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EDITORIAL

Writing this editorial for the current issue of *Azhagu* is a task so dear to my heart as I could make references to the useful academic events, innovative research programmes and the visit by eminent professors and scientists from abroad.

The most significant happening was the celebration of 26th Convocation Function held on 18th February, 2014. Hon'ble Justice V. Ramasubramanian of the Madras High Court delivered the Convocation Address under the presidentship of His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University. The fundamental purpose of education, the orator said, is to produce good human beings and that is possible only through value-based education.

The same idea was reiterated by the eloquent speakers in a programme entitled "Personality Development from Swami Vivekananda's Perspective". They laid emphasis on fostering values such as truthfulness, fairness and goodwill -- essential qualities -- to elevate a person to a higher level.

The visits of renowned professors and scientists from abroad provided added impetus to the scholastic endeavours of the staff and students on the campus and paved the way for collaborative research. A week-long Training Programme on Research Writing initiated by the Centre for Technical and Academic Writing for the benefit of budding researchers was a welcome feature and a laudable attempt. The Bachelor of Vocation Degree started during this academic year is expected to meet industry's requirement for "ready-to-work students".

The Campus Recruitment Drive initiated by the Placement Cell and the Career Guidance Programmes conducted by the Career Guidance and Counselling Cell are among the events that deserve mention here. Reports on a number of Cultural Festivals, Sports Competitions, Talent Exhibition Shows, Awareness Programmes, Workshops, Training Programmes, National and International Seminars and Conferences adorn the pages of this issue of *Azhagu*.

We are grateful to all funding agencies.

25th September, 2014

With regards
Prof. S. Kaliyamoorthy
Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee
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TWENTY SIXTH CONVOCATION OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY



The 26th Convocation of the Alagappa University was held on 18th February 2014 at 4.15 p.m. in the University Convocation Hall. His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Dr. K. Rosaiah presided over the function. Hon'ble Justice Thiru V. Ramasubramanian, Judge, Madras High Court, Chennai, delivered the Convocation Address. He exhorted the students to inculcate value system to provide value added service to their education. "When you carry the degrees and diplomas while stepping out of the college, you do not carry great values, but when you carry the values, those values become value added service to the degrees that you always have," Justice. Ramasubramanian said.

Quoting Swami Vivekananda, he said any amount of success would be of no use unless one built the character and values and that was the purpose of education. Education was manifestation of perfection and it should produce good human beings, he said. "The aim and purpose of education is not merely to produce scientists, engineers, doctors, lawyers and teachers. The fundamental purpose of education is to produce good human beings" he said. Recalling the glorious past of the country, the speaker added that India might not be one of the powerful nations of the world now, but it would become powerful in terms of human values and spiritual power.

Prof.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, welcomed the gathering and recounted the activities and programmes of the University.

Dr.Umayal Ramanathan, daughter of Dr.Alagappa Chettiar and life member of the Syndicate, Dr.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, and Dr.S. Geethalakshmi, Dr.P. Subas Chandrabose and Dr.S.Karutha Pandian, Vice Chancellor Officiating Committee members and members of the Syndicate, were present at the function.

1169 regular students from the University Departments and Constituent Colleges, 8108 students from the Affiliated Colleges, 572 students from the Collaborative Programmes and 25225 students from the Distance Education stream received their degrees during this Convocation. In total, 35074 students were conferred with the degrees, of which 15752 graduates were males while 19322 were women. In this convocation, 269 students including 157 Ph.D. research scholars and 14 M.Phil. Rank Holders received their degrees in person. Moreover, 30 Gold Medalists of the Post Graduate and Under Graduate programmes of the University Departments and 57 Rank holders from the Affiliated Colleges and 11 rank holders from the Collaborative Programmes also received their degrees from His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu.

YOUTH RED CROSS

Training Programme for YRC Trainers

Youth Red Cross Wing of Alagappa University organized a three-day YRC Trainers' Training Programme from 12th to 14th February, 2014. It was sponsored by the Indian Red Cross Society. Dr. M. Gurupandi, YRC Zonal Coordinator, delivered the welcome address. Dr. M. Selvam, Dean, Faculty of Management, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address. In his vibrant speech, he gave an overview of seven principles of YRC viz. Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality and emphasized the need for educating human values



among youngsters. Dr. P. Subas Chandra Bose, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee Member, delivered the inaugural address; he asked the YRC members to learn the art of time management and team management for achieving success in all their endeavours. The central theme of his speech was “Be human, live for others, we are one”. He referred to the four ideals of Integrity, Liberty, Humanity and Community. He stressed the importance of the ideal “be independent and let others to be independent”. He stated four systems as pillars of democracy. They are parliamentary system, judiciary system, executive system and media system and these four pillars are vital for strengthening the democracy of a nation. The key note address was delivered by Dr.T.R.Gurumoorthy, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Alagappa University; he stated that entire humanity should join to create a climate for world peace. He also highlighted the principles of YRC. Mr. V. Sundararaman, Vice-Chairman, IRCS, Sivagangai District, gave the felicitation address. He spoke about the history of YRC and stressed the importance of fostering the qualities such as integrity and humanity. This inaugural function concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Selvi V. Srividya, a student of International Business and Commerce of Alagappa University.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HIGHER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Special Lecture on Personality Development

Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education of Alagappa University organized a special lecture on “Personality Development - Swami



Vivekananda's Perspective” on 18.3.14. Prof.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, in his presidential address appealed to the students to emulate the ideals of Swami Vivekananda for their all-round development. He said that truthfulness, fairness, goodwill are some of the important values that would elevate the practitioners to a higher level and would help them understand the meaning of life.

Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, in his felicitation address exhorted the students to develop self-confidence and self-realization to accomplish the ideals of life. Quoting the principles of Swami Vivekananda, he said that every human being has perfection in himself and education enables him to manifest that perfection which makes him a complete man.

Dr.R.Ilango, Retd. Vice-Principal, Vivekananda College, Madurai, delivered the keynote address. He highlighted that the youth of today should develop confidence, concentration, capacity to analyze, communication skills and compassion to shape their personality and to face the challenges in their life.

The University Officials, Deans, HoDs, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff and Students of Alagappa University participated. Dr.C.Yogalakshmi, Coordinator, welcomed the gathering and Dr. K. Alamelu proposed a vote of thanks.

PLACEMENT CELL

Campus Recruitment Drive

The Placement Cell of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, organized a Campus Recruitment Drive on 19-2-2014. The final year undergraduate students of Affiliated Colleges of Alagappa University participated in the campus interview. Integrated Enterprises India Private Limited, Chennai conducted the campus recruitment for the post of Relationship Manager for their branches located in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.

574 students participated in the Campus Recruitment Programme and the company shortlisted 194 students through group discussion and called them for personal interview. Finally 88 students were selected for appointment.

Placement Programme to Recruit Lecturers in English

The Department of English and Foreign Languages and the Placement Cell of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, jointly organized a Placement Programme to recruit Lecturers in English on 7-5-2014.

Seven Educational Institutions - Arts and Science Colleges, Engineering Colleges and Matriculation Schools from Sivaganga, Pudukottai and Ramanathapuram Districts turned up to select faculty members required for their institutions. The paucity of qualified and competent English teachers has resulted in educational institutions going to Universities for recruiting faculty from the outgoing PG Students / M.Phil. / Ph.D. Scholars.

J.J. College of Arts and Science, Pudukottai, Sri Sarada Niketan College of Arts and Science, Amaravathipuram, Sri Raaja Raajan College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi, Sri Raaja Raajan CBSE School Karaikudi, Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi, Annai Khadeeja Arts and Science College for Women, Pudukottai and Alagappa

Matriculation School, Karaikudi participated in the placement programme and conducted the campus interview for the job aspirants.

Out of 35 students who attended the placement programme from the Department of English and Foreign Languages, 20 students were selected. The appointment orders were issued to the selected candidates by the institutions concerned in the presence of Dr. P. Subas Chandra Bose, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee and Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Registrar.

Dr.S.Subbiah, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages and Dr.T. Meyyappan, Coordinator, Placement Cell, were present on the occasion.

News from Skill Development Centre

Alagappa University established the Skill Development Centre in April, 2013 to offer short-term skill based and job oriented courses / programmes relevant to the native skill of the region with a focus on employability to realize the vision of creating 20 million skilled people, as enunciated in the Vision Document 2023 of our Hon'ble Chief Minister. Alagappa University - IL&FS Institute of Skills was also established in the Centre to offer high end employable technical training programmes from October, 2013. The Skill Development Centre offers the employable short term training programmes in different fields such as Fashion Designing, Basic Sewing, Machine Operator, 2D Animation & Digital Publishing, Auto CAD, CNC Machine Operator, Electrician and Hi-Tech Welding. So far, 627 students have received training within a year and 69.5% of the trainees got placement at various companies.

