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Newsletter

Academic Year 2020 – 2021

HOD's Message

It is with great pride and joy that I present the newsletter for the Department of English (SSC) for the academic year 2020-2021. The department commenced its activities with enthusiasm and optimism, seamlessly adapting to virtual platforms to ensure the continuity of our academic and co-curricular endeavors. Throughout the year several webinars and conferences were organised. These programs, led by distinguished resource persons, offered students and faculty valuable insights into contemporary literary and cultural issues. Our students actively participated in webinars, workshops, and competitions, achieving remarkable success. The department also took pride in fostering research and higher education pursuits. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated faculty, enthusiastic students, and supportive management, whose collective efforts have been instrumental in achieving these milestones. As we reflect on our accomplishments, I look forward to continuing this journey of excellence and innovation, nurturing the intellectual and creative potential of our students.

Warm Regards,

Maria Sahaya Sharmila

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Activities of the English Literary Association

The Department of English (SSC) successfully unveiled its activities for the year 2020-21 with enormous enthusiasm and optimism, by breaking the barriers posed by lockdown.

On 6th October 2020, the office bearers of the English Literary Association were elected under the guidance of Ms. Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Coordinator and Assistant Professor of English and Literary Association in-charges - Dr. A. Shammugajothi and Ms. Reeda Albin Mary

Ms. A. Maria Deenu Steniza of II M. A. English (SSC), Ms. R. Rachel Roshan of III B. A. English (SSC) and Ms. J. R. Arokiya Nithila of II B. A. English (SSC) were elected President, Secretary and Vice President respectively.

On 2nd June 2020 an Online Quiz on "Literary Forms and Devices" on was organised. Staff, students and research scholars of our college and other colleges participated.

On 20th June, an International Webinar on "Racism, Cults and Crippled Social Interactions" on 20.06.2020. Fr. Willis Chungau, OFM, Youth Coordinator, Zambia addressed the virtual participants. His lecture highlighted on Racism quoting personal experiences.

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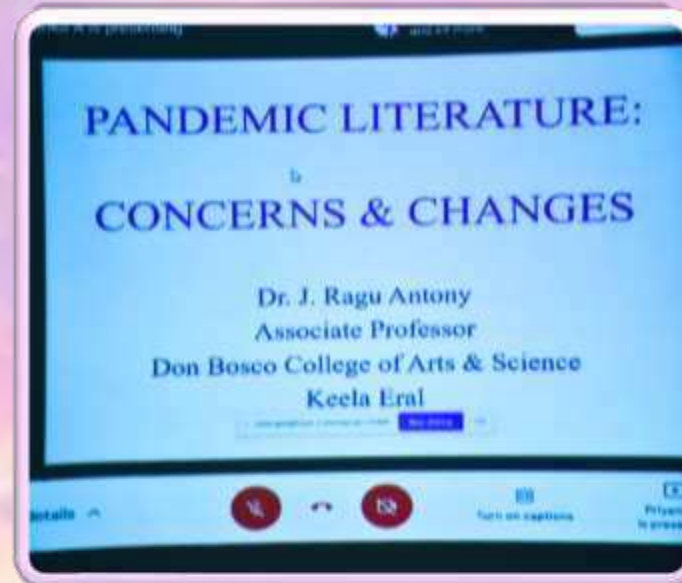
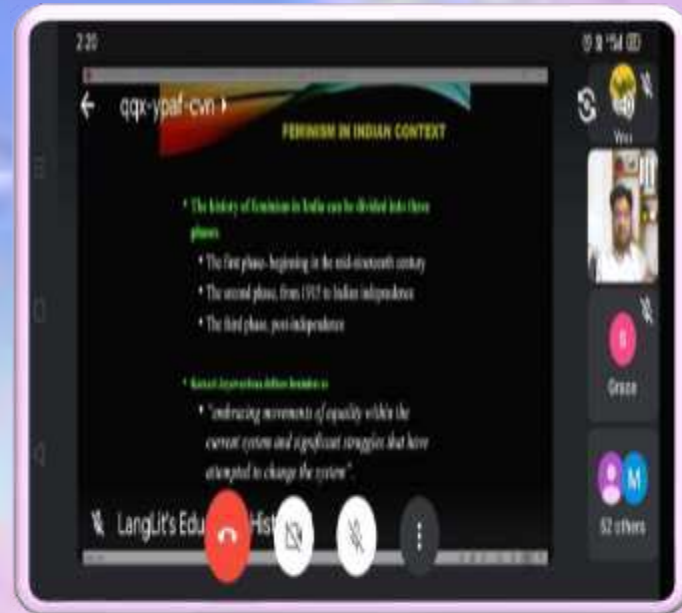


On 13th October 2020, the English Literary Association meeting was organized. Dr. C. Geetha, Assistant Professor of English, KGS Arts College, Srivaikundam was the chief guest. She addressed the UG and I PG students through online mode, on the topic, "Unfolding the SHELL: A Journey from History to Theory".

