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From the Vice-Chancellor

The current issue of Azhagu in your hands speaks of a spectrum of events that happened in the campus during the month of October 2016. Of these, the 29th Convocation held on 13th October, the National Conference on Educational Practices in Chola Kingdom (850 – 1279 A.D.) and the International Conference on Tamil Culture are the three momentous occasions to be cherished forever by the academic community.

The eminent space scientist and currently the President of the Association of the Indian Universities Prof. D.S. Chauhan, in his Convocation Address, observed that convocations are not rituals but milestones in the career graph of the universities and they record the accomplishments but at the same time, he added, they remind the stakeholders, administrators and academics of the universities of their onerous responsibilities towards contributing to the knowledge economy in this era of far reaching changes. He said that India is heading towards new horizons of higher education and in this context, he suggested the tenure of potential staff holding higher positions in universities can be extended even after their superannuation, as they can take the higher educational institutions to lofty heights with their rich potential, vast knowledge and varied experience.

The International Conference on Tamil Culture provided an environment for confluence of ideas for the scholars from various countries. Looking at the Tamil Culture from multi-dimensional perspective, all of them agreed on the inherent strength of Tamil tradition and its unique features that have withstood by their inner merits all onslaughts from various other cultures, especially European. The deliberations at the National Seminar on Educational Practices in Chola Kingdom brought to the fore the nuances of an efficient educational system that flourished under the Chola Dynasty from 850 to 1279 A.D. Inscriptions are the standing monuments that proclaim to the world the genius of the administrators who used temples as educational hubs. The efficient administration of the Chola Period owed its success to the effective education system that was in vogue in those times.

The U.N.O.-advocated organizations of functions at the University to create awareness among the youth deserve mention. The invited expert speakers expressed serious concern over the changing natural phenomena in the world owing to man's indifference; and they highlighted the need to create knowledge to deal with challenges faced by the world in terms of climatic change, water scarcity and food security. It becomes the bounden duty and responsibility of everyone in the academia to take the torch of knowledge to common man engulfed in darkness in India, who needs to be educated on these aspects. Besides, every educated youth should set an example by practice rather than by precept and that will enthuse the illiterate people to emulate the example of the educated youth and make them walk on the road to nation's progress.

Prof. S. SUBBIAH
Vice-Chancellor

29TH CONVOCATION OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY



The 29th Convocation of Alagappa University was held in the University Convocation Hall on Thursday, the 13th of October 2016. Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru CH. Vidyasagar Rao presided over the function and gave away the degrees to the new graduates.



Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and Pro-Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru K. P. Anbalagan graced the occasion and offered felicitations. In his felicitation address, he paid tribute to the Founder Alagappan for his selfless service to the cause of education. Eulogising the contribution of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Ms. J. Jayalalitha to higher education, he said that she gave importance to "Access, Equity, Quality and Employability". With this in view, skill development training and soft skill training are given prime importance in Tamil Nadu. He stated that "Tamil Nadu is leading in Gross Enrollment Ratio. The Indian average ratio is 23.6%,

while the average in Tamil Nadu is 44.8%". He said Women's Education is given great importance in Tamil Nadu and it is indicated by the Gross Enrollment Ratio of 42.7% in Tamil Nadu, while the Indian average is 22.7%. He added that he was happy to note that 74% of the students are women in Alagappa University.

The Minister said that there are 58 universities and 2470 colleges in Tamil Nadu today and during the last 5 years the Government headed by Ms. J. Jayalalitha started 67 colleges. The Government is always conscious of Periyar EVR's golden words "if you educate a woman, you are educating a society". As per the MHRD survey of 2014-15, the Tamil Nadu is placed in the first place in offering higher education to women. By providing employment to 15.95 lakhs of youth, Tamil Nadu is in the forefront, as per Annual Survey of Industries. Of the 25 top ranking institutions of higher learning in India, once again Tamil Nadu is in the lead position. He exhorted the students to lead an ethical life as exemplified by Thiruvalluvar in Thirukkural. He also asked them to develop the positive ideal "we can do, we can, we will".



Prof. D. S. Chauhan, Vice-Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura (U.P.) and President, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi, in his Convocation Address, observed that convocations are milestones and they recognize accomplishments but at the same time points to the future responsibility

of the universities in contributing to the knowledge economy. He added that our country is facing climate changes and is confronting environmental issues on the one hand and on the other it also faces challenges regarding the creation of an efficient teaching and learning environment. In this context, he exhorted the present generation of teachers and students to ponder over these issues seriously and find solutions to solve them. He told the youth "Rather ask yourself what you can do to your country that none has done till today" and asked them to resolve accomplishing greater tasks. "The young generation must learn that unless 'your knowledge' is utilized either by the nation or by you, nothing could be achieved".

Striking a positive note, he said the world has become "small" owing to technological advancements in the field of communication and developments in other fields. He added, "Opportunities are far greater today; and today's graduates have wider choices that were not available for earlier generations. India has specific importance in the world today because of its large youth population. "A young country and you, as young fresh graduates and P.G.s and Ph.Ds in different disciplines, will be joining a dynamic, competitive, productive, youthful workforce". He advised the youth to take upon themselves the responsibility of leadership and lead the country to progress and prosperity. Highly educated leadership in all sectors and domains will be required to maintain higher economic growth. He added that according to an ILO Report, there will be a 32% increase of Indian workforce in the next four years. He suggested that the tenure of potential staff holding higher posts in universities can be extended even after their superannuation as they can take the higher education institutions to a better level. He lauded the Founder of this University Dr. Alagappa Chettiar for his munificence, magnanimity and philanthropy.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his Welcome Address, recounted the activities and programmes of the University. He said that the vision of the University is to achieve excellence in all spheres of education. He mentioned that 9 departments have been started; and 2 Centres have been upgraded into two full-fledged departments; during the academic year 2016-17, 30 programmes of study under the University Departments and 21 new programmes of study under the Distance Education mode have also been initiated. He stated that all together 1, 31,000 students are pursuing higher studies in the university, affiliated colleges and distance education stream. A Yoga Centre and a University Scientific Instrumentation Centre are additions made recently. He made references to MoUs signed with Universities abroad, as well as at home, the visit of distinguished scholars from abroad to Alagappa University and visits of our faculty members to various universities abroad and also referred to the grant of Rs.7 crores sanctioned by DST, New Delhi, under the Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE) Scheme. He expressed his gratitude to all the funding agencies both the Central and State Governments.

1,073 regular students from the University Departments and Constituent Colleges, 10,091 students from the Affiliated Colleges, 608 students from the Collaborative Programmes and 19,447 students from the Distance Education stream received their degrees during this convocation. In total, 31,219 students were conferred with the degrees, of which 11,736 graduates were men while 19,483 were women.

In this convocation, 229 candidates consisting of 117 Ph.D. research scholars, 29 M.Phil. Rank holders from the University Departments and Affiliated Colleges, 72 Post -Graduate and Under-Graduate students from the University Departments and Affiliated Colleges and 11 students from

Collaborative Programmes received their degrees in person.

Moreover, 28 gold medalists, 7 M.Phil.students from the University Departments, 20 Post-Graduate students from the University Departments, 1 Under - Graduate student from Affiliated College received their Gold Medals from the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu.

FACULTY OF ARTS

CENTRE FOR TAMIL CULTURE

International Conference on “Tamil Culture – A Multi-dimensional Perspective”



The Inaugural function of the Two-day International Conference on “Tamil Culture – A Multi-dimensional Perspective” organized by the Centre for Tamil Culture, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was held at the L.C.T.L. Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium on 22.10.2016.

