

ECHOES OF EXPRESSION

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Fostering Holistic Learning

The Department of English fosters a holistic learning environment by promoting active student engagement through diverse intra and inter-department activities. We emphasize practical experience with paper presentations, mini projects, and guided self-learning via assignments and seminars. Our various clubs nurture creative skills and enhance language proficiency, ensuring comprehensive student development.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH 2023-2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- Inauguration of the Literary Association: A grand opening marking the beginning of a vibrant journey.
- Celebration of Literary Week: A week-long extravaganza featuring exciting competitions and activities.
- Bagged Medals: Students have achieved top ranks in university exams.
- Successful Placements: Our students secured positions at top companies like Cityplots and Skylight Infotech.



**“To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought”**
-Alfred, Lord Tennyson





**Dr S S Saranya
Head Of The Department**

HOD's Message

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." - Albert Einstein

I am proud of our department's dedication and achievements. Our collective resilience and commitment to excellence have shone brightly. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to fostering academic rigor, inclusivity, and innovation. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Together, we will reach new heights and make impactful contributions to our field.



Editor's Desk

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

We are delighted to present the inaugural edition of our English Department newsletter, The Echoes of Expression, for the academic year 2023-2024. This issue celebrates the remarkable achievements and dedication of our students and faculty. We highlight our collective efforts and the inspiring journey of our department. Enjoy reading and be inspired by our shared pursuit of excellence.



**Ms. R Madhu Bala
Editor - The Echoes of Expression**

Inauguration of the Muses Literary Association

- **Inauguration:** The Literary Association and its affiliated clubs: The Bookworms Club, Silver Tongued Club, and Melpomene Movie Club were formally inaugurated by Director Dr. Nazeema, guest of honour Dr. Mekala Rajan and Dr Saranya, head of the department on 24th August, 2024.
- **Honouring Office Bearers:** Newly appointed office bearers were introduced and honoured with badges, symbolizing their commitment to the association's mission.



"One ought to recognize that the present political chaos is connected with the decay of language, and that one can probably bring about some improvement by starting at the verbal end." -George Orwell



Celebration of Teachers Day

The students of the English Department organized a delightful Teachers' Day celebration on September 5, 2023. The event was filled with gratitude as students honored their professors with various fun activities and thoughtful gifts, creating a memorable and heartwarming experience for all.

Capturing Moments with the 2021-2024 Batch



Showcasing Talent: Glimpses of Student Participation in Various Competitions



“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire”
-William butler Yeats





Power Seminar on “Traditional Thinking Versus Design Thinking”

The Department of English hosted a Power Seminar on “Traditional Thinking Versus Design Thinking” in association with ICT Academy on September 20, 2023, at GIEC, AV Campus. The keynote speaker, Mr. David Netto, Senior Talent Acquisition and Business Partner at ADP India, highlighted the crucial role of design thinking in education and development. The seminar emphasized dialogue and collaboration, inspiring students to integrate traditional wisdom with contemporary methodologies for a more innovative future.



Kathipara Book Expo



The English and Tamil Departments jointly organized a trip to the Book Expo at Kathipara. During this enriching experience, students from both departments were guided through various book genres and provided with insights on how to choose books effectively. The trip fostered a deeper appreciation for literature and encouraged a love for reading among the students.



“The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.” - Bertrand Russell





Student Internship

The final-year students of the English Department have secured internship positions as teachers in various educational institutions as part of their course requirements. During their internships, these students have not only gained practical experience in classroom management but have also learned diverse teaching methods and pedagogical strategies. This hands-on training has equipped them with valuable skills in lesson planning, student engagement, and effective communication, preparing them for successful careers in education.

NAME	NAME OF THE SCHOOL/ COMPANY
ABITHA .K	Government Primary School, Koovathur
BENISHA MERCY. S	Government Primary School, Koovathur
DEIVANAI. J	Eureka Nursery & Primary School, Walvodai
DINESH KUMAR. N	SVP Educational Services,Urapakkam
KANITHA .R	Government Primary School,Koovathur
KAVIYA .G	Eureka Nursery & Primary School, Walvodai
KOTHAI .K	Government Primary School.Koovathur
MANIMARAN .M	Jain College Arts & Science Library
PARTHIBAN .K	SVP Educational Services,Urapakkam
RAJASEKAR .K	Jain College Arts & Science Library
SOUNDARYA .C	Government Primary School.Koovathur
VENKATESHWARI .K	Eureka Nursery & Primary School.Walvodai



"Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence." -Dr. B. R. Ambedkar





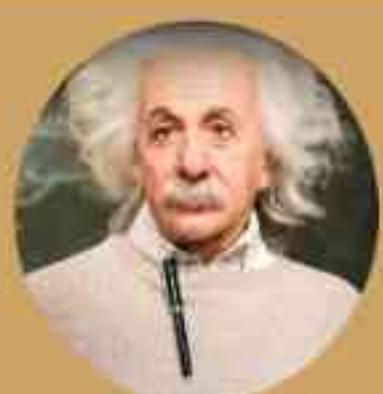
The Literary Week: A Celebration of Creativity and Literary Excellence

The Muses Literary Association of the Department of English at Vinayaka Missions School of Arts and Science, Chennai campus, hosted a vibrant Literary Week from March 18th to 22nd, 2024. The event featured diverse competitions such as Elocution, Poetry and Story Writing, Essay Writing, Spell Bee, and Art, attracting students from various departments. Judged on creativity, originality, and technical skill, the competitions highlighted student talent and fostered deeper engagement with literature. The Literary Week showcased the institution's commitment to nurturing creativity and intellectual development.