On 22nd January and 23rd January 2021, an International E-Conference on **Emotional Intelligence and Gender Difference in Indian Literature** was organized in collaboration with Department of Psychology and Department of Tamil. Dr. Prashant Subhasrao Mothe, Assistant Professor of English, Adarsh Mahavidyalaya, Osmanabad, Maharashtra addressed the staff, students and research scholars on Indian English Literature.

On 23rd February 2021, a National Webinar on Humanistic Literature was organised. Dr. Priya K. Nair, Assistant Professor of English, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, Kerala and Mr. R.Raja

On 5th February 2021, the English Literary Association meeting was organized. Dr. J. Ragu Antony, Associate Professor of English, Don Bosco College, Keela Eral presided the meeting and delivered a speech on the topic, "Pandemic Literature Concerns and Changes". He gave a deep insight about natural calamities as represented in literature with anecdotes through



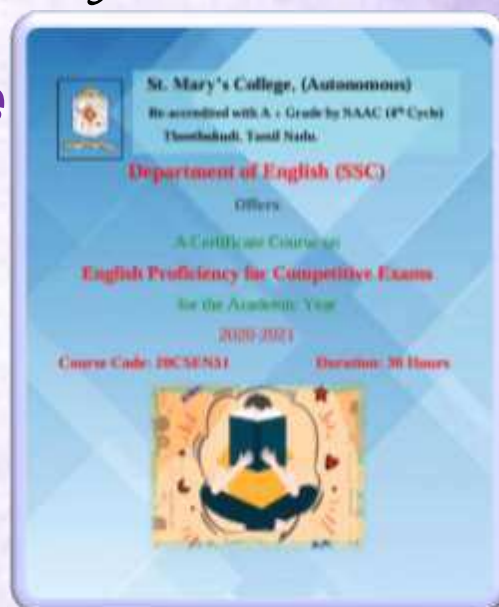
Bridge Course

The Department of English (SSC) conducted Bridge Course for all the first year undergraduate students. It served as a crucial transitional program designed to equip the students with the necessary language skills to meet the demands of higher education. This course aimed to bridge the gap between the students' current proficiency level and the advanced language requirements of their academic curriculum.

The Bridge Course for the academic year 2020-2021 was successfully conducted on 24th and 25th August 2020.

Certificate Course

The English Proficiency for Competitive Exams was offered as a Certificate Course from December 2020 to February 2021. Ms. M. Rufina Mary was the course instructor and the classes were conducted on working days in the afternoon for one hour. A total of 30 hours was completed. It was conducted from 14.10.2020 to 25.02.2021. An exam was conducted based on the syllabus to test the knowledge gained by the students. The students were issued certificates with Grade levels. 54 students benefitted out of this programme



Board of Studies

The Board of Studies Meeting was conducted on 26.02.2021 in the department of English. The subject experts of the board were Dr. R. Vasuhi, Head and Assistant Professor of English, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Dr. Mohamed Haneef, Head and Assistant Professor of English, Sadakathullah Appa College (Autonomous), Tirunelveli, Dr. S. Soumia, Assistant Professor of English, Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women (Autonomous), Madurai. The industrialist representative was Ms. C.S. Purnima, Director, Edify Solutions, Thoothukudi. The alumna representative was Ms. A. Rosy Agneshia. The Syllabus and the course structure was acknowledged and approved by the Board.

