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From the Vice-Chancellor

It is with delight and gratitude I write this first editorial as the Chief Executive of Alagappa University under whose benign care for over a quarter of a century I have grown to this stature. I hope that this Azhagu Newsletter presenting the most significant academic events that happened during October-December 2022 on the campus will regale the readers.

An item of noteworthy news is that the University is placed in the 251-260 ranking bandwidth in QS ASIA Ranking 2023; and it is positioned in the 401-500 ranking bandwidth in Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2023.

The five-day mega event organized by the Department of Bioinformatics brought renowned academics, scientists and professionals to the massive Science Campus here. The congregation of scholars from across the country and abroad at the Second "International Conference-cum-Workshop on Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design" has proved to be an inspiring event for the young researchers at our University.

The two ICSSR-sponsored 10-day Research Methodology Courses conducted by the Departments of Library and Information Science and Commerce have helped in honing the research skills of sixty budding enthusiastic researchers from across the country. Experienced academics spoke on the new methods to be adopted for fruitful research.

The thrust given to Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Training to the students with the support of the Central and State Governments could be discerned from the items published on these events.

The write-ups on other academic events and extracurricular activities will be equally interesting and worth reading.

Prof. G. RAVI
Vice-Chancellor

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY PLACED IN 251-260 RANKING BANDWITH IN QS ASIA RANKING 2023



Alagappa University, Karaikudi, is placed in the 251 - 260 Ranking bandwith in QS Asia Ranking 2023, according to a release by the QS Intelligence Unit. More than 760 Asian Universities participated for ranking assessment. Alagappa University is positioned at the ranking bandwith of 251-260 in QS Asia level ranking and 51st rank in QS Southern Asia level placement.

Among the 118 ranked Indian institutions, Alagappa University is placed in the 29th position. It is noteworthy that Alagappa University has attained the third position among the Higher Educational Institutions from Tamil Nadu.

Under this QS Asia Ranking, the performance of the participating institutions under specific areas, viz. Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, the number of staff holding PhD, and the percentage of international students have been assessed and analyzed.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Director, Alagappa University Ranking Cell, collected, analyzed and submitted the data

for participating in QS Asia-level Ranking pertaining to the year 2022.

It may be recalled that Alagappa University has achieved several milestones by attaining A+ status (CGPA:3.64) in the 3rd cycle of NAAC assessment, secured 28th position in NIRF 2022 Ranking and 43rd rank in Research Institutions, secured 401-500 ranking bandwidth in Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2023, 138th position in THE - Young University Ranking, 122nd position in THE - Asia University Ranking. This QS Asia Ranking is an additional diamond added to the crown of Alagappa University.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, congratulated and placed on record his appreciation for the Faculty members, Administrative staff and Research scholars / Students and other stakeholders for their continued commitment for the growth and development of the University.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY PLACED IN RANKING BANDWIDTH OF 401-500 IN TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING 2023

Alagappa University, Karaikudi, is placed in the ranking bandwidth of 401-500 in Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings - 2023, according to a list released by the Times Higher Education on 12th October 2022. More than 2500 Institutions from across 104 Countries submitted the data to THE Ranking. Overall, 1799 Universities have been ranked. Alagappa University has secured the first position among the Universities from Tamil Nadu and it has secured the fourth place in the overall University Ranking from India.



Under this THE world ranking, the performance of the participating institutions are assessed under four specific areas, viz. Teaching, Research, Knowledge Transfer and International Outlook. In this Ranking process, THE ranking has analyzed more than 121 million citations across more than 15.5 million research publications and also included survey responses from 40000 scholars globally.

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5-Day Mega Event at Science Campus

SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - CUM - WORKSHOP ON RECENT TRENDS IN STRUCTURAL BIOINFORMATICS AND COMPUTER AIDED DRUG DESIGN ORGANISED

The Second International Conference - cum - Workshop on Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design was inaugurated at the Bioinformatics Department of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 21st Nov 2022. In this 5 - day mega event 38 distinguished scientists and eminent academicians from across India and countries like the USA, Singapore, Taiwan and Japan participated. The main sponsors of the programme included UGC, DBT, DST, TANSICHE, BIDDS and TNSCST and various companies.



While welcoming the gathering, Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Head of the Department of Bioinformatics and Convenor of ICSBCADD-2022 Conference, stated that the congregation of scholars and scientists on the campus would help in giving a major thrust to the research activities undertaken by the faculty and scholars here. He also elaborated on the innovative advanced researches done currently by the University of Illinois, University of Surrey, University of Texas, University of Cincinnati, Rockefeller University and added that their findings have transformed the current trends in addressing complex diseases like cancer and neurological disorders. He said the significance of this field came to limelight during the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance, in our recent article entitled "Computational investigation on kabasurakudineer and nilavembukashayam phytochemicals to evaluate their potency against SARS-CoV-2 in comparison to known antiviral compounds in drug trials", we have shown how we

have exploited computational tools to predict antiviral agents and drug cocktails against various protein targets in SARS-CoV-2. He said the researchers in the department are developing reliable computational tools to identify novel therapeutics against life-threatening diseases. He also referred to the progress made by the Department in the last 14 years since its inception and highlighted the current research activities of the Department.

Presiding over the inaugural session Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that the main objective of the conference is to highlight the very recent advancements in research pertaining to Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design. He stated that during the recent COVID-19 pandemic computational methods of drug design helped in developing effective vaccines that saved millions of human lives. He asked the scientists to concentrate on efficacious computational and experimental techniques to facilitate novel discovery of drugs for curing many life-style and life threatening diseases.

Dr. Sekar Vishwanathan, Vice-President, Vellore Institute of Technology, in his inaugural address, said that the need of the hour is quality research that must be of great utility to the society at large. He was glad to note that the current Conference was addressing this aspect. He had a word of praise for Alagappa University for getting excellent scores from national and international accreditation bodies. Bioinformatics Department of Alagappa University deserves praise for doing excellent research in drug discovery for life threatening diseases, he added.

Prof. T.P. Singh, SERB Distinguished Fellow, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in his thematic address, said that Bioinformatics would flourish forever and contribute to the progress of various research arenas. He also shared his unforgettable moments spent with and rich experiences gained with his mentor Late Prof. N. Vijayan whose passion for research and development of Structural Biology has become a part of Science History of India.

In his keynote address Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Central University, Thiruvallur, referred to diverse traditional knowledge that has been available in our culture for ages together to cure life threatening diseases

and stressed the need to explore them for the benefit of humanity.

Prof. Akio Ebihara, Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences, Gifu University, Japan delivered the Innovative Research Address. He stressed on the importance of research networking and building research collaboration. He also said that the senior scientists need to be transparent in sharing knowledge thereby paving the way for the creation of interdisciplinary sciences.

Prof. D. Velmurugan, Honorary Emeritus Professor, Former Head, CAS in Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras, Chennai, currently serving as Dean of Research, Marine Biotechnology, AMET University, Chennai, said that most of the biological problems can be solved through Bioinformatics approaches.

Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member of Syndicate, Alagappa University delivered the Felicitation address.

To mark the occasion a Souvenir was released by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi and the copies were received by distinguished guests and the 2nd Bioinformatics and Drug Discovery Society (BIDDS) Newsletter was released by Prof. T.P. Singh.

Awards Given



It was a moment of pride for the Department this year as it instituted two awards in memory of legends in X-ray Crystallography & Structural Biology and Bioinformatics Late Professors, Dr. M. Vijayan and Dr. N. Srinivasan, whose contributions to respective fields have set a foundation for all research endeavours. In addition, to inspire and encourage the blooming researchers, this year the BIDDS Society presented the "Best Research Student Award", and

"Young Scientist Award" and a "Life Time Achievement Award. Dr. Punit Kaur, AIIMS, New Delhi was honoured with the "LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" for her remarkable contribution to the field of Bioinformatics. The "Young Scientist award" was given to Dr. Aditya Kumar Padhi, IIT(BHU), Varanasi. The "Best Research Student award" was presented to Dr. Taj Mohammad, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Singh of the Bioinformatics Department proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session.

Technical Sessions

Immediately after the inaugural session, 12 plenary sessions were conducted on the first day of the conference with eminent speakers delivering lectures on their areas of specialisation. The speakers included Dr. T.P.Singh, Dr. R. Sowdhamini, Dr. Punit Kaur, Dr. K. Saikrishnan, Dr. D. Velmurugan, Dr. J. Sivaraman, Dr. Akio Ebihara (Japan), Dr. P. Karthe and Dr. Shandar Ahmad. Dr. Rizwan Hasan Khan (India) who received the Prof. M. Vijayan Memorial Award delivered the first Award Lecture and the awardees of the Prof. N. Srinivasan Memorial Award Dr. Krupa Deshmukh (USA) and Prof. Hitesh D. Patel (India) delivered the Award Lectures.

On the second day (22nd Nov 2022), 14 plenary lectures were delivered in four brainstorming sessions. Each session focused on topics such as "Structural Biology in terms of advancements in synchrotron radiation and Cryo-EM with more emphasis on membrane proteins and the catalytic reactions of the enzymes". It was followed by a series of talks on "Bench to Bedside: On drug Discovery". Dr. Chun-Jung Chen (Taiwan), Dr. Atsushi Nakagawa (Japan), Dr. Narayanan Ramasubbu (USA), Dr. Gomathinayagam Subramanian (South America) and Dr. Pravindra Kumar, Dr. B. Jayaram, Dr. Md. Imtiyaz Hassan, Dr. Ashok K Varma, Dr. N. Arul Murugan, Dr. K. Muruga Poopathi Raja, Dr. Krishna Misra, Dr. Bhaskar (Cytiva), Dr. Timir Tripathi, Dr. R. Mahalakshmi all from India delivered thought-provoking lectures.

On the third day (23rd Nov 2022), 17 plenary lectures were delivered in four sessions and the lectures were on topics such as "how bioinformatics transforms the patient care in terms of drug development and biomedical applications" and "the significant involvement of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in drug development

process". The speakers included Dr. Ratna K. Vadlamudi (USA), Dr. Chandra Verma (Singapore), Dr. Vijayalakshmi Mahadevan, Dr. A. Anand, Dr. H.A. Nagarajaram, Dr. Deva Priyakumar U, Dr. Suresh Kumar Rayala, Dr. Ganesh Venkatraman, Dr. N. Jeyakumar, Dr. Basant Kumar Tiwary, Dr. Michael Gromiha, Dr. A. Dinakara Rao, Dr. Mohana Priya, Dr. P.T.V. Lakshmi, Mr. R. Raghu (Schrödinger), Dr. Chandrasekarkandaswamy (Agilent Technologies), and Dr. S. Jegatheeswaran (BioMe Live Analytical Centre) all from India.