Glimpse of the Literary Excellence



Glimpse of the Student's creativity



"I have no special talent. I am passionately curious"
- Albert Einstein





Farewell Celebration: A Joyous Send-Off for the 2021-2024 Batch

First and second-year students at the English Department, Vinayaka Missions School of Arts and Science, Chennai campus, organized a vibrant farewell celebration for the 2021-2024 batch. Filled with colorful and fun-filled games, the event allowed students and professors to cherish their shared memories. The final-year students, praised as the gems of the department, were recognized for their exemplary responsibility and leadership, setting a high standard for their juniors. The celebration was a perfect blend of fun, nostalgia, and heartfelt appreciation, providing a memorable send-off for the graduates.

Celebrating Academic Excellence

The English Department at Vinayaka Missions School of Arts and Science, Chennai campus, proudly congratulates the final-year students Ms. Venkateshwari and Ms. Benisha Mercy who secured university ranks. Their dedication and hard work have brought great pride to the department. These achievements reflect the high standards of education and mentorship provided by our faculty.



Congratulations
on your well-deserved success!



Ms. K. Venkateshwari
B.A. - English



Ms. S. Benisha Mercy
B.A. - English



Wishing you continued success as you embark on your future endeavours

Department Of English



"If everyone fought for their own conviction there would be no war" - Leo Tolstoy



Celebrating Success: Final Year Students' Placements

NAME	DEPARTMENT	COMPANY
Abitha K	B.A English	Omega Medical Coding Academy
Deivanai J	B.A English	Omega Medical Coding Academy
Kanitha R	B.A English	Omega Medical Coding Academy
Kothai K	B.A English	Omega Medical Coding Academy
Mahalakshmi S	B.A English	Omega Medical Coding Academy
Rajasekar K	B.A English	Omega Medical Coding Academy
Benisha	BA English	Skylight Infotech
Kanitha	BA English	Skylight Infotech
Venkateshwari	BA English	Skylight Infotech
Kavitha. G	BA English	Skylight Infotech
Soundarya	BA English	Skylight Infotech
Venkateswari	BA English	Cityplots

We are thrilled to congratulate our final-year students from the 2023-2024 batch for their impressive achievements during the campus placement drive. Their hard work, dedication, and perseverance have resulted in placements with renowned companies, showcasing the exceptional talent nurtured within our department. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and wish them continued success in their professional journeys. This milestone is a testament to the quality education and support provided by our faculty, and we look forward to witnessing their future contributions to their respective fields. Congratulations to all!