The Skill Development Centre, of Alagappa University has been handpicked by the UGC for starting the much-needed vocational degree programmes (B. Voc) under the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) from the academic year 2014-15 into two specializations : 1. Fashion Technology 2. Software Development. The UGC has approved the two programmes and has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 1.85 Crores to the Skill Development Centre of Alagappa University for a period of 3 years.

After completing Standard XII, students have the option of higher studies that go beyond the conventional arts, commerce and science courses. Alagappa University has introduced a three-year Bachelor of Vocation (B.Voc) degree course during this academic year (2014-2015) with a focus on raising employability of graduates and meeting the industry's requirement for ready-to-work students. This course seeks to provide skill and specialization in different vocations. It will have a multiple-exit provision a diploma at the end of the first year, an advanced diploma after two years and a Bachelor Degree (B.Voc) after three years.

CULTURAL CLUB

Three-Day Workshop on Street Theatre and Folk Media

Cultural Club, Alagappa University, Karaikudi conducted a Three-Day Workshop on Street Theatre and Folk Media for the students of Departments/Centres/Colleges of Alagappa University from 13.02.2014 to 15.02.2014. The inauguration of the workshop was presided over by Prof. S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, V.C. Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, Dr. P. Subas Chandra Bose, Member, V.C. Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, delivered the inaugural address and Dr. R. Kaleeswaran, Director, Alternative Media Centre, Chennai, delivered the key note address. About 30 participants were shortlisted among the cultural aspirants and trained in various aspects and skills of street theatre and folk media. The trainers from Alternative Media Centre, Chennai, headed by Prof. Dr. R. Kaleeswaran, UNICEF award winner, trained the students in an artistic way. The team of trainers included professional trainers of street theatre and folk media and had a minimum of 15 years experience in giving training in street theatre and folk media. The students learnt about various theatre types and the significance of theatre arts for effective communication. The students also learnt the nuances of various folk dances including Karakattam, Kaliyalattam, Oyilattam, Paraiyattam, and Maankombattam because of innate interest of the students and efficiency of the trainers. All the materials and instruments meant for training the students during the workshop were provided by the trainers.

ALAGU AARAM - 2014



Alagu Aaram-2014 was held in three stages at the University simultaneously on all the three days. Prof.S.Karuthapandian, Member, V.C. Officiating Committee, inaugurated the Alagu Aaram-2014 competitions. Prof.M.Senthil, Dean, College Development Council, Alagappa University, Prof. T.R.Gurumoorthy, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, offered felicitations at the inaugural session. Nearly 1000 students participated in various events and in a series of competitions. The students of Sri Sarada Niketan College for Women, Amaravathi Pudur, won the overall championship rolling shield based on their excellent performances in various competitions of Alagu Aaram-2014. During the valedictory session of the Alagu Aaram, Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, congratulated the winners in various competitions and had a word of praise for them for showcasing their latent talents. Mr. Vikram Sukumaran, Veteran Movie Director, delivered the valedictory address and Mr.K.Ekadasi, Movie Director, Lyricist, felicitated the student participants and gave away the certificates and prizes. Alagappa University Inter-Collegiate Talent Exhibition Show- 2014 (ALAGU AARAM-2014) was organized by Dr.M.Jothi Basu, Coordinator, Cultural Club, Alagappa University.

CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING CELL

Career Guidance Programmes

The Career Guidance and Counseling Cell organised UGC - Career guidance programmes during Feb-March, 2014 as listed below :

Department	Name of the Resource Persons
Physics	Dr.S.Dhanuskodi, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Physics, Bharathidasan University.
Mathematics	Dr.M.Marudai , Prof.& Head, Dept. of Maths, Bharathidasan University.
Industrial Chemistry	Dr.G.Sethuraman, Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, Gandhigram Rural Institute. Dr.P.Thomas Muthiah, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Chemistry, Bharathidasan University.
Computer Sci. & Engineering	Dr. P. Shanmugavadivu, Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Sci, Gandhigram Rural Institute.
Biotechnology	Dr.K.Natarajaseenivasan, Professor & Head, Dept. of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University.
Women`s Studies	C.X.Elango, Skills India, Chennai
Bank Management	N.Krishnamoorthy, Visiting Faculty, Sri Saradaniketan College for Women.
AIM	Mr.Jacob, Director, Kriate HR Consultants Pvt Ltd, Chennai. Ms.P.Bhamini, Director, Kriate HR Consultants Pvt Ltd, Chennai
Animal Health & Management	Dr.S.Pushparaj, Asst Professor, Dept. of Econometrics, Madurai Kamaraj University.
Dept of Education	Dr. Kokila. S. Thangasamy, Director, Centre for Edn. Research Madurai Kamaraj University.
Corporate Secretaryship	Rn. Senthil Kumaran, JAYCEES National Trainer, Karaikudi - R. R. Ganesan, Career Trainer, Pudukottai - S.Alakappan, Career Trainer, Pudukottai - Lakshmanan, Karaikudi - Venkatesh, Karaikudi - Sathyanarayanan, Chennai.
International Business & Commerce	Mr.D.Rajendran, Managing Director, MRT Chemicals Pvt Ltd, Karaikudi
English & Foreign Languages	Dr. P. Suresh Kumar, Former Regional Director (Employment), Trichy.
Economics & Rural Development	Dr. S. Iyyampillai, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University.
Tamil	Dr. M. Elangovan, Asst. Professor, Dept of Tamil, Kanchi Maa Munivar PG Centre, Lawspet, Puducherry
Library & Inf. Science	Dr. K. Elavazhagan, Librarian & Chief Knowledge Officer, Indian Institute of Management, Trichy.
Bioelectronics & Biosensors	Dr. V.Ganesh, Scientist, CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நுண்கலை மையம்

நாட்டியாஞ்சலி விழா



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நுண்கலை மையத்தில் 2014 பிப்ரவரி 27ஆம் தேதி நான்காம் ஆண்டு நாட்டியாஞ்சலி விழா சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. தொலைதூரக் கல்வி இயக்குநர், டி.ஆர்.குருமூர்த்தி அவர்கள் நுண்கலை மைய இயக்குநர் (பொ) அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றுப் பேசினார். பேராசிரியர். பே. சுபாஸ் சந்திர போஷ், உறுப்பினர், துணைவேந்தர் நிர்வாகக்குழு, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், காரைக்குடி தலைமைவகித்தார். பேராசிரியர். வெ.மாணிக்கவாசகம் பதிவாளர், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், காரைக்குடி வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார். தொலைதூரக் கல்வி இயக்குநர், டி.ஆர். குருமூர்த்தி அவர்கள் நுண்கலை மைய இயக்குநர் (பொ) நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்துகொண்டவர்களுக்கு நன்றி கூறினார்.

உலக இசை நாள் விழா



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நுண்கலை மையத்தில் 2014 ஜூன் 21ஆம் தேதி உலக இசைநாள் விழா சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. மதுரை திரு. கே. தியாகராஜன் குழுவினரால் இசைச் சங்கமம் நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்தப்பட்டது. பதிவாளர், தொலைதூரக் கல்வி இயக்குநர், தேர்வுக் கட்டுப்பாட்டு ஆணையர் மற்றும் நுண்கலை மைய இயக்குநர் முனைவர். மா. சுப. சரளா ஆகியோர் நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Lecture on the Uniqueness of the Composite Cultures of Malaysia and India

Dr.M.MannarMannan, Professor, School of Languages, University of Malaya, delivered a Special Lecture on 27th Jan, 2014 on the uniqueness of the composite cultures of Malaysia and India and dwelt at length on the life and culture of the Tamils of Malaysia. Tracing the history of the Malay Tamils during the British period he said that the early settlers did very hard work to establish themselves in an alien land; and today they are proud of their contributions to the progress and development of their country Malaysia. Identifying themselves with the country of their settlement and yet preserving their great culture they have progressed both economically and socially. After Malaysia freed itself from the shackles of the Britishers, there were changes in the education system. Now the course- content is the same in all the three types of schools-Malay Medium Schools, Tamil Medium Schools and Chinese Medium Schools. English is given prime importance as a subject. The Malay Tamils have understood the importance of their mother-tongue and at the same time they learn other languages avidly. By dint of hard work they have progressed in every sphere of life. Like men, Malaysian women are hard working. The distinguished speaker stressed the importance of hard work and only by hard work one can progress in life. Everyone, who wants to come up in life, should bear this in mind. He advised the students to visit other countries to widen the horizon of their knowledge.

Special Lectures on Comparative Literature

Under the auspices of the Department of English and Foreign Languages Dr.C. Rajeswari, Principal (Rtd) , Sri Parasakthi College for Women, Courtlam, delivered a series of special lectures from 21st Feb to 27th Feb.2014.

