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HOD's Message

With heartfelt joy, I present this year's Newsletter, chronicling the remarkable journey of the Department of English (SSC), St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi. This academic year has been marked by a blend of academic excellence, creative endeavors, and community engagement that continue to elevate our department.

Our initiatives have focused on nurturing intellectual curiosity and skill development among our students. From thought-provoking webinars and workshops to engaging literary competitions, the department has provided diverse platforms for our students to excel.

The unwavering support of our faculty has been instrumental in every success. Their dedication to research, paper presentations, and active involvement in seminars inspires both students and peers alike.

Together, let us continue to strive for excellence, innovation, and holistic growth in the years to come.

Warm Regards

Maria Sahaya Sharmila

Coordinator, Department of English (SSC)

Activities of the English Literary Association

- Dr. Rasul Mohideen, Associate Professor of English, V.O.Chidambaram College of Education, Thoothukudi delivered a speech on "Inevitable English in India" on 28.08.2018.
- The Department of English conducted Proficiency Exam and Talent examination of Shakespeare Institute of English Studies on 19.11.2018. Twenty six students participated and V.Vincy Nivedha of I B.A English Literature (SSC) won the First Prize in the Talent Exam.
- Dr. Vaijo Latha, Assistant Professor of English, Aringar Anna College, Aaralvaimozhi gave a talk on "Indian Women Writers Ofcourse a Boon" on 05.02.2019.



CDP

- With an objective to create awareness on the ill effects of plastic, The English Department (SSC), St. Mary's College, visited Labour Colony, Harbour on Saturday (27.10.18). The visit included awareness discussion among the residents of Labour Colony that kept them spell bound. The students aimed at creating awareness among the public, regarding the ill effects of the use of plastic bags especially on the animals that indigest the plastic bags resulting in choking, poisoning and even death. Most of the residents had the awareness of hazards of plastic bag usage but still use it due to the unawareness of the availability of cheaper alternatives.
- The CDP unit organized a Plastic Eradication procession, in the adopted area of the college. The students went about collecting plastic waste. The day was put to good use by the students in spreading the message about clean and green environment without plastic



- The Students of II B.A. English (SSC) went to Labour Colony for their first visit and did a survey of the people and their occupation on 14.09.2018.
- The Students of II B.A. English (SSC) went for their second visit to Labour Colony and the Govt. Schemes were explained to the beneficiaries and their details were recorded on 29.09.2018.
- The Students of II B.A. English (SSC) went for CDP visit to Tharuvaikulam, Thoothukudi District, the students took a UBA survey and recorded the details on 26.01.2019 & 02.02.2019

Award

Dr. D Shanmugajothi, Assistant Professor of English (SSC) Successfully defended her Ph.D Viva Voce at V.D. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi, under the guideship of Dr. Chandramathi, Associate Professor of English, V.D. Chidambaram College,

Staff Activities

Staff attended Seminar:

- The staff of the Department of English (SSC) attended the National Seminar on “Fostering Transparency: Routing out Plagiarism A to Z” organized by the Department of Library and Research Forum, St.Mary’s College (Autonomous) on 20.07.2018.
- Ms.Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Ms.M.Hermina and Dr.D.Shanmugajothi Assistant Professors of the Department of English (SSC) attended the International Conference on “Teaching Literature in English for Cross Cultural Communication” organized by Annammal College in collaboration with ELTAI on 27.07.2018
- Ms.Maria Sahaya Sharmila and Dr.D.Shanmugajothi Assistant Professors of the Department of English (SSC) attended the two days workshop on “Women in Science and Research” organized by Speaker Series Program 2018 USIEF Chennai in collaboration with United States India Educational Foundation Chennai on 28.08.2018.
- Ms. Thibursius, Ms.Hermina, Dr.D. Shanmugajothi and Ms. Reeda Albin Mary, Assistant Professors of the Department of English (SSC) attended the National Level Seminar on “Subaltern Voices: Discourse On African Writing” organized by the Department of English (Self Financing) Kamaraj College on 30.08.2018.
- Ms.Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Assistant Professor of the Department of English (SSC) attended the seminar on “Emerging Literature of the World” organized by The American college, Madurai on 15.10.2018.
- Sr.F.Mary Joyce Baby, Assistant Professor of English (SSC) attended a National Conference on “Excellence in Higher Education – Explore...Enhance...Elevate” at Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai on 23.11.2018 & 24.11.2018.
- Sr.F.Mary Joyce Baby, Assistant Professor of English (SSC) attended a “National Seminar on The Contributions of Minorities to Nation Building” organized by Andhra Loyola College (Autonomous) : Vijayawada, on 03.01.2019 & 04.01.2019.
- Ms.Maria Sahaya Sharmila and Ms. Reeda Albin Mary, Assistant Professors of the Department English (SSC) attended the One Day Workshop under UGC Autonomy Grant on “Approaches, Methods and Theories Towards Reading and Re-Reading of Literary Texts” organized by Vivekananda College, Madurai on 02.02.2019.
- Ms.Shahaya Sheeba.B, Assistant Professor of English (SSC) attended an International Conference on “ The Representation of Marginalized Identities in Literature” organized by the Department of English, N.M.S.Sermathai Vasan College For Women, Madurai on 07.02.2019.
- Ms. Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Assistant Professor in English (SSC), participated in the International Conference on Revisioning and Rewriting Herself: An Exploration of Women’s Writings” organized by the Department of English, Loyola College, Chennai on 08.02.2019.

