



St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi –628001

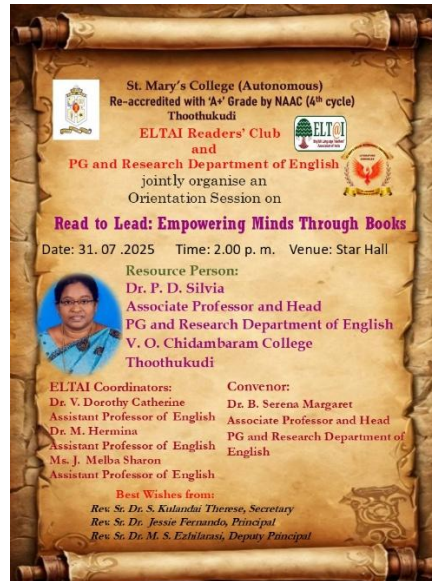
(Re-accredited with 'A' grade by NAAC (5th cycle)

an orientation programme on

“Read to Lead: Empowering Minds Through Books”

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Invitation:



The ELTAI Reader's Club, in association with the PG and Research Department of English, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), organised an orientation programme titled *“Read to Lead: Empowering Minds Through Books”* on 31st July at 2.00 p.m. in the Star Hall.

The session aimed to foster the habit of reading and highlight how books can shape leadership and intellectual growth. The resource person for the event was **Dr. P.D. Silvia**, Head and Associate Professor, PG and Research Department of English, V.O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi. Ms. Angelin Gracita of II B.A. English delivered the welcome address.



Dr. P.D. Silvia, delivered an inspiring and interactive talk on the transformative power of reading. She emphasized how reading enhances critical thinking, empathy, and communication skills—qualities essential for leadership. Her address encouraged students to engage deeply with literature and to view reading as a lifelong pursuit for personal and academic growth.



The programme was well attended by faculty members and students of the Department. The session concluded with an interactive discussion where students shared their reading interests and reflections. The event proved to be both enlightening and motivating, successfully achieving its purpose of empowering young minds through the joy of reading.



The event came to a close with the **College Anthem**, marking a fitting end to an enlightening and motivating session that truly celebrated the joy of reading.

As part of the **India Reads Movement**, the students of the **ELTAI Reader's Club** actively participated in the **ELTAI Learning Management System (LMs)** reading

programme. Demonstrating great enthusiasm and commitment towards developing their reading proficiency, they successfully completed **two modules** during the months of **August and September**. The modules were designed to enhance reading comprehension, vocabulary enrichment, and critical interpretation skills through engaging digital resources and interactive exercises.

This initiative not only encouraged students to cultivate consistent reading habits but also exposed them to a wide range of literary and non-literary texts that expanded their understanding of global cultures and ideas. The completion of these modules under the *India Reads Movement* stands as a testament to the students' dedication to academic excellence and their proactive involvement in national-level reading initiatives spearheaded by ELTAI.

The students of **St. Mary's College (Autonomous)**, representing the **ELTAI Reader's Club**, brought laurels to the institution by excelling in the **Reading Carnival Competitions** conducted by **Annamal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi**, under the **India Reads Movement**, an **ELTAI Venture**, on **15th October 2025**. Competing among participants from **15 colleges**, our students showcased their literary aptitude and communication excellence, securing the **Runner-up Trophy** in the overall category.

In the individual events, **Ms. Sharon Theresa** of **II M.A. English** and **Ms. Vivitha Rathna** of **II B.A. English** won **Second Place** in **Quiz Time**; **Ms. Infant Christy Sandra** of **II B.A. English** secured **Second Place** in **Book Talk**; **Ms. Angelin Gracita** of **II B.A. English** achieved **Second Place** in **Story in News**; and **Ms. Arputha Snowlin** of **II B.A. English** won **Second Place** in **Speed Read**. Their outstanding achievements reflect their passion for reading, their intellectual engagement, and the dedicated guidance provided by the **ELTAI Reader's Club** in nurturing literary excellence.