On the fourth day (24th Nov 2022), the Workshop Session of the International Conference was inaugurated by Prof. J. Jeyakathan, Head of Department of Bioinformatics and Mr. R. Raghu, Vice-President of India Operations, Schrödinger. After the inaugural session, the workshop was conducted on computer aided drug designing for all the participants with lectures and it was followed by hands-on-sessions.

On the fifth day (25th Nov 2022) a workshop on "Molecular dynamics simulation on Desmond" was conducted with lectures and hands-on-sessions. The interactive sessions were useful to the participants.

Valedictory Function



The intense activities of the five-day International Conference-cum-Workshop came to a close with a valedictory function organised on the evening of 25th Nov 2022. The welcome address was delivered by the Convenor of ICSBCADD'2022, Prof. J. Jeyakathan. He said that the overwhelming response of more than 200 participants deserved encomium and he added that 110 participants presented their research work as poster presentations. The conference report was read by Dr. R.M. Vidhyavathi, ICSBCADD'2022 Committee Member, and

Dr. Joseph Sahayarayan, ICSBCADD'2022 Committee Member, presented the workshop report. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c of Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address and Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Member of the Syndicate and Head of the Physics Department of Alagappa University, delivered the felicitation address. 9 participants were given merit certificates and cash prizes for their excellent poster presentations. Dr.P.Boomi, ICSBCADD'2022 Committee Member, proposed a vote of thanks.

NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT - 2022 ORGANISED

The National Youth Parliament-2022 was organized at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 27.11.2022, under the auspices of the National Service Scheme and Cultural Club of Alagappa University at L.C.T.L Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium. Dr. P. Srinivasan, NSS Coordinator, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering.

Presiding over the inaugural function Prof. K. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that the main purpose of this event is to strengthen the roots of democracy, to develop an interest in politics and to create tolerance to accept different perspectives or viewpoints among the students, and help them learn about parliamentary functions in the democratic government set-up. He said that it is significant that Alagappa University has been conducting the Youth Parliament Event for the past 4 years for inculcating nationalism and patriotism among the youth. He highlighted the need for and the significance of creating political awareness among students for preservation of a democratic set up in India.



Thiru. Karti P. Chidambaram, Member of Parliament, Sivagangai Constituency, delivered the keynote address. He said that students should evince more interest in politics and events like this would give them motivation and inspiration. While participating in the parliamentary debates, the Parliamentarians should express their serious views lacing with humor so that they could develop harmony and friendship with the fellow parliamentarians. Every year assistants are being selected by the Central Government with incentives to assist Members of Parliament in their work. He asked the students of Alagappa University to prepare themselves for that work and get involved in that task.

Thiru. S. Mangudi, Member of Legislative Assembly, Karaikudi Constituency, delivered the felicitation address. He said that students should learn about major legislative and parliamentary proceedings and events from time to time and develop their knowledge about politics. Students by fully understanding the political system and political procedures of our country could contribute to the development of the region and nation.

A model parliament was organized in which 55 students from various departments of the University actively participated. National Service Scheme, Programme Officer Dr. M. Natarajan delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Coordinator of Cultural Club and Deputy Coordinator, Dr. R. Suresh participated in the event.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR FIRST YEAR P.G. STUDENTS OF SCIENCE FACULTY

An Orientation Programme for P.G First Year Science students was conducted on 06.10.2022 at L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar Auditorium.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presided over the event and delivered a speech. In his speech, he mentioned that Alagappar was popularly known as Vallal and spent all the wealth he earned for the educational development of the underprivileged. He made Karaikudi an educational hub by starting institutions to offer from primary education to higher education. Established in 1985 with four departments, Alagappa University at present has 44 departments. 45 colleges in Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram districts are affiliated to Alagappa University.

He also mentioned that faculty members of Alagappa University have published research papers in leading research journals and thus brought fame to the university. Noting that Alagappa University has a very peaceful and conducive environment for conducting serious academic activities and pursuing research, he asked the students to make good use of the improved modern facilities established in the University to improve their knowledge. Nine professors who served in Alagappa University were elevated to the position of Vice-Chancellors of State Universities, he added. It is noteworthy that three of them were appointed as Vice-Chancellors in Alagappa University itself. He attributed the reason to the excellent research work done in conducive and peaceful environment here. Earlier the Registrar i/c Prof. S. Rajamohan welcomed the freshers.

Deans of the Faculties of Science, Management and Education Prof. Gurunathan, Prof. S. Rajamohan and Prof. J. Sujatha Malini spoke on the occasion.

Controller of Examination i/c Prof. E. Kannabiran, Dean of Research Prof. A. Narayanamurthy, Dr. K. Manimekalai, Co-ordinator, Anti-Ragging Cell, Dr. C. Bhaskaran, Coordinator of Mooc-Swayam, Prof. C. Vethirajan, Director of Skill Development Centre, Dr. Rajeshwari, Coordinator, Voluntary Study Circle, Employment Centre Coordinator Dr. G. Nedumaran, University Physician Dr. A. Aanandi, Yoga Centre Coordinator Dr. S. Saroja, Soft Skills Trainer Dr. M. Natarajan, Cultural Centre Coordinator Dr. M. Jothi Basu spoke about their respective field activities and gave related details.

At the end of the programme, Alagappa University Student Welfare Officer Prof. V. Palanisami proposed a vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF ARTS DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

பேரா.இராம. இராமநாதன் - திருமதி ருக்மணி இராமநாதன் மணிவிழா அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்வொழிவு

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தமிழ்த்துறையின் சார்பில் பேரா. இராம. இராமநாதன் - திருமதி ருக்மணி இராமநாதன் மணிவிழா அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு 14.11.2022 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறை கூட்டரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது.

தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் பேரா. சு. இராசாராம் அவர்கள் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றுப் பேசினார்.



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. க. ரவி அவர்கள் இந்நிகழ்விற்கு தலைமையேற்று உரை நிகழ்த்தினார். அவர் தமது உரையில் சிலப்பதிகாரம் தமிழில் தோன்றிய முதற் காப்பியம் என்றும், தமிழர் காப்பியம் என்றும் முத்தமிழ் காப்பியம் என பல்வேறு சிறப்புகளுக்குரியது என்றார். இக்காப்பியம் எல்லாச் சமயங்களையும் சமநிலையில் வைத்துப் போற்றுவதால் சமய பொதுமைக் காப்பியம் என்ற சிறப்புக்கும் உரியது. தமிழகம் முழுவதையும் ஒரே நாடாகவும் தமிழர் அனைவரையும் ஒரே குலத்தவராகவும் கருதச் செய்யும் ஒற்றுமைக் காப்பியம் என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டார்.

சிலப்பதிகார கண்ணகியின் துணியை பெண்கள் அனைவரும் உதாரணமாக எடுத்துக்கொண்டு துணியையும், ஆற்றலையும் பெண்கள் அனைவரும் வளர்த்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்றார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் “மாதவி மடந்தை கானற்பாணி” என்ற தலைப்பில் திருவையாறு அரசர் கல்லூரி மேனாள் முதல்வர் முனைவர் சண்முக. செல்வகணபதி அவர்கள் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அவர் தம் உரையில் சிலப்பதிகாரம் இசைத்தமிழை மீட்டுவாக்கம் செய்த காப்பியம் என்றும் தமிழிசையின் நுட்பங்களை பதிவு செய்துள்ள காப்பியம் என்றும் எடுத்துரைத்தார். மாதவியின் கானல் வரி பாடலே கண்ணகிக்கு சிலை எடுப்பதற்கு அடிப்படையாக அமைந்தது. சேரன் சொங்குட்டுவனின் வடநாட்டு படையெடுப்புக்கும் கனக விசயர்கள் தலையில் கல் சுமக்கச் செய்தமைக்கும் மாதவியின் கானல் வரி பாடலே காரணம் என்றார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவனரின் இளைய மகன் திரு. இராம. மனோகரன், திரு. சுப. நாச்சியப்பன், புலவர் கந்தசாமி உள்ளிட்ட முக்கிய பிரமுகர்கள் மற்றும் துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள், ஆய்வாளர்கள், மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

நிறைவாக தமிழ்த்துறை இணைப் பேராசிரியர் திரு. மு. நடேசன் நன்றி கூறினார்.

CENTRE FOR TAMIL CULTURE

குழந்தைக் கவிஞர் அழ. வள்ளியப்பா நூற்றாண்டு விழா கருத்தரங்கம்

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மையமும் சிங்கப்பூர்த் தமிழாசிரியர் சங்கமும் இணைந்து நடத்திய குழந்தைக் கவிஞர் அழ. வள்ளியப்பா நூற்றாண்டு விழா இணையவழிக் கருத்தரங்கம் 25.11.2022 வெள்ளிக்கிழமையன்று நடைபெற்றது.

தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையத்தின் பேராசிரியர் மற்றும் இயக்குநர் முனைவர் சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களை அறிமுகம் செய்து வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. க.ரவி அவர்கள் இவ்விழாவிற்கு தலைமையேற்று உரை நிகழ்த்தினார். அவர் தமது உரையில், குழந்தைக் கவிஞரின் கவித்திறம், படைப்பாற்றல், சாதனைகள் என்பன போன்றவற்றை எடுத்துரைத்தார். மேலும் உணவுக்கு வங்கிப்பணி, உணர்வுக்கு எழுத்துப்பணி என வாழ்ந்து குழந்தை இலக்கியத்திற்குப் பெரும் பங்களிப்புச் செய்தவர் அழ. வள்ளியப்பா, தமிழகத்திற்கு மட்டுமன்றி உலகிற்கே முன்னோடியாகக் குழந்தை எழுத்தாளர் சங்கத்தை உருவாக்கியவர் என்று தமது தலைமையுரையில் எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

சிங்கப்பூர்த் தமிழாசிரியர் சங்கத் தலைவர் திரு. தனபால் குமார் அவர்கள், தலைமுறைகளைக் கடந்து குழந்தைகளின் மனதில் நிலைபெற்று நிற்கும் சிறப்பு குழந்தைக்கவிஞர் பாடல்களுக்கு உண்டு என்றும் அவற்றைக் குழந்தைகளிடையே கொண்டுவரவேண்டுமென்று முயற்சிகளையும் மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும் எனக்கூறி வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.

தொடர்ந்து நான்கு அமர்வுகளாக நடைபெற்ற இவ்விழாவில் முதல் அமர்வில் சிங்கப்பூர் நன்யாங் தொழில்நுட்பப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தேசியக்கல்விக்கழகம், ஆசிய மொழிகள் மற்றும் பண்பாடுகள் (தமிழ்) பிரிவின் இணைப்பேராசிரியரும் துணைத்தலைவருமாகிய முனைவர் சீதாலட்சுமி அவர்கள், “பாலர்களும் சிறுவர்களும் தமிழும் அழ. வள்ளியப்பாவும்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார்.

