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Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan with Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of  
Alagappa University at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Convocation held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023.  
Other Distinguished Guests and Gold Medallists are also seen in the picture.

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## *From the Vice-Chancellor*

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*With the commencement of New Calendar Year, all academic wings of Alagappa University began in full swing a wide range of intellectual events such as Seminars, Symposia, Conferences, Workshops, Nobel Excellence Talks, Special Lectures and so on. Further, in keeping with its tradition of executing its social responsibilities, the University reached out to villages under Village Extension Programme and its students rendered the services of cleaning the streets, premises of schools and temples, and organizing several awareness programmes on women's education and empowerment, sustenance of cleanliness, eradication of illiteracy and elimination of untouchability. One creditable aspect of this extension programme is that the University has built a long-term bond with these villages the people of which visit the University for the fulfillment of their education related needs and requirements. Taking into consideration Mahatma Gandhi's view that the heart of India lies in its villages, the University endeavours hard to promote the socio-economic condition of villages by providing qualitative education for the students of these villages. It is true that programmes like VEP brings about transformation in the lives of villages.*

*This phase (January - March 2023) witnessed the observance and celebration of a number of UN-declared international days. The 33rd Convocation, which took place after a gap of three years due to pandemic, was an event of great significance. Further, the grand celebration of 74th Republic Day was an occasion when both the faculty and students paid their respects to the selfless freedom fighters and remembered their sacrifices with gratitude. At this magnificent event, the Indian Constitution, which has the distinction of being the longest written constitution in the world, was glorified. When various Departments staged Nobel Excellence Talks, it ignited the students to take up innovative and novel research in their domains. The objective of organizing themed Nobel Excellence Talk every year is to create enthusiasm in students for making accomplishments like Nobel Laureates in their own fields.*

*The introduction of novel "Book Talk Programme" inspired the participants to develop passion for reading and to become voracious readers.*

*At the cultural events - Alagu Aaram-2023 and ALUTES-2023 -- students from Affiliated Colleges and University Departments respectively made an excellent display of their artistic skills.*

*I immensely rejoice to communicate with you all through this Azhagu Newsletter and to share with you the events that happened at the University during this period.*

**Prof. G. RAVI**  
Vice-Chancellor

**A Land of Learning and Knowledge**

## **33<sup>rd</sup> CONVOCATION OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF JOY AND HOPE**



The 33rd Convocation of Alagappa University was held on Sunday, the 22nd January 2023 in the aesthetically appealing University Convocation Hall.

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru.R.N.Ravi presided over the function and gave away the degrees to the new graduates.

Thiru. Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, delivered the Convocation Address. He paid tribute to the founder Dr. RM. Alagappa Chettiar by stating that within a short span of time he made many historic accomplishments in the realm of education. He said that Tamil Nadu has all along been a land of learning and knowledge. The temples of this region stand testimony to this fact. The Thanjai Periyakovil (Big Temple) is an example of architectural splendour revealing the scientific knowledge of ancient Tamils. The Thirukkural proclaims the depth of Tamil Wisdom and this magnum

opus that has been translated into many languages proves this beyond doubt. Referring to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's love for Tamil Language, the Minister said how Modi extolled the antiquity of the classical language at Kasi Sangamam held recently at Benaras. He also highlighted the steps taken by the Central Government for spreading Tamil language across the country.

He added that India has been a land of sensitivity, brotherhood and collaboration and has advocated holistic thinking. Today it is a knowledge super power and Viswa Guru and believes in the dictum "Vasudeva Kutumbakam". The New Education Policy lays emphasis on holistic education giving importance to all Indian languages and teaching of subjects through mother tongue for better understanding by students. The scientific and technological developments show that India is thriving and the digital world is a reality now and the immense growth of this sector and the introduction of 5G has placed India in the leadership position at the global level. Some of the Indian



institutions like IIT, Chennai, have given importance to indigenous technology. He exhorted the youth to realise their social responsibilities and contribute to nation-building and lead the country in a peaceful and progressive path.

The distinguished speaker asked the students to decolonise their minds and to make innovations in their spheres. As education is a key to enlightenment, it should contribute to holistic development in students. While students concentrate on their future plans, they should remember the glory and heritage of their land, he added. He concluded his speech by stating that Indian youth instead of being job-seekers must endeavour to become job givers.