In the first lecture she dealt with the beginning and development of Comparative Literature. She explained in detail about Comparative Literature, Comparative Literary Criticism, and Comparative Literary Theory with ample examples. In the second session the definitions of Comparative Literature by the French and American critics were discussed. Pseudo-Literary tendencies were explained in the third session. In the fourth session, the major methodologies in Comparative Literature were discussed with illustration. The fifth session was devoted to Literary Criticism and Approaches. The speaker referred to the broad categories of extrinsic and intrinsic approaches to literary works. The four extrinsic approaches were explained briefly. In session six the scholar dwelt at length on the Psychological Approach to Literature. Racial Consciousness was discussed with texts from Afro-American poetry in the seventh session. In the concluding eighth session the distinguished speaker gave a comprehensive view of New Literatures in English.

literature, which he hoped, would help the practitioners to broaden their outlook and help in the process of eschewing all kinds of narrow-mindedness.

In his presidential address Prof. Dr.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, described comparative literature as the study of “Literature without Borders” and highlighted the significance of English studies in the present context of Globalisation and the need to develop international perspective by a comparative study of the literary creations of various cultures and countries. In his thematic introduction Dr.S. Subbiah, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, dwelt at length on the salient features of Comparative Literature. He added that as a subject it has broken narrow provincialism and paved the way for the catholic attitude removing “illusion of the exclusiveness of the native literature”. He also indicated the tremendous scope for research in Comparative Literature.

National Conference on Comparative Literature



Professor S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, releasing the Souvenir at the National Seminar on Comparative Literature

Under the aegis of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, a One-Day National Conference on Comparative Literature was held on 28th Feb 2014 at L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar Auditorium. Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, who welcomed the gathering, stressed the importance of Comparative Studies in



Dr. K. Chellappan, Former Director, State Institute of English, delivering the Inaugural Address at the National Seminar on Comparative Literature

Dr. K. Chellappan, Formerly Director, State Institute of English, in his inaugural address, made a reference to the pioneering works of French, American and Russian Comparatists. He stated that Comparative Literature was a hunting ground for researchers; and the good works on it would ultimately lead to a perspective “One Humanity, One Literature.” He added that

“Comparative Literature is the study of literature across the walls and general literature is the study of literature above the walls. World literature emerges when these walls are pulled down.”

The distinguished speaker mentioned the pioneering efforts and contribution of Tamil scholars Dr.Kailasapathy, Former Vice-Chancellor of Jaffna University, Sri Lanka and Dr.T.P. Meenakshisundaranar, Former Vice-Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University to Comparative Literature. He added : “Comparative Literature and Translation are sister sciences. They enrich each other. Translations have a marvellous way of liberating a text from the confines of regional context and have helped to break the linguistic barriers within a state, across the country and beyond the countries and promote research, at regional, national and international levels. It paves the way for the realization and emergence of world literature.”

Dr.I.K.Meera Rao from Mysore University, Dr.T.Marx from Pondicherry University, Dr. S. Kanakaraj from Madurai Kamaraj University, Dr.K.Sekar from Bharathidasan University, Mr.Ramesh, an expert translator, Miss. L. Sureka, an Expert in French Language, Dr. N. Vijaya Sundari from Bharathidasan University delivered scintillating lectures in two plenary sessions.

Nearly 100 scholars from various universities and colleges participated and presented papers in four paper reading sessions. Earlier a Souvenir was released to mark the occasion. Dr.L.Thirunavukkarasu, Visiting Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

The Valedictory Function was presided over by Dr.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr.P.Subas Chandra Bose, Member, Vice- Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. The best presenters of research papers were identified and honoured with certificates. Dr.S.Subbiah, the Organising Secretary and Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering earlier and Dr. P. Madhan, Assistant Professor of English, proposed a vote of thanks.

CENTRE FOR TECHNICAL AND ACADEMIC WRITING

Training Programme on Research Writing



Prof. R. Karpaga Kumaravel, Former Vice-Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University, delivering the inaugural address in the Five-day Training Programme on Research Writing.

Under the aegis of Higher Education Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the Centre for Technical and Academic Writing, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, organized a 5- day Training Programme on Research Writing for the University Research Scholars from 21.04.2014 to 26.04.2014. The objective of the programme was to help the scholars hone their communication skills in technical and academic writing. Prof. Dr. S. Subbiah, Director, Centre for Technical and Academic Writing, welcomed the gathering at the Inaugural Function. 100 Research scholars from various University departments enrolled their names for the training programme. Prof. Karpaga Kumaravel, Former Vice-Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University and currently, Professor and Head, Dept. of Educational Technology, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, delivered the inaugural address. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the crucial role of research in shaping India as a Knowledge Super Power. Prof. Karpaga Kumaravel made a passionate observation that Indian Higher Education System inspite of being the second biggest Higher Education System in the world could not produce Nobel

Laureates. Quoting his Fulbright Visiting Professorship experience in Chicago University, USA, Prof. Karpaga Kumaravel wondered that Chicago University alone has produced Nobel Laureates to the tune of 29 in Physics, 26 in Economics, 15 in Chemistry, 12 in Medicine, 3 in Literature, 1 in Peace (Total - 87). Prof. Karpaga Kumaravel threw light on the dismal performance of Indian research in the International Education Scenario. Out of the top 101 Universities, 58 top most Universities are from the USA, 09 from the UK, 05 from Germany, 05 from Japan, 04 from Canada, 03 each from Switzerland, Sweden and the Netherlands and none from India. Prof. Karpaga Kumaravel called upon the young doctoral researchers to improve this scenario through world class knowledge generation and knowledge dissemination.

Dr.S.Karuthapandiyan, Member of the Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, delivered the key - note address at the Inaugural Function of the five day workshop for the research students of Alagappa University. He said that in today's world English language has become synonymous with triumph and victory and whichever field students belong to, being strong in English will help them in a big way to achieve their targets. He further illustrated that young research scholars who want to come out with flying colours in their lives cannot afford to lag behind in English. Further, he stated that students should always aspire for greater things, because only when they aim at the sky, they will be able to reach at least the top of a tree. Exhorting students to have single-mindedness, which is essential for success, he motivated them not to end up as mediocre or below average persons in life. He expected them to ensure that they all should perform to their potential. After that, in course of his speech, he laid stress and emphasis on self belief and self confidence of students without which, he added, that they would never attain success. Believing in their talents and abilities will be of great help to them to realise their ambitions, he elucidated.



Participants at the Training Programme on Research Writing

The valedictory function of 5-day training programme for Ph. D scholars of Alagappa University was held on 26th April at the Department of English and Foreign Languages. Dr.S. Subbiah, Director of the Centre for Technical and Academic Writing and Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering. After that, trainees gave their feedback about the workshop. Then, Dr.P. Manisankar, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address in which he emphasised the importance of originality and creativity of research endeavours undertaken by researchers. Besides, he stressed to the trainees that in the course of their research itself, they should strive to publish articles in nationally and internationally reputed journals. He further added that this kind of training programme is really a boon to research scholars to hone their skills and learn all the aspects of research. Then only they will be able to emerge successful in the current competitive world, he opined. In addition to that, dwelling on the significance of hard work and industry, he remarked that success is the result of one per cent inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration.

In his Felicitation Address Dr.V. Manickavasagam, Registrar, stated that research students should always endeavour to come out with new and innovative findings by means of their research and they should abstain from treading the trodden path. Further the outcome of their research should benefit the society. Regarding plagiarism in research, he said that those who indulge in intellectual

theft cannot be forgiven at all on any ground and indulging in such activities scholars run the risk of completely damaging their career. After that, he explained that creation of the Centre of Technical and Academic Writing in State Universities is a novel scheme of the Government of Tamilnadu and this scheme has been designed to meet the requirements of research students and administrative staff of higher education institutions. Later certificates and prizes were presented to the trainees by Dr.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar and Dr. P. Manisankar, Member of the Syndicate. In the end, Dr.P.Madhan, Assistant Professor of English, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Special Lectures by a Foreign Dignitary



The Department of Economics and Rural Development invited Dr.Bhattarai under the scheme “Inviting Foreign Professors”. The distinguished professor Dr. M. Bhattarai visited the department and delivered three special lectures on the topics such as “Impact of MGNREGS on Wages and Agriculture in India”, “An Overview on ICRISAT-Village Level Studies” and “Methodological Issues of Evaluation Studies” on 10th & 11th April 2014. The lectures were attended by a large number of students and staff members belonging to the Economics Department, and other Departments of our University and also from affiliated colleges. Dr. Bhattarai also reviewed the syllabi that are currently followed for M.A., (Economics), M. Phil., (Economics) and Ph.D. course work (Economics/Rural Development) in the Department and suggested some improvements

Achievement by a Faculty

The Indian Society of Agricultural Marketing, Nagpur, elected Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy as an Executive Committee Member of the Society for a period of two years.

Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy has been appointed as a Member of the Working Group on Terms of Trade between the Agriculture and Non-Agriculture Sectors by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, New Delhi.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN STUDIES

Gender Sensitization Programme



The Centre for Women's Studies organized a Gender Sensitization Programme on 3rd February 2014 in the university convocation seminar hall. Dr.K.R.Murugan, Director i/c, Centre for Women's Studies, delivered the welcome address. Dr.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address. Dr. A.Narayanamoorthy, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, delivered the inaugural address. In his inaugural address he highlighted the significance of Gender Sensitization Programme for the university students. In the first Technical session Dr.K.R.Murugan, Director i/c, Centre for Women's Studies, delivered a lecture on Gender Sensitization and stressed that students should be aware of the importance of this programme. Dr.N.K.Bhuvanewari, Research Associate, Centre for Women's Studies, delivered a lecture on Women Empowerment. She advocated Women Empowerment for the sustainable development of the country. Finally, Mrs.S.Poul Punitha proposed the vote of thanks. About 200 students participated in the programme

Entrepreneurship Development Programme



The Department of Women's Studies received a financial assistance of Rs.10,00,000 - (Ten Lakhs) to conduct 5 batches of Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) under HRD scheme of the National Mission on Food Processing, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India. The Department of Women's Studies received the first Installment of Rs.5 lakhs. It organized a grand inaugural function on 11th February 2014, and started the training Programme which comprised of 5 batches. Dr.K.R.Murugan, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering. Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the inaugural address. He appreciated the Department of Women's Studies for conducting more than 150 Entrepreneurship Development Training programmes and helped more than 1000 Entrepreneurs in and around Sivagangai District.

Mr.Chella Durai, Joint Director, Department of Agriculture, Sivagangai District, delivered the key-note address. In his speech he exhorted the entrepreneurs to start small - scale industries by using millets and other foodgrains and to popularize the need to use them. Er.R.Arangannal, General Manager, District Industrial Centre, Sivagangai, delivered a special address on the occasion. He spoke about the special schemes and subsidies available for entrepreneurs. Mr.G.Soundararajan, Deputy Director, Agri Business, Sivagangai, offered felicitations. He discussed the significance of effective marketing and also he insisted that every entrepreneur should be aware of marketing strategies to start new business. Mrs. P.Veeramani proposed a vote of thanks. Around 200 SHG members and trainees participated in the programme.

International Workshop on Enhancing the Quality of Social Science Research



The Department also organised a two - day International Workshop on Enhancing the Quality of Social Science Research on 24th and 25th February, 2014 at the Convocation Seminar Hall. Dr.K.R.Murugan, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies and the Convener of the IWSSR, welcomed the gathering and offered the thematic address. Prof. S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, VC Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, presided over the Workshop and emphasized the need for improving the quality of social science research. Dr.K.Manimekalai, Vice Chancellor, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, delivered the inaugural address and also she underscored the importance of good research practices in social science and Prof. Debra Miles, Deputy Head of School of Arts and Social Sciences, James Cook University, Australia, delivered a special plenary address and that was followed by an experts' session. On the second day of the workshop, an experts' session was conducted and it was followed by Valediction of the International Workshop. The experts' sessions were devoted to discussions on the theoretical foundation in social science research, relevance of qualitative and quantitative research methods, ethics in social science research, the concept and application of SPSS, feminist research methodology; and how to publish and get prominence in social science research was also deliberated.

The participants were exposed to the techniques of designing their research projects, data collection approaches and data analysis procedures. In the

valediction of the International Workshop, Dr.N.K.Bhuvanewari, Research Associate, Centre for Women's Studies, presented the final International Workshop Report and Mrs.S.Poul Punitha, Research Assistant, Centre for Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 250 participants from different parts of the country were benefited by the workshop.

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

National Workshop on Open Source Software for Academic, Special and Public Libraries



The Department of Library & Information Science with the sponsorship of Indian Council for Social Sciences Research conducted a Two-day National Workshop on "Open Source Software for Academic, Special and Public Libraries" on 23rd - 24th January 2014. Professor S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, inaugurated the workshop. Pointing out the dwindling of reading habit among people, he appealed to the librarians to attract more users by providing all assistance in the libraries so as to make them habitual readers. He suggested implementation of ICT technology in the libraries for better services; Professor S. Ravi, Department of Library & Information Science, Annamalai University, delivered the keynote address. Professor A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean, Faculty of Arts, offered felicitations. Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Head i/c and Organizing Secretary, welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Thirunavukkarasu, Librarian, presented the thematic address. Dr.R. Jeyshankar, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. 105 delegates from Tamilnadu and neighbouring States participated in the workshop.

National Seminar on Knowledge Management in Electronic Environment : Opportunities and Challenges



The Department also organised with the sponsorship of UGC a Two-day National Seminar on "Knowledge Management in Electronic Environment: Opportunities and Challenges" on 21st - 22nd March, 2014. Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Associate Professor and Head i/c, welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Thirunavukkarasu, University Librarian, dwelt at length on the seminar theme. Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Registrar, delivering the inaugural address highlighted the importance of knowledge generation and stated that India has no dearth of knowledge. The knowledge management subject is an apt one for a seminar and congratulated the Department of Library and Information Science for selecting this theme; and he released the book containing seminar proceedings. Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, Former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Madras, delivered the Keynote Address and explained the role of knowledge management and emphasized the significant role of librarian in the context of e-environment and stressed the need of reorienting LIS education in the direction of Knowledge Management. Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean, Faculty of Arts, offered felicitations. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr.R. Jeyshankar, Organising Secretary. Dr. K. Chinnasamy, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science and Additional Controller of Examinations i/c, Madurai Kamaraj University, delivered a scholarly valedictory address.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

International Workshop on Frontier Areas of Chemical Technologies 2014 (FACT2014)



Release of Manual at the International Workshop on Frontier Areas of Chemical Technologies 2014 (FACT 2014)

The Department of Industrial Chemistry organized a two-day International Workshop on Frontier Areas of Chemical Technologies 2014 (FACT 2014) on 21-22 February 2014. The inaugural function was held on 21.2.14 at the Convocation Seminar Hall. Prof. S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, presided over the function. In his presidential address he stated that Science should not be looked simply as a subject meant for examination purpose only, but it should be viewed and studied with a vision that should make every learner understand the universe in a better perspective. It is meant for the development of products and improvement of man's life on the earth. He urged the participants to interact with the learned Resource Persons to learn about the current developments in the field of science and technology. Dr. Ivan Cole, Chief Research Scientist, Electro Chemical Systems, Coatings and Sensors, CSIRO Materials Science and Engineering, Clayton, Australia, inaugurated the workshop and mentioned that the 20th Century Chemical Technology has been transforming itself into 21st Century Chemical

Technology using the involvement of Nano and biomaterials. He added that many researches and inventions in the area of drug delivery, nanotechnology, coating technology, membrane technology and DNA technology are of great value to humanity. Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, and Dean-Faculty of Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, offered felicitations. Dr. P. Manisankar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Industrial Chemistry, welcomed the gathering. Dr. G. Paruthimal Kalaignan, Professor, presented the thematic address at the workshop. Dr. S. Viswanathan, Assistant Professor proposed a vote of thanks.



Prof. V. Manickavasagam delivering presidential address in the valedictory function of FACT 2014

Dr. Ivan Cole, Chief Research Scientist, CSIRO, Clayton, Australia, Dr. E. Murugan, Professor of Physical Chemistry, School of Chemical Sciences, University of Madras, Chennai, Dr. Alawi Sulaiman, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, Dr. R. Jayakumar, Professor, Amrita Centre for Nanoscience, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, Kerala, Dr. P. Thomas Muthiah, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, delivered scholarly lectures at the workshop. Ten different experiments were demonstrated to the participants in the afternoon. Dr. V. Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, gave the presidential address at the valedictory function. Dr. Alawi Sulaiman, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia delivered the valedictory address. Dr. T. Vasudevan, Former Prof. & Head, Department of Industrial Chemistry,

Alagappa University and Former Registrar, Kalasalingam University, offered felicitations. Dr. P. Manisankar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Industrial Chemistry, welcomed the gathering. Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Professor, Department of Industrial Chemistry, presented the report of the Workshop. Dr. G. Gopu, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

Invited Lectures Delivered by the Faculty

Dr.P.Manisankar, Professor and Head, Department of Industrial Chemistry delivered an invited talk on 'Development of Nanomaterials Based Electrochemical Sensors for Trace Analysis of Pesticides' in the International Conference on Recent Advances in Analytical Sciences jointly organized by the Indian Society for Analytical Scientists (ISAS) and IIT (BHU), Varanasi, during 27-29 March 2014. He also delivered an invited talk on 'Photovoltaic Performance of Quasi Solid State Dye Sensitized Solar Cells Fabricated from Electrospun Membrane Electrolyte' in the International Conference on Lights - Optics 14 organized by The Molecular Photonics and Electronics Group at the Department of Physics, National Institute of Technology, Calicut, Kerala during 19-21 March 2014. He presented a research paper entitled "Novel Electrochromic Conducting Polymers: Synthesis, Characterisation and Applications" at the "Third International Conference on Chemistry for Sustainable Development: Indian Perspective" held at Dubai between 10-14 June 2014. This was organised by the Indian Council of Chemists.

