

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Department Activities (2019-20)

1. Inauguration of English Association

English Literary Association 'Eunoia' was inaugurated on 18/7/2019 by Prof Febu George Mathai Kurichiyath, Dept. of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry. A grade winners of 2016-19 batch Bibin Benny, Meenu Mathew and Aswathy J felicitated on the occasion. Ms. Divya Biju, alumnus of the department who secured 2nd rank in Masters (Public Administration) was the special invitee on the occasion . She was also honoured. It was followed by invited lecture and cultural programmes.

2. Invited lecture series-2

Prof. Febu George Mathai Kurichiyath delivered a lecture on ' Introducing Theory' on 18/7/2019.

3. Movie screening

Various movies pertaining to syllabus were screened:

Old Man and the Sea- 31/7/2019

Life is Beautiful, Sound of Music – June 2019

Colour Purple- December 2019

Mathilukal- January 2020

Wide Sargasso Sea, Sizwe Bansi is Dead – February 2020

4. Commemoration

Commemoration of Girish Karnad was conducted by the teachers and students of the department. Principal Dr. Lata Marina Varghese presided over the meeting. H.O.D. Prof. Sneha Elcy Jacob and Association coordinators, Fathima Ahmed and Albin John spoke on the occasion.

5. Inter collegiate Fest

Alcheringa, the literary festival of the department of English was successfully conducted with a grand and ceremonious inaugural function followed by literary competitions like Conundrum (Quiz), ACT IT OUT and JAM (Just A Minute). Renowned artists Sri. Aromal Srinivasan(violinist) and Sri. Sunil Cherian (pianist) jointly presented a musical feast to mark the inauguration of the festival. They conquered the hearts of the faculty and the students alike with their brilliant performance. Master Quizzer and academician Prof.

Sambhu R. (Dept. of English, NSS College, Pandalam) led all the literary competitions. Students from across the State, crossing disciplinary barriers, participated in the events.

Conundrum, chiefly noted for its international standards with respect to content and mode of presentation, was the highlight of the festival. TKM Engineering College, Kollam bagged first place for the same. Institute of English, Trivandrum and SB College, Changanacherry won second and third places respectively. Bishop Moore College, Mavelikkara and Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla won first and second place respectively for Act It Out. In the spirited war of words for JAM, the last event, the first three positions were bagged by CMS College, Kottayam, Mar Chrysostom College, Adoor and Sacred Heart College, Thevara in order.

6. ONE DAY WORKSHOP

One-day Workshop on Diverse Careers for Literature Students , ‘Next Step’ hosted by the department of English was led by Dr. Kalyani Vallath, Director, Total English Solutions (TES) headquartered at Thiruvananthapuram and her team. The workshop primarily focused on making the students aware of the varied career options other than traditional professions. In the forenoon session Dr. Vallath discussed the broad avenues of opportunities in the fields of research, business, management and publishing. In the afternoon session on web-based careers, led by Mr. Ankith Sharma, job prospects in the fields of copywriting, content writing, vlogging, blogging, and online teaching were discussed. Disseminating the mantra of success, Dr. Vallath and her team has enabled the students to move beyond conventional patterns of thinking, thus broadening their outlook on careers in the contemporary modern world.

7. Tutorial Sessions

A talk on Journalism by Aswathy T Kuruppu, alumna was conducted on 31/7/2019. Also a talk on Teaching Methods by Aleena Elizabeth Abraham, III DC student, WCC, Chennai on 16/1/2020

8. Student Achievements

Emil S Philip of D2 English has won the following prizes:

- RJ Hunt- 2nd prize, SB College, Changanacherry
- Best Debater and participant in the Best Debate team- St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry
- Elocution (Eng)- 1st prize, MES College, Erumely

Albin John Samuel of D2 English has won 1st prize for Elocution(Mal), MES College, Erumeli.

An-nikitha of D2 English has won 1st prize in Photography Competition, St. Stephen’s College, Uzhavoor.

9. Achievements of Faculty

Ms. Elena Sajan, attended UGC HRDC training on 'Student Induction' at Bangalore from 30th May –1ST June,2019. She also attended a seven day refresher course on 'Learning Outcome based Education' at Govt. Brunnen College for Teacher Education from November 1-7, 2019. She also participated in One day FDP on 'Digital Learning through Swayam' at M.G. University on 15th November 2019.