இரண்டாம் அமர்வில் நன்யாங் தொழில்நுட்பப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தேசியக் கல்விக்கழகம், ஆசிய மொழிகள் மற்றும் பண்பாடுகள் (தமிழ்) பிரிவின் விரிவுரையாளர் முனைவர் இராமன் விமலன் அவர்கள் “குழந்தைக் கவிஞரும் கதைபொதி பாடல்களும்” என்பது குறித்துச் சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார்.

மூன்றாம் அமர்வில் குழந்தைக் கவிஞர் அழ. வள்ளியப்பாவின் புதல்வியும் எழுத்தாளருமாகிய பால சாகித்திய விருதாளர் முனைவர் தேவி நாச்சியப்பன் அவர்கள் “குழந்தைக் கவிஞர் பரம்பரை என்னும் தலைப்பில் உரை வழங்கினார்.

நான்காம் அமர்வில் சிங்கப்பூர்க் கல்வி அமைச்சு, பாடக்கலைத் திட்ட வரைவு மேம்பாட்டுப் பிரிவு, தாய்மொழிகள் துறையின் பாடக்கலைத் திட்ட அதிகாரி திருவாட்டி ஆஷிகா சித்திகா அவர்கள், “சிங்கப்பூர் பள்ளிகளில் அழ. வள்ளியப்பாவின் குழந்தைப் பாடல்கள்” என்னும் பொருளில் உரை ஆற்றினார்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பல்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள் ஆய்வாளர்கள் மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் பன்னாட்டளவிலான தமிழ் அமைப்பினர் ஆர்வலர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டனர். நுண்கலைத்துறையின் தமிழ் உதவிப்பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் ம. தமிழரசன் அவர்கள் நன்றி கூறினார்.

சுவர் ஓவியப் போட்டியில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்கள்

திருவாரூர் வனம் இயற்கை மற்றும் விவசாய மேலாண்மைக்கான தன்னார்வ அமைப்பு 09.10.2022 அன்று கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கு மாநில அளவிலான சுவர் ஓவியப் போட்டி நடத்தியது. இதில் நுண்கலைத்துறையைச்

சார்ந்த இளங்கலை மற்றும் முதுகலை மாணவர்கள் 45 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு வனப் பாதுகாப்பு குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வு ஓவியங்கள் வரைந்தனர். இப்போட்டியில் இளங்கலை இரண்டாமண்டு மாணவன் செல்வன் கே. நாராயணக்குமார், நான்காம் ஆண்டு மாணவி செல்வி எம். சஞ்சனா, முதுகலை மாணவன் செல்வன் பி.மே. தெய்வசிகாமணி ஆகியோர் முறையே முதல், இரண்டு மற்றும் மூன்றாம் பரிசினைப் பெற்றனர். பங்கேற்ற மற்றும் பரிசு பெற்ற மாணவர்கள் அனைவரும் துணைவேந்தர் அவர்களைச் சந்தித்து வாழ்த்துப் பெற்றனர்.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

International Webinar on "Forgotten Zones of Postcolonial Studies"

The Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, Karaikudi organized an International Webinar on "Forgotten Zones of Postcolonial Studies" by inviting Dr. Amrita Ghosh, Assistant Professor of South Asian Literatures, Dept. of English, University of Central Florida, U.S.A. on 07th October 2022. While delivering the special discourse on the topic, Dr. Amrita Ghosh, presented an overview on the Indo-Bangladeshi complex borderlands, focusing on the enclaves or 'chitmahals' that became unique stateless conflict zones between India and Bangladesh. She stated that a historic Land Boundary Agreement was signed in 2015, that helped in the official exchange of all chitmahals on both Indian and Bangladeshi sides for incorporation and inclusion within national sovereignties, after seventy years of the Partition of the Indian subcontinent. Yet, in 2021, the question about identity and space arose posing a challenge to easy resolutions within these complex borderlands. Further, she opined that in the light of new scholarship on the once stateless people and former enclaves, she found the enclaves as still hovering in a space of 'abjectness' between inclusion within national sovereignty and not yet fully there. She concluded her lecture by stating that "As a literary and cultural studies scholar, I finally turn to art and the cultural productions and the lived experiences of the residents of the 'former' chitmahal enclaves and find some of the new literary productions, art, documentaries and recent photographs reflecting the possibilities and means towards

solidarity, understanding, boundary crossings that perform critical moments of resistance against the patriarchal-statist hegemony."

Earlier, Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University welcomed the participants and at the end Dr. M. Natarajan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 200 scholars participated in this webinar.

Two-Day "National Seminar on Ethicality, Morality and Justice in Literature"

A Two-Day "National Seminar on Ethicality, Morality and Justice in Literature" was inaugurated on 13.10.2022 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, under the auspices of the Department of English and Foreign Languages.



Presiding over the event, Prof G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, referred to the efficacy of literature and observed that humanity would have remained in sheer ignorance but for great literary works. Since the dawn of civilization, literature has acted as a unifying, radiating and moralizing force and shown the right path to mankind to tread on upholding values such as ethicality and justice for a peaceful coexistence. In the contemporary global milieu, the need to study literature and absorb values highlighted in them has become all the more important to make the earth a safe haven to live in. He added that efforts would be made to teach Japanese language in the Department of English and Foreign Languages for students who want to learn this language of job opportunities.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Vinod Balakrishnan of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, who dwelt at length on the continuing clash between the individual and collective freedom, said that surrendering the individual freedom to the State for preserving our safety has become a necessity now in the larger interests. He added that concerns of humanity and complexities of reality are well portrayed in the postmodern literary works.

Dr. P.V Sreebitha, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Kannur University, Kerala, said that one of the great merits of the colonial rule is the introduction of English Language, the study of which has liberated the marginalized sections of society in India and helped them articulate their predicament. The English translations of standard regional language works that embody the life and aspirations of people do act as unifying force enriching the Indian culture and ethos.

Earlier Prof. P.Madhan, Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering and presented the thematic address. He said that ancient literary works mainly focused on moral dimensions of human life and later on psychological and sociological aspects found in them were explored by critics but the manifestation of life intrinsic to the literary text remains at the base of all types of interpretations. At the end of the inaugural session. Dr. M.Natarajan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES **Gender Champions Meet Organized**

The Gender Champions Meet was organized by the Department of Women's Studies on 19.10.2022. Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, highlighted the roles and responsibilities of the gender champions and discussed various programmes that have to be carried out during the academic year 2022 - 2023. Further, she added that with the support of the lawyers every Saturday free legal aid service is being provided in the Department for the victims of dowry, domestic violence, workplace sexual harassment, child marriage and child abuse. She asked the gender champions to disseminate information about free legal aid service and direct the victims to get assistance. Dr. S. Poulpunitha,

Assistant Professor, Dr. I. Sivakumar and Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistants from the Department of Women's Studies helped the gender champions in planning various programmes that promote gender fair society. 65 gender champions from various departments of Alagappa University actively participated and discussed the ways and methods for carrying out the programmes in an effective and successful way.

Special Lecture on Extension Models

The Department of Women's Studies organised a Special Lecture on Extension Models on 11th November 2022. Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering and highlighted that extension models like Participatory Rural Appraisal and Conscientization Models play a significant role in achieving the goal of the programmes. She added that a knowledge of various extension models would help the students, scholars, faculty members, NGOs, institutions and organizations in implementing their projects/programmes in effective ways.

Mrs. S. Balasaraswathy, Assistant Professor, Department of Home Science, V.V. Vanniaperumal College for Women, Virudhunagar in her special lecture explained various extension models and their application. Further, she discussed the extension programme planning process that helps the extension workers to find out, analyse and solve the problems. In the feedback session, P. Jayaseeli and S.Sridevi, M.A. Integrated Home Science students, said that the session was very informative, and they also said they would adopt certain models when they involve themselves in their field work related activities. P. Jayaseeli, an M.A. Integrated Home Science student, proposed a vote of thanks.

One Day Legal Awareness Programme for Self Help Group Women



As part of the sixteen days activism, the Department of Women's Studies in collaboration with the District Social Welfare & Tamil Nadu Rural Livelihood Mission organized a One Day Legal Awareness Programme for Self Help Group Women on 9th December, 2022 at Mary Wollstonecraft Hall.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, while welcoming the participants said that enhancing knowledge on legal rights of women and girls would help them share their power equally and work together for achieving equality and justice. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice- Chancellor, Alagappa University, presided over the programme. He explained the origin of the SHGs, and the significance of the SHGs that meet the productive and consumption needs of the members from their own savings. Dr.R.Stalin, IPS, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Karaikudi, in his keynote address, discussed the importance of Internal Complaints Committee and various key provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Work place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. Further, he mentioned the help line numbers like 1098, 1091 and 181 that protect women and children from gender based violence. Ms.P.Anbu Gloria, District Social Welfare Officer, Sivagangai, in her special address, explained the nuances of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and referred to the women and child welfare activities that are carried out by the District Social Welfare Board. Mr.V.Kannapan, Advocate, in his special address, elucidated the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks. Nearly 85 Self Help Group members participated and benefited from the programme.

One Day Awareness Programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act 2012

The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, organized a programme titled "16 Days of Activism to Raise Awareness and Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls" from November 25 to December 10, 2022. As part of this, on December 8, 2022, the Department organised a One-day Awareness Programme



for Alagappa University Employees on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act 2012.

While welcoming the gathering, Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, stated that women do not enjoy basic rights in workplaces and they should be treated with dignity and respect in workplaces and in families. The main focus of this awareness camp is to tell women how to prevent violence against them in workplaces and the laws related to quell it. She asked the staff to disseminate the details on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 which is a legislative Act in India that seeks to protect women from sexual harassment at their places of work.

Mr. Kamal Dayalan, Advocate, Karaikudi delivered the special address and highlighted the significance of establishing the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in every institution, its structure, power and the grievance redressal mechanism of the committee. He elaborated on the evolution of the law by quoting the Vishaka Judgement. Further, he referred to historical events that focused on the collectivism, and asked the participants to show integrity and collectivism in accessing the Act which would help their co-workers, friends and colleagues to receive fair treatment.

Dr. P. Veeramani, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 60 staff members of Alagappa University benefited from the programme.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

World Mental Health Day Organized

The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University and Sivagangai District AIDS Prevention Control Unit, jointly organized the World Mental Health Day, 2022 at the Conference Hall of Central Library, on 12th October, 2022.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, while presiding over the programme said that "our world is reeling under the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, wars, displacement, and the climate changes. Number of people experiencing suicidal tendencies have increased globally. Not only people with mental illnesses but also their families too experience stress and this fact is not seriously taken into account. The stigma and discrimination continue to be a barrier to social inclusion and access to the right care of mentally affected people & their families.

