and affiliated colleges. The school students participated in drawing and essay writing competitions.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the prize winners and appreciated the HODs of university departments, the Principals of the affiliated colleges, the co-ordinators of Vivekananda Cadet Corps for motivating the students to imbibe a positive attitude and faith in the philosophy of Vivekananda, who stoutly propagated the ideal of universal brotherhood.



He said that India in spite of challenges has all along been marching daringly and raising aloft the flag of service, sacrifice and strength. India has become a beacon of hope and peace not only to herself but also to the whole of humanity. Dr.Vasimalai Raja proposed a vote of thanks.

Visit to Historical Places

The Centre organized a tour to historical place of Kunthukal, Rameswaram, on 21st April 2018. Ms.S.Chellam, Co-ordinator SVHRE motivated the VCC Student Volunteers to participate in the tour in order to pay respect to Swami Vivekananda, who awakened the west to appreciate Indian philosophy, culture and tradition. The participants were members of the VCC from the Department of Special Education, College of Education and Alagappa University Institute of Skill Development.

The team manager Dr. Vasimalai Raja, along with two teaching faculty members -- Dr.G.Sivakumar and Dr.Rajewari – took the volunteers to Kunthukal and A.P.J Abdul Kalam Memorial.

The visit to Vivekananda Memorial Hall was a stimulating experience for the students. It is to be noted that Swami Vivekananda landed here, on his return from Chicago where he delivered a scintillating address at the Parliament of the World's Religions held in 1893.

ECOLOGICAL YOGA

Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education organised a programme titled “Ecological Yoga” as a part of the World Environment Day Awareness Campaign held on 5.6.2018 at Alagappa Model Hr Sec School, Karaikudi. Mr.Rajapandi, Headmaster of the School, welcomed the gathering. In his welcome address he touched upon the concept of “Ecological Yoga” and theme of “World Environment Day”. The celebration of “World Environment day” is being organised to give a human face to environmental issues and enhance political attention and public action. The World Environment Day is hosted every year by different cities with different themes and is commemorated with an international exposition.

Ms.S.Chellam Co-ordinator, SVCHRE, in her presidential address quoted the message of Swami Vivekananda “Make your nerves strong. What we want is muscles of iron and nerves of steel ; the brain and muscles must develop simultaneously”. To develop a strong physique, the environment should be free from different types of pollutions-air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, etc. Youth must be motivated to improve, to protect and to preserve our environment in order to build a disease - free healthy India. “Ecological yoga awareness campaign” is to bring youth close to Nature, and to bring a change in their attitude towards the present condition of controlling pollution and to think about the hazards created by over - population, global warming and to make them act positively to preserve Nature around them.

Healthy India will help in building a safer and a more prosperous future. Each year, World Environment Day celebration is based on a particular theme proclaimed by the United Nations to make the celebration more effective by encouraging people worldwide to take part in environmental issues across the globe. The theme for the year 2018 is “Beat Plastic Pollution”. Every World Environment Day has a different global host country and India is this year's host country. The focus on the host country helps to highlight the environmental challenges it faces, and supports the efforts to address them.



The Co-ordinator, who explained the word “Yoga”, said that it meant “unity” or “union” and the word has been derived from Sanskrit ‘Yuj’, which means ‘to join’. We can also understand that Yoga is a means of balancing and bringing harmony between Man and Nature. In the Indian context the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Epics and the Puranas focus on reverence for life; and we have been worshiping Nature -- the mountains, the rivers, the plants -- since ancient times. Every deity has its favourite plant and flower - Champak, Jasmine, Lotus, etc. Their association with God makes them sacred. Every deity in the Hindu pantheon has its own vehicle. There is no God, who is not associated with some animal or the other. Siva with Rishaba, Vishnu with Garuda, Brahma with Hamsa, Indra with the Elephant. Even a humble bandicoot finds a patron in Gnanapathi!.

This outlook of ‘living in tune with nature’ is termed as “Ecological Yoga”. Ms.S.Chellam reminded the students that this outlook, this facet of our culture, makes the youth inherit an attitude to appreciate and love flora and fauna of the earth. To preserve the flora and fauna avoid plastics. Once they are aware of Nature’s glory, the youth will preserve the Ecology for the sake of entire humanity.

Then followed an interactive session in which students suggested the ways and means to preserve our Environment. This programme reinforced the “three R’s” of environmental concept (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse). Students and teachers took a pledge to become ‘green’ ambassadors; and adopt environment friendly practices in schools and at home.

At the end of the programme students thanked Alagappa University and the Headmaster for this Ecological Yoga Awareness Programme on the World Environment Day.

Chicago Speech Celebration

Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education Organised the 125th year celebration of Swami Vivekananda’s Chicago Address at Chidambaram Chettiar Hr Sec School, Kottaiyur, Karaikudi on 6.6.2018.