Research Activity - Faculty

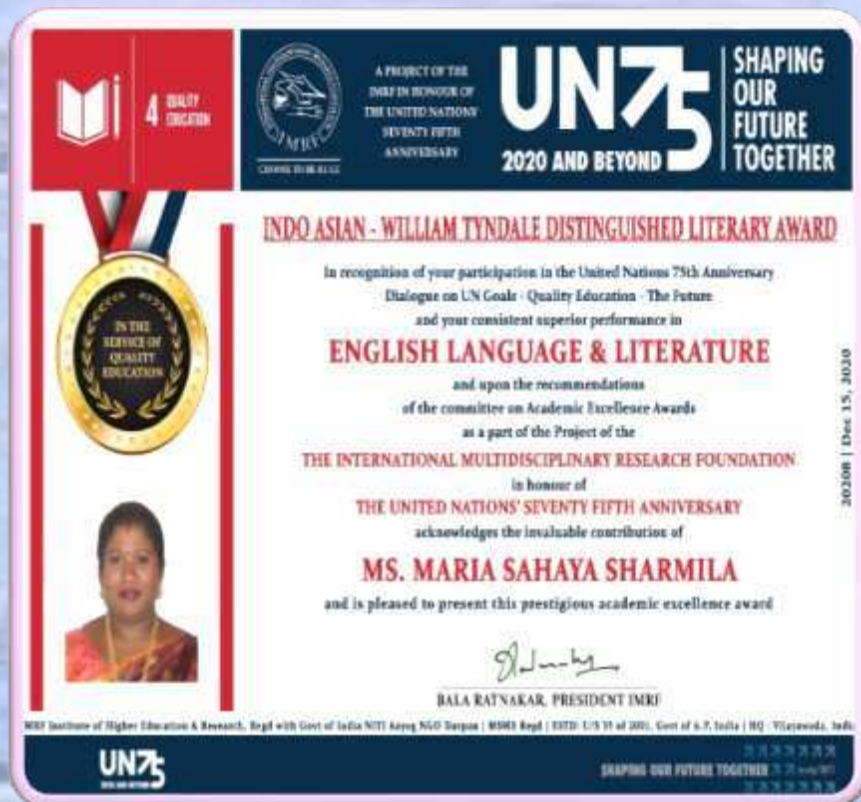
Name	Publication Journal	Conference	Seminar	Webinar	Workshop	FDP	Paper Presentation
Ms. Maria Sahaya Sharmila	1			16	4	2	
Ms. N. Hermina				23			
Ms. S. Jenitta				6			1
Ms. P. Lily Pushpam				1			
Ms. S. Anusia				1			
Ms. A. Priyanka	2	1		8		1	
Ms. M. Rufina Mary				1			

Faculty as Resource Person

Name	Program	Role	Date
Ms. Maria Sahaya Sharmila	“Application of Postcolonial Theory on Texts”	Chair person	26.02.2021

Awards - Faculty

Ms. Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Assistant Professor of English took part in the International Webinar on UN Goals- Quality Education - The Future & International Academic Excellence Awards 2020 and received "Indo Asian- William Tyndale Distinguished Literary Award in English Language and Literature" by International Multidisciplinary Research Forum, as part of "A Project of the IMRF in Honour of the United Nations Seventy Fifth Anniversary" on 15 Dec 2020.



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CDP

The students of II B. A. English (SSC) visited Palakayal on 27th April, 2021. The students organised a one-day awareness programme for women, "COVID- 19, pandemic Awareness Through Posters and flyers." Rev. Fr. Edward and inaugurated the one-day entrepreneurial programme. The awareness creation programme was led by the students of II B.A. English Literature (SSC). The goal of the one day programme was to create awareness and build confidence among the adopted villagers regarding the Covid - 19. The students distributed flyers to the common village people and stuck posters. They emphasized the importance of safety, nutrition and hygiene during the pandemic.



IIC


The Department of English (SSC), in association with the Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC), conducted a webinar on "Design Thinking and the Teaching of English" on 22nd December, 2020. Dr. Nishevitha Jayendran, Assistant Professor (English Language and Literature) at the Centre for Education, Innovation and Action Research, Tata Institute of Social Studies, Mumbai was the resource person. The speaker gave a deep insight on how to gain practical and actionable discernment to identify design thinking as a core strategic capability for leading sustainable innovation and learning transformation.

The Department of English (SSC), in association with the Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC), organised a webinar on Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Enablers on 30th March, 2021. The Chief Guest, Mr. P. Vijayavel CEO, Social activist and Green Visionary, DCE Technology and Jaam Communications, Virudhunagar gave a speech on the topic "Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Enablers". He insisted that each and every individual should be responsible and come forward to form teams to save our environment. Terrace Gardening was also highlighted in his speech.