The Government & different stakeholders have to apply universal preventive measures that reduce the risk of mental illness. This includes the promotion of social inclusion policies, improved support and direct investment for improving the vulnerable populations and investment in communities. We need to support all well-being interventions from pregnancy to childbirth and from early childhood to early teens and from adulthood to older adulthood. We need to improve the social determinants of health and address mental health stigma and discrimination.

The Vice-Chancellor concluded his speech by saying that there are increasing evidences that the prevention of mental ill health is possible by using both

general and targeted evidence-based interventions. We can all play our part in increasing the awareness on preventing the mental health related problems".

Mr.K.Nagarajan, District Programme Manager, Sivagangai, who presented the keynote address, said that mental health is a basic human right. To create an awareness among the people on the significance of mental health the World Mental Health Day is celebrated every year on 10th October as per the guidelines of WHO. He said exposure to unfavourable social, economic, geopolitical and environmental circumstances- including poverty, violence, inequality and environmental deprivation- leads to mental illness. He also said that being a ICTC Counsellor working with HIV AIDS patients he referred to the way they are stigmatized and marginalized from the society. Alagappa University alumna Mrs.G.Varunidevi who works as District Supervising Officer at DAPCU Collectorate, Sivagangai, spoke about risks which can manifest at all stages of life. She mentioned about different stresses that youth are experiencing today. She also discussed different mental health conditions that individuals will experience when they are affected with mental disorders such as dementia, depression and anxiety. She said that joint ventures between District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit and Alagappa University are initiated to address the mental health problems such as depression, stress, and anxiety.

Earlier Dr.MA.Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work, welcomed the gathering and Mr.J.Vignesh Sabarikiran, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

Vigilance Awareness Week Observed

The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Thirumayam jointly observed Vigilance Awareness Week from 31.10.2022 to 06.11.2022. In connection with the event, elocution and essay-writing competitions were conducted for the university students and the winners were given prizes and certificates by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi.



Presiding over the prize distribution function held on 08.11.2022 the Vice-Chancellor said that corruption is a major roadblock to the development and progress of a nation. Corruption is like cancer and must be thoroughly eradicated, he added. There is no corruption in Scandinavian countries like Sweden, Norway, Iceland, because people of these countries work hard, live independently and safely protecting the national interest. This is the right time in India to create awareness about corruption among students because students are the real pillars of the country's development. The government is constantly taking various initiatives to eradicate corruption. He asked the youth to support all the initiatives taken in this regard and strive to eradicate corruption completely. Programmes of this kind, he stated, would help students in understanding the evil impact of corruption.

The General Manager of BHEL, Thirumayam Mr. I. Kamalakannan delivered the keynote address. In his speech, he said that obtaining an Indian Passport was difficult during earlier times and that led even to minor corruption. Now things have changed due to governmental efforts. Computerizations and digital transactions have greatly reduced corruption. He mentioned that BHEL is conducting various programmes to make the student community perceive the significance of vigilance and not to allow any corruptive activity. He also highlighted how as vigilant citizens we can safeguard ourselves from corrupt people and practices. As good citizens we need to act as guardians to our country's natural wealth.

As part of the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, Mr. Arogyasamy, Deputy General Manager,

administered the anti-corruption pledge which was repeated in chorus by the participants.

Earlier Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work delivered the welcome address and Mr. J. Vigneshsabarikiran, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

National Seminar on "Human Rights in India : Issues and Challenges"



A One Day National Seminar on "Human Rights in India: Issues and Challenges Faced" was organized by the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University in collaboration with Ananda College, Devakottai, on 23.12.22.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the event and delivered a speech. In his address, he said that human rights are guaranteed to all mankind, without any discrimination. Human rights should be provided equally and wholesomely to all. Articles that related to human rights have been included as Fundamental Rights in the Constitution of India. He added that human rights laws must be protected for preserving public peace and also for progress and development of the nation.

Mr. Prince Gajendrababu, Educationist and General Secretary of the State Campaign for School Education, presented the thematic address. On this occasion, Fr. John Vasanthakumar of Ananda College, Devakottai, Famous Film Music Composer James Vasanthan, Dr. Karthikeyan of the Rotary Club of Devakottai and industrialists Messrs. Rameshraj and Siva were the special guests. Human rights lawyer Selvagomati from Madurai, Prof. J. Balasubramanian of the Madurai Kamaraj University and Prof. Ratnahariyam of the Central University of Assam delivered speeches on human rights.

A concert titled "Tamil Osai" was rendered by the renowned film music composer James Vasanthan's team at the end of the seminar. Alagappa University Faculty and students participated in large numbers in the event. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work and coordinator of the seminar delivered the welcome address. Dr. Ka. Gobu, Vice-Principal of Ananda College, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

National Unity Day

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 147th Birth Anniversary Celebrated

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 147th Birth Anniversary was celebrated as the National Unity Day at Alagappa University, on 31.10.2022 under the aegis of the Department of History.

Presiding over the event, Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, described Patel as the unparalleled leader of iron will power whose remarkable negotiation skill, tact, diplomacy and tenacity of purpose helped mother India in the process of integrating 565 Princely States with her. He could visualize the strength and power of Integrated India and the speed and the command with which he did the unification work were not an ordinary feat. And today India's enormous achievements in all fields stand testimony to his perception of a United India. He added that today's corporate leaders can learn the significance of leadership traits such as foresight, determination, commitment, pragmatic approach, collaboration and co-ordination for a successful running of any big business enterprise from the life and works of Vallabhbhai Patel. He concluded his speech by exhorting students to work hard and emulate the unstinted patriotism shown by Patel towards the country for the progress of our nation.

Prof.P.Sakthivel, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Annamalai University, in his special address, stated that the National Unity Day celebrated in remembrance of Sardar Patel aims to create an awareness among the people on the importance of preserving the unity, integrity and security of the nation for its progress and prosperity. Dwelling on the sterling qualities of Vallabhbhai Patel, he said that Patel never swerved from the path of truthfulness. Hard work, avoiding procrastination

and always following the moral and ethical ways were the key traits of Patel that brought success in all his endeavours. "The Statue of Unity" stands tall proclaiming Patel's stature and qualities to the world at large.



Floral tributes were paid to the portrait of Sardar Patel by the distinguished guests at the beginning of the programme. Elocution, Essay Writing and Quiz competitions were conducted in connection with the celebrations and the winners of the competitions were awarded shields, prizes and certificates.

Dr.S.Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, offered felicitation. Earlier, Dr. AR. Saravanakumar, Head i/c, Department of History, welcomed the gathering. Dr. G.Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Ten - Day Research Methodology Course Conducted

A Ten - Day Research Methodology Course organised by the Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi under the sponsorship of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, was inaugurated on 07-12-2022 at the Seminar Hall of the Central Library of the University.

While welcoming the participants, Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Course Director, stated that the objective of the ten - day course in research methodology is to hone the research skills of the participants by focusing on the modern methodological tools to design and conduct research and to analyse research outcome for pragmatic action. He profusely

thanked the Indian Council of Social Science Research for its continued support and patronage for all earnest efforts taken by Alagappa University for enhancing the quality of research.



Inaugurating the course, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, asked the researchers to explore the issues of vulnerable and marginalized communities living in rural pockets of India. He also appealed to them to develop a proper perspective on the root causes of the social problems and conduct research and produce reliable results. Such results should ultimately help in framing policies for pragmatic action for the development of the society. He also said that all disciplines coming under the purview of Social Sciences should be given equal importance.

The Vice - Chancellor added that universities in India give much importance to disciplines like Economics and Management Science; and other Social Science disciplines like Anthropology, Public Administration, Sociology etc., are given only less importance but they are also the mainstream disciplines like Economics and Management Science.

He said that migration of our intellectuals and highly skilled researchers to developed countries seeking higher job opportunities and better living conditions is a big loss in human resource utilisation in India. Many researchers usually acquire skills and training in India but their final contributions go to the developed economies.

As per the recent reports, he said every year around one lakh Social Science articles are published by the Indian authors and more than 80% of those articles are not indexed in Scopus / Web of Science. In this context,

researchers should be keen on publishing their works only in indexed journals.

The Vice - Chancellor concluded his speech by saying that today in national or international institutional ranking systems 30 to 40 percent of weightage is given to publications, citations and their impact. Referring to research culture in Alagappa University, he said that "we are endeavouring to promote the quality of publications among the faculty members, research scholars and students. As on date Alagappa University has contributed 5689 quality publications in Scopus database and scored about 92000 citations attaining an h-index of 100".

In his keynote address, Prof. R. Sevukan, Department of Library and Information Science, Pondicherry University, emphasised the need to sensitise the budding social science researchers on producing quality research. While conducting research or publishing research papers, he said, the outcomes of a research should be user-centric in order to get better visibility and greater impact. In comparison with number of academic institutions, R&D expenditure and research productivity of India, the relative impact is not upto the expectations. He exhorted the young researchers to concentrate on quality research. He warned that poor quality publications done to inflate quantity would adversely affect the ranking of institutions to which they belong.

Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Dean, Research, Alagappa University offered felicitations. Dr. S. Kishore Kumar, Deputy Librarian and Co- Course Director, proposed a vote of thanks, Dr. P. Veeramani, (Assistant Professor, Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University) and Dr. R. Suresh, (Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Rural Development), Organising Committee Members, were present on the occasion. Thirty Scholars representing different disciplines and from across the country participated in the ten-day programme.

The following senior academics delivered lectures at the 10-day programme -- Dr. R. Sevukan, Dr. K. Alamelu, Dr. B.S. Mahanand, Dr. P. Sivakumar, Dr. T. R. Gurumoorthy, Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Dr. V. Manickavasagam, Dr. K. Gowri, Dr. R. Kasilingam, Dr. Janarthanan Balakrishnan, Dr. K. Ramasamy, Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy,

Dr. PS. Velmurugan, Dr. K. Manimekalai, Dr. Sreejith V, Dr. M. Sadik Batcha, Dr. G. Ilankumaran and Prof. C. Raghava Reddy.

