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Two Day's National level workshop titled "Naadaga Kalain Vali Katrallum Karpithalum - under the Star College Scheme

A WORKSHOP TITLED "NAADAGA KALAIN VALI KATRALLUM KARPITHALUM" WAS CONDUCTED ON 29TH AND 30TH AUGUST 2024, WITH APPROXIMATELY 100 STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE. THE WORKSHOP AIMED TO EXPLORE THE ART AND TECHNIQUES OF DRAMA, FOCUSING ON BOTH ITS TRADITIONAL ROOTS AND CONTEMPORARY APPLICATIONS. THE RESOURCE PERSONS FOR THE EVENT INCLUDED RENOWNED FIGURES FROM THE THEATRE WORLD: D. ANTHONY JANAKI, DRAMA ACTOR (NEW DELHI), R. KAARTHICK, DRAMA TEACHER AND DIRECTOR (AAGAM KALAIYAGAM), DR. C. JACKSON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MIME UMESH FROM THE SCHOOL OF DRAMA (MADURAI), AND V. UKESH BABU, DRAMA ACTOR. THE WORKSHOP COVERED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DRAMA, INCLUDING ACTING TECHNIQUES, MIME PERFORMANCE, AND THE CREATIVE PROCESS IN DRAMA. THE SESSIONS WERE HIGHLY INTERACTIVE, WITH STUDENTS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN PRACTICAL EXERCISES, IMPROVISATION, AND PERFORMANCES. OVERALL, THE WORKSHOP PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHTS AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE PERFORMING ARTS.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "TAMILUM THAVARAMUM" UNDER THE STAR COLLEGE SCHEME

On 10th September 2024, the Department of Tamil, in collaboration with the Marian Star Centre and the Department of Botany, organized an International Seminar on "Tamilum Thavaramum" under the Star College Scheme. The seminar explored the relationship between Tamil literature and environmental themes, focusing on how Tamil cultural expressions contribute to ecological awareness. Distinguished resource persons, including Dr. Muthusamy Ramakrishnan from Nanjing Forestry University, Dr. K. Murugan from Manonmaniam Sundarnar University, and Dr. Hepzi Rose Mary from the University of Kerala, discussed the role of Tamil literature in sustainability, biodiversity, and nature conservation. The seminar offered a platform for interdisciplinary discussions, bridging Tamil heritage with modern environmental science. The event concluded with the symbolizing a successful exchange of knowledge and ideas.



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**DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
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Jointly organizes

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
TAMILUM THAVARAMUM
("தமிழும் தாவரமும்")
UNDER STAR COLLEGE SCHEME**

Sponsored by



**DBT, Govt. of India
New Delhi**

10th SEPTEMBER, 2024

Venue: Conference Hall | Time: 9.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

ABOUT THE STAR COLLEGE SCHEME

St. Mary's College (Autonomous), a satellite institution of higher education for women, founded in 1961, plays a significant role in shaping the destiny of numerically strong regional women in and around Thoothukudi. With a proud history of 70 years, the college has reached its very discipline keeping in pace with the global trends in the academic. The college, affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, offers graduate (post-graduate), MPhil, and Ph.D. programmes in various disciplines and has attained A+ accreditation from the year 2000. Recognising the great potential within the campus, the NAAC has requested the institution with 'A+' grade to be four-year cycle. A holistic education with an overall personality development is created by involving students in academic, co-curricular and co-extracurricular activities. The motto of the college is **TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS**.

ABOUT THE STAR COLLEGE SCHEME

Star College Scheme has been initiated by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) in 2003 to support colleges and universities offering undergraduate education to improve science teaching across the country. DBT identifies colleges with academic and potential for excellence and provides scientific and physical infrastructure for achieving excellence in teaching and research support of studies in experimental science. Department has supported around 100 independent colleges across the country in the past 9 years. Star College scheme was announced in March 2014. Four departments of the college namely Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology have been recommended by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, New Delhi, to receive financial assistance under the Star College Scheme.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

A seminar on "Tamilum Thavaramum" (Tamilum Thavaramum) would explore the deep connection between the Tamil language, culture, and plant life. Ancient Tamil literature often mentions the forest and Malar to represent love, knowledge, and human emotions. Tamil literature, folklore, and Tamil society have held special significance in Tamil spirituality and ethics, especially in temples. Traditional Tamil wisdom, particularly related to the healing properties of medicinal plants. The seminar would highlight the historical and modern use of these plants in everyday health practices. Environmental conservation rooted in Tamil culture would be a key topic, discussing efforts to preserve biodiversity. It would also explore the use of plants in traditional Tamil medicine, their ecological and cultural importance. The seminar would explore the role of Tamil culture, spirituality, and ecological balance, its importance in shaping Tamil identity. Ultimately, it would encourage greater environmental awareness through Tamil-rich heritage with nature.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE
INAUGURATION : 9.00 A.M. TO 10.30 A.M.