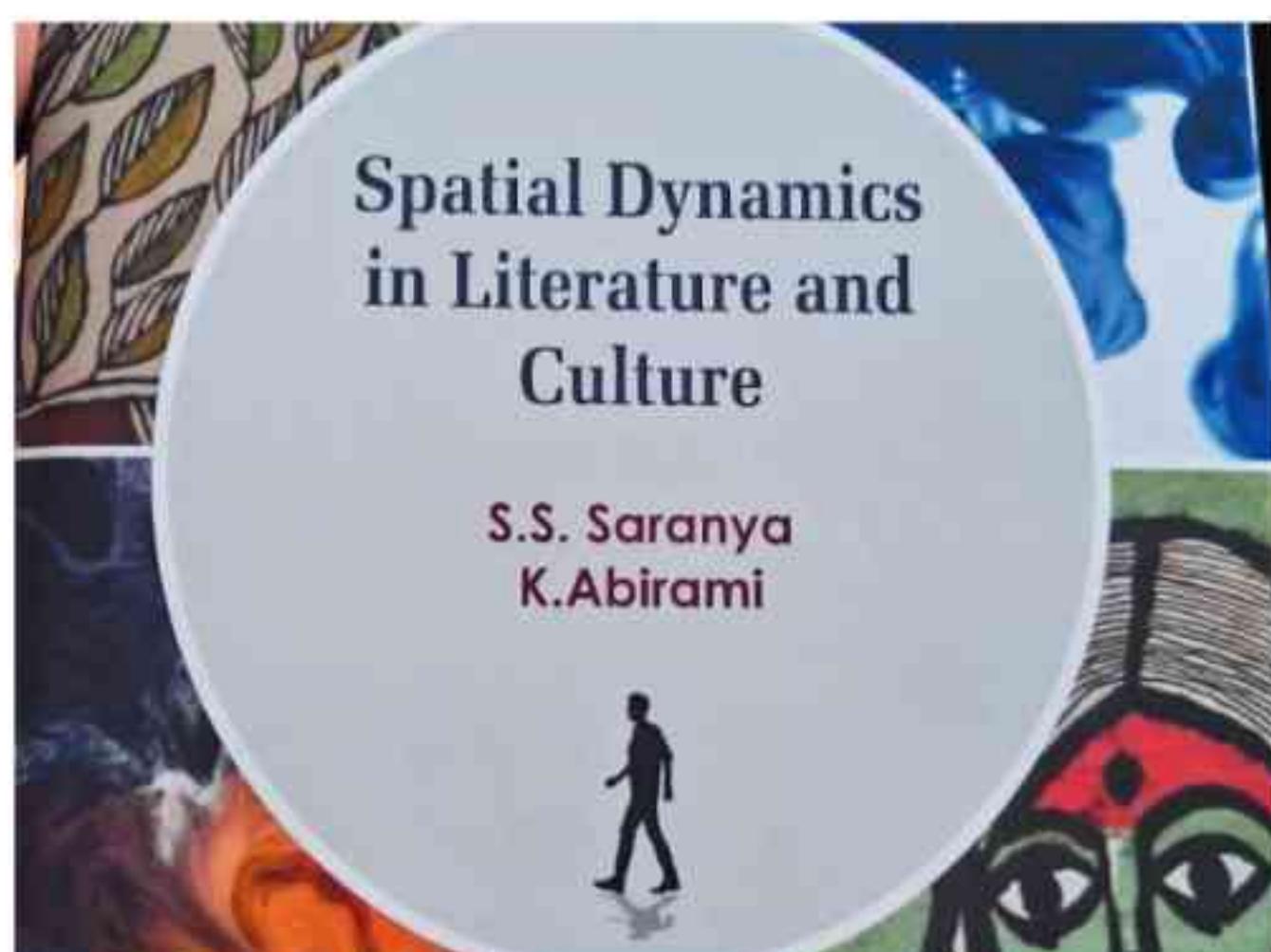


"The excellency of every art is its intensity, capable of making all disagreeable evaporate" - John Keats



Exploring Post-Colonial Theory: A Literary Circle Event

On September 16, 2023, the English Department's Literary Circle hosted an enlightening session on post-colonial theory, led by Dr. Pavendhan, Assistant Professor of the Department of English. The event featured a stimulating lecture followed by insightful discussions among faculty members and research scholars, making it a memorable and intellectually enriching experience.



Celebrating Scholarship: Faculty Book Publications

We are proud to announce that Dr. S. S. Saranya, Head of the Department of English, has published a new book titled *Spatial Dynamics in Literature and Culture*. This work explores the intricate interplay between space, literature, and culture.

Invited as Resource Experts at Other Institutions

- Ms. Madhu Bala, Assistant Professor of the Department of English was invited as a resource person to deliver a lecture on "Literary Theory" at a Two-Day National Workshop organized by the PG & Research Department of English at The Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College for Women, Sivakasi, on 1st and 2nd March 2024.
- she was also invited as an "English Language Trainer" for the teachers at Bharath Vidhyalaya, Chokkampatti, Tenkasi District, on 20th April 2024. Her expertise and dedication continue to make a significant impact both within and beyond our institution.



"The more we study the more we discover our ignorance"
- Percy Bysshe Shelley



Commitment to Growth: Faculty Participation in FDPs and Workshops

NAME	WORKSHOP/FDP	DATE
Dr. S. S. Saranya	Faculty Endowment lecture session - 2	22.09.2023
Dr. S. S. Saranya	Online Workshop Content Writing	25.09.2023
Mr. K. Sadavel	Two Days Workshop on NAAC Assessment	06.10.2023
Dr. S. Pavendhan	An hour-long professional development webinar	29.10.2023
Dr. S. Pavendhan	International Webinar on A GPS for Learning: Using Formative Assessment to Track Progress	05.12.2023
Ms. R. Madhu Bala	One-week National level Faculty Development Program on Exploring Teaching Strategies and Research Avenues in Reading Skills	13.12.2023
Dr. S. S. Saranya	One Day Seminar on The Artistry of Effective and Impactful Teaching	12.12.2023

Reflections from the President of the English Literary Association

As the President of the English Literary Association, my journey through the English Department has been a remarkable one, filled with rich experiences and countless growth opportunities. My peers and I participated in various group activities, including the Literature Golu, club activities, and competitions. These experiences and the competitions we engaged in have significantly enriched our knowledge, skills, and attitudes.

We have gained invaluable skills in analytical reading, writing, and critical thinking. Our faculty's innovative approaches from blended learning to activity-based and discussion driven methods have made complex concepts accessible and sharpened our language proficiency. These experiences have not only deepened my understanding of literature but also enriched my perception of the world and myself. We are grateful to our dedicated faculty for their unwavering support and for making us versatile, insightful individuals.



Ms. Venkateshwari
Student Member
President Literary Association



"The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep" - Robert Frost