Department Achievements and Events

Rs. 300000/- was received in March 2014 as a first installment from the sanction of Rs.7500000/- towards UGC SAP (DRS II).

The UGC has released Rs.678400/- as a first installment towards the sanction of Rs.1356800/- for the scheme UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UGC-UKIERI). The UK partner of the programme is Prof. Frank Marken, University of Bath, Bath, UK and the Indian partners are Dr. M.Anbu Kulandainathan,

Scientist, CECRI, Karaikudi and Dr.P.Manisankar, Alagappa University. The title of the proposal is Metal Organic Redox Frameworks (MoFs) for Photochemical Textile Processes.

Dr. S. Uma Devi joined as UGC Assistant Professor under UGC Faculty Recharge Programme (FRP) on 02.04.2014 FN.

Seven research scholars defended successfully their Ph.D. research work in the viva-voce examination during this period 26 research papers were published in international journals by the faculty members of the department during this period.

DEPARTMENT OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY

National Seminar - cum - Workshop on Microbial Phylogenetics and Proteomics



On behalf of the DBT-Bioinformatics Infrastructure Facility of Alagappa University, a three - day "National Seminar - cum - Workshop on Microbial Phylogenetics and Proteomics" was conducted during Feb 12 - 14, 2014. A hand - on training was given to 30 participants (Young faculty members and research scholars from various parts of the country). This Workshop was sponsored by DBT-BIF, DST-PURSE and UGC-SAP. Prof. K. Dharmalingam, DBT Distinguished Biotechnology Research Professor & Director of Research, Aravind Medical Research Foundation, Madurai, delivered a lecture on 'Clinical Proteomics and Data Analysis' at the National Seminar - cum -Workshop, on February 14, 2014.

Special Lectures by Eminent Scientists

Dr. Suman Gundu, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, University of Delhi, South Campus, Delhi - 110021 delivered lectures on (i) Hemoglobin Biology: Beyond the Text Book, (ii) The Basics of Proteomics Investigation and Laboratory Set Up, (iii) Structure-Function Relationship in Proteins: Case Studies for DBH during 15.03.2014 to 18.03.2014.

Dr. Monica Sundd, National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi- 110067 delivered lectures on (i) Basics of NMR Spectroscopy as a Tool for Structure and Dynamics, (ii) Fatty Acid Biosynthesis Pathway - ACPs and ACBPs as Case Studies, for the benefit of staff members, research scholars and M.Sc. students.

Dr. Bhagawat S. Chandrasekar, Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore - 560 012 delivered a special lecture on "Understanding novel functional responses of mouse peritoneal macrophages to interferon - gamma: Roles of Nitric oxide synthase 2" on 20th, March 2014.

Invited Lectures Delivered by the Faculty



Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Professor and Dr. K. Balamurugan, Associate Professor, attended the 5th International Conference on Natural Products for Health and Beauty (NATPRO5), Phuket, Thailand, during May 6th- 8th, 2014. Prof. Karutha Pandian delivered the Keynote Address on "Bioprospects of Marine Microbiota -

A Dynamic Source for Anti-infectives" and Dr. Balamurugan won the Best Oral Presentation Award for his paper entitled, "Screening and characterization of indigenous lactic acid bacteria against malathion induced toxicity using model organism *Caenorhabditis elegans*".

Dr. S. Karutha Pandian, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, delivered a motivation talk at the inaugural function of Free Coaching Classes for NET / SLET Examinations at Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi, on 11th February, 2014.

Dr. A. Veera Ravi, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, delivered an invited lecture on Silencing of Bacterial Quorum Sensing - As a Novel Alternative Approach to Antibiotics at the International Conference on Nanobio, Biomimetic Materials and Its Applications (ICNBM-14) organized by Hindusthan Educational Institutions, Department of Biosciences, Coimbatore during 27th and 28th February, 2014.

Dr. M. Ramesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, delivered an invited lecture on "Agrobacterium - mediated transformation and development of salinity tolerant lines of rice" at the Wilmut Club of Biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology, J.J. College of Arts and Science, Pudukkottai on 4th February, 2014.

Recognition from Department of Biotechnology, Government of India



Best DBT-Bioinformatics Centre
(among All BIFs from State and Central Varsities)

The Bioinformatics Infrastructure Facility (BIF), a National Facility funded by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government India and established at the Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University with Prof. S. Karutha Pandian as Coordinator in 2006 has been adjudged as the number one BIF among the State and Central Universities at the all India level for the Research Publications made in the area of Bioinformatics and Biotechnology during 2013 and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs has been announced as Publication Grant in the recently held XXV All India BTISNet Annual Coordinators Meeting held at NIO, Goa during 27-28, February 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS

National Symposium - cum - Workshop on "Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design"



The 6th National Symposium - cum - Workshop on "Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design" SBCADD-2014, organized by Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University, was held from 19th to 22nd Feb 2014. Prof. S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, in his presidential address called upon the students to carry out extensive research on structural biology and bioinformatics, so as to serve the society by developing drugs for killer diseases and appealed to scientists and research scholars to work in a dedicated manner to tap the potential of bioinformatics in solving the problems faced by the medicinal chemist.

Prof. T.P. Singh, Distinguished Biotechnology Research Professor, Department of Biophysics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in his inaugural address stressed the need for human resource development in the area of bioinformatics and computer aided drug design.

Prof. B. Jayaram, Coordinator, School of Biological Sciences, IIT Delhi, in his key note address, explained the crucial role of bioinformatics tools in designing toxic free drug molecule and also about the capabilities of Indian manpower.

Prof. Manju Bansal, Molecular Biophysics Unit, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, said that human genome sequence and biological databases are the wonderful resources in specialised biology to mankind.

Presenting the thematic introduction, Prof. D. Velmurugan, Head, CAS in Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras, focused on structural bioinformatics, X-ray crystallography and its contribution to the field of drug designing. He also added that all bioinformatics software can be used as a filtration tool for the identification of new drugs.

Earlier, Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Professor and Head, welcomed the gathering and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Organizing Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

Special Lectures by a Foreign Dignitary



Dr. Shandar Ahmad, Eminent Scientist, National Institute of Biomedical Innovation, Osaka, Japan, delivered an invited talk on Predicting Biomolecular Interactions and miRNA Regulatory Modules and he also shared his expertise and experience with the students from 5th to 9th March, 2014.

Also, the Department invited Dr. Shandar Ahmad, to discuss matters on the enrichment of existing curriculum of Bioinformatics programs. The Departmental Curriculum Development Committee met in the presence of Dr. Shandar Ahmad, as a Subject Expert on 7th March at 2.30 pm in the Department of Bioinformatics.

Achievement by a Faculty

Dr.J.Jeyakanthan, Prof. & Head, Dept. of Bioinformatics visited Japan for pursuing Research collaboration with Osaka University during 21-30 June 2014. His scholar D.Prabhu also accompanied him.

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH & MANAGEMENT

Dr. B.Vaseeharan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Animal Health & Management, visited Thailand for collaborative research work at Mohidol University, Thailand, for one month from 20th May to 19th June, 2014.

Department of Computer Science and Engineering National Conference on Mining, Internetworking and Data Security (MINDS2014)



Prof.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convenor, VC Officiating Committee delivering Presidential Address

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering organized a two-day National Conference on Mining, Internetworking and Data Security (MINDS 2014). The thrust areas of the conference included Mining, Internetworking and Data Security. The inaugural function was held on 27.3.2014 at the Seminar Hall of the Convocation Auditorium. Prof.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, inaugurated the conference and released the souvenir. In his presidential address, he emphasized the importance of data mining in business and scientific community. He urged the students and researchers to update their knowledge in the subjects they study. He also pointed out how data management curbed the monopoly in business that paved the way for small scale players and appealed to the participants to study the subjects not merely from exam point of view but with a view to becoming experts and to equip themselves with employable qualities wanted by employers. He advised the participants to make effective use of this two - day conference. Mental workers are giving highest returns to the employer compared to the physical workers, he said. Rev. Dr. A. Antony Samy, Principal, Ananda College, Devakottai, in his special address briefed the three thrust areas of the conference and insisted on the importance of network security and mining. He pointed out how knowledge makes a person different from others. He detailed the ways of securing the private information from hackers. Earlier, Dr. V. Palanisamy, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering. Organizing Secretary Prof. T. Meyyappan delivered the thematic introduction of the conference and released the Conference Proceedings CD (Compact Disk). Mr. K. Mahesh, Associate Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.



Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, delivering the Valedictory Address

The Valedictory function was held on 28.3.2014 at the Seminar Hall of the Convocation Auditorium. Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Registrar of Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address. In his speech, he referred to the significance of the thrust areas of the conference. He emphasized the importance of developing reading habits and appealed to the participants to spend more time on reading which would make them competent workers. He quoted the words of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan “the objective of education is to make the human beings as responsible citizens”. The responsibility of 19% of the educated population is to educate the remaining 81% who do not have opportunities for higher education. All the human beings need a network, which they can develop and improve through speech. Many competent people are not able to shine due to lack of network, he added. Quoting the theme of the conference, the Security, he emphasized that every human being has to create a firewall that excludes the emotions around them. He congratulated the organizers for choosing a contemporary theme for the conference and distributed the certificates and mementos to the participants and organizing committee members. Earlier, Prof.K.Kuppusamy, Conference Coordinator, welcomed the gathering. Conference Organizing Secretary Prof. T. Meyyappan summarized the conference proceedings and proposed a vote of thanks. Around 150 researchers from different parts of India participated and presented their research papers in the conference.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

State Level Quiz Contest



The Annual State Level Quiz Contest for M.Sc. Mathematics students was held at the Department of Mathematics, Alagappa University on 04-03-2014 under the coordination of Dr. S. Amutha, RCHM. Prof. S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener of the Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee of Alagappa University, inaugurated the Quiz Competition. Dr. P. Srinivasan from the Department of Mathematics of Bharathidasan University was the Quiz Master. Twelve teams participated in the competition, and the teams from Gandhigram Rural Institute, Bharathidasan University and Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College won the I, II and III prizes respectively.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SCIENCE

Special Lectures by Eminent Scientists



Prof. Shoji Kaneko, Emeritus Professor, Shizuoka University, Japan, visited the department on 10th Feb 2014 and delivered a Special Lecture on “Development of Thin Films for Dye-sensitized Solar Cells”.



Dr. Alawi Sulaiman, from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, visited the Department on 20th Feb 2014 and delivered a Special Lecture on “Biofuels”.

Invited Lectures Delivered by the Faculty

Dr. S. Karuppuchamy, Associate Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Energy Science, delivered an invited lecture on “Electrochemical Deposition of Nanostructured Semiconductors for Solar Cells” at the National Seminar on Electrochemistry and Fluoride Toxicity organized by the Department of Chemistry, Sakthi College of Arts and Science for Women, Oddanchatram, on Sept. 28th 2013.

Dr. A. Arun, Assistant Professor, participated as Chief guest and delivered an invited lecture on “Microbial Hydrogen Production” at DST Sponsored 2nd National Conference on Emerging Trends and New Challenges in Biotechnology - A Multidisciplinary Approach (NCETNCB 2014) organized by the Department of Biotechnology, MGR College, Hosur, Tamilnadu, during Feb 19-20, 2014.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

XXI State Level Alumni Football Tournament



Alagappa University College of Physical Education organized XXI State Level Alumni Football Tournament from 7th to 9th February 2014. Prof.P.Manishankar, Syndicate Member / HOD Department of Industrial Chemistry, inaugurated the tournament and in the valedictory function Prof.S. Karuthapandian, Syndicate Member / Dean Faculty of Science, HOD Department of Biotechnology, gave away the prizes to the winners of AUCPE and the runner was St. Joseph College, Trichy.

AUCPE conducted the Open State - Level Badminton Tournament on 15.02.2014 and 16.02.2014.

Players from AUCPE participated in the Tamilnadu and Pondicherry inter physical tournament held at YMCA, Chennai and were winners in Ball Badminton, Football, Hockey and Kho-Kho and runners in Kabaddi, Volleyball and Athletics.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Workshop on “Catch the Life”



A One-day Workshop entitled “Catch the Life” (Awareness on First Aid and Life Problems”) was organized by the Alagappa College of Education on 22.01.2014. Dr.T.R. Gurumoorthy, Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Alagappa University, inaugurated the programme.

SPECIAL EDUCATION WING

International Workshop on “Methods of Teaching in Special Education”



A One - day International Workshop on “Methods of Teaching in Special Education” was organized by the Special Education Wing of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 25.3.14.

Presiding over the workshop, Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, said that teaching special education is a very challenging experience both at home and at school. However, it becomes an exciting exploration of each individual child's learning style. Teaching in the Special Education class room is different from the traditional class room. In contrast to traditional paper - pencil tasks, the interactive technology provides alternative methods for students. He added that computers are powerful tools for students with special needs and should be utilized as often as possible.

Dr. Bernadette Anand, Professor of Special Education, Bank Street College of Education, New York, USA, delivered the key note address. In her address, she brought out the various techniques of teaching in special education, the challenges of teaching a child with learning disabilities and the technology to be used in the special education class room.

Dr. Vivodh Anand, Professor of Psychology, City University of New York, in his address stressed the need for identification of similarities and differences among students for effective inclusion. Teachers should make the students think critically and help them to analyze the concepts in-depth for a better understanding, he said.

Earlier, an exhibition of various devices used for teaching and learning in the field of special education was arranged. The teachers, scholars and students of Special Education attended the workshop.

Dr.J.Sujathamalini, Coordinator, Special Education Wing, welcomed the gathering. Ms. Akilandeswari proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING

Orientation Programme

Orientation Programme for Resource Persons on Human Rights Duties Education for Rural School Students was conducted on 30.1.2014 in the Seminar Hall,



Convocation Auditorium, Alagappa University. Dr.N.Arunachalam, Professor & Head, Dept of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the objectives of the programme. Prof.S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, presided and inaugurated the function. Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the special address. Finally, Dr.R.Rajan, Associate Professor, Dept of Lifelong Learning proposed, a vote of thanks.

Then the technical session “Career Guidance and Counselling” was handled by Prof. Ratna Natarajan, Former Director, and Students & Youth Welfare, Pondicherry Central University, Puducherry. In the second session on “Human Rights Duties Education” Dr.I.Devasagayam, Director, Institute of Human Rights Education, Madurai, initiated the discussions. The third session on “Environment Awareness” was handled by Shri. U.Thirunavukkarasu, Senior Environment Education Officer, C.P.R. Environment Education Centre, Chennai.

In the Valedictory Session Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor, Dept of Lifelong Learning, gave the welcome speech. Prof.P.Manisankar, Member of Syndicate, Alagappa University, delivered the keynote address. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr.G.P.Raja, Assistant Professor, Dept of Lifelong Learning. Training Resource Kits on Human Rights Education were distributed to all the Resource Persons who had undergone the training.

A Series of Community Extension Programmes on Career Guidance and Counselling for Rural School Students

An orientation on career guidance and counselling for rural school students of VIII and IX std was conducted from 03-02-2014 to 13-03-2014 by the Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. Ten rural schools were identified from Sakkottai and Kallal Blocks in Sivagangai district. 100 students were selected in each school and in all 1000 students were the beneficiaries of this programme. Lectures, Group Discussions, Games, Audio-Visual methods were adopted in this programme. An Experimental study was conducted by the Department of Lifelong Learning and it revealed that in the pre-test 92 %

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

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**News in Brief
Career Guidance Program**



YARUKI – a career guidance program for the under-graduates was organised on 07.02.2014.

KINSFEST Celebrated



KINSFEST an inter-school competition event was conducted on 14.02.2014

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

National Conference on Human Rights Duties Education



A two-day National Conference on “Human Rights Duties Education” was organized by the Department of Corporate Secretaryship of Alagappa University on 25.2.14 with the sponsorship of the University Grants Commission.

Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, in his Presidential Address said that despite the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, there is large scale human rights violation mainly due to the failure of our education system to incorporate human values in the curriculum. Hence there is a greater need to engage all the stakeholders in a serious debate as to how the human

rights can be taken down to the school and college students. The curriculum has to be revamped to inculcate social values, teachers are to be trained to impart human rights education; and mock courts with human rights violation cases are to be arranged to disseminate the human rights message, he added.

Shri.S.N.Venkatesan, Trainer, Asian Institution of Management and Advocate of Madras High Court, highlighted the need for human duties and observance of ethics and values in the day - to - day life.

Dr.M.Selvam, Chairperson, School of Management, Dr.K.Uthayasuriyan, Controller of Examinations and Dr. G. Jayabal, Professor and Head, Dept of Bank Management, offered felicitations.

Earlier, Dr.P.K. Muthappan, Professor and Head, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, welcomed the gathering and Dr. V. Balachandran, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, proposed a vote of thanks.

Achievement by the Faculty

Dr. V. Balachandran, Professor & Head i/c delivered a special address in the one - day National Workshop on “Mobilization of Funds through New Financial Instruments” on 20th March 2014, organized by the Department of Commerce, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal.

Dr.C.Vethirajan, Professor, presented a paper entitled “Awareness and adopting of XBRL Reporting in India - A study with reference to Tamilnadu” during the second technical session on Corporate reporting (With focus on XBRL) organised by Dept. of Commerce and Management Studies, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam on 11-12th January, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

Dr. M.Selvam, Professor and Head, Department of International Business and Commerce, visited USA and presented papers in “2014 World Conference on Quality and Improvement” at Texas, during 5-7 May 2014 and “Global Academic Network Conference” at University of California, Los Angeles, during 14-17 May 2014.