SESSION I : "TRANSPARENT ELEMENTS: ENIGMS OF EVOLUTION AND ORIGINS OF GENETIC INNOVATION"

DR. MUTHUSAMY RAMAKRISHNAN
PROFESSOR, NANJING FORESTRY UNIVERSITY
NANJING, CHINA

SESSION II : "BIOMIMETIC INSPIRATION: EXPLORATION OF NATURE FOR INSPIRING IDEAS"

DR. K. MURUGAN
PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
MANONMANIAM SUNDARANAR UNIVERSITY, TIRUNELVELI

SESSION III : "TAMILUM THAVARAMUM: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY" (TAMILUM THAVARAMUM)

DR. HEPZI ROSE MARY A JAGADISH PROFESSOR
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Best wishes from



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WORKSHOP: PANMUGA NOKKIL VANJIMAA NAGARAM - A LITERARY EXPLORATION OF URBAN IDENTITY

18th September 2024, a workshop titled *Vetha Naayagar Mutamil Mandra Kootam* was organized by the college to delve into the literary analysis of the novel "Panmuga Nokkil Vanjimaa Nagaram" (*A City of Mirrors in the Five-Faceted View*). The workshop aimed to enhance students' understanding of the thematic depth, narrative techniques, and cultural significance of the novel, which explores multifaceted perceptions of urban life. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Arul Michael Selvi, Associate Professor at Fatima College (Autonomous), Madurai, who brought her extensive expertise in literary analysis to the session. Dr. Selvi engaged students in a thorough exploration of the novel's structure, its portrayal of societal complexities, and its relevance in contemporary literature. Her lecture was well-received, with students actively participating in discussions, raising questions, and sharing their perspectives on the text. Approximately 500 students attended the workshop, and the event provided them with a platform to deepen their literary analysis skills and gain a better understanding of Tamil literature's modern narratives. Dr. Selvi's insights were particularly valuable in helping students connect the novel's themes with real-world societal issues. The workshop concluded with a Q&A session where students had. The event was deemed a success, providing both academic enrichment and intellectual stimulation to all attendees. the opportunity to clarify doubts and engage with the subject matter on a deeper level



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR - ILAKKIYANGALIL PAAVAIUM PANNISAIUM

On October 4th, an International Seminar titled "Ilakkiyangalil Paavaium Pannisaium" (Sin and Music in Literature) was held, benefiting around 225 students. The seminar featured Mr. J. Basker, an orator from Abu Dhabi, and Dr. Francis Xavier, a guest lecturer from Joy University, Vadakankulam, as resource persons. They provided valuable insights into the relationship between sin, music, and literature. Additionally, the seminar marked the launch of the I, II General Tamil Book (2024-2027), which was unveiled as an essential academic resource for students. The event was an enriching experience, offering a deep dive into Tamil literary themes while engaging students in meaningful discussions.



On 7th October 2024, a programme on Pattimandabam was conducted with the theme "Manitha Maanbugalai Peni Kaapathu Aangalea! - Pengalea!" Is it the responsibility of men or women to protect human dignity, attended by 340 students. The event featured an esteemed panel of speakers, including Ms. A. Amora Assistant Professor in Commerce, Dr. N. Sumathi Assistant Professor in English, Dr. C. Gayathri Assistant Professor in BBA, Dr. P. Selva Mary Assistant Professor in Tamil, Ms. P. Rosewens Superintendent, Ms. K. Smiley Lab Assistant, Selvi A. Muthu Madhumitha I M.A. History, and Selvi S. Aswarika I M.Sc. Chemistry. The programme encouraged thoughtful discussions on the roles of both genders in protecting human dignity, sparking meaningful dialogue and reflection among the students on societal responsibilities and gender equality.

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REPORT ON 143RD BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHAKAVI BHARATHIAR



On December 11, 2024, St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, grandly celebrated the

143rd birth anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiar . As part of the celebration, various literary and cultural

competitions were conducted for school and college students across the district. Students from several

institutions in Thoothukudi actively participated, showcasing their talents and creativity in different events.

The celebration commenced with an inaugural address by the college principal, secretary, and self-financed

section director , who highlighted the significance of Bharathiar's contributions to Tamil literature and the

freedom movement. The winners of the competitions were honored with prizes and certificates , recognizing

their exceptional performances. The event not only paid tribute to the legendary poet Bharathiar but also

served as an inspiring platform for students to express their literary and artistic skills.



PORUNAILAKKIYA THIRUVIZHA



- The Porunai Ilakkiya Thiruvizha 2025 is a distinguished literary festival organized by St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, with a strong focus on Tamil literature and environmental welfare. Scheduled to take place on December 18, 19, 30, and 31, 2024, the event aims to promote cultural awareness and ecological responsibility among students. A range of competitions, including poetry, short story writing, speech, debate, essay writing, quiz, drawing, photography, collage making, and prompt engineering, will be conducted to encourage student participation in literary and creative activities. With a well-structured program and enthusiastic participation, Porunai Ilakkiya Thiruvizha 2025 is set to be a significant platform for students to showcase their literary and artistic talents while fostering an appreciation for Tamil heritage and environmental conservation.

Report on The Book Reading Festival

The Book Reading Festival at St. Mary's College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi, held on March 6, 2025, was a remarkable initiative organized in collaboration with the Tamil Department and the Thoothukudi Book Reading Movement to encourage a culture of reading among students. Dedicated to the esteemed Tamil writer S. Ramakrishnan, the event celebrated his literary contributions and emphasized the significance of books in shaping knowledge and perspective.

A key highlight of the festival was an engaging discussion on "Why Should We Read Books?", where distinguished scholars Dr. R. Jeyaraj, Dr. P. Marimuthu, and U. Sakthivel shared their insights on the role of reading in academic success and personal growth. The festival served as a motivating platform for students to explore Tamil literature, develop a reading habit, and broaden their intellectual horizons. With enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members, the event concluded on a highly successful and inspiring note. As part of the Book reading festival the book "Thapal Petti Ezhuthiya Kaditham" by renowned writer S. Ramakrishnan was distributed free of cost to students. To encourage critical thinking and literary appreciation, a book review competition based on this novel was conducted, in which 65 students actively participated. The competition provided a platform for students to analyze and express their perspectives on the book. The event concluded with an award ceremony, where winners were honored with prizes, recognizing their analytical and literary skills.

