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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Dr. P. Madhan, presenting a Memento to the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. N. Rajendran at the Inaugural Function of International Conference on *Recent Trends in English Language Teaching* held in September 2019.

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A Note on the E-Magazine–*Literary Honey Dew*

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I immensely rejoice to communicate with you all through this Student E-Magazine *Literary Honey Dew*, which presents a report age of events that happened during the academic year 2019-20. The Department organized an International Conference on the title “Recent Trends in English Language Teaching” by inviting Dr. Anita Devi Pillai and Dr. Ellis Mary from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Alagappa University Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Rajendran presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. Students and research scholars from across the country participated at the international conference and presented papers. In addition to that, during 2019-20, Second year Post Graduate students were taken to the village of Kallupatti near Karaikudi under Village Extension Programme and they performed social service there. Another activity of importance is celebration of Pongal festival which saw the full involvement of all the students, research scholars and faculty of the Department. The teachers did everything possible to sharpen the Communication Skills of students by organizing a number of special lecture programmes.

I am hopeful that this E-Magazine *Literary Honey Dew* will be found useful, enlightening and interesting.

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A Two-Day International Conference on Recent Trends in English Language Teaching



A Two-Day International Conference on recent Trends in English Language Teaching was held on 26th & 27th September 2019 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Funded by the MHRD-RUSA 2.0 Scheme, the conference was attended by 250 participants and they presented research papers on modern aspects and trends of teaching English using various approaches including multimedia application. Presiding over the inaugural session of the conference, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice Chancellor, said that English language, though a Colonial legacy, has all along been a binding force

fostering unity in a multilingual country like India. Stressing the importance of learning English in this globalized world, he exhorted the students to cultivate the habit of reading interesting English novels and books that would enthuse them to learn the language without much difficulty. Though reading and listening are said to be passive skills, without mastering these skills, one cannot think of acquiring the active skills of speaking and writing. In a lighter vein, he said ‘forget Kindle’ (reading app) and kindle your mind and heart by reading printed books avidly. “Shed inhibitions and speak the language”. Continuous reading of English newspapers, listening to English news bulletins and other English programmes broadcast over the radio and watching good English TV channels are some of the interesting ways to learn and master this language, he added. In her keynote

address titled “Current Trends in Teaching of Writing in the English Language Classroom”, Prof. Anitha Devi Pillai of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, dwelt at length on the three dominant approaches such as text-oriented, writer-oriented and reader-oriented approaches that are adopted in different parts of the world and pointed out the advantages and shortcomings of each approach. In doing so, she examined how these approaches were explicated in writing pedagogy in the English languages class rooms. She emphasized that there was no one model that fits all classrooms and that the approaches need to be modified to suit the learning needs of the students. She also pointed out that the traditional ways of teaching writing are inadequate to address the needs of the digital natives who need 21st century literacy skills in order to succeed in their

professional careers. As such, she pointed out how multi-literacies now play a greater role in the English language syllabus in many countries, including Singapore, and shared two strategies that teachers can use to facilitate the learning and teaching of English Language by incorporating ICT such as digital storytelling as a tool to encourage students to engage with the text, visuals and sound. She asked the teachers to encourage students to study multimodal texts and to produce such texts.



In her special address, Prof. Ellis Mary, Department of English Language and Literature, Nanyang Technological

University, Singapore, said mastering English is essential in today's competitive world for aspiring students. She asked teachers to be familiar with the latest developments in teaching of English at the global level. While highlighting the needs of 21st Century students, she focused on the need to develop students' knowledge by using "collaborative technology" as a tool in classroom teaching. Further, she introduced "Padlet" as one of the best means of teaching where students can stick pictures, information and circulars making the classroom or lively and interesting. She also emphasized that an active learning needs co-operation rather than competition and hence teachers must ensure quality of linguistic input and encourage collaborative student-centred approach to develop language skills. Dr.P. Madhan, Convenor of the Conference, in

his thematic presentation, said that English is viewed as a language of opportunity today and the learning of it brings prosperity to the learner. The nature of present day job market is that those who effectively communicate in English flourish and the rest are generally marginalised. Irrespective of disciplines and regardless of fields, all job aspirants are expected to be good at English to find a safe niche for themselves in today's highly competitive world. The objective of this conference is to discuss, analyse and examine the usefulness of different methods of teaching English and to endeavour to evolve more effective English teaching methods in keeping pace with the fast passage of the world. Dr. SP.M. Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.



The valedictory function was held on the evening of 27th September . The valedictory address was delivered by Dr.K.R.Murugan, Dean, Faculty of Arts. Earlier, Dr. P. Madhan, Head i/c, Department of English, welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. Natrajan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, proposed a vote of thanks.

The Department of English and Foreign Languages organizes a special lecture on “Development of Multimedia Package for Teaching English Novel” on September 2019 by inviting Dr. Julius Iruthayasamy, Professor of English, Dhofar University, Salalah. Prof.P. Madhan, Head, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages,

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welcomed and gathering and introduced the guest speaker. In his special address, Dr. Julius Iruthayasamy discussed the significance of teaching English novels using Multimedia Packages. He said that Multimedia is the use of a computer to present and combine text, graphics, audio, and video with links and tools that

let the user navigate, interact, and create; and multimedia is used to represent information interestingly and interactively. It combines text, audio, video, graphics, and animation. It interactively uses media to provide information in multiple ways. Multimedia uses computers to present and combine text, graphics, audio, and video with links and tools, allowing users to navigate, interact, create, and communicate. Later, the guest speaker interacted with the faculty members and students. At the end, Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor, proposed the formal vote of thanks.



The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized a three-day Village Extension Programme for the final-year students of the department at Kalluppati Village near Amaravathipudur from 20th September to 22nd September 2019. The students actively involved themselves in extension activities such as Rally on Women's Education, Health and Hygiene, and awareness programs on Swatch Ke Seva for the benefit of the neighboring community.



Our Department students also staged various awareness programs on the importance of cleanliness and sustainable development. Our students also

conducted a Socio-economic survey in order to understand the challenges experienced by the villagers.



RUSA2.0ReviewMeeting



The Review Meeting for the Project Titled “ Development of Multimedia Package for Teaching English Novel” funded by RUSA 2.0 Scheme held on 9th August 2019 at Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages presented the status report of the RUSA 2.0 project.

PongalCelebration-2020



AyuthaPoojaCelebration-2019



Faculty and Students offering Prayers on the occasion of Cultural Celebrations - 2019.



Students offering Prayers during Pooja Celebrations-2019