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Assistant Professor of Education, DDE, presented a research paper entitled “The influence of Multimedia intelligence and achievement of prospective Teachers” at the International Conference on “Higher Education: Sustaining Success through Innovation” held at Dubai on 19th and 20th January 2014. He also presented a research paper entitled “Modern Trends in Teacher Education through Distance Mode” at the International Conference on Social Sciences Research held on 9-10th June 2014 in Malaysia.

Dr. AR. Saravanakumar, Assistant Professor of Education, DDE, presented a research paper entitled “Present Scenario and Future Prospects of Higher Education in India” at the International Conference on Social Sciences Research held on 9-10th June 2014 in Malaysia.

NEWS FROM COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Affiliation of Academic Programmes

The University granted permission to the following affiliated colleges to offer the academic programmes from the academic year 2014-15.

S. No.	Name of the College	Name of the Programme
1.	Nachiappa Swamigal Arts and Science College, Koviloor	B.Sc., Mathematics
		B.Sc., Visual Communication
2.	Madurai Sivakasi Nadars Pioneer Meenakshi Women's College, Poovanthi	M.A., Tamil
3.	Sonai Meenal Arts and Science College, Mudukulathur	B.C.A
		M.Com (CA)
4.	Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai	M.Sc., Physics
5.	Syed Hameedha Arts and Science College, Kilakarai	M.A., English
		M.Sc., Mathematics
6.	Caussanel College of Arts and Science, Muthupettai	M.A., English
		M.Sc., Physics
7.	Thiyagi Dharmakkan Amirtham College of Arts and Science, Kannirajapuram	B.A., History
		B.Com
		B.Sc., Physics

Additional Seats

20% of Additional Seats were granted to the following affiliated colleges for the academic year 2014-15 as requested by them.

- 1) Alagappa Govt. Arts College, Karaikudi
- 2) Alagappa University College of Arts and Science, Paramakudi
- 3) Ananda College, Devakottai
- 4) Arumugam Pillai Seethai Ammal College, Tiruppattur
- 5) Dr.Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi
- 6) Dr.Zakir Husain College, Ilayangudi
- 7) Govt. Arts College for Women, Sivaganga
- 8) Madurai Sivakasi Nadars Pioneer Meenakshi Women's College, Poovanthi
- 9) Raja Doraisingam Govt. Arts College, Sivaganga
- 10) Syed Ammal Arts and Science College, Ramanathapuram
- 11) Sethupathy Govt. Arts College, Ramanathapuram
- 12) Syed Hameedha Arts and Science College, Kilakarai
- 13) Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai
- 14) Sri Sarada Niketan College for Women, Amaravathipuram

OTHER ACTIVITIES

National Youth Day



The Computer Centre of Alagappa University celebrated the National Youth Day on 20th January 2014. In the keynote address, Swami Chandrasekarananda

dwelt at length on the important events and incidents from Swami Vivekananda's life. He also pointed out that Swami Vivekananda has created a number of paths for us to follow and lead a harmonious life. The speaker played a video CD illustrating a few concepts of Swami Vivekananda for a noble living.

International Women's Day



The Department of Women's Studies, celebrated Silver Jubilee Year and International Women's Day on 14th March 2014. Around 600 women from the University Departments, Colleges, SHGs and students participated in the celebrations. Dr.D.Thirumalraja, Professional Assistant, welcomed the gathering. Dr.K.R.Murugan, Head, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, presented the thematic address on International Women's Day. Mrs.S.Poul Punitha, Research Assistant, Centre for Women's Studies, read out a report on the week - long celebrations of Silver Jubilee Year and International Women's Day programmes, that referred to various festivities that included Food festival for Women Entrepreneurs, "Art and cultural fest" for university women staff, Talent fest for grass - root women, Street Play and "Poster staging" for university students, "Consortium on tuning Women Studies" for academicians.

Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University delivered the presidential address. In his presidential address he said there are 650 self help groups created among 12,000 families by the Department of Women's Studies, that concentrates on socio- economic development of the women; and he appreciated the Department of Women's Studies for its social development

services. The best entrepreneur awardee Mrs. Sukanya Jeganathan delivered a special address. In her special address she said all women should exhibit their unique talents and explained the duties of parents on child rearing. And the special guest distributed prizes to the winners of the various competitions. Master of Social Work Students conducted cultural programmes. Mrs. P.Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks

World Consumer Rights Day



The World Consumer Rights Day was celebrated at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 14th March 2014. The Department of Corporate Secretaryship made arrangements for the conduct of the celebrations.

Prof.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, presided over the function. In his presidential address, he emphasized the significance and awareness of consumer protection amongst not only students but also society as a whole. The scope of the term consumer is so wide that it includes all concerned. Many people do not go to Consumer Fora on account of the ignorance of the Consumer Protection Act. The consumers should know about the various provisions of the Act, as it provides for inexpensive and speedy justice to the grievances of the consumers. The Act has stipulated several remedies to various problems caused while purchasing goods or hiring services. As the Act is found to be a suitable mechanism for the augmentation of the consumer movement, he advised the students to propagate the message by highlighting the need and importance of the legislation to

the needy society. The strong consumer movements always lead to the provision of quality goods and better services, he said.

Mr. SP. Manikandan, Advocate, Karaikudi, delivered the keynote address and distributed prizes to the winners of the various competitions organized on the eve of World Consumer Rights Day Celebrations.

Mr. Raja Jebakumar, Chief Manager, IOB, Karaikudi, and Thiru K. Tamilmaran, BSNL, Karaikudi, spoke on Consumer Awareness in Banking Services and Telecom Services respectively.

Dr. M. Upalthus Selvaraj, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, welcomed the gathering earlier and Dr. P.K. Muthappan, Professor & Head, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, proposed a vote of thanks.

World Poetry Day



Dr. S. Subbiah, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, delivering the introductory address in the World Poetry Day

The World Poetry Day was celebrated at Alagappa University on 21st March 2014 under the auspices of the Department of English and Foreign Languages.

Dr. S. Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, who presided over the function, made enlightening remarks on the art of making poetry. He lauded the UNESCO's aim in encouraging the nations to observe the World Poetry Day.

The distinguished speaker appealed to the students to develop the habit of reading poems, writing poems and listening to poems. Dr. S. Subbiah, Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, in his introductory speech, highlighted the significance of the World Poetry Day. He referred to various definitions of poetry and briefly dwelt on the remarkable contributions of poets like Wordsworth, and other Romantic Poets to the enhancement of human culture. He stated that the University offered opportunities to the students to compose poetry of their own. He congratulated the participants for their keen interest in poetry competition. The guest speaker Dr. G. Ravindran, Director, Institute of Communication and Technology, Trichy, made a humorous, brief and thoughtful speech. He highlighted how one can learn from poetic utterances the ways of effective communication.



A section of audience at the World Poetry Day

Kavignar Thangam Moorthy, Syndicate Member, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, and also a Member of the Sahitya Akademi, Delhi, made an inspiring speech. He stated there is a poet in every individual and the individual concerned should develop the poetic instinct in him or her. Dr. N. Vijayasundari, Department of Tamil, Urumu Dhanalakshmi College, Trichy, spoke about the rhythm in Tamil Poetry. Earlier Dr. P. Madhan, Assistant Professor of English, Department of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering. Dr. L. Thirunavukkarasu, Visiting Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

World Creativity and Innovation Day



World Creativity and Innovation Day was organized by the Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 21.4.2014. Dr.S.Karuthiah Pandian, IAS (Retd.) and Director, Bharathidasan Institute of Management, School of Excellence of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, in his plenary address focused on global innovation and support of creative ideas for the development of corporate sectors and society. He urged the younger generation from different areas to extend more innovative ideas and to contribute to the development of our country.

Dr.P.Subas Chandra Bose, Member, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, in his key note address called upon scientists, research scholars and students to explore the possibilities of new cost effective ideas for the development of society. He said that innovation and creativity are important for the development of human society and individual development.

Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, delivered a special address; and he talked about revolution and innovation in the field of economics and its impact on human life.

Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Special Officer (Planning), Alagappa University, highlighted the major difference between innovation and creativity and stressed on the implementation of new ideas.

Earlier, Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Professor & Head, Department of Bioinformatics, welcomed the gathering and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University proposed a vote of thanks.

National Voters' Day



The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, celebrated National Voters' day in collaboration with District Administration, Sivagangai on 25th January 2014. Dr.K.R.Murugan, Associate Professor & Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, welcomed the gathering. Dr.S.Kaliyamoorthy, Convener, Vice-Chancellor Officiating Committee, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address. Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the inaugural address. Mr.V.Rajaraman, I.A.S., Collector, Sivagangai District, delivered a special address. The Superintendent of Police, Sivagangai, also spoke on the occasion. Mr.V.Rajaraman, I.A.S. and Mr.Ashwin M.Kotnis I.P.S. distributed Voter's ID to college students.