The 25 topics dealt with in the course were : Social Science Research, Scientific Writing, Identification of Research Problem, Structuring Literature Review through Zotero and Latex, Data Collection Techniques, Creativity and Novelty in Research, Role of INFLIBNET Centre: Major Activities and Services, Quality of Research, Basic Statistics (Descriptive and Inferential), Use of Parametric and Non - Parametric Test in Primary Data Analysis, Eviews for Econometric Analysis, Selection of Research Design: Sampling / Questionnaire / Scaling Techniques, Free Online Tools for Research, Mind Mapping : Tools and Techniques, Writing quality Research Papers & Publishing in High Impact Journals, Report / Thesis Writing, Qualitative Research Methods, Feminist Methods in Social Research, Formulation and Testing of Hypothesis, Logic in Research/WoS/ Scopus Journal Selection, Reference Management System Tools & Techniques, Grounded Theory in Research, The Journey into research: A Philosophical Overview, Challenges in Social Science Research: Contemporary Perspective, Citation Metrics and Research Management System.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS **Special Lecture Programme**

The Department of Fine Arts organized a "Special Lecture Programme on Selecting a Topic for Research" to M.P.A. Music and Dance students on 14.11.2022. Prof. S. Senthamizhpavai, in her presidential address, shed light on the methods of selecting a topic for serious research. Dr. S. Karpagam, Professor & Head, Department of Music, Tamil University, Thanjavur, made a mention of topics selected for research in the area of Music and Dance and also gave hints and suggestions regarding the unexplored areas and topics that have potential for future research. Mr. M. Ganesh, Teaching assistant, Department of Fine Arts welcomed the gathering earlier. Mrs.J.Ananthi, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks. Faculty members and students from the Department of Fine Arts participated in the programme.

International Conference on Styles and Jathis in Bharatanatyam and Music

The Department of Fine Arts, Alagappa University, organized an International Conference on Styles and Jathis in Bharatanatyam and Music on 19.12.2022 at L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium.

The Head i/c of the Department Prof. S. Senthamizhpavai delivered the welcome speech. She referred to the contributions of the renowned Nattuvanars (Classical Dance Masters) of the 20th century like Meenakshisundaram Pillai, Kattumannar Kovil Muthukumar, Vazhuvur Ramaiah Pillai, Thanjavur Kittappa Pillai and Dandayudapani Pillai.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University who presided over the event mentioned that South Indian arts have a special place in the Indian tradition, and especially arts of Tamil Nadu hold a unique identity. He said that Tamil Nadu is considered the home of arts and it has nurtured all the 64 art forms. He said that Bharatanatyam has attained a high place in the sphere of arts and it is a very ancient one and it is not possible to say with certainty when it appeared, as far as Tamilnadu is concerned. Dance has been an important part of divine worship since the time when the Kattalais appeared. He also highlighted how Bharatanatyam and Music have evolved over the years. He referred to the varied styles of the Nattuvanars living in different parts of Tamil Nadu and the musical styles of the composers who provided the soul-stirring music that supported the dance and elevated it to a higher level.

Dr. Sornamalya, the founder of Ranga Mandira Academy, Chennai, delivered the keynote address at this seminar. In her speech, she highlighted the origin of Bharatakalai, the formation of styles and the teaching processes used by the Nattuvanars. She made a reference

to dominant styles or banis of Bharatanatyam such as Thanjavur style, Pandanallur style, Vazhuvur style, Kalakshetra style and Mellattur style. She mentioned that style is like a human chain and the continuum of it could be discerned. She said that we can live with great happiness and peace of mind when we practise this art. She also said that art is very essential and it is helpful and useful for people to lead a stress free life.

On this occasion, a souvenir containing research papers on Bharatam and styles and patterns in music was released by the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. M. Tamilarasan, Assistant Instructor, Department of Fine Arts, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural function.

Kalaimamani Dr. M. SP. Sarala, Founder, Kalaikovil Dance School, Karaikudi and Dr. S. Karpagam, Head, Music Department, The Tamil University, Thanjavur, chaired the two technical sessions that followed the inaugural ceremony. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, presided over the valedictory function. Dr. R. Vijayaraghavan of the Tamil Nadu Government College of Music, Chennai, delivered the valedictory address. Dr. M. Ganesh, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks.

More than 150 people like musicians and dancers, researchers and students participated in this national seminar.

Student Wins Award in Painting Competition



Miss. V. Vinitha, pursuing her MFA Painting Programme at Alagappa University, won a cash award of Rs. 40,000 and a certificate of appreciation for her oil painting that portrayed a scene from Thirukkural Chapter

Kalam Arithal. It was one of the 15 best paintings selected for award. The Thirukkural Painting Competition was conducted by the Thirukkural Art Gallery on 23.12.2022 at the World Tamil Research Institute, Taramani, with the financial support of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Workshop on Animation Production

A Two-Day Workshop on Introduction to Animation Production was organized by the Department of Fine Arts, Alagappa University on 26th & 27th August 2022. The inaugural function was held on 26th August. The Head of the Department Dr. S. Senthamizhpavai presided over the function and it was inaugurated by Mr. Jegannath Ramanujam, CEO, Creative Hands, Singapore.

In her presidential address, Dr. S. Senthamizhpavai referred to the origin of animation and evolution of animation techniques. Further, she stated that the history of animation could be traced back to the early Chinese shadow puppetry and the optical toys of eighteenth century. She concluded her speech by highlighting the necessity of learning animation techniques for Fine Arts students and referred to the objective of the workshop.

The renowned animation expert from singapore Mr. Jegannath Ramanujam demonstrated the subtle nuances of varied animation works. Further, he spoke about the value of animation works in the global market and the basic skills that are needed for an animation production. He exhorted the students to master the art works and forms so as to progate and get proper animation.

While welcoming the gathering Dr. P. Stubert Sibi, Teaching Assistant, Department of Fine Arts, hoped that this Two-day Workshop with its emphasis on animation techniques would be of great help to the Fine Arts students. On 27th evening the valedictory function was held at the Seminar Hall of the College of Education. Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS National Mathematics Day Celebrated

The National Mathematics Day was celebrated at the School of Mathematics, Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 22.12.2022 to mark the 135th birth anniversary of the legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Prof. N. Anbazhagan, Head, Department of Mathematics, in his welcome address, said that the objective of celebrating the National Mathematics Day is to create awareness among the students on the significance of studying maths and to remember the remarkable contributions made by Ramanujan, a genius adored by the scholars in the field of Mathematics.



Presiding over the event, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, stated that the works of Ramanujan are comparable to the contributions of the world renowned scientists like Archimedes and Isaac Newton. His research works on number theory, infinite series, mathematical analysis have led to the growth of this field. He added that mathematics is the simplest language to communicate anything easily. In the last hundred years mathematical interventions have had a tremendous impact on biology. As maths is a prime subject and the queen among all science subjects, he exhorted the students to study maths along with other subjects for a better comprehension of their subjects.

Prof. D. Arivudainambi, Former Director, Centre for Affiliation of Institutions and Director, University Library, Anna University, Chennai, delivered a Special Lecture on the "Importance of Mathematics in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning". More than 150 students participated in the event.

Dr. R. Jeyabalan, Assistant Professor & Coordinator of the programme, proposed a vote of thanks.

Awards Received by the Faculty Members

❖ Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor & Head of Department of Mathematics, Alagappa University received "INDO-ASIAN BERTRAND RUSSELL DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD 2022" at the International

Conference on Engineering, Architecture, Physics and Mathematical Sciences. hosted by Saigon University in Bien Hoa, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, on December 15-16, 2022.



❖ Dr. S. Amutha, Assistant Professor, Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics, Alagappa University received Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Distinguished Research Excellence Award 2022 in Mathematics on October 15th, 2022 from the Centre of Professional Advancement and Continuous Education, India.

RAMANUJAN CENTRE FOR HIGHER MATHEMATICS

Researcher from Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics Conducted an International Outreach Programme

Mr. Sayooj Aby Jose, a scholar working under Dr. R. Raja and a visiting research fellow in Dong Thap University, conducted an International Research Outreach Programme from Aug 2022 to Nov 2022. The IROP - 2022 was a 10-day outreach programme organised from September 16 to October 17, 2022 with mentorship of 19 eminent mathematicians and learned scholars from nine different nations such as Vietnam, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, United Kingdom, Ghana, USA, Turkey, Morocco and the experts delivered talks on their respective research areas. The programme happened in a hybrid mode; 46 scholars participated through online mode while 16 participants attended in offline mode. The goal of IROP - 2022 was to enhance students' grasp of subjects and to improve their research aptitude. In addition to this, the programme encouraged students to learn about research institutions and careers in research.

Distinctions Gained by a Researcher

❖ Mr. Sayooj Aby Jose, was invited as a keynote speaker in SOFA Conference organized by Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania and he delivered a talk on



"Mathematical Modeling on Co-infection: Transmission Dynamics of Zika virus and Dengue fever" during 21-23 November 2022. He was one among the 28 specialists from various nations. He participated in a One Day International Workshop on Mathematics organized by Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Uri, in collaboration with Department of Science and Technology J&K on 22/12/2022. He engaged a session on Mathematical Modeling in Real Life Problems and delivered the keynote address.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

World Standards Day 2022

The Department of Physics organized the World Standards Day 2022 on 14th October, 2022 at the Seminar Hall of the Department. Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Head, Department of Physics, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the function and highlighted the importance of standards in research and innovative ideas for using the technology which kindled the students' minds. Prof. Kuppusamy Thayalan, Consultant Medical Physicist, Madras Medical College, Chennai, gave the thematic address on "Radiation Dosimetry and Standards in Medicine". He enlightened the gathering with contemporary ideas on radiation and its standards in medicine which was very useful to the listeners. In addition, Dr. Murugan Veerapandian, Scientist, Electrodecs & Electrocatalysis Division, CSIR- CECRI, Karaikudi, delivered a talk on "Collaborative R&D for Sustainable Growth: Emphasis on Analytical Standards" which detailed the benefits of collaborative R&D among the institutions and the applications of analytical standards in studying the materials. Dr. N. Anandhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Coordinator of the programme, proposed a vote of thanks.

Themed Nobel Excellence Talks -2022 (ACT NEXT 2022) Conducted

Nobel Prize is a prestigious prize awarded to discoverers in six different fields. The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 was awarded jointly to Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger "for conducting experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science".

Nobel excellence Talks-2022 (Act Next 2022) was organized jointly by the Department of Physics and Internal Quality Assurance Cell on 10th January 2023. The main objective of this programme is to encourage the spirit of research and innovative approach among the students and to improve and inculcate the scientific attitude through talks on Nobel Prize theme.

Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Head, Department of Physics, welcomed the gathering. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the function. Prof. Arul Lakshminarayan, Head, Department of Physics, IITM, Chennai inaugurated the event. Dr. Basherrudin Mahmud Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai and Prof. K. Alamelu, Director of IQAC, Alagappa University, offered felicitations.

In the technical session, Prof. Arul Lakshminarayan, delivered a lecture on the topic "Quantum entanglement: From paradox to reality". The special theme based lectures on quantum entanglement, quantum computation, violation of bell equalities and the role of quantum mechanics in teleportation were given by Dr. Basherrudin Mahmud Ahmed, Prof. C. Sekar, Head, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors, Alagappa University and Dr. J. Wilson, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors.

At the end of the programme Dr. R. Subadevi, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and the Organising Secretary of Act Next 2022, proposed a vote of thanks.