Ms.P.Rajeshwari, HM, in her welcome address, recalled the story of a frog living in a well which was narrated by Swami Vivekananda at the Parliament of Religions at Chicago. Ms. S.Chellam Co-ordinator SVCHR&E, delivered a speech on Vivekananda Address at Chicago, America. She explained that the World’s Parliament of Religions was a part of the World’s Columbian Exposition, to be held in commemoration of the Quadricentennial (four hundredth anniversary) celebration of Columbus’s discovery of America. The objectives of the Parliament were to find common grounds of truth among different religions of the world and to explore what light each religion has afforded or might afford to the enrichment of other religions of the world.

In a hither-to-unheard of style Swami Vivekananda addressed the audience as “Sisters and Brothers” of America. Immediately there was thunderous applause from the mammoth gathering. Seven thousand people rose to their feet to pay their respects and tribute to this great Indian monk. All the subsequent speeches of Swami Vivekananda at the Parliament were listened to with rapt attention, great respect and appreciation. They all had one common theme-universality. While all the delegates to the Parliament spoke of their own religion, Swami Vivekananda spoke of a religion which preached the “spiritual oneness of the whole universe.” Swami Vivekananda spoke on behalf of not only his religion but also for all the religions of the world.

Swami Vivekananda stayed in America and visited many countries - England, Italy etc and his triumphal return to India in 1897 was celebrated in India with great ecstasy. Chicago lecture increased the respect for India and its culture in the comity of nations.

The people of India were afire with enthusiasm to receive him wherever he went. He motivated the people, and calling up them to rise enmasse "My India, arise!" India will be raised, not with the power of the muscle, but with the power of the soul, with the flag of peace and love.

This celebration was followed by an interactive session. Students participated in it with great enthusiasm. A drawing competition was conducted for the students.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

World Environment Day Celebrations



The World Environment Day was celebrated on the 5th June of 2018 at Alagappa University. To mark the occasion, tree-saplings were planted on the premises of the Faculty of Education. Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University inaugurated the function by planting a sapling. Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Syndicate Member, Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabhu, Registrar,

Dr. P. Sakthivel, Controller of Examination, Dr. P. Srinivasan, Coordinator, NSS, and a host of students planted saplings.

127th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR

One-Day National Seminar on "Dr.B.R. Ambedkar: Chief Architect of Making Modern India"

Alagappa University SC/ST Cell and Alagappa University SC/ST Teaching and Non Teaching Staff Association jointly organized a one-day National Seminar on "Dr.B.R.Ambedkar : A Chief Architect of Making Modern India", on 30.04.2018 at the University Convocation Seminar Hall.



Prof.S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address said that Babasaheb Dr.B.R. Ambedkar is a symbol of our nation. Dr.B.R.Ambedkar was a reputed well-read scholar and a dynamic leader admired throughout the country. He used to read books avidly related to various disciplines. He used to spend much time in world famous libraries for expanding the horizon of his knowledge. He was the sterling example to prove how through education one can reach from dust to crown. He believed that through education numerous changes could be brought about in our society. For the uplift and awakening of the people at the

lower strata of society, he gave a wake-up call: "Educate, Organise and Agitate". Dr.Ambedkar's contribution in designing and framing the Indian Constitution is praiseworthy. During framing of Indian Constitution he referred to various Constitutions and finally decided to take clues from the Constitution and Parliamentary System of England that was more relevant to India. Today we are enjoying the democratic system and its values because of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar's role in making modern India. He believed that developments in Political, Social and Economic and Educational spheres are very essential for making India a prosperous and progressive nation. Dr.Ambedkar had the power and objectivity to explore and express his thoughts without any hesitation. The Vice-Chancellor said that we need to spread Babasaheb Ambedkar's thoughts and contributions to the next generation. Our country has benefitted much from his multifaceted personality. Dr.B.R. Ambedkar dedicated his life to the development of Backward Classes in India.

Prof.C.Lakshmanan from Madras Institute Development Studies, Chennai, delivered the keynote address, Prof. C.Jerome Samraj from Puducherry University, Veteran Exrey Manickam, Editor, "*Sintahanai Puthithu*" delivered special lectures.

Prof. K.Gurunathan, Syndicate Member, Prof.M.Pandi, Prof.S.Rajamohan, Prof. S. Ganapathy, Dr. C. Baskaran, Dr. Ganesamoorthy, Mr. Pariraman, Mr.Azhaguraja participated in the seminar.