The main objective of the conference was to nurture, preserve and propagate rich Tamil tradition and culture and to discuss varied aspects of Tamil culture from different perspectives.

Presiding over the function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, said that this International Conference is the first of its kind to be organized by Alagappa University under the auspices of the recently - started Centre for Tamil Culture. Oneness of thoughts, words and deeds go to the making of a great culture. He added that culture is, indeed, the soul of any civilization. Today nations struggle to safeguard their tradition and



culture. The name and fame of a nation rests on the protection of its own culture and tradition. Indian culture has always been praised for its inherent strength all over the world since times of yore, and Tamil culture which is a part of this tradition has unique features and it has withstood all onslaughts from various other cultures especially the European by its inner merits. Tamil is considered as a cultural language as it is rich in literature and art and it also shows the righteous ways of leading a useful and fruitful life.

Further, the Vice-Chancellor said that the aim of education is to transfer our culture and tradition from one generation to another and educational institutions should work towards this objective. Alagappa University's Centre for Tamil Culture has been initiated with this noble idea. Efforts are already begun to establish a museum in this regard, he added.

Prof. Mugilai Rajapandiyan, Registrar, Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai, in his special address, pointed out that Tamil is known not only for its antiquity but also for its simplicity and sweetness. He said that in an American University the wise saying of the Tamil Poet Avvaiyar “what is already learnt is a handful only but what is yet to be learnt is as vast as the world” adorns the main entrance of the institution. Because of its advocacy of a broad perspective and a world-view Thirukkural is certainly an international classic, he added. The greatness of Tamil culture is known throughout the world.

The Former Vice-Chancellor of Gandigram Rural Institute and current Syndicate Member of Alagappa University Prof. SM. Ramasamy, in his felicitation address, referred to the scientific ideas and thoughts found in ancient Tamil literature and said that it showed the genius of the Tamil race. Tamil literature has to be studied not simply for its literary merit but it has to be studied deeply for its other multifarious aspects that are dealt with by the great minds.

Prof. J. P. Prasanth Moro from France, in his felicitation address, stated that the Indian festivals like Pongal, Deepavali and Vinayagar Chaturthi are celebrated enthusiastically by the Tamils living in France. Some of the educational institutions in France are offering Tamil studies and also they provide facilities for Tamil research. The Thiruvalluvar statue has been erected at the entrance to the world famous School of Oriental Studies in London and the speaker indicated how the world revered a great literary genius like Thiruvalluvar. That the two lakh Tamils living in France would protect the Tamil culture and tradition, he hoped.

Prof. M. Krishnan from Malaya University, Kuala Lumpur, in his address, explained how the Tamils in Malaysia were able to protect the Tamil culture for nearly 200 years from the impact of Chinese, Malay and European cultures. He added that Tamil schools in Malaysia are doing good work and some universities offer opportunities for studying Tamil at higher level. He congratulated the authorities of Alagappa University for starting a Centre for Tamil Culture which would be a boon for posterity to preserve and propagate Tamil culture.

Dr. Shanthi Kesavan, Head, Department of Hindu Civilization, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, said that in spite of several hardships the Sri Lankan Tamils could protect Tamil culture and tradition. For them the language and culture are the most significant ones and they are endeavouring to preserve them.

Dr. A. Arivu Nambi, Pondicherry University and Dr. Aranga Paari, Annamalai University, Dr. K. Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, also offered their felicitations at this function. A three volume work containing research articles was released by Dr. Mugilai Rajapandiyar and copies were received by the distinguished guests.

Dr. K. Gurunathan, Member of the Syndicate, Professors, Research Scholars and Students from the University Departments and Colleges participated in the programme. Dr. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c, welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Senthamizh Pavai, Director, Centre for Tamil Culture, proposed a vote of thanks.

On 22nd Oct 2016 evening a gala cultural event was organised in which students from the Department of Fine Arts and Affiliated Colleges performed folk dances such as Karagattam, Mayilattam, Oyilattam, Puliattam, Silambattam, Kolattam and Mankombattam. It was a sight to dream of to watch the youngsters perform varied traditional dances which intrinsically reflected the uniqueness of ancient Tamil Culture.



The Valedictory Function was organised on the afternoon of 23rd October, 2016 at the University Seminar Hall. Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presiding over the function stressed the predominant role of tradition in changing a common man into a man of culture. Tamil culture with its inherent strength has all the

finer nuances to transform a person into a noble and gentle personality. We can see the essence of culture in the entire corpus of Tamil Literature. The main characteristic of Tamil Culture is to treat everyone alike with respect and to esteem all equally irrespective of all differences. If mind excels, our intention excels, if intention excels our deeds also become worthy of emulation. If our deeds become noble our life will surely become worthy. So living with a mind of purity is a way of ethical living that will usher in success. He also added that a separate museum is being established near the Alagappar Museum to showcase the antique Tamil cultural treasures collected by the Centre.



Thavathiru Kundrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar in his oration highlighted the uniqueness of Tamil language that offers a code of conduct to lead a glorious and useful life, dividing it broadly into Agam (Life Interior or personal life) and Puram (Life Exterior or social life). Love and friendship are cherished a treasure in our culture as very essential factors for making life a delightful one. Tamil culture says 'having good friends will enhance one's life' because love and brotherhood are the foundation upon which Tamil Culture is built. He also expressed his views on education and stated that the effect of education should not be evaluated on the basis of marks but should be assessed on values inherited by the educated. He said that it is in the hands of the youth to preserve Tamil culture for the emulation of posterity. He exhorted them to give a prime place to Thirukkural in their life style.

Prof. S. Sachchithanandham from France delivered the felicitation address. Prof. M. Krishnan from Malaysia participated in this function. Prof. C. Sundaresan, Tamil University, Thanjavur and Prof. M. Chidambaram, Alagappa Govt. Arts College, Karaikudi, presented a review of the conference.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar, Prof. S. Senthamizhpavai, Director, Centre for Tamil Culture, Alagappa University, Professors and delegates from various universities and colleges, research scholars and students and distinguished guests from Karaikudi participated in the function. Prof. V. Thiruveni delivered the welcome address and Asst. Prof K. Kananadhan proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Special Lecture on Shakespearean plays



The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized a special lecture programme on 21.10.2016 with Dr. V. Nagarajan, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Alagappa Govt. Arts College, Karaikudi as resource person. Dr. P. Madhan, Head i/c of the Department, delivered the welcome address. The resource person gave a comprehensive lecture on Shakespearean plays particularly his tragedies. He said that Shakespeare's literary works have transcended time and place, adding that his dramas are not for an age but for all ages, not for one country but for all countries, not for one generation but for all generations. He further illustrated that the reason for the popularity and timelessness of Shakespearean plays are that they are accurate and realistic expression of

human life with all its dimensions. Dr. V. Nagarajan stated that no university across the globe has left out Shakespearean plays in the syllabus. It bears testimony to the greatness of Shakespearean plays. Then the distinguished speaker made elaborate references to Shakespeare's tragedies Macbeth, Hamlet, Othello and King Lear. He pointed out that tragic flaws of protagonists lead to their down fall. Macbeth's overvaulting ambition, Othello's suspicion, Hamlet's procrastination and King Lear's misjudgement resulted in their defeats. The chief guest also said that Shakespeare was not in favour of mingling of comedies and tragedies. Dr. V. Nagarajan further elaborated that the timeless dramatist's plays are so profound and deep that they make an everlasting impact on the audience. In addition to 37 plays, the chief guest said, the playwright composed 154 sonnets as well. The perusal of Shakespearean plays would provide both knowledge and delight for the readers, he pointed out. He exhorted the students to read the original texts of Shakespeare to derive maximum pleasure and benefit from his writings. In the end, Dr. M. Natarajan proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

சான்றிதழ் வழங்கும் விழா



11.10.2016 – அன்று காலை 8-மணியளவில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நுண்கலைத்துறையின் சான்றிதழ் வழங்கும் விழா துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.சொ.சுப் பையா அவர்களின் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்றது. முனைவர். B.ரெஜினா பாப்பா, (முன்னாள் இயக்குநர், மகளிரியல் துறை, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம்)

அவர்களின் சிறப்புரையும், பதிவாளர்(பொ) அவர்கள் வாழ்த்துரையும் வழங்கினார்கள். நுண்கலைத்துறை இயக்குநர் முனைவர். மா.சுப.சரளா அவர்கள் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார்கள்.