Student Activities

- Suji. M of I B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Online Quiz organized by Ethiraj College Chennai on 04.06.2020. She also participated in the Online Quiz organized by Holy Cross College Nagercoil on 08.06.2020. Additionally, she participated in the Quizzes organized by SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai and PSGR Krishnammal College.
- The students of III B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Webinar on Accept and Adapt to Achieve organized by St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 16.06.2020
- Serina. K of I B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Intercollegiate Art Competition organized by Department of Psychology, St. Mary's College (Autonomous) and Rotary Club of Pearl City, Thoothukudi on 10.10.2020
- P. R. Dasnavis Arockiya Rubini of I B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Quizzes organized by A.V. C college (Autonomous) Mayiladurai and Government Degree College, Telugana State on 13.07.2020 & 12.07.2020 to 15.07.2020. Additionally, she participated in the Quiz organized by Edushiksha group of Digital Media New Delhi on 19.07.2020.
- Thina. P and Shabeena Baig of II B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Webinar on **How to Write an Effective Essay** organized by ELTAI on 27.09.2020
- The students of III B. A. English (SSC) participated in the A National Webinar on Discovering Me! A travel through cognitive travel organised by BBA department of St. Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 03.11.2020

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- **47 Students of I B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Two Day National Webinar on Feminist Discourse organized by the PG and Research Department of English, St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 08.02.2021 and 09.02.2021**
 - **Arul Varsha. V, Maria Tiffany. A, Jemila. P, Shama Farhana. E, Sneha. R of II B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Workshop on Urban Farming organized by Department of Botany, St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 25.02.2021**
 - **Arokiya Nithila. J. R and Thina. P of II B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Workshop on Clinical Laboratory Equipments organized by Marian star centre Department of Zoology and Chemistry, St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 03.03.2021**
 - **44 students of I B. A. English (SSC) Tamizhar Vilumiyangal organized by the Department of Tanmil (SSC) St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 03.03.2021**
 - **Arokiya Nithila. J. R and Jemila. P of II B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Leadership Meeting organized by St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 05.03.2021**
 - **Vinolia and Aruna Sangeetha of I B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Leadership Programme for Future Leaders "Lead to Hope" organised by Student's Council, St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) on 05.03.2021**

- **Anu Malika. M and Chelestin Thesi. U of II B. A. English (SSC) participated in the NCC Cadre Camp Musketry training at St. Mary's College,(Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 11.03.2021**
- **P. Shalini of I B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Leadership Workshop organized by IIC, Library and IQAC, St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 16.03.2021**
- **Jemila. P of II B. A. English (SSC) participated in the Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights organized by the IIC, LIBRARY and IQAC, St. Mary's College, (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 16.03.2021**
- **Vijaya Bala Priya of I B. A. English (SSC) participated in the NCC Firing Selection Camp at St. John's School, Palayamkottai on 20.03.2021**
- **Suji. M and Malini Devi of III B. A. English (SSC) participated in the International Webinar on Racism, Cults and Crippled Social Interaction organized by Department of English, St. Mary's College (Autonomous) on 20.05.2021.**

MooC and NPTEL

Ms. P. Thina successfully completed a MooC course titled **Introduction to Literary Theory** (Subject Code: NOC20HS82), an 8 weeks course (September - November 2022). Additionally, she also completed a MooC Course titled **Feminist Writings** (Subject Code: NOC21HS73), a 12 weeks course (July - - October 2021)



PG Projects

A total of 9 post graduate students of II M.A. English (SSC) submitted the projects. The details are as follows:

REGISTER NUMBER	NAME OF THE STUDENT	TITLE OF THE PROJECT
19SPEN01	S. Abinaya	Home and Feminine Subjectivity in Marilynne Robinson's <i>Housekeeping</i>
19SPEN02	S. Esther Mancy	Socio - Political Activism and Oppression Towards Women in Khaled Hosseini's <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>
19SPEN04	X. Lavanya	Thematic Study of Frances Hodgson Burnett's <i>The Secret Garden</i>
19SPEN05	J. Maria Alphonsa	Journey of self exploration Jaishree Misra's <i>Ancient Promises</i>
19SPEN06	A. Maria Deenu Steniza	Traumatic and Harrowing Experiences: A Psychological Reading of Emma Donoghue's <i>Room</i>
19SPEN07	S. Pavithra	Feminist Perspective in Roald Dahl's <i>Matilda</i> - A Study
19SPEN08	P. Stephi	Racial Discrimination and Supremacy of Whites -A Study of Doris Lessing's <i>The Grass Is Singing</i>

19SPEN09	M. Subalakshmi	Discord Between Culture and Time in <i>Everything I Never Told You</i>
19SPEN10	P. Virgin Pratheepa	Inquisition for Idiosyncrasy in Jhimli Mukherjee Pandey's <i>A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi</i>

PASS PERCENTAGE UG & PG

III B. A. English	100%
II M. A. English	100%

Higher Education

Year	No. of Outgoing Students pursuing Higher Education
2020 - 2021	UG - 39 PG - 5