Staff Paper Presentation in Seminar

- Mrs. Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Assistant Professor in English (SSC) presented a paper entitled "Cultural Feminism in Suniti Namjoshi's *Mother of Maya Diip*" at the International Conference on "Teaching Literature in English for Cross Cultural Communication" organized by Annammal College in collaboration with ELTAI on 27.07.2018
- Ms. M. Hermina, Assistant Professor presented a paper entitled "The Cross Cultural Communication with the Numinous Visionary of Marilynne Robinson's *Lila* and Thiruvalluvar" at the International Conference on "Teaching Literature in English for Cross Cultural Communication" organized by Annammal College in collaboration with ELTAI on 27.07.2018
- Dr. D. Shanmugajothi, Assistant Professor of English (SSC) "The Dichotomy between American and English Settlers in Martha Quest's *Children of Violence Series*" at the International Conference on "Teaching Literature in English for Cross Cultural Communication" organized by Annammal College in collaboration with ELTAI on 27.07.2018
- Ms. Maria Sahaya Sharmila, of the Department English (SSC) presented a paper titled "Personal Conflict Vs Cultural Conflict in Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*" at the National Level Seminar on "Subaltern Voices: Discourse On African Writing" organized by the Department English (Self Financing) Kamaraj College on 30.08.2018.
- Ms. Thibursius, of the Department English (SSC) presented a paper entitled "The Principle of Pertetualn Persuasion in *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie" at the National Level Seminar on "Subaltern Voices: Discourse On African Writing" organized by the Department English (Self Financing) Kamaraj College on 30.08.2018.
- Ms. Hermina, of the Department English (SSC) presented a paper entitled *Realism and Psyc- Cultural Ruminati on in Chimamanda Ngozi Adicie's "Americanah" and Marilynne Robinson's "Home"* at the National Level Seminar on "Subaltern Voices: Discourse On African Writing" organized by the Department English (Self Financing) Kamaraj College on 30.08.2018.
- Dr. D. Shunmugajothi, Assistant Professor of English (SSC) presented a paper titled "Self Exploration and Reality in Doris Lessing's *Martha Quest* and *The Summer Before the Dark*" in the National Seminar on "Protest Writings" organized by the P.G. & Research Department of English, Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai on 21.01.2019.
- Sr. F. Mary Joyce Baby, Assistant Professor in English (SSC) presented a paper titled "Crime and Cultural Threat in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Cell One*" in the National Seminar on "Protest Writings" organized by the P.G. & Research Department of English, Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai on 21.01.2019.
- Ms. M. Hermina, Assistant Professor in English (SSC) presented a paper titled "The Explication of Reality and the Cultural Contiguity in Marilynne Robinson's *Lila* in Comparison to *Thirukural*/by Thiruvalluvar" in the National Seminar on "Protest Writings" organized by the P.G. & Research Department of English, Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai on 21.01.2019.
- Ms. Shahaya Sheeba.B, Assistant Professor of English (SSC) presented a paper entitled "Reverbration of Atonement Through Kate Grenville's *Secret River*" at the International Conference on "The Representation of Marginalized Identities in Literature" organized by the Department of English, N.M.S.Sermathai Vasan College For Women, Madurai on 07.02.2019.
- Ms. Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Assistant Professor in English (SSC), participated and presented a paper titled "Diasporic Elements in Suniti Namjoshi's Poems: A Study" in the International Conference on Revisioning and Rewriting Herself: An Exploration of Women's Writings" organized by the Department of English, Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai on 08.02.2019.