Dr. K. Ponmudy, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and Pro-Chancellor of Alagappa University and Hon'ble Minister for Cooperation Thiru. KR. Periyakaruppan graced the occasion.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address and recounted the significant achievements, activities and programmes of the University that happened during the last three years.

In this Convocation a total number of 1,09,616 candidates were conferred upon degrees. Of these, one scholar got D.Lit, 4 scholars D.Sc., and 647 candidates their Ph.D. degrees ; and 5,034 regular students from the University Departments, 47,198 from the Affiliated Colleges, 8,706 from the Collaborative Programmes and 48,026 from the Distance Education stream got their degrees.

1,125 candidates obtained their degrees in person. This 1,125 included, 1 - D.Lit, 4 - D.Sc., 647 - Ph.Ds, 31 M.Phils., 138 Post Graduates and 26 Under Graduates from the University Departments and Constituent Colleges; 20 M.Phil. Scholars, 61 Post Graduates and 88 Under Graduates from the Affiliated Colleges; and 50 Post Graduates and 59 Under Graduates from the Collaborative Programmes.

Thiru. S. Mangudi, M.L.A., Tmt.Tamilarasi, M.L.A. (Manamadurai Constituency), Thiru. Muthu Durai, Chairman-Karaiykudi Municipality, Former M.L.A. Thiru. H. Raja, Prof. Krishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Tiruvarur Central University, Former Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Subbiah, Thiru. Anand Rao V. Patil, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Governor, Dr. D. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. S. Prasanna Ramasamy, I.A.S., Deputy Secretary to Governor (Universities), Thiru. P. Madhusudhan Reddy, I.A.S., District Collector, Higher Police Officials and Revenue Department officials were among those who graced the occasion with their presence.

After the Convocation, Hon'ble Governor visited the University Scientific Instrumentation Centre (USIC), Alagappa Museum, Centre for Tamil Culture and Skill Development Centre.

He unveiled a bust-sized statue of Mathematical Genius Srinivasa Ramanujan at the Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics in the Mathematics Department.

## 74<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at Alagappa University on 26.01.2023. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, unfurled the tri-colour National Flag and accepted the Guard of Honour presented by the NCC Cadets and the students of the University.



In his Republic Day Address, Prof. G. Ravi said that this great event celebrated throughout the country helps every citizen to remember with gratitude the sacrifices made by patriots and lakhs and lakhs of common people in the fight for nation's freedom. The massive Indian Constitution which came into effect on 26th January, 1950 proclaimed India as a Sovereign, Social, Secular and Democratic Republic. He stated on this occasion that

"every Indian should salute our farmers, who have made our vast and populous country self-reliant in food-grains and dairy products. Just as our hardworking farmers ensure food security for the country, the brave soldiers of the armed forces ensure the security of our national boundaries standing guard amid severest climatic conditions on the borders. By their contribution to the protection against diseases and disasters, our health care professionals and scientists have strengthened medical services and technological apparatus focusing on national well-being. From space to the farms, from educational institutions to hospitals, the community of scientists has enriched our life and work. Our scientists were working day and night to combat the Corona virus during the pandemic period and they succeeded in developing a vaccine in record time. Thus, all our farmers, soldiers and scientists deserve special appreciation and a grateful nation greets them on this great occasion of the Republic Day", he added.

### **Importance Given to Skill Development Programmes**

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that in line with the vision of the Government of India on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Alagappa University is taking all effective measures to offer significant number of short-term skill oriented programmes. Further, significant number of awareness / orientation programmes are conducted to the scholars and students through Innovation and Invention Cell. He referred to the recent achievements of the University and added that these are owing to the meticulous work turned out by the Faculty, Students and Administrative Staff.

A colourful cultural programme was staged by the students of the Department of Fine Arts, Theatre and Film Studies and the College of Physical Education on this occasion. The Vice-Chancellor presented certificates and medals to the sports persons who won laurels in various tournaments held at the State and National Levels.

Members of the Syndicate Dr. R. Swaminathan, Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Dr. V. Palanisamy, Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Prof. E. Kannapiran, Controller of Examinations i/c, all Deans, Directors, Principals, Faculty Members and Administrative staff participated in the function. University NCC Officer Dr. C. Vairavasundaram compered the Republic Day function.