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

National Seminar on “Educational Practices in Chola Kingdom (850 - 1279 A.D.) EPICK-2016”



The inaugural function of a Two-day National Seminar on “Educational Practices in Chola Kingdom (850 ~ 1279 A.D.) EPICK~2016” was held at Alagappa University on 6.10.2016. The Seminar was organized by the Department of History and the Directorate of Distance Education of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, under the sponsorship of Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his Presidential Address, stated that an efficient educational system flourished under the Chola dynasty. He added that an in-depth study of the system will help the scholars to compare the present system of education prevailing in India with that of the ancient and traditional system of

education nurtured at the Chola Kingdom. From the Chola inscriptions, we understand how education was given prime importance at the village level; and there are many references to Village Educational Committees, governed by Council Members, who mobilized funds from the village for imparting education to children; and education in fact, included art and culture.

Temples during the Chola period acted effectively as places of education. The system of education followed during that period was commended by historians. The temples built by the Chola kings abound in inscriptions that reveal that the temples acted as educational hubs and according to an inscription found in Thiruvallam, nearly 7000 students were living and studying under one roof and it bears testimony to the efficient administration of the Kingdom owing to importance given to education.

Dr. N. Rajendran, Professor and Head, Department of History, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, in his Keynote Address, had a word of praise for Chola Kings for their understanding of universalization of education, which is being given due emphasis by modern educational planners throughout the world. Referring to the historical sense, he said that history is inference-oriented and history students should be made to comprehend this important aspect, while studying history. Among the old civilizations of the world, only Indian and Chinese civilizations had started the writing of history. In the total number of historical evidences available through inscriptions, one-third is available in Tamil Nadu and a maximum number of inscriptions relate to the Chola Dynasty.

The great chronicler Vincent Smith has used the word "the great" for two Indian emperors -- Asoka and Akbar. In a similar fashion, Prof. Neelakanta Shastri, has given this adage to the Chola emperor Raja Raja Cholan (Raja Raja the great). He said that the Chola Kingdom excelled in international



trade and commerce and civil engineering skill that could be inferred from inscriptions and could be seen from dams and temples built by them and it indicates the multi-disciplinary educational system that was prevalent during their regime. He added that efficient educational system led to efficient administration during the Chola period.

Prof. V. Vaithyanathan, Retd. Professor of History, H.H. The Rajah's College, Pudukkottai, was honoured with a citation that praised him as "an icon of altruism". Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Member of Syndicate, and Prof. K. Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, offered their felicitations. A voluminous seminar souvenir was released on the occasion. More than 200 scholars participated in the seminar.

Earlier, Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Head i/c, Department of History and Organizing Secretary of the Seminar, welcomed the gathering and Dr. AR. Saravanakumar, Associate Professor, D.D.E, and Convener, proposed a vote of thanks.

Special Lecture Programme



The Department of History arranged a Special Lecture programme on 21.10.2016 with Prof J. B. More, Institute for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities, Paris, as resource person.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, observed that the History Department though in an infant stage had ventured to conduct a National Seminar recently. He added that the seminar helped the students to learn about the recent trends in research in the field of history.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, former Vice-Chancellor of Mother Teresa University, Kodaikkanal and currently Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University, offered felicitations. She laid stress on the role of research for the upliftment of the society.

Prof. J. B. More, an eminent scholar from Institute for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities, Paris, France, delivered the Special Lecture. In his scintillating lecture he explained in detail about the recent trends in Historical Research and stressed the thrust areas to be identified by scholars; and the speaker asked the scholars to involve themselves earnestly in research activities. He added that historical research must revolve around societal needs and hence researchers must be guided without bias. Researchers must make use of Information Communication Technology to the fullest extent. This type of research skills will help them in bringing out the new innovative thoughts and knowledge in the discipline.

Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Assistant Professor and HOD i/c, Department of History, delivered the welcome address. Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

An interactive session was organised in the afternoon in which participants from the Department of History, Alagappa Government Arts College, P.G Students, and M.Phil. Scholars from the University

Department enthusiastically involved themselves in a lively discussion with the distinguished guest. The University faculty members -- Dr. V. Thiruveni, Dr. Vasumalai Raja, GP. Raja, Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Teaching Assistants Dr. K. Kilimozhi, Mrs. Santhi and faculty from Alagappa Govt Arts College Mr. Gunasekaran and Dr. Nilober Begam – took part in the discussion.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

World Food Day Celebrations



On the eve of World Food Day Celebrations 2016, a Seminar on the theme “Climate is Changing. Food and Agriculture Must Too” was organized by the Department of Economics and Rural Development of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 21.10.2016 at the Seminar Hall of the Convocation Auditorium.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, said that climate change is a major and growing threat to global food security. He regretted that human beings disturb Nature and Nature wreaks vengeance on them. He added that South Koreans after studying climate changes seriously, plan and cultivate crops accordingly. He said that the FAO in its latest report titled “The State of Food and Agriculture (2016)” has emphasized that climate change has already begun to affect the world’s food production and unless significant action is taken, it could put millions at risk of hunger and poverty in the next few decades. The report points out that under severe

climate change scenario, about 122 million more people could be living in extreme poverty by the year 2030 compared to a future with no climate change, he added.

In the past few years, India has seen an unprecedented increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. For nearly 60 years, the monsoon rainfall has been declining and variability has increased. A report of the World Bank warned that by 2040s, India would see a significant reduction in crop yields because of extreme heat. It is estimated that by the 2050s, with a temperature increase of 2 degree Celsius to 2.5 degree Celsius, water for agriculture production in the river basins of the Indus, the Ganges, and the Brahmaputra will shrink further and may impact food adequacy for about 63 million people. In this context, he said that we should be conscious of this serious problem and should plan things for future agriculture and food security.

Dr. L. Venkatachalam, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, in his Keynote Address, said that the last year's unprecedented rains in Chennai and the havoc caused by it was owing to climate changes and man's indifference to Nature. In the past, farmers in India were able to predict climate changes and planned for cultivation of crops accordingly and today, they are not able to predict anything about monsoon and it has led to the deterioration in agriculture and consequently it has affected food production. He added that the most vulnerable population included agriculturists in developing countries whose livelihood depend on farming. Global declines in production may result in higher food prices, placing a greater strain on already vulnerable low-income communities. As majority of the Indian people rely on agriculture for their livelihood, a serious concern should be shown to strengthen the agricultural sector. He added that preserving and saving water becomes imperative to save millions of people from hunger and poverty

in future. He regretted that one-third of the food quantity is wasted and an awareness should be created among the people regarding this.

Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Professor and Head, Department of Economics and Rural Development welcomed the gathering. Dr. B. Dharmalingam, Director, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development Centre, proposed a vote of thanks. Faculty Members, Research Scholars and Students from the University Departments attended the programme. 40 Research Papers were presented by the students and scholars.