National Recognition to the Department

❖ A patent on "A Method of Preparing MXENE Nanosheets" has been granted and 118 international peer reviewed articles were published.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Expert Lecture and Hands-on Training on Mobile Application Development Organised

The Alagappa University Computer Science Students Association (ALUCSSA) organized an expert lecture and hands-on-training on mobile application development on 12th October 2022. Dr. T. Meyyappan, Professor and Head i/c, welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Prof and Head i/c, Department of Computational Logistics, delivered the presidential address. Mr. T. Muthuvijaya Raja, Chief Technology Officer, DCE Technology, Virudhunagar performed a live demonstration to show how a mobile application could be developed; and he conducted the hands-on session at the Multipurpose Computer Laboratory at the Science Block. The Students Association President Pugazendhi and Secretary Sruthilaya and all the other members of the Association made elaborate arrangements to stage the event. 120 students from M.Sc. Computer Science participated and benefitted.

Two-Day Symposium (TECHNOVA - 2022) Conducted



The Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, conducted a Two-day Symposium (TECHNOVA - 2022) for UG level college students pursuing Computer Science as a major subject on 27th and 28th October 2022 at the Science Campus Seminar Hall.

Inaugurating the Seminar, Prof. G Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, said that it is significant that Alagappa University has been ranked fourth in India and first in Tamil Nadu in the Times Higher Education World Ranking. Noting that the Computer Science Department of the University is

performing well in teaching and research work; he asked the teachers to take efforts to provide better employment skills to all the students studying in the department. He further asked the faculty members of the department to collect information about the alumni and use their expertise to improve the skills of current students and ensure their placements too. He also mentioned that the contribution of alumni is very important for the improvement of university ranking.

He added that students, besides having a good knowledge of the subjects chosen for study, must also acquire special skills and learn other foreign languages, especially Japanese and German languages. That will open for them the avenue to get employment abroad.

Dr. R. Stalin, I.P.S., Assistant Superintendent of Police, Karaikudi, in his special address, exhorted the students to improve their skills needed for getting employment and work hard to come up in life. He presented prizes to the winners of various competitions conducted by the Department of Computer Science.

Registrar i/c, Prof. S. Rajamohan, in his speech, charted the phenomenal development of technology from the 19th century till today. He mentioned that nothing happens in our day-to-day work without the help of computers. He said that students should learn as much as possible then only can they stand in the competitive world.

Earlier, the Head of the Department of Computer Science Prof. T. Meyyappan welcomed the participants. Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

More than hundred students studying in various Arts and Science Colleges from Tamil Nadu participated in this event.

The students of Computer Science Department of Alagappa University made arrangements for this event.

Three-Day Workshop on Multimedia Animation and IoT

The Department of Computer Science organized a three-day Workshop on Multimedia Animation and IoT(MAIOT-2022). The workshop was sponsored by Alumni and Students Associations of the Department of Computer Science and it was held from 28th to 30th

September 2022. Registrar i/c Prof. S. Rajamohan, in his inaugural address, appealed to the participants to gain expertise in current trends of Multimedia and IoT technologies and become employable. He motivated the participants to acquire skills for getting high salaried jobs in this thrust area. Moreover, he shared his experiences while he did his M.Phil and Ph.D research. He said he referred to many books without internet resources. He added that the present scenario of research has become sophisticated with many internet resources; and IoT is transforming the business world and consumers with new technology insight. He referred to the contactless services offered by IoT during the COVID-19 pandemic period. Multimedia expert Mr. Veeranathan of Balaji Institute of Computer Graphics and Dr. Senthilkumar, Professor and Director of IoT, Dr. NGP Arts and Science College, Coimbatore, trained the students in multimedia, animation and IoT respectively. Earlier, Prof. T. Meyyappan, Head i/c, welcomed the gathering, Prof. A. Padmapriya proposed a vote of thanks, and Dr. S. Santhoshkumar organized the event. More than 120 participants attended the workshop and found the workshop very useful.



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Zero Waste Management Programme

Bio-Compost Plant Established at Alagappa Alumni Park



A Waste-Recycling Bio-compost Plant has been established at the University by the Department of Botany. The plant has been installed at the Alagappa University Alumni Park at an estimated cost of Rs. 22 Lakhs given by the Tamil Nadu State Higher Education Council under its Zero Waste Management Scheme. The Bio Shredder Plant was inaugurated on 7.11.2022 by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi.

Paper, plastic, metals, glass, food waste and other compostable materials can be recycled through bio compost machinery; and the converted raw materials would be suitable for a variety of uses. By recycling done in this way under the Zero Waste Management Programme will greatly help in protecting the environment. It is worth noting here that the carbon footprint caused by the production of recycled products is much less than the carbon footprint caused by the production of various other products. By recycling bio-waste, we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve resources and create valuable products.

The waste collected from various places in the University campus is recycled through bio-compost machine and used as natural fertilizer for all the gardens in the University.

During the inaugural event, Registrar i/c Prof. S. Rajamohan, Head of the Department of Botany i/c Prof. K. Pandima Devi and the Principal Investigator of the Project Dr. A. Arumugam and the University Green Campus Coordinator Dr. K. Balasubramanian were present.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

Prof. A. Arun, Head, Department of Microbiology, has received a Consultancy Project from Sustainable Hydrogen for Valuable Applications (SHYVA), France with a financial support of Rs. 50,000/- for five months.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION National Education Day Celebrated

The National Education Day was organized on 11.11.2022 at the Convocation Seminar Hall under the auspices of the Department of Education. Prof. Dr. K. Kalaiyarasan, Head, Department of Education delivered the welcome speech.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, who presided over the event, mentioned that the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India, is being celebrated as the National Education Day. He also said that its primary objective is to highlight the importance of education and remind the educational institutions to provide quality education to all students.

Abdul Kalam Azad said that it is the birthright of every citizen of India to get basic education and only if they get it, they can fulfill their duty as citizens of India. Mr. Azad was hailed as a great thinker, philosopher, political leader, patriot, social worker and humanitarian. He believed that the standard education given to the people will help in making the nation stronger. The Vice-Chancellor added that In Japan, children are taught all good things from elementary level with a view to making them good citizens. He said moral education, physical fitness exercises and individual skills training are provided in Japan to children so that they can become honest, hardworking and helpful to others.

Tamil Nadu State Education Research and Training Institute Deputy Director Dr. Sameem delivered the keynote address on the occasion. He said in India we face three major challenges that are population explosion, pollution and poverty. He added that we can solve these problems through proper education, employment and empowerment. And he said that "if a man's thoughts, actions and abilities go together, then he can acquire an integrated personality". He exhorted the students to acquire the skills required for the 21st century such as communication skills, organization skills etc.

Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Syndicate Member, Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, delivered speeches at the function.

Shields and certificates were awarded to school students who participated in various competitions held in connection with the National Education Day celebrations.

Dr. R. Ramnath, Department of Education, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF LIFE LONG LEARNING **Workshop on Career Development** **Organised**



The Department of Life Long Learning, Alagappa University, organised a Workshop on "Professional Career and Development" on 15.11.2022. Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Life Long Learning, welcomed the gathering. Prof. K. Alamelu, Director, IQAC, Professor and Head, Department of Banking Management, Alagappa University, presided over the inaugural session of the workshop. She spoke about various skills related to professional and career development and how they could be acquired by aspirants. She also referred to the notable professionals and narrated their life stories. Prof. V. Sivakumar, Director, CDDC, Professor and Head, Department of Logistics Management, Alagappa University, delivered the special address. In his special address, he made a mention of a few remarkable personalities and referred to their remarkable achievements in the field of business. Dr. M. Neethi Perumal, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Life Long Learning, proposed a vote of thanks.

Workshop on Visual Effects and Animation Conducted



A Workshop on "Visual Effects and Animation" was organised by the Department of Life Long Learning on 27.11.2022. Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Life Long Learning, welcomed the gathering. Prof. P. Sivakumar, Special Officer (P&D), Professor and Head, Department of Education (DDE), Alagappa University, presided over the event. In his presidential address, he spoke about the importance of visual effects and animation in the present technological era. He also highlighted various job opportunities available in this field. Mr. P. Thirumalaiselvan, Expert in VFX & Career Guidance, ICAT Design and Media College, Chennai and Mr. N.M. Varan, Technical Expert in VFX and Cinematographer, ICAT Design and Media College, Chennai, were the special invitees. They explained different visual effect techniques and nuances and also highlighted the importance of animation. Dr. M. Neethi Perumal, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Life Long Learning, delivered the vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

Freshers Day Celebrated

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science organized the Freshers Day Function on 1st of October 2022. All the first year B.Ed. Spl. Ed., M.Ed Spl. Ed. & M.Sc Psychology Students were welcomed by the second year students. The Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff of the Department played the role of

co-organizers. The programme was held at the L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar Auditorium.

Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Dean, Faculty of Education and Dr. K Gunasekaran, Syndicate Member, were the special guests of the day. Students performed various cultural programmes.



Mental Health Day Observed

The World Mental Health Day was observed in the department on 10th October 2022. The main aim of the day was to raise awareness among students and others about the importance of mental health of students.

Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Professor and Head, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, welcomed the gathering. Resource Person Dr. Rajesh Ramachandran, Rehabilitation Officer, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, underscored the importance of mental health for serious learning and happy life. He also listed out the measures to be taken to develop mental health among students. In the interactive session, students raised many questions which were answered by the resource person. The session was useful and interesting to the participants.

World White Cane Day Organised

On 15th October 2022, the World White Cane Day was observed in the department. Dr. J. Sujathamalini delivered the welcome address. Dr. K Gunasekaran, Syndicate Member, offered felicitation. Mr. P. Prabhu, Ph.D. Scholar served as resource person and highlighted the importance of White Cane for persons with visual disability. He explained sighted guide technique to the students that provided orientation and mobility awareness to the prospective teachers.

Special Educator's Day Organised

The Special Educator's Day was organised in the Department on 28th October 2022. Keeping in view about the aims and objectives of the courses conducted in the department, this day was given special importance. The students and all others associated with the department participated enthusiastically. The Head of the Department, in her welcome address, underlined the significance of the day and hinted at the the future moral responsibilities of the B.Ed. and M.Ed. Special Education students towards the society.

Dr. M. Karuppasamy served as a resource person at the programme. He also spoke about the duties of special educators. Another resource person Mr. Arumugam, Block Special Educator, Sivagangai, highlighted his work experience and stated the significance of special education. He explained in detail the role of special educators and their importance in the progress of children with special needs. The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by a research scholar of the Department.

Kerala Day Conducted



The Kerala Day was organized at the department on 1st November 2022. The students from Kerala organized the day. Their performances of song recitals, dances, and mime acting enthralled the audience; and these events brought joy to all the others present at the programme.

Dr. J. Sujathamalini and Dr. K Gunasekaran addressed the students at the event. Students from other departments also attended the event. They participated in various cultural events focusing on the uniqueness of Kerala art traditions.