Dr.G.Nedumaran, SC/ST Cell Co-ordinator, delivered the welcome address and Dr.MA. Velusamy, General Secretary, SC/ST Teaching and Non-Teaching Association, proposed a vote of thanks.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY STUDY CIRCLE (AUSC)

One-Week Free Residential Summer Camp 2018

A One-Week Free Residential Summer Camp 2018 was organized by Alagappa University Study Circle in which 60 students participated. The camp was held from 14.05.2018 to 19.05.2018. Mr.M.Sivaguru Prabhakaran, I.A.S. inaugurated the camp.



The objective of the camp was to expose the participants in the areas of Capacity-Building for Employability, Career Dynamics, Self-Employment / Entrepreneurship, Functional Skills Training, Field Visit, etc. On all the days Yoga and warming up sessions were conducted and then useful and pragmatic expert lectures were arranged on Career Panorama/ Career Dynamics. The lecture topics included : Science as a career, Trending in informatics, Sports as a career, Career in Fine arts, Media opportunities, Awareness of Historicity Heritage /Culture, Employment in Indian military services, Value of book reading and Grouping Heterogeneous group into Homogenous group and guiding them for higher studies/research.

The topics covered under Self-Employment / Entrepreneurship Promotion included Project Preparation / Information regarding Government Schemes (Bank Linked).

Scanning the Environment for Self-Employment Opportunities in Small Enterprises/Agro-based Native Skills as Business Opportunities. Participants were taken to Industrial units and experiences-sharing sessions were conducted with Entrepreneurs/ bureaucrats / women achievers.

Taiwan Fellowship for Alagappa University Students

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், தைவான் மிங் சை தொழில்நுட்பப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்துடன் 14.03.2018 அன்று கல்வி மற்றும் ஆராய்ச்சிப் பணிகளுக்காகப் புரிந்துணர்வு உடன்படிக்கை மேற்கொண்டுள்ளது.



ஆற்றல் சார்ந்த ஆராய்ச்சிக் களத்தை வலுப்படுத்தும் நோக்கிலும், மாணவர்களையும் ஆசிரியர்களையும் பரிமாற்றம் செய்து கொள்ளும் வகையிலும், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்களும், தைவான் மிங் சை தொழில்நுட்பப் பல்கலைக்கழக மின்கல ஆராய்ச்சி பசுமை ஆற்றல் மைய இயக்குநர் பேரா. சூன்-சென் யங் அவர்களும் மேற்குறிப்பிட்ட புரிந்துணர்வு உடன்படிக்கையில் கையெழுத்திட்டுள்ளனர்.

இரு பல்கலைக்கழகங்களிலும் உள்ள நூலகங்கள், உயர்தரக் கருவிகள் மற்றும் உலகத்தர ஆய்வுக்கூட வசதிகள் ஆகியவற்றை இரு பல்கலைக்கழக ஆசிரியர்களும்

ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்களும் பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ள வாய்ப்பு ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும், இணைவு ஆராய்ச்சிக் கட்டுரைகளை தேசிய மற்றும் பன்னாட்டு இதழ்களில் வெளியிடவும் இது வழிவகுக்கும்.

இந்தப் புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தத்தின் தொடர்ச்சியாக, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நானோ அறிவியல் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்பத் துறையைச் சார்ந்த ஆராய்ச்சி மாணவர்கள் திரு. ஏ. சீனிவாசன், செல்வி ஜி. மின்னு ஆகிய இருவரும் தைவான் மிங் சை தொழில்நுட்பப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் மின்கல ஆராய்ச்சி மேற்கொள்வதற்காக TEEP@asiaplus திட்டத்தில் தைவான் செல்லும் வாய்ப்பைப் பெற்றுள்ளனர்.

இத்திட்டத்தில் அவர்கள் ஜூலை 2018 முதல் நான்கு மாதங்கள் தைவானில் இருந்து ஆராய்ச்சியை மேற்கொள்ள உள்ளனர். இவர்களுக்கு மாதம் ஒன்றுக்கு 10,000 தைவான் டாலர்கள் வீதம் நான்கு மாதங்களுக்கும் அந்நாட்டில் தங்கிப் படிக்கும் செலவிற்காக தைவான் மிங் சை தொழில்நுட்பப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் வழங்குகிறது.

இதற்கான அழைப்புக் கடிதத்தை பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் மேற்குறிப்பிட்ட இரண்டு ஆராய்ச்சி மாணவர்களுக்கும் நேரில் வழங்கினார். இந்நிகழ்வின் போது பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் பேரா. ஹா. குருமல்லேஷ் பிரபு, தேர்வாணையர் முனைவர் பி. சக்திவேல், ஆட்சிக் குழு உறுப்பினர் முனைவர் பி. சுபா சந்திரபோஸ் மற்றும் தொலைதூரக் கல்வி இயக்குநர் (பொ.) முனைவர் சு.இராசாராம் ஆகியோர் உடன் இருந்தனர்.



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