Article Published

Prof A. Narayanamoorthy published an article titled "Why is Financial Recovery of Irrigation Sector Low in India?: A Spatial and Temporal Analysis" (pp. 561-586) in the book, Vicissitudes of Agriculture in the Fast Growing Indian Economy: Challenges, Strategies and the Way Forward, edited by C. Ramasamy, and K. R. Ashok and published by Academic Foundation, New Delhi.

Lecture Delivered

Prof A. Narayanamoorthy delivered a talk on "India's Agricultural Sector: Challenges and Prospects", at the Special Panel Discussion on "Agricultural Economics: Challenges and Prospects," organised by the Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, on October 17, 2016.

Seminar Organised



A seminar on “Climate is Changing; Food and Agriculture Must Too” was organised to commemorate the World Food Day 2016 by the Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on October 21, 2016.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Guest Lecture Delivered

Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan as a resource person delivered a special lecture on the topic “Research Avenues in Crystal Growth – An Overview” in a one-day workshop on “Teaching and Research Methodologies in Physics (TRMP – 2016)” held at the School of Physics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on 25.10.2016. The university and college teachers and research scholars participated in the workshop.

Achievement by the Department

Research activities on thrust areas have been undertaken and three papers were published in internationally reputed journals and five papers were presented at the national/international conferences.

Special Lecture



Dr. G. Pandithurai, Scientist E, Project Director, High Altitude Cloud Physics Laboratory, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology Earth System Science Organization, Pune and alumnus (1985) of the Department of Physics, Alagappa University,

delivered a special lecture on “Higher Studies in Meteorology” at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Physics, Alagappa University. He interacted with the students and scholars of Physics Department regarding research and job opportunities in his Institute.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

National Recognition

- Dr. G. Paruthimal Kalaignan’s Biographical Note has been published in the Famous Indians: Nation’s Who’s Who 2016.

Ph.D. Awarded

- Two research scholars, S. Mohandoss and S. Sangeetha completed their Ph.D. viva-voce examination.
- Nine scholars received their Ph.D degree in the Twenty-ninth Convocation held on 13th October 2016.

Funds Received

- UGC has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3.00 lakhs to the Department of Industrial Chemistry as Grant in aid under Recurring Head for the year 2016-17 under SAP at the level of DRS-II.
- Dr.T. Stalin received a sum of Rs.25,13,752 as the award of UGC Raman Fellowship for the Post-Doctoral Research.

Invited Talks Delivered in Conferences/Seminars

- Dr. P. Manisankar acted as a Mentor in the INSPIRE programme organized by Devangar Arts and Science College on 5th October 2016. He delivered the valedictory address at the Seminar on ‘Climate is Changing, Food and Agriculture Too’ organized by the Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University on 21st October 2016. He also delivered the felicitation address at the National Seminar on

'Advances in Computer Science' organized by the Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University on 21st October 2016.



DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

National Seminar on "Advances in Computer Science"



The inaugural function of a Two-day National Seminar on "Advances in Computer Science" was organized by the Department of Computer Science of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 21.10.2016 at the Conference Hall of the Science Campus.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, said that Indian students studying abroad are said to be brilliant in answering questions raised by teachers in any subject of study. Students from India are especially good at Computer Science related subjects as they are very strong in mathematics. He attributed it to the well framed school syllabus in India which devotes great attention to all subjects, especially to Science and Mathematics.

Moreover, foreign students evinced keen interest in studying Computer Science in Indian institutions,

he added. He emphasized that if the students become Computer graduates, they can excel in any field. He also added that world class Smart Class Rooms cum Computer Laboratories are provided to the Computer Science and Computer Applications students of Alagappa University on par with foreign countries. Efforts are on to make all the facilities available at the Computer Science Department so as to make it a model institution in India.

Mr. PL. Subbiah, CEO, Egston Electronics India Private Limited, Trichy, delivered the inaugural address. In his speech, he stressed the importance of conducting seminars regularly so as to make students gain first-hand experience from subject experts and to benefit from their knowledge. Their aim should be to think beyond the boundaries. He appealed to the students to work beyond the minimum curriculum requirements and cope up with the rapid advancement of technology as the market demand for computer experts is on the rise.

Dr. R. Gokula Krishnan, Joint Director, STPI (Software Technology Park of India), Chennai, delivered a special address on "Digital Technologies and Eco Systems in India" and referred to the significant role played by India in this field and added that the country is poised for growth by using the Digital Technology.

Prof. P. Manisankar, Dean, Faculty of Science, while speaking on the occasion, pointed out how quantum computers can achieve efficiency in operations by replacing carbon with silicon material in its infrastructure which is a recent advancement in quantum computing that could solve problems which are not solved by traditional computing systems.

Syndicate Members Prof. J. Jeyakanthan and Prof. K. Gurunathan, faculties from various departments, students, research scholars and college teachers participated in the seminar. Prof. E.

Ramaraj, Head, Department of Computer Science, welcomed the gathering. Dr. S.Santhoshkumar, Organizing Secretary of the seminar, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Kolkata, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in the presence of Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University and Dr. V. Ravichandran, Director, NIPER-Kolkatta.

The main objective of this MoU is to establish collaboration for research and academic exchange in "Global Healthcare Research". The collaboration between the Department of Biotechnology, Alagappa University and NIPER, Kolkata, will initially concentrate on research activities in the area of active principle testing using model system, *C. elegans* available at this Department. NIPER, an autonomous body set up under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, is known for promoting academic excellence and research in the areas of pharmaceuticals and consumer healthcare products for the past few years. In order to meet out the future expectations of biotech-based pharmaceutical industries, this MoU will provide a platform for getting collaborative research projects from the funding agencies.

This agreement is expected to promote joint research activities within the fields of interest, like

testing of novel active pharmaceutical ingredient in animal models and pharmaceutical studies in micro platforms, concept for bio mimetic assay development and characterization. Through this agreement, both the institutions can host students and staff of the other institutions as part of jointly laid out academic and / or research collaboration which could lead to joint publications in leading International Journals. This association with NIPER will ensure Alagappa University reaching its goal of achieving excellence in the modern and emerging fields such as personalized medicine.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c. and Professors from the Department of Biotechnology, Dr. S. Karutha Pandian and Dr. Balamurugan were also present when the MoU was signed.

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT

World Animal Day

The World Animal Day was celebrated at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 4.10.2016 at the Conference Hall in the Science Campus. The Department of Animal Health and Management made all the arrangements for the conduct of the celebrations.



Dr. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., Alagappa University, in his inaugural address, pointed out that the objectives of celebrating the World Animal Day is to create an awareness among the people on the importance of protecting the safety of animals for maintaining ecological balance. Further, he said that Nature is a great teacher for us and it

includes human beings, animals and plants. It is our bounden duty to protect Nature for our welfare. Owing to selfishness and ignorance, people are destroying the bio-sphere, which will ultimately lead to human extinction.

Dr. G. Archunan, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Science, Bharthidasan University, Trichy, in his Special Address, explained in detail how animals helped to preserve ecological balance. He exhorted the people to stop cruelty to animals and ensure more care for farm animals which rendered great service to humanity.

Dr. T. R. Gurumoorthy, Dean of Research, Alagappa University, in his thematic address, explained how to respect and love the animals and the need for improving animal welfare throughout the world and he added that even the smallest worm has to be seen as a creation of god and needs to be protected and honoured.



Dr. B. Vaseeharan, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Health and Management, welcomed the gathering. Dr. P. Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Health and Management, proposed a vote of thanks.