Silambam Performance of a Student Chola Book of World Records Documents the Feat



The Founder of Sivagangai Seemai Silambam Group arranged the visit of the members of the Chola Book of World Records on 11th December 2022. In this great event R. Santhosh, a student of Alagappa University Special School for Persons With Disability (Autism & Intellectual Disability) participated and successfully performed silambam while walking continuously for 20 Kilometers in 4 Hours and made a record which is to be documented in the Chola Book of World Records. He made this feat along with 180 normal students.

Children's Day Celebrations

The Children's Day was celebrated on 14.11.2022 at the College of Education Seminar hall on behalf of Alagappa University Nehru Education Centre, Karaikudi. Dr. K. Chitra Devi, Co-ordinator, Nehru Education Centre, delivered the welcome address.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University who presided over the event, said that Pandit Nehru was concerned about the welfare and education of all children. He mentioned that children are the real wealth of a nation and asked the parents and teachers to guide them properly and make them responsible citizens. Besides textbook education, children should also be given training in life skills. India has a large youth population. Human resources in India are second to none. Developed countries like Japan are keen to tap India's manpower. All developed countries give great importance to basic education of children. Teachers should instill confidence in children. He said that our rural students have a lot of talent and potential and if they develop their English speaking skills they can make global achievements in various fields.

Dr. Chidambaram, Associate Professor, Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi, was the special guest on the occasion. Children are unique, he said. He asked students not to compare themselves with others and without any hesitation take advantage of all the opportunities available to showcase their talents.

Dean, Faculty of Education Prof. J. Sujatha Malini, in her felicitation, said that children are soft-hearted like rose petals. He requested the teaching community to strive to help them attain complete development.

The Nehru Centre for Education gifted educational aids and equipments to Alagappa University Special School. Also, on the occasion of Children's Day, various competitions were conducted for the students of the Special School and the winners were given certificates and prizes by the Vice-Chancellor.

At the end of the programme, Nehru Education Centre Coordinator Dr. Rajeshwari proposed a vote of thanks.

Broad Based Board of Studies

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science conducted the Broad Based Board of Studies on 18th of November 2022. They framed the syllabi for B.sc Psychology and M.sc Psychology programmes offered through distance education mode. The syllabi for the programmes were framed by Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Professor and Head and the Chairperson of the board. Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Assistant Professor, Dr. S.

Kadhiravan, Professor, Department of Psychology, Periyar University, Salem, Dr. M. V. Sudhakaran, Professor, School of Social Science, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai; Dr. T. Yuvaraj, Assistant Professor & Head i/c, Department of Psychology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, attended the meeting and discussed and finalized the regulations and syllabi of the above programmes.

Students Win Prizes at State Level Competitions

A State Level Sports Event for Persons with Disabilities was held on 1st December 2022 in Chennai. The students of Alagappa University Special School for Persons with Disabilities (Autism & Intellectual Disability) took part in the event and won prizes. P. Arunpandi secured the 1st Prize in 100 Metres, A. Dhayanithi secured the 3rd prize in standing long jump. S.Yugendiran participated in long jump. Prizes and certificates were given by TMT. Jacintha Lazarus, IAS, Commissioner, State Commissionerate for Welfare of the Differently Abled, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

Students Win Prizes at International Day of Persons with Disabilities Conducted at Sivagangai District Differently Abled Welfare Office



The International Day of Persons with Disabilities was conducted on 10th December 2022 at the District Differently Abled Welfare Office, Sivagangai. The Alagappa University students of the Special School for Persons With Disabilities (Autism & Intellectual Disability) took part in cultural and sports events and received prizes from the Hon'ble Minister Thiru. KR. Periyakaruppan, Minister of Co-operation and Rural Development, Government of Tamil Nadu; and Sivagangai District Collector P. Madhusudhan Reddy I.A.S. was present on the occasion.

ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Three-Day Faculty Development Programme on Mentoring Entrepreneurship & Innovation Skills

Entrepreneurship Innovation and Career Hub, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Chennai, jointly organized a Three-Day Faculty Development Programme on Mentoring Entrepreneurship and Innovation Skills from 11th October 2022 to 13th October 2022 in the Seminar Hall of the EIC Hub. A total of 43 participants from the University Departments, Affiliated Colleges of Alagappa University and Spoke Institutions of the hub participated. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. G Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. He stressed upon the vision and mission of EIC- Hub of the University. He emphasized that "The schemes of Tamil Nadu Government encourage starting of micro, small and medium enterprises" He asked the participants to encourage the students to take up startup venture. He referred to the objectives of FDP and said that the programme is designed to train professionals in entrepreneurship development so that they can act as "Resource Persons" in guiding and motivating young students particularly from Science, Engineering and Technology streams to take up entrepreneurship as a career option; and he also said that the participating faculty members will be exposed to the Comprehensive Entrepreneurship Development Process and Nuances.

The participants, he added, would be equipped with requisite Skills, Knowledge and Competencies for effective initiation of Entrepreneurship Awareness Camps and Entrepreneurship Development Courses in their institutions. Mrs. Gauri Gopinath, Master Trainer, Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Chennai, delivered the inaugural address. In her inaugural address, she stressed on the importance of startup in the current scenario and exhorted the participants to encourage students to pursue entrepreneurial ventures. Earlier Prof. C. Vethirajan, Director i/c EIC Hub and IEDP Hub, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address and Dr. V. Dharuman, Assistant Professor and IIC Coordinator, Alagappa University proposed a vote of thanks.

The three days' sessions were handled by Mrs. Gauri Gopinath, Master Trainer, EDII TN by covering various modules on entrepreneurship.

On the first-day she spoke about e-cell and the structural management; entrepreneurs and their types; problem identification and conversion of problem as a business opportunity, application of effective principle and concluded the session with identification of customers, customer segmentation and target market identification for selling of products/services by the entrepreneurs.

On the second day she trained the faculties by giving detailed inputs on the concepts like value proposition, design thinking, basic finance, lean and business model canvas, effective communication and concluded the session by speaking on the importance of elevator pitch and how it is important for the entrepreneurs in the competitive environment.



On the third day the resource person reviewed the past two days modules and highlighted the numerous benefits of entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship goals and vision of entrepreneurship towards the upliftment of the

nation by making students as entrepreneurs by means of guidance from the faculty e-cell coordinators from Spoke Institutions and also with the support of EDII TN.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, delivered the Valedictory Address. He said by creating & providing platforms to all the students through e-cells in the academic institutions, student entrepreneurs could be created to lead our economy for a better future. He also said that the faculty members are transforming pillars who could create the entrepreneurial spirit among the students. Earlier Professor C. Vethirajan, Director i/c EIC Hub and IEDP Hub, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address.

E&I Cell Faculty Coordinators from various Spoke Institutions in Sivagangai and Ramnathapuram districts under the control of Alagappa University, Karaikudi participated and benefitted in the 3-day FDP on Entrepreneurship and Innovation. At the end of the valedictory function Mr. J. Arumai Ruban, Field Coordinator, EDII -Tamil Nadu, delivered the vote of thanks.

Workshop on Design Thinking

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub, Alagappa University and EDII - IEDP Alagappa University in association with Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Chennai, organised a Two-day Workshop on Design Thinking on 1st and 2nd November 2022 in the Seminar Hall of the EIC Hub at Alagappa Institute of Skill Development. A total number of 50 students from 24 Affiliated Colleges of Alagappa University and Technical Institutions participated in the workshop.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presided over the inaugural function and in his presidential address, he asked the students "not to be seekers but be makers". The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. R. Arunkumar, Master Trainer, EDII, Chennai. He thanked Alagappa University for giving full support for conducting seminars and workshops. Earlier Prof. C. Vethirajan, Director i/c, EIC Hub and IEDP Hub, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address and presented the thematic address. Mr. J. Arumai Ruban, Field Co-ordinator and Master Trainer, EDII Tamil Nadu, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

The session was handled by Mr. R. Arunkumar, Master Trainer, EDII, Chennai. He explained about Design Thinking phases such as 1. Empathy, 2. Define, 3. Ideate, 4. Prototype, 5. Test and gave many activities for learning each phase. On the second day he spoke about founding details and the importance of IPR activities. Prof. C. Vethirajan, Director i/c, EIC Hub and IEDP Hub, Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address and gave certificates to the participants. Mr. J. Arumai Ruban, Field Co-ordinator and Master Trainer, EDII, proposed a vote of thanks.



My Story-A Motivational Session by Successful Innovators

"Even a small idea is enough to make an innovation and that small thing can change our life entirely" said Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. in the one day programme on the topic "My Story- A Motivational Session by Successful Innovators" held on 22nd November, 2022 in the Seminar Hall of EIC Hub at Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Alagappa University. A total number of 50 students were the beneficiaries. "I wish that every alumnus of Alagappa University should become an Entrepreneur", said Prof. G. Ravi. He added that recently

Alagappa University has started the Start-Up activities and they have started with water purification and met struggles initially and now they are in the process of making hollow fiber membranes for water purification system. He said that State and Central Governments have allotted huge amount of funds to motivate the young entrepreneurs.

Mr. K. Sankaralingam, Tamil Nadu Student Innovation (TNSI 2019) Award Winner and Founder and CEO, Greenscart, Madurai, delivered the thematic address. He mentioned that he has received more than five awards such as Vibrant Entrepreneur Award at Tamilnadu Expo 2019, Dr. Kalam Young Achiever Award 19, Startup Mania 4.0 2020, TNSI-2019, MABIF'S JALLIKATTU-2020 and Global Student Entrepreneur Awards 2021-2022. He shared his rich experiences to motivate the students' to venture into startup business. Miss. N. Anjali, alumna of Alagappa Institute of Skill Development delivered the Special Address. She said that every woman can achieve even if she is from a normal background. It is innovation and interest that will lead to success, she added.

Earlier Prof. C. Vethirajan, delivered the welcome address. Dr. P.S. Nagarajan, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks at the inaugural function.



In the first session Mr. K. Sankaralingam spoke about his valuable experiences. He asked the students to think differently and exhorted them to begin a new startup. The second session was handled by Miss. N. Anjali of New Trends Beauty Salon. She made it an interactive session asking the students to identify their interest and she gave valuable clues to shine in their respective fields. In the

Valedictory Function, Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University delivered the valedictory address. He registered the power of women with a short story. At the outset of the valedictory, Prof. C. Vethirajan, delivered the welcome address and also he spoke about the famous innovators and their life and achievements to motivate the participants. Dr. N. M. Prabhu, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Health and Management, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

Two-Day "Workshop on Problem Solving and Ideation"

A Two-Day "Workshop on Problem Solving and Ideation" was conducted at Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Karaikudi on 25th and 26th November 2022. The workshop was jointly organized by Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship Innovation and Career Hub (EIC Hub) and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC - ALU) of Alagappa University, Karaikudi.