Ms. Sreya Susan Chacko and Ms. Indukala S Nair cleared UGC- NET in July 2019.

Ms. Indukala S Nair presented a paper on 'Resistance through Ballads: A Study on Chengannoorathi' in a two day International Seminar at Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.

Ms. Sneha Elcy Jacob, Ms. Elena Sajan and Ms. Sreya Susan Chacko attended One day Workshop on Academic Writing and Project Preparation at Catholocate College, Pathanamthitta on 19th December 2019.

Ms. Elena Sajan and Ms. Sreya Susan Chacko attended a two day seminar on Theory: Paradigms and Interfaces at St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry on 20th and 21st January, 2020.

Ms. Elena Sajan and Ms. Aneeta Chinnu Joseph completed online Annual Refresher Programme in English Language Teaching in February 2020.

Sneha Elcy Jacob attended the UGC sponsored Multidisciplinary Refresher course in Education and Teaching ,Methods scheduled by the UGC-HRDC, University of Kerala, Kariavattom , Trivandrum from 4/3/2020 to 17/3 /2020. The course was conducted from 4/3/2020 to 11/3/2020 and 29/7/2020 to 3/8/2020 due to covid-19 restrictions

Sneha Elcy Jacob attended two-day national online seminar on "Re-inventing Quality Assurance : A Post Pandemic guide for Teachers" on 19th and 20th May, 2020 organised by the IQAC of TKM college of Arts and Science, Kollam

Sneha Elcy Jacob completed two –week Online MOOC course (with e certification) on "Online Learning and Content Development" from 18th April 2020 to 2nd May 2020 organised by FLAIR Kerala, Directorate of Collegiate Education, Kerala.

Aneeta Chinnu Joseph attended the "e-DARSHAN Webinar Lecture series -2020" on "Horizons of Virtual Teaching" organised by Department of Commerce and IQAC of T K Madhava Memorial College, Nangiyarkulangara on 26th May 2020.

Elena Sajan, Assistant Professor participated in the “e-DARSHAN Webinar Lecture Series-2020” on “Workplace Ethics” organized by Department of English & IQAC of T K Madhava Memorial College, Nangiarkulangara on 27th May 2020.

Aneeta Chinnu Joseph and Elena Sajan completed “ Spring Up” an international seven-day e-learning workshop in Language, Literature and Theory from May 15th, 2020 to May 21st, 2020

Aneeta Chinnu Joseph and Elena Sajan attended the webinar on “An Introduction to Twentieth Century and Early Twenty First Century Literary Criticism and Theory conducted by the Department of English, The Cochin College, Kochi on May 28th, 2020,

Elena Sajan, participated in the National Webinar on OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION organized on 14/05/2020 by Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College, Kottayam.

Elena Sajan has successfully completed One Week National Online Faculty Development Program on ICT Tools for Effective Teaching Learning, from 11th to 16th May 2020, organized by School of Mathematical Sciences, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded.

Elena Sajan, Assistant Professor of English , St. Thomas College, Ranni attended the Two-Day International Webinar on Post-Pandemic Language, Literature and Culture: A Prospective View organised by the PG

Department of English & IQAC, Payyanur College, Payyanur in association with The Kerala State Higher Education Council & Faculty of Language Studies, Sohar University, Oman on 25th & 26th May 2020.

Elena Sajan successfully completed Two Weeks Faculty Development Programme on "MANAGING ONLINE CLASSES and CO-CREATING MOOCS" from April 20 - May 06, 2020, conducted by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanaujan College, University of Delhi, sponsored by MHRD, PMMMMNMTT

10. Student Participation in Seminars

Students of D3 English attended a one day workshop on Career Prospects at Sri Sankaracharya University, Kalady on 18th October 2019.

Students of D2 and D3 English attended One day Workshop on Academic Writing and Project Preparation at Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta on 19th December 2019.

Students of D2 and D3 attended a two day seminar on Theory: Paradigms and Interfaces at St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry on 20th and 21st January, 2020.

Karishma Joseph (D1) and Emil S Philip (D2) participated in the Asian Regional Forum Against Drugs 2019 at Cochin conducted under the aegis of Project VENDDA and World Federation Against Drugs on 5th October , 2019