Achievement by Faculty

Dr. M. Biruntha, Assistant Professor, participated in the National Conference on “Biotechnology – New Horizons and Hopes 2016 (BNHH - 2016)” on 20-21 October, 2016 at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai and also participated in National Seminar on Advances in Computer Science NSACS 2016 on 22nd October at the Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University.

Achievement by students



The Animal Health and Management Students participated and won many prizes in cultural events of Alagappa University Talent Exhibit Show (ALUTES' 2016) on 5th October 2016 organized by Alagappa University.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS

World Habitat Day



The World Habitat Day was jointly organized by the Departments of Bioinformatics and Botany, Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 3rd October, 2016. Prof. M. Selvam, Head, Department of International Business and NAAC Co-ordinator in his thematic address referred to the urgent and important steps to be taken to overcome the shortage of houses and hinted at measures to be initiated to rectify shortcomings in the economic and financial front. In addition, he urged the youth to ponder over these issues and help in the initiatives for providing a better place to live in for the economically disadvantaged people.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Member of Syndicate, Head, Department of Bioinformatics delivered the

Special Address in which he enumerated various challenges that are being faced by the habitants such as inadequate housing, unhealthy living conditions etc especially for the poor people hailing from economically weaker sections. He also said that we need to put enough energy and use the talents of our best people to address these challenges; and he insisted on the effective steps to be evolved to alleviate the sufferings of the poor.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts, in her key-note address emphasized that there were about 1.06 million homeless people and by 2025, 50 million people would need proper habitat. Moreover, she expressed her concern over the underprivileged sections of people living in slums along the roadside and their safety too remains a question, she added. She enlightened the students to take up courses offered by the UGC on Urban Planning so that they could help in providing a better future to the down-trodden people that is safe and sustainable.

The felicitation address was delivered by Prof. K. Gurunathan, Member of Syndicate, Head, Department of Nanoscience and Technology. He reminded the students of a very important responsibility of creating safe towns and cities; and also he highlighted how science and technology offers opportunities to find solutions for the eradication of poverty and to improve health and longevity of people. He said that scientific knowledge could be positively and creatively used for making all people enjoy public spaces.

Earlier, Dr. A. Arumugam, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Botany welcomed the gathering and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Professor, Department of Bioinformatics, proposed a vote of thanks.

Special Lecture by Eminent Scientist

A special video-conferencing lecture was organized by the Department of Bioinformatics on



14th October, 2016. Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah introduced the speaker Dr. S. Elanchezian, Scientist, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, to the audience that comprised of P.G students and research scholars from various science disciplines. The Eminent Scientist delivered a special lecture on the "Role of Machine Learning in Computer-Aided Diagnostics" which was very informative and thought-provoking to the faculty members and students.

Research Papers Published

1. Dr. J. Jeyakanthan published a research article in the Journal of Biostructure and Dynamics entitled as "Molecular modeling, Dynamics studies and Density Functional Theory Approaches to Identify Potential Inhibitors of SIRT4 protein from Homo sapiens: A Novel Target for the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes" (JBSD, Oct 2016) with an impact factor of 2.3 .
2. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh published a research article in International Journal of Biological Macromolecules (Elsevier Publication) entitled "Investigating the folding pathway and substrate induced conformational changes in B. malayi Guanylate kinase", (2016) Vol. 94: Pg. 621-633, with an impact factor of 3.13.

Research Project Proposal submitted

1. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh has submitted a major research project proposal entitled "Scaffold Hopping, Combinatorial library generation and synthesis of novel allosteric modulators of

class C G-protein coupled receptors against neurodegenerative diseases” to the Department of Science & Technology (DST), New Delhi.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

News in Brief

Dr. A. Arun, Associate Professor and Head (i/c), delivered an invited lecture on “Algae as bioreactor for alternative energy production” at the International Seminar in Algal Biotechnology: An Eco-friendly Solution for Food, Fuel and Health organized by the Research Centre for Plant Science, Department of Botany, St. Mary’ s College, Thoothukudi on 14.10.16

Dr. T. Sathiamoorthi, Assistant Professor and Member of the Centre for Ghadhian studies, organized the International Non- Violence Day at the University on Gandhi Jayanthi- Oct, 2-2016.

Dr. V. Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, published a research paper in Environmental Process, brought out by the Springer Publications.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக கல்லூரிகளுக்கிடையேயான வளைகோள் பந்துபோட்டி (Hockey) அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக கல்வியியல் கல்லூரியில் அக்டோபர் 31 மற்றும் நவம்பர் 1, 2016 ஆகிய இரண்டு தினங்கள் நடைபெற்றது.

கல்வியியல் புல முதன்மையர் முனைவர் பி. சிவக்குமார், உடற்கல்வி இயக்குநர் முனைவர்

ஆர். செந்தில்குமரன் ஆகியோர் போட்டிகளை தொடங்கிவைத்தனர்.

ஆண்கள் மற்றும் பெண்கள் இரு பிரிவுகளிலும் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக உடற்கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி அணி முதலிடத்தைப் பெற்றது. இராமநாதபுரம் செய்யது அம்மாள் கல்லூரி அணி ஆண்கள் பிரிவில் இரண்டாம் இடத்தையும், பெண்கள் பிரிவில் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா அரசுகலைக் கல்லூரி அணி இரண்டாம் இடத்தினையும் பெற்றது. இந்தப் போட்டிகளில் சிறப்பாக விளையாடிய வீரர்கள் மற்றும் வீராங்கனைகள், தென்மண்டல பல்கலைக்கழகங்களுக்கிடையே வருகின்ற டிசம்பர் 27 முதல் 31 வரை ஐந்து நாட்கள் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் நடைபெற உள்ள போட்டிகளில் பங்கேற்க தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளனர்.



வெற்றி பெற்ற வீரர்களுக்கு அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் பரிசுகளை வழங்கி பாராட்டினார். இந்த விழாவில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ.) முனைவர் வி. பாலச்சந்திரன், கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் முனைவர் எ. பாலு, உடற்கல்வித் துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியை முனைவர் எ. ரூபி ஜெசிந்தா, கல்லூரிகளுக்கிடையேயான விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகளின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் எஸ். காளிதாசன், துணை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் எம். செல்வம் ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டு வெற்றி பெற்றவீர்களை வாழ்த்தினர்.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF BANK MANAGEMENT

ALUTES 2016

25 students of the Department of Bank Management, Alagappa University participated in various ALUTES 2016 competitions organized by

the Cultural Club of Alagappa University during September 21-23 and October 3-5, 2016. Ms. Lamiya, II M.B.A. (B&I) has won the second prize in English Poetry composing competition.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

National Youth Day Celebrations



The Department of Corporate Secretaryship celebrated National Youth Day on 18th October 2016. Ms. Chellam, Co-ordinator of the Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Education and Research, Alagappa University, exhorted the students to imbibe Swami Vivekananda's thoughts and ideas for an all round development of their personality. Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Dean, Faculty of Management and Professor & Head appealed to the students to read books on Swami Vivekananda and develop the qualities of patriotism, ethical values and integrity in public life. Dr. K. Ganesamurthy the Co-ordinator of the programme, proposed a vote of thanks.

Orientation Programme

An orientation programme on English language speaking was organized at the Department of Corporate Secretaryship on 18th October 2016 at 2.30 p.m. The resource persons emphasized the need for and importance of good English language skill as a pre-requisite for obtaining any job. Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Dean, Faculty of Management and Professor & Head, presided over the function and appealed to the students to develop the habits of regular newspaper reading, listening to

speeches in English and participating in meetings and competitions to hone the language skill.