While welcoming the participants, Prof. C. Vethirajan, Director i/c, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Innovation Career Hub, said that the aim of the workshop is to concentrate on problems and challenges faced by budding entrepreneurs and to find solutions for issues; it would also discuss the process of forming ideas and their implementation in a business set-up.



Presiding over the inaugural session of the workshop, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said both the State and the Central Government's primary concern is to help students become entrepreneurs and innovators; and they have

implemented various schemes towards this. The current workshop on problem solving and ideation is very apt in the present context as students will be trained to find ideas for solving issues and also to convert every new idea into innovation and invention. The Vice-Chancellor exhorted the students to put their findings into practical use for the betterment of mankind and development of the nation.

On behalf of the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Government of Tamil Nadu, the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University distributed cheques worth Rs. 10,000 each to the following ten colleges -- V.S.S. Government Arts College, Pulankuruchi, P.S.Y Arts and Science College, Arasanoor, Syed Ammal Arts and Science College, Ramanathapuram, Mohammed Sathak Hamid Arts and Science College for Women, Ramanathapuram. Velu Manoharan Arts and Science College for Women, Ramanathapuram, Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi, St. Joseph's Arts and Science College for Women, Singampunari, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Sri Raja Rajan College of Engineering and Technology, A. Puthur, University College of Engineering, Ramanathapuram for the career development activities of the final year students studying in these institutions.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. SP. Nagappan, Software Training Academic Head, WBC Software Lab, Karaikudi. In his keynote address, he asked the students to identify the problems and give solutions to rectify the same. Mr. SM. Palaniappan, Career Guidance Manager, WBC Software Lab, Karaikudi, delivered the special address.

Dr. K. Govindarajan, Deputy Coordinator, Placement Cell, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Two-Day International Seminar on Innovations and Reforms in Higher Education

A Two-Day International Seminar on "Innovations and Reforms in Higher Education" was held on 25.11.2022 and 26.11.2022 at the University Convocation Seminar Hall. The event was organised by Alagappa University College of Education, Karaikudi.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, while presiding over the inaugural ceremony of the event, proudly informed the participants that some of the Departments of Study in Alagappa University have produced impactful research papers in certain fields and they have attracted the attention of the best academicians and researchers. He said that teachers should show only ethical ways to their students in the pursuit of research; if students do hard work and follow honest ways, then progress in life will come automatically. He said that in today's environment, there is a growing expectation that the researches conducted in universities should help in solving global and regional problems and social issues. Researchers and teachers should always keep this in mind. In tune with the national policy, Alagappa University lays emphasis on imparting skill-oriented education to the students.

On this occasion, former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. S. Subbiah delivered the inaugural address. He said by participating in such

international seminars, teachers and students get a rare opportunity to listen to the speeches of various experts and scholars. Teachers should be well aware of the purpose of higher education. India ranks first in the number of higher educational institutions at the global level. At the same time, it occupies the third place in terms of quality. The main objective of the National Education Policy is to shape Indian society as a knowledgeable society. He said that the Central Government's main goal is to increase the student enrolment rate in higher education to 50 percent by 2035 at the national level; and Tamil Nadu has already achieved this goal. The policy document of the government not only gives importance to the enhancing of student enrolment in higher education, but also lays due emphasis on imparting quality education. The main purpose of our education is to carry our culture and tradition from one generation to the next. He said it is the duty of each one of us to protect our culture and tradition. He added "If the culture and traditions are protected, then the country will develop and progress automatically".

At this event Prof. Prem Karup of the University of La Trobe, Melbourne, Australia, delivered the keynote address. Prof. Sudhir, Professor Emeritus, Gandhigram Rural University and Prof. Sujathamalini, Dean, Faculty of Education, Alagappa University, offered felicitations. Dr. Merlin Sasikala, Principal i/c, also spoke on the occasion.

A CD containing research papers on innovations and reforms in higher education was released by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor and it was received by former Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah.

Earlier, Prof. Sivakumar, Coordinator of the conference, welcomed the participants.

Finally, Dr. Portia, Assistant Professor and Organising Secretary of the event, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

Two-in - One Programme

National Seminar on "Shipping Industry : Growth, Opportunities and Operational Challenges" and Signing of MoUs

The Department of International Business, Alagappa University, Karaikudi organised a two-in-one programme - - National Seminar on "Shipping Industry: Growth, Opportunities and Operational Challenges" and Signing of MoUs with V United Impex Consultants LLP, Regional Institute of International Trade-Chennai and Navio Shipping Pvt. Ltd, Navi Mumbai.

Dr. A. Muthusamy, Professor and Head, Department of International Business welcomed the gathering, giving an overview on the significance of conducting seminars to enrich the knowledge of the participants on the latest developments.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, traced the history of maritime trade between India and other countries. He stated that maritime trade was not a new phenomenon and its origin could be traced to the Sangam Period (600 BC to 300 AD). He referred to the current situation of shipping trade and industry and made references to the issues such as infrastructure, finances, operational procedures, tax burdens and vessel and container management faced by the industry. He added that due to government's various efforts many problems have been set right and the Indian maritime sector is poised for further growth.



Mr.M.A. Rahim, Founder, Regional Institute of International Trade, V United Impex Consultants LLP, Chennai, presented the keynote address and spoke about the bright employment opportunities available in the shipping field.

Dr. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Director i/c, DDE, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University, offered felicitation and highlighted the growth and development of the shipping industry in India.

MoUs were signed between V United Impex Consultants LLP, Regional Institute of International Trade, Chennai and Navio Shipping Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai and the Department of International Business, Alagappa University for training students through internships and also to help them in finding placements.

Dr. K. Chitra Devi, Assistant Professor, Department of International Business, proposed a vote of thanks.

More than 200 students, research scholars and faculty members attended the seminar and benefited from it.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ICSSR - Sponsored

Ten-Day Research Methodology Course Conducted

A Ten-Day Research Methodology Course (02.11.2022 to 11.11.2022) sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, was organized by the Department of Commerce, Alagappa University. The inaugural function was held on 2.11.2022 at the Department.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, highlighted the significance and role of research and publications in enhancing the reputation and visibility of Universities. Research scholars should fix clear goals for their research activities. They should strictly adhere to research and publications ethics in research activities and acknowledge all references. He added that, Alagappa



University is commended for its lead role in research among higher education institutions in this part of the country. 10000 research papers have been published by the faculty and researchers of Alagappa University in leading National and International Journals. This research output has raised the 'h' index of Alagappa University to 97. He emphasized that the research scholars should undertake innovative and socially relevant research works in their research career.

Prof. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, in his inaugural address, asked the participants to utilize the research methodology course conducted for ten days to enhance their research skills and bring out original research works. "Be intelligent to produce innovative research work", he stated.

Dr. S. Ganapathy, Professor of Commerce and Course Director welcomed the gathering. Prof. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, narrated the importance of research methodology course sponsored by the ICSSR, New Delhi. Dr.M.Gurupandi, Assistant Professor and Co-Course Director, delivered the vote of thanks at the inaugural session. Dr. C. Vethirajan, Dr. K. Alamelu, Dr. A. Muthusamy, and Students of Commerce and Management programmes participated in this function. Thirty students from various Universities in India attended the ten-day research methodology course.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HIGHER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Orientation Programme on Swami Vivekananda's Thoughts and Ideals

Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, conducted an Orientation Programme for the students of the University Departments on 09.11.2022. The programme was organized for the benefit of volunteers of Vivekananda Cadet Corps.

The Coordinator of the Centre Prof. M. Vasimalairaja, in his welcome address, referred to the ongoing activities of the Centre. He also mentioned the efforts taken by the Centre to propagate the inspiring thoughts of Swami Vivekananda among the students.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, at the inaugural session, said that we should always remember Vivekananda's statement that service to humanity is service to God. He said that the youth should work with service motive and consider it as the goal of life. Vivekananda had great faith in the potential of youth. Only the youth by their noble deeds could change the world and society. Considering this Swamiji established service centres across the country. The Swami Vivekananda Higher Research and Education Centre operating in Alagappa University is working with the objective of developing high qualities such as self-confidence, diligence, patriotism, equality, tolerance and brotherhood among the students.



Swami Chandrasekarananda, Secretary of Karur Vivekananda Educational Institute, in his keynote address, said that the younger generation should know Vivekananda's powerful spiritual thoughts, pragmatic and noble ideals and social philosophy and follow them in their lives for progress and peace and that will lay the foundation for a happy life. He said that Vivekananda's principles will make every one better and all children should be taught Vivekananda's ideals. He said that these ideals will guide them and help them take on the righteous path of progress. He said that if the youth keep developing their skills, life will be successful.

Swami Chinmayananda of Karur Ramakrishna Math, in his felicitation address, said that a home where women are respected will attain prosperity. He emphasized that the younger generation should learn to respect women. He exhorted the volunteers to propagate the ideals and pragmatic thoughts of Swami Vivekananda among their student-friends. When these ideals are followed by the youth, it would not only bring them success and prosperity but also elevate them to a higher status.

At the end of the event. Mr. V. Lakshmanan, Programme Officer, SVCHR&E, proposed a vote of thanks and Mr. P. Jayaprakash, Computer Operator, SVCHR&E, had made arrangements for the event.

Orientation Programme for Student-Volunteers of Swami Vivekananda Cadet Corps of Affiliated Colleges of Alagappa University

An Orientation Programme to train student-volunteers of Swami Vivekananda Cadet CORPS studying in Affiliated Colleges of Alagappa University was organized at the Ramasamy Tamil College on 15.11.2022.

Dr. S. Naganathan, Principal, Ramasamy Tamil College, Karaikudi, presided over the event. He said that Swami Vivekananda was a great sage whose qualities of leadership, high ideals, noble thoughts, valour and prudence are worthy of emulation by the youth. He recalled that the spiritual work, community work and national work done by him in his short life journey are immeasurable.



The Co-ordinator of the Centre Dr. M. Vasimalairaja, in his keynote speech, pointed out that Swami Vivekananda had immense faith in the youth and that was why Swamiji said, "Give me a hundred youths and I will change the world". He said that every student should be a doer of action like Swami Vivekananda. He also said that all the views and thoughts expressed by Vivekananda will forever be relevant. "If one follows his path, he will definitely reach the highest level".

Mr. V. Lakshmanan, Programme Officer, SVCHR&E, asked the students to commit themselves to hard work and that too for the progress of our nation with self-confidence and courage as shown by Vivekananda. In this event, students were given training on improving their physical and mental strength.

Dr. R. Geetha, Programme Co-ordinator of Ramasamy Tamil College and Assistant Professor, welcomed the participants. Finally a third year B.Litt student Ms. S. Akhsaya, proposed a vote of thanks.



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