Opening of New Buildings and Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony

Newly constructed buildings such as (i) University Canteen (ii) Silver Jubilee Building in New Science campus and (iii) Ladies Hostel (B.Ed) extension were declared open by our Hon`ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu through Video conferencing. In addition, foundation stone was laid for new Management block by our Hon`ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu through Video conferencing on 12th June, 2014.

Selection of Research Scholars

The Pre-Registration Qualifying Entrance Examination for Ph.D. Programme was held in February 2014. 314 candidates got qualified out of 745 candidates who wrote the examination. The discipline wise number of eligible candidates is given below in the table.

Sl. No.	Discipline	Qualified
1.	Tamil	50
2.	English	36
3.	Women's Studies	3
4.	Rural Development	1
5.	History	4
6.	Economics	8
7.	Political Science	1
8.	Social Work	3
9.	Mathematics	13
10.	Computer Science	26
11.	Physics	9
12.	Chemistry	17
13.	Biotechnology	29
14.	Molecular Biology	0
15.	Microbiology	4
16.	Nanoscience & Technology	3
17.	Bioinformatics	4
18.	Bioelectronics & Biosensors	4
19.	Marine Biology	1
20.	Animal Health & Management	1
21.	Zoology	5
22.	Botany	5
23.	Library & Information Science	13
24.	Geology	1
25.	Energy Science	1
26.	Management	14
27.	Commerce	10
28.	Corporate Secretaryship	5
29.	Bank Management	2
30.	International Business	1
31.	Education	20
32.	Physical Education	20
	Total	314

Family Appreciation Day



The Department of Women's Studies, Dr.Umayal Day Care Centre, Alagappa University, celebrated University Family Appreciation Day on 29th March 2014 in

the University Old Auditorium. It was organised as a special programme for the University staff and their children. The celebrations consisted of events like health promotion camp, sports competition and cultural festival. Dr.R.V.S. Surendran, Devaki Hospital, Karaikudi, rendered his services at the health promotion camp. It was followed by sports events and cultural fest for the university staff and their children. Dr.V.Balachandran, Dean, Student Affairs, offered the special address at the valediction function of the family appreciation day and Prof.V.Manickavasagam, Registrar, gave away prizes to the winners of the competitions conducted by the Dr.Umayal Day Care Centre, Department of Women's Studies. More than 250 members participated in the celebrations.

Projects Sanctioned during the year 2013-2014 (January – June, 2014)

S. No.	Principal Investigator & Department	Project Title	Funding Agency	Period & Duration	Amount Approved
1	Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Lib & Inf. Sci. F.No.02/106/2014-15/RPR dated 04.04.2014	Awareness and Use of e-resources among social scientists of Alagappa University and its Affiliated colleges	ICSSR	04.04.2014 to 03.04.2015	3,00,000
2	Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy Asst. Professor - DDE F.No. 02/88/2014-15/RPR dated 04.04.2014	A study of the Debilitating and Facilitating Factors of Spread of Education among Fisher women in East coast Area	ICSSR	04.04.2014 to 03.04.2016	5,00,000
3	Dr. G.Paruthimal Kalaignan Professor Dept. of Industrial Chemistry	UGC - One time grant	UGC	24.01.14	7,00,000
4	Dr. S.Amutha Asst. Professor Dept. of Maths	UGC - Start up grant	UGC	2014	6,00,000
5	Dr. J.Vimala Asst. Professor Dept of Maths	UGC - Start up grant	UGC	2014	6,00,000
6	Dr. M.Karthikeyan Asst. Professor Dept. of Bioinformatics	Pharmacogenomics study of anti-hypertensive treatment in south Indian population	ICMR	05.05.2014	10,00,000

ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Kamaladevi A, Research scholar, Department of Biotechnology, participated and presented a poster entitled “Response of *Caenorhabditis elegans* during *Klebsiella pneumonia* pathogenesis” at the 2nd International Science Symposium on HIV and Infectious Diseases held at the University of Madras, Chennai, during 30th January - 1st February, 2014.

Prithika U, Research scholar, Department of Biotechnology, participated and presented a poster entitled “Transcriptional and translational analysis of subsequent infections with *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Proteus mirabilis* in *Caenorhabditis elegans* at the 2nd International Science Symposium on HIV and infectious Diseases held at University of Madras, Chennai, during 30th January - 1st February, 2014.

B.Shanmuganathan, Research Scholar, Department of Biotechnology presented a paper on “Antipathogenic potential of *Padina gymnospora* against *Serratia marcescens*” at the National Seminar on Recent Advances in Biotechnology and Applied Microbiology held at Kanchi Sri Krishna College of Arts and Science, Kanchipuram, on 3rd and 4th March, 2014.

T.Rajavel, Research Scholar, Department of Biotechnology, presented a paper on “Anticancer potential of *Grewia tiliaefolia* leaf extract against Human lung cancer cell line (A549)” at the National Seminar on Recent Advances in Biotechnology and Applied Microbiology held at Kanchi Sri Krishna College of Arts and Science, Kanchipuram, on 3rd and 4th March, 2014.

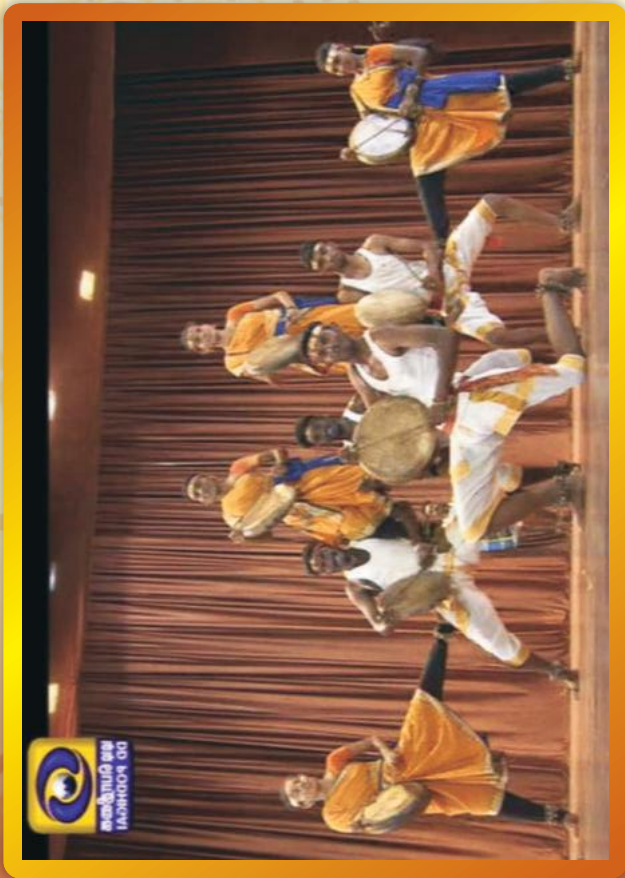
Radhesh Krishnan.S, Research Scholar, Department of Biotechnology, participated in UKIERI sponsored Indo-UK joint Workshop on Plant Molecular Farming II, organized by Plant Genetic Engineering Laboratory, Department of Biotechnology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore during 13th and 14th, March 2014.

Mr. M. Richard, Research Scholar, Dept. of Bioinformatics, was awarded UGC-MANF in the month of March, 2014 to pursue his doctoral degree for a period of five years. ICMR, New Delhi, has sanctioned a three-year Major Research Project to Dr. M. Karthikeyan for an amount of Rs.21.15 lakhs. Mr. C. Sathish Kumar, Research Scholar, received a Research Fellowship from Government of Tamil Nadu. Mr. P. Kirubakaran, Research Scholar received Prof. M. L. Khorana Memorial Prize for the best paper of the year in the field of Pharmaceutical & Medicinal Synthetic Chemistry by Indian Pharmaceutical Association.

ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE STUDENTS

P.Velraj, M.Periyasamy, S.Sathya, I M.Sc students of Department of Biotechnology (2013 - 2015 batch) were selected for Indian Academy of Science Summer Research Fellowship for the year 2014. They did their summer projects at the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur; NCCS, Pune and CNBRCD, Bangalore, respectively, during the period of May 2014 to July 2014.

Best paper presentation award was received by the research scholar Mr. P. Muthuraja of the Dept. of Industrial Chemistry at the “National Conference on Innovation in Chemistry - Health and Energy 2014” organized by Karunya University, Coimbatore, during 06-08 February 2014 and Mr.V. Sethuraman received the best paper presentation award at the “International Conference on Electro Analytical Chemistry (ELAC 2014)” organized by the Indian Society for Electro Analytical Chemistry at Amristar during 20-25 February 2014.



Cultural Festival on Chettinad Heritage jointly organised by the University and Doordarshan.



105th Founder's Day Celebrations



Participants at the 6th National Symposium - cum - Workshop on "Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design" SBCADD-2014



Release of souvenir at the National Conference on "Human Rights Duties Education"