Course Started

A course on "Employability Enhancement Practices - is prescribed as one of the courses for the second year MBA (CS) students. It was inaugurated at the Department of Corporate Secretaryship on 19th October 2016 at 11.00 a.m. Prof. N. Janakiraman, Retd Professor, in his special address stressed the need for improving the employability skills to become eligible for various jobs. Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Dean, Faculty of Management, in his inaugural address exhorted the students to develop interpersonal relationship, ethical values and language skills to enter into the corporate sector.

Fire and Safety Awareness Camp



A Fire and Safety Awareness Camp was organized by the Department of Corporate Secretaryship on 19th October 2016 at 2.00 p.m. The programme was conducted by IIPHS Fire and Safety Management College, S.Melur, Pudukottai. The resource persons demonstrated various methods of extinguishing fire, rescuing people from fire accidents and giving first aid to the fire victims. Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Dean, Faculty of Management, presided over the function and Dr. Chitradevi, NSS Programme Officer, acted as the Co-ordinator of the programme.

CENTERS

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HIGHER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

National Conference on “Swami Vivekanandar : A Youth Icon”



A One-day National Conference on “Swami Vivekanandar : A Youth Icon”, organized by the Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was held on 24.10.2016.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his Presidential Address, stated that Swami Vivekananda through his Chicago Address established respect for India in the minds of all the religious heads of the world. His address which created a sensation in the West made the world appreciate the cultural richness and heritage of India.

He also said that in India the percentage of youth below 35 years constitutes 65% of the total population. By 2020, the median age of Indians is estimated to be at 28 years, while in America it is estimated at 38 years, in China at 42 years and in Japan at 48 years. Hence the youth should contribute more for the development of our nation, which will go a long way in realizing the dream of Swami Vivekananda.

He further stated that the life at the period of youth is precious and the youth should realize that they have greater responsibilities to shoulder and to make positive use of their energy for nation-building. He pointed out that India's treasure lies in

its tradition and culture. The richness of the Indian culture has always been helping the people to lead a life of contentment. The Indian system of education should make the youth to stand independently on their own legs and should give them courage to face any situation or problem in their life. Swamiji felt that when a country respects women, it will reach greater heights and glory. India has always treated women almost like a God and a country which respects women alone can be considered as a developed country. Indian youth should strive towards preserving this principle.

Dr. S. Sachchithanantham, Institute International des Etudes Superieures, Paris, France, in his inaugural address, pointed out Swami Vivekananda was described as the ‘Hindu Storm’ by American magazines during his historic Chicago visit. He stated emphatically that the principles stressed by Swami Vivekananda such as liberty, equality and fraternity alone can save this strife ridden world from peril. Also, he said that Swami Vivekananda perceived all religions as acceptable and he was not at all for religious fanaticism. He appealed to the youth to bring out their latent talents and make use of them for the elevation of themselves and their country.



Prof. V. Alagappan, Member of Syndicate, Alagappa University, in his felicitation address, said that Swami Vivekananda got name and fame after his Chicago Address in 1893. He admired the principles of universal tolerance and acceptance advocated by Swami Vivekananda. Quoting Swami Vivekananda's saying as “service to

humanity is service to god”, he exhorted the youth to be conscious of this always. Swami Vivekananda during his visit to the USA wanted to create a correct image of India in the minds of the people of the world. He wanted to take the message of Hinduism and the wisdom of Indian thought and philosophy to the rest of the world and to bring science and technology to India from the western world. He also said that the purpose of every religion is to reach god and everyone has got the right to follow his own religion. Tolerance and acceptance is highly needed for universal peace and for abolition of terrorism. The Indian youth must always emulate the ideals of Swami Vivekananda and contribute to the world peace.

Faculty Members and Students of various University Departments and Affiliated Colleges participated in the Seminar. Mrs. S. Chellam, Convener, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Vasimalai Raja, Organizing Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

ஆரோக்கிய மன்றம் மற்றும் உடற்கல்வி மற்றும் சுகாதார அறிவியல் துறை

நலம்: அகம்-புறம் சொற்பொழிவு



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக ஆரோக்கியமன்றம் மற்றும் உடற்கல்வி மற்றும் சுகாதார அறிவியல் துறை இணைந்து நடத்தும் "நலம்: அகம்-புறம்" என்ற தலைப்பில் ஆசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் அலுவலர்களுக்கான சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு நிகழ்ச்சி முற்பகலிலும் அடிச்சட்டி ஆணைபோல என்ற தலைப்பில் மாணவ, மாணவியருக்கான சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு நிகழ்ச்சி பிற்பகலிலும் 27.01.2016 பல்கலைக்கழகக் கருத்தரங்க அறையில் நடைபெற்றது.



இச்சொற்பொழிவு நிகழ்ச்சிக்குத் தலைமை தாங்கி உரை நிகழ்த்திய பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் தமது உரையில், உடல் ஆரோக்கியம் பற்றியும் நோய் வராமல் காத்துக் கொள்வதற்குரிய வழிமுறைகள் குறித்தும் பல்கலைக்கழக ஆசிரியர்கள், அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் அறிந்து கொள்ளும் வகையில் இந்நிகழ்ச்சி ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. உடல் ஆரோக்கியம் குறித்து ஆசிரியர்கள் தெரிந்து கொள்ளும் பல்வேறு தகவல்களை மாணவர்களுக்கு எடுத்துக் கூற இந்நிகழ்ச்சி வாய்ப்பாக அமையும் என்றார்.

நலம்: அகம் - புறம் என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவாற்றிய சென்னை, சித்த மருத்துவர் கு. சிவராமன் தமது உரையில் அறிவியல் முன்னேற்றம், நவீன மருத்துவ வசதிகள், பொது சுகாதார வளர்ச்சி ஆகியவற்றால் மனிதனின் சராசரி வாழ்நாள் ஆண்டு கூடியுள்ளது. தொற்று நோய்களால் ஏற்படும் அழிவுகள் குறைந்துள்ளன. தொற்று நோய்கள் பரவாமல் ஒரு பக்கம் கட்டுப்படுத்தினாலும் தொற்றாத வாழ்வியல் நோய்களால் மக்களுக்கு அதிகம் பாதிப்பு ஏற்படுகிறது. அதற்கு நமது உணவு வகைகள், வணிக வன்முறைகள், சுற்றுக்குழல் ஆகியவையே முக்கியமான காரணங்களாகும். பதப்படுத்தப்பட்ட உணவுப் பொருட்களிலும் துரித உணவு வகைகளிலும் இராசாயணக் கலவையை அதிகம் சேர்ப்பதால் அவற்றை உண்பவர்கள் புதிய புதிய நோய்களால் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். எனவே நமது மரபு சாரந்த உணவு வகைகளை உண்ண வேண்டும். ஓரிசாவிலுள்ள அரிசி ஆராய்ச்சி நிறுவனம் நடத்திய கணக்கெடுப்பில் மொத்தம் 1,60,000 தானிய வகைகள் இருப்பதாகவும் அவை படிப்படியாகக் குறைந்து தற்பொழுது 53 தானிய வகைகள் மட்டுமே வழக்கத்தில் இருப்பதாகவும் தெரிவித்தார். நம்முடைய நலத்தை நம்முடைய அக்கறையால் தான் காத்துக்கொள்ள முடியும் என்றார்.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து நடைபெற்ற கேள்வி நேரத்தில் ஆசிரியர்கள், அலுவலர்கள் உடல்நலம் குறித்துக் கேட்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதில் அளித்தார். அன்று பிற்பகல் அடிச்சட்டி ஆணைபோல என்ற தலைப்பில் மாணவர்களிடையே உரையாற்றினார். இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ) பேரா. வி. பாலச்சந்திரன், ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் பேரா. அ. நாராயணமூர்த்தி, உடற்கல்வி மற்றும் சுகாதார அறிவியல் துறைத் தலைவர் பேரா. க.பாலசுப்பிரமணியன்துறைத்தலைவர்கள், பேராசிரியர்கள், அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவ, மாணவிகள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