Staff Published Papers

- Dr.D.Shumugajothi, Assistant Professor in English (SSC) published a paper "The Dichotomy between American and English Settlers in Martha Quest's Children of Vilence Series" in *Literatures in English for Cross Cultural Communication*.
- Sr.F.Mary Joyce Baby, Assistant Professor in English, published a paper "Cultural Clash and Hybrid Identities in Adichie's Short Stories" *Interdisciplinary Research Journal for Humanities, A Peer- Reviewed Journal, ISSN: 2249-250 X, Vol. 10 No.1 September 2018.*
- Sr.F.Mary Joyce Baby, Assistant Professor in English, published a paper "Female Human Voices of Hope Seeded in the Writings of Adichie for the Future Nigerian Women" in *Literary Findings International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research, UGC Recognised Journal, UGC Approved Under Arts and Humanities Journal No. ISSN: 2278-2311. November 2018.*
- Ms.Maria Sahaya Sharmila, Assistant Professor in English (SSC), published a paper "Peronal Conflict Vs Cultural Conflict In Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*" in *Subaltern Voices : Discourse on African Writings* ISBN : 978-93-5321-446-3 on December 2018.
- Ms.Thibursius, Assistant Professor in English (SSC), published a paper "The Principle of Perpetual Persuasion In Chimamanda Ngozi's *Purple Hibiscus*" in *Subaltern Voices : Discourse on African Writings* ISBN : 978-93-5321-446-3 on December 2018.
- Ms.Hermina, of the Department English (SSC) Assistant Professor of English (SSC) published a paper "Realism and Psycho- Cultural Ruminaton in Chimamanda Ngozi Adicie's "Americanah" and Marilynne Robinson's *Home*" in *Subaltern Voices : Discourse on African Writings* ISBN : 978-93-5321-446-3 on December 2018.
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- Sr.F.Mary Joyce Baby, Assistant Professor in English, published a paper, "The narrative of post memory in the movie *Half of a Yellow Sun*" *Interdisciplinary Research Journal for Humanities, A Peer- Reviewed Journal, ISSN: 2249-250 X, Vol. 10 No.2 March 2019.*
- Sr.F.Mary Joyce Baby, Assistant Professor in English, published a paper, "Revisiting African Families through Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Cell One*" in *IJELLAH International Journal of English Language. Indexed. Peer Reviewed (Refereed) UGC Approved Journal, ISSN: 2321-7065, Vol.7, Issue 5, May 2019.*

Students Activities

Students Participation in Seminars and Competitions:

- A programme on "Students Empowerment" was conducted in our College Miss Alagu Chella Keerthana of III B.A English (SSC) participated in the Programme and delivered a speech on Women Empowerment on 19.08.2018.
- Students of III B.A English (SSC) attended the interview organized by the Job Placement Cell of our College for III year UG and II year PG students. The interviewers came from IDBI, Federal Insurance Company, Chennai on 23.08.2018
- V.R.Reshma, M.Brighty of I B.A English (SSC) , D.Ranjani Winsiya of II B.A English (SSC) S.Pavithra, R.Monisha and R.Shanmuga Priya of III B.A English (SSC) participated and won the III place in the folk dance competition organized by ACE Fest in Association with Annai Bharat Gas Service, Thoothukudi held at Subhiah Vidyalayam Girls Higher Secondary School on 28.09.2018
- The students, A.Alagu Chella Keerthana of III B.A English (SSC) presented a paper entitled "Colour Conflict in Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*", P.Virgin Pratheepha of III B.A English (SSC) presented a paper entitled "Racism in Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*" and A.Anupriya of III B.A English (SSC) presented a paper entitled "Culture Conflict in Alexie Sherman's *Ten Little Indians*" at the seminar on "Emerging Literature of the World" organized by The American College, Madurai on 15.10.2018.
- 11 Students of III B.A English (SSC) attended the One Day Workshop under UGC Autonomy Grant on "Approaches, Methods and Theories Towards Reading and Re-Reading of Literary Texts" organized by Vivekananda College, Madurai on 02.02.2019.
- 10 students of III B.A. English (SSC) attended an International Conference on "The Representation of Marginalized Identities in Literature" organized by the Department of English, N.M.S.Sermathai Vasan College For Women, Madurai on 07.02.2019. S.Abinaya presented a paper entitled "Marginalization On Untouchability in Mulk Raj Anand's *Untouchable*". R.Monisha presented a paper entitled Double Marginalization in Bharathi Mukherjee's *Wife*". A.Maria Deenu Steniza presented a paper entitled "Social Inequality and Betrayal in Tony Cade Bambara's *The Lercan and Gorilla My Love*". Sharmila Subramanian presented a paper entitled "Diaspora and Struggle for Identity in Thumpa Lahin's *The Namesake*". R.Shanmuga Priya presented a paper entitled "Plight of Women in Tony Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*".

NCC, NSS and Sports

- A. Maria Deenu Steniza of III B.A English (SSC) attended. The Combined Annual Training camp (NCC) held at NTA, Idayapatti, Madurai from 29.06.2018 to 08.07.2018.
- R. Leena Josephine Pearl of I B.A. English (SSC) represented our college and secured First position in the Inter Collegiate Volley Ball Tournament held at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi from 03.10.2018 to 05.10.2018
- A. Maria Deenu Steniza of III B.A English (SSC) attended a One Day NCC Training at St.Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi on 21.01.2019.
- A. Maria Deenu Steniza of III B.A English (SSC) attended NCC 'C' Certificate Exam at Kamaraj College, Thoothukudi on 23.02.2019.