DIRECTORATE OF COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMES & NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Fire and Safety Awareness Programme



The Directorate of Collaborative Programmes, Alagappa University, in association with National Service Scheme organized a "Fire & Safety Awareness Camp" on 19th October, 2016. The programme was conducted at different premises of the University.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah, in his inaugural speech, referred to the exponential rise of fire related dangers/hazards that could be faced by mankind concomitantly with the advancement of science and in these circumstances, he added, it becomes imperative to acquire knowledge of protecting themselves and others better from the resulting calamities. He also added that we need to learn Disaster Management to escape from unexpected Natural calamities. He appealed to the students to create an awareness of the same that

could reach the under privileged/illiterate people and elders. In addition, he also expressed that this programme provided a platform for students to learn to be ready to handle any fire related calamitous situation.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Director of Collaborative Programmes and the Organizer of Fire & Safety Awareness Camp, in his Welcome Address, laid emphasis on protecting oneself from unavoidable hazards caused due to fire and resulting smoke. Moreover, he asked the students to take necessary safety measures at accident prone areas irrespective of places -- be it Home, Industry or Workplace. Fire outbreak caused from electricity happens often and one should learn to handle fire-extinguisher at the time of emergency. Further, he said that one should not lose composure at the time of havoc and provide first-aid to fire accident victims.



The main aim of this programme is to enlighten the participants about precautionary measures to be taken and also steps to be taken at the time of fire-accidents. Tutors and experts from the IIPHS Fire & Safety Management College, S. Melur, Pudukottai District, demonstrated different kinds of fire accidents and showed specific and varied extinguishing methods to control fire.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c. of Alagappa University, Syndicate Members Prof. A. Naryanamoorthy and Prof. K. Gurunathan, Students, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff participated in the programme. NSS Coordinator and Programme Officer, Prof. S. Rajaram proposed a vote of thanks.

Eye Camp



An Eye Camp was organized on 5th October, 2016 by DCP in association with National Service Scheme. The camp was conducted by Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Madurai. It was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah. The eye camp created an awareness among the faculty members, administrative staff and students. The experts spoke about various diets that should be taken to have a healthy eye sight; and the camp also created an awareness among the participants on the precautionary measures to be taken to avoid possible diseases that could affect the eye.



NEWS FROM STUDY CIRCLE

ஸ்டாப் செலக்சன் கமிஷன் (SSC) மத்திய அரசுப் பணிக்கான காலியிடங்களை பொது எழுத்துத் தேர்வுகளை நடத்தி அதன் மூலம் நிரப்பி வருகிறது. இந்த அமைப்பின் சார்பாக பிஎஸ்2 படிப்பை முடித்தவர்களுக்கான அரசுப் பணியிடங்களுக்கான தேர்வு அறிவிப்பு அக்டோபர் 7 ஆம் தேதி வெளியாகியுள்ளது.

இதில் போஸ்டல் அசிஸ்டென்ட் மற்றும் சார்ட்டிங் அசிஸ்டென்ட் பிரிவில் 3,281 காலியிடங்களும், டேட்டா என்ட்ரி ஆபரேட்டர் பிரிவில் 506 இடங்களும், லோயர்

டிவிஷன் கிளார்க் பிரிவில் 1,321 இடங்களும், கோர்ட் கிளார்க் 26 இடங்களும் சேர்த்து மொத்தம் 5,134 இடங்கள் நிரப்பப்பட உள்ளன.

இதில் டயர்-1 (Computer Based Test – Multiple Choice Questions) இடயர்-2 (Descriptive) மற்றும் டயர்-3 (Typing Test) என மூன்று பிரிவுகளாக எழுத்துத் தேர்வுகள் நடத்தப்படுகிறது. இத்தேர்வுக்கு விண்ணப்பிக்க கடைசிநாள்: 07.11.2016. டயர்-1 தேர்வு நடைபெறும் நாள்: 7.1.2017 மற்றும் 5.2.2017. டயர்-2 தேர்வு நடைபெறும் நாள்: 9.4.2017.

இந்த எழுத்துத் தேர்வினை எளிதில் எதிர் கொள்ளும் வகையில் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தன்னார்வ பயிலும் வட்டம் சார்பில் இலவச பயிற்சி வகுப்புகள் நடத்தப்பட உள்ளது. இதற்கான பயிற்சி வகுப்புகள் 12.11.2016 சனிக்கிழமை அன்று காலை 10.00 மணிக்கு அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தன்னார்வ பயிலும் வட்டத்தில் (Alagappa University Study Circle) தொடங்கப்பட உள்ளது.

இப் பயிற்சியில் பங்கு பெறவிருப்பம் உள்ளவர்கள் பழனியப்பச் செட்டியார் நினைவரங்கத்தில் இயங்கும் தன்னார்வ பயிலும் வட்டத்திற்கு நேரில் சென்று பெயரை பதிவு செய்து கொள்ளலாம். 04565-223266 என்ற தொலைபேசியிலோ அல்லது 88707-81897 என்ற அலைபேசியிலோ தொடர்பு கொள்ளலாம். அல்லது alagappauniversitystudycircle@gmail.com என்ற மின்அஞ்சல் மூலமாகவும் பதிவு செய்யலாம் என பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ.) பேரா.வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்கிறார்.

ஸ்டாப் செலக்சன் கமிஷன் (SSC) மற்றும் இந்தியரிசர்வ் வங்கி (RBI) அமைப்பு மத்திய அரசுப் பணிக்கான காலியிடங்களை பொது எழுத்துத் தேர்வுகளை நடத்தி அதன் மூலம் நிரப்பிவருகிறது.

இந்த எழுத்துத் தேர்வுகளில் கேட்கப்படும் (General Intelligence, English Language, Quantitative Aptitude, General Awareness) பிரிவில் கேட்கப்படும் கேள்விகளை எளிதில் எதிர் கொள்ளும் வகையில் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தன்னார்வ பயிலும் வட்டம் சார்பில் இலவச சிறப்புபயிற்சி வகுப்புகள் நடத்தப்பட உள்ளது. இதற்கான பயிற்சி வகுப்புகள் வருகிற 13-ம் தேதி அன்று தொடங்கி ஒவ்வொரு வாரமும் சனி மற்றும் ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமைகளில் காலை 10 மணிமுதல் நடைபெற உள்ளது. IBPS வங்கி கிளார்க்

பணியிடங்களுக்கு விண்ணப்பிப்போருக்கும் இந்த சிறப்பு பயிற்சியில் கலந்து கொண்டு பயன் பெறலாம்.

இப்பயிற்சியில் பங்கு பெற விருப்பம் உள்ளவர்கள் பழனியப்பச் செட்டியார் நினைவரங்கத்தில் இயங்கும் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தன்னார்வ பயிலும் வட்டத்திற்கு நேரில் சென்று பெயரை பதிவு செய்து கொள்ளலாம். 04565-223266 என்ற தொலைபேசியிலோ அல்லது 88707-81897 என்ற அலைபேசியிலோ தொடர்பு கொள்ளலாம், அல்லது alagappauniversitystudycircle@gmail.com என்ற மின்அஞ்சல் மூலமாகவும் பதிவு செய்யலாம் எனவும் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ.) பேரா.வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்கிறார்.

SSC (10+2) தேர்வுக்கு விண்ணப்பிக்கும் கடைசி நாள்: 11-11-2016 RBI உதவியாளர் தேர்வுக்கு விண்ணப்பிக்கும் கடைசி நாள்: 28-11-2016

STUDENTS' WELFARE MEASURE

As a part of Students' Welfare Measure and Healthy Practices, the Syndicate of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, decided to provide free education to meritorious students hailing from rural and poor families from the academic year 2016-17 onwards.

According to the norms prescribed to get free education at the University Departments and Constituent Colleges, the students joining the Under-Graduate courses should have obtained not less than 60% in their +2 examination and the students joining the Post-Graduate courses should have obtained 60% in Part III of their Degree Examination.

Further, they are required to submit income certificate duly issued by the Revenue Authorities. The fee waiver is considered for a single student in a class with a student strength of not less than 10. When the strength is more than 50 in a class, two students shall be considered for fee waiver.

Of the students admitted to the various UG and PG courses during the academic year 2016-17, forty two of them were found eligible by the Departmental

Committees constituted for the purpose and the amount they paid as fee at the time of admission to the courses were refunded fully by means of individual cheques by Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University at his chamber, in the presence of Dr. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c. and the Syndicate Members of Alagappa University.

On account of this fee waiver scheme, the University incurred an expenditure of Rs.4,06,500/-. This is the first time that the University has extended this full fee waiver scheme for the benefit of the students hailing from economically downtrodden families.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் முன்னாள் இந்திய பிரதமர் திருமதி இந்திரா காந்தி அவர்களின் நினைவுதினம் 31-10-2016 அனுசரிக்கப்பட்டது. பல்கலைக்கழக நாட்டு நலப்பணித் திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் மற்றும் திட்ட அலுவலர்கள் இதற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை சிறப்பாக செய்திருந்தனர்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்ற பேரணியை கொடியசைத்துத் தொடங்கி வைத்தார். தேசிய ஒருமைப்பாடு குறித்த முழக்கப் பதாகைகளை ஏந்தியவாறு 200 மாணவர்கள் ஊர்வலமாகச் சென்றனர். பல்கலைக்கழக நிர்வாகக் கட்டிடத்திலிருந்து தொடங்கிய இப்பேரணி கல்லூரிச் சாலை வழியாக ராஜூவ்காந்தி சிலைவரைச் சென்று நிறைவடைந்தது.

பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் முனைவர் வி. பாலச்சந்திரன், நாட்டுநலப் பணித் திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் மற்றும் திட்ட அலுவலர்கள், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக உடற்கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் முனைவர் எம். சுந்தர் மற்றும் ஆசிரியர்கள் இப்பேரணியில் பங்கேற்றனர்.

இளைஞர் எழுச்சி நாள்



முன்னாள் குடியரசுத் தலைவர் பாரத ரத்னா டாக்டர் ஏ.பி.ஜெ. அப்துல்கலாமின் பிறந்த நாளைப் பள்ளி, கல்லூரி மற்றும் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களில் இளைஞர் எழுச்சி நாளாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட வேண்டும் என்ற தமிழக அரசின் வழிகாட்டுதலின்படி, சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு நிகழ்ச்சி காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் 15-10-2016 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்டமும் விவேகானந்தர் உயர் ஆராய்ச்சி மையமும் இணைந்து இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கான ஏற்பாடுகளைச் சிறப்பாகச் செய்திருந்தன.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் தமையை உரையாற்றினார். அகில இந்திய வானொலி, மதுரை நிலைய முதுநிலை நிகழ்ச்சி அறிவிப்பாளர் திரு. எஸ். ஞானசம்பந்தன் (பூரணகுமார்) "கனவு மெய்ப்பட வேண்டும்" என்னும் பொருளில் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார். பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் பேரா. வி. பாலச்சந்திரன், பதிவாளர் (பொ), மாணவர் நலன் முதன்மையர் பேரா. வி. பழனிச்சாமி ஆகியோர் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினர்.

இளைஞர் எழுச்சி நாள் நிகழ்ச்சிகளின் ஒரு பகுதியாக முதுநிலைத்துறை மாணவர்களிடையே நடத்திய கட்டுரை மற்றும் பேச்சுப் போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்குப் பரிசும் சான்றிதழும் துணைவேந்தர் அவர்களால் வழங்கப்பட்டன. அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் பேரா. சு. இராசாராம் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். விவேகானந்தர் உயர் ஆராய்ச்சி மைய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திருமதி. எஸ். செல்லம் நன்றி கூறினார்.

DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Achievements by the Faculty

Prof. P. Sivakumar delivered an invited lecture on the topic "Research Methods in Education" at Sri Raja Rajan College of Education For Women, Amaravathipur, on 16th October 2016, and

delivered an invited talk on "Emerging Pedagogies in Knowledge Society" at the National Seminar on "Challenges of Teachers in Knowledge Society" at Meston College of Education, Chennai, on 26th October, 2016.

Dr. M. Vasimalairaja participated as Chairperson in ICHR sponsored National Seminar on "Educational Practices in Chola Kingdom (850-1279 AD) EPICK-2016" held on 6th and 7th October 2016.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY TALENT EXHIBIT SHOW (ALUTES)



As part of ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY TALENT EXHIBIT SHOW-2016 (ALUTES-2016) a Cultural Program was conducted from 3rd to 5th October 2016 in which students showed their talents in various events. The University Cultural Club conducted a series of cultural activities with the help of Advisory Committee Members, Department Coordinators and Student Representatives.

The fest was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah and Dr. R. Gunasekaran, Deputy Director, Department of Arts and Culture, Tiruchirappalli, was the chief guest. Prof. Dr. K. Mahesh, Cultural Club Coordinator, delivered the welcome address. Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Member of Syndicate, Alagappa University offered felicitations.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE, PARAMAKUDI

A one-day free coaching class was held on 01.10.16 for students appearing for competitive

exams. The coaching class was arranged by the Study Circle of Alagappa University at the Constituent College of Arts and Science, Paramakudi. Resource persons Mr. U. Shanmuganathan and Mr. M. S. Senthilkumar engaged the sessions. The programme was organised by Dr. P. Muthumari, Librarian and Coordinator of Study Circle AUCAS, Paramakudi.

Projects, Fellowships and Grants

- UGC sanctioned Rs.16.52 lakhs towards salary for the period from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016 & advance salary from 01.04.2016 to 31.03.2017 in respect of Dr. Umadevi Shiva Kumar, Asst. Prof. Dept. of IC.
- Member Secretary, State Planning Commission, Chennai, has released the Third and Final installment amount of Rs.2.42 lakhs to the project entitled, "Impact of Adult Education programme in TN" sanctioned to AU.
- UGC sanctioned Rs. 10.05 lakhs towards the extension of fellowship in the Department of Physics under BSR Research Fellowship towards Third Installment for the plan expenditure to be incurred during 2016-17.
- DST – SERB sanctioned Rs. 69.38 lakhs and released Rs.39.79 lakhs towards the grant for the year 2016-17 in respect of Research project sanctioned to Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Professor and Head, Dept. of Bioinformatics.
- ICSSR sanctioned Rs.0.52 lakhs towards final installment grant in respect of Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Professor and Head, Dept. of Lib. & Inf. Science.
- ICSSR released Rs.0.80 lakhs towards first installment grant in respect of Dr. R. Ganapathi, Asst. Prof. DDE, Alagappa University.

Quality Initiatives

Dr. S. Sachchithanantham, France, has been appointed as Visiting Professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages to handle classes for the Certificate in French.

Antique Tamil Cultural Treasures Collected by the Centre for Tamil Culture



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