### **UNIQUE ARTISTIC TALENTS SHOWCASED AT ALUTES-2023**

The Cultural Club of Alagappa University staged Alagappa University Talent Exhibit Show ALUTES-2023 for the University Departments from 2nd to 4th March 2023. While presiding over the inaugural function of ALUTES 2023, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, said by participating in various literary competitions and theatre events students could showcase their unique talents. This event is in fact a boon to the students of the University. He added that cultural events help students develop various skills and especially allow them to identify their hidden and innate talents. Cultural activities allow students to express themselves, build confidence, and develop social skills essential for their development in life. It is important to consider them as crucial part of the educational process. By boosting their confidence level it indirectly helps improve the academic performance too.

The veteran film director, Mr. Gaumtham Raj, was the chief guest. He dwelt at length on the importance of participating in cultural activities; he said achieving success in cultural events can boost students' self-esteem. Students have their skills and interests. When they are given opportunities to explore what they are passionate about, it improves their confidence level and self-esteem. Cultural events help students acquire new skills that can be applied in their lives for great success. Leadership qualities, teamwork, collaborative efforts, and problem-solving skills could be acquired by participants in the cultural activities.

Earlier Dr. K. Langeshwaran, Co-ordinator, Cultural Club, welcomed the gathering and Dr. G. Sivakumar, Deputy Director, Cultural Club, proposed a vote of thanks at the inaugural function.





On 4th March 2023, the valedictory function of the ALUTES-2023 was conducted. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, distributed the prizes to the winners. Mr. Andrews, an actor and anchor, was the chief guest. He said when students spend time with others who have similar interests, they get plenty of opportunities to learn about persons, their backgrounds and their perspectives. Cultural activities help students develop important skills such as friendship, communication and tolerance, which are highly valued in today's world as organizations look for individuals who could work as a team with people of diverse views.

In his felicitation address, Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, mentioned that Talent Exhibit Show would definitely boost participants' morale, both academically and personally. Through cultural activities, students can gain a deeper understanding of themselves and gain diverse perspectives, which would help them understand life in a better way and live it to the fullest extent possible.

The students of the Fine Arts Department of Alagappa University scored the highest marks by participating in various events and secured the first place, and the students of the Departments of Journalism and Mass Communication got the second place. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, gave away the prizes to the winners of various events and presented the trophies to the Winner and Runner-up Teams.

Dr. G. Sivakumar, Deputy Co-ordinator, welcomed the gathering at the valedictory function and Dr. K. Langeswaran, Co-ordinator, Cultural Club, who made all the arrangements, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the programme.

### **Intercollegiate Talent Exhibit Show**

## **ALAGU AARAM -2023 CELEBRATED WITH FANFARE**

On 31st March 2023, the Cultural Club of Alagappa University conducted the Intercollegiate Talent Exhibit Show Alagu Aaram - 2023. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, presiding over the inaugural function, said that students should evince interest in participating in arts and cultural events and competitions along with their regular studies to showcase their multifarious talents. He added that cultural events are a strong part of people's lives. They reveal people's life, their views, their values, their sense of humour, their hopes, their loyalties, and their worries and

fears. "When you are working with people and building relationships with them, it helps to have some perspective and understanding of their cultures". By participating in cultural events, one may experience first-hand the greatness of his talents and culture; and through artistic expression a community may articulate it to the world powerfully.



A popular film actor, Mr. Karuppuraja @ KanjaKaruppu who was the chief guest stated that many talent exhibit shows are performances rather than contests. In a contest, participants may be motivated to perform for a reward, a trophy, or a prize of some kind. He further added that cultural performances are creative activities that motivate students to showcase their aesthetic sense that ignite their minds towards excellence; and also help preserve the cultural heritage.

In his felicitation address, Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, congratulated the students for actively participating in various cultural events conducted by the Cultural Club. Earlier, Dr. K. Langeswaran, Co-ordinator, Cultural Club, welcomed the gathering and Dr. G. Sivakumar, Deputy Director, Cultural Club, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural function.

The valedictory function of Alagu Aaram-2023 was held on 1st April 2023. Prof. G Ravi, Vice-chancellor, distributed the prizes to the winners. While delivering the valedictory address, the veteran Film Director Mr. Seenu Ramasamy referred to the excellent performances made by the students. He appreciated the participants for their stamina, coordination, and versatile talents. He added that music, dance, fine arts, theatre, and literature help students to sharpen their imagination and expand their creative horizons. In addition to that, he mentioned that our cultural history, lifestyle, and social settings are all intrinsically integrated. He appreciated the talents of all the participants and lauded the efforts of the organisers.



Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate and Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Co-ordinator, Youth Welfare and Empowerment, offered felicitations. The overall championship trophy was bagged by Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai, which scored the highest marks by participating in various events and the runner-up trophy was given to Shri Vidhya Giri College of Arts and Science, Pudukottai. Dr. G. Sivakumar, Deputy Co-ordinator, welcomed the gathering and Dr. K. Langeswaran, Co-ordinator, Cultural Club, who made all the arrangements for the event, proposed a vote of thanks.

## RETIRED STAFF HONOURED

The following administrative staff of Alagappa University retired from University service after serving meritoriously for more than three decades. They were honoured by the University Administration under the presidentship of Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi in a meeting convened on 31.03.2023.



Dr. M. Jayabharathi



Dr. R. Padmavathi



Mr. G. Palaniappan



Mr. Durai. Selvam



Mr. C. Selvaraj

## FACULTY OF ARTS

### DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

#### அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு

தவத்திரு. குன்றக்குடி அடிகளார் அறக்கட்டளை, இராஜயோகி ஸ்ரீ வள்ளியப்பச் செட்டியார் அறக்கட்டளை, இராஜயோகி ஸ்ரீ ஆர்.எம். வள்ளியப்பச் செட்டியார் ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தர் யோக அறக்கட்டளை, வி.ஆர்.எம் செட்டியார் - மது.ச. விமலானந்தம் அறக்கட்டளை, பேரா. ந. சுப்புரெட்டியார் - திருமதி. செல்லப்பா அம்மாள் அறக்கட்டளை ஆகிய அறக்கட்டளைகளின் சார்பில் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு 24.01.2023 அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்துறையில் நடைபெற்றது.



இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்குத் தலைமை தாங்கிய பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.க. ரவி அவர்கள் தம் தலைமை உரையில், “செம்மொழித்தகுதி பெற்ற உலக மொழிகளுள் தொன்மையானது தமிழ்மொழி. தமிழ் மொழியின் தொன்மையும் மரபும் அதன் தொடர்ச்சியும் தமிழின் தனிச் சிறப்புகள் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கன. தமிழ் மொழியைப் பயிலுவதால் நாம் சிறப்புக்குரியவர்கள். தமிழ் மொழியைப் பக்தியின் மொழி என்றும் கூறுவர். பக்தி இலக்கியம் என்ற தொகுப்பைப் பெற்றுள்ள சிறப்பு உலக மொழிகள் அனைத்துள்ளும் தமிழுக்கு வாய்த்ததுபோல் வேறு எந்த மொழிக்கும் வாய்க்கவில்லை. தமிழர்கள் தங்கள் மொழியைத் தமிழ் என்று கூறியிருப்பதுபோல பக்தியையும் தமிழ் என்றே கூறியுள்ளனர். பக்தி இலக்கியங்கள் தொண்டு நெறியையும் அன்பு நெறியையும் அனைவருக்கும் உரிய வாழ்க்கை நெறியாக உணர்த்துகின்றன. இந்நெறிகள் அக்காலத்துக்கு மட்டுமல்லாமல் எக்காலத்துக்கும் பொருந்துவன ஆகும். இன்றைய இளைஞர்கள் இவற்றை மனதில் கொள்ள வேண்டும். தொண்டு மனப்பான்மையையும் அன்பு செலுத்தும் பண்பையும் அனைவரும் வாழ்க்கை நெறியாக வளர்த்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும்” என்றார்.



இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் தமிழ்த்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்களும் மாணவர்களும் திரளாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர். முன்னதாக தமிழ்த்துறைத்தலைவர் பேரா.க. இராசாராம் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மு. சுதா நன்றி கூறினார். உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் நிகழ்ச்சிகளைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் 15.02.2023 புதன் கிழமையன்று மூத்தறிஞர் முனைவர் வ.சுப. மாணிக்கனார் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு பல்கலைக்கழக ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் முனைவர் க. குணசேகரன் தலைமை தாங்கினார். அவர் தம் தலைமையுரையில், “தமிழ் இனிமையான மொழி. தமிழ் மொழியைக் கற்பதை மாணவர்கள் அனைவரும் பெருமையாகக் கருத வேண்டும். தமிழை விருப்பத்துடன் கற்க வேண்டும். வ.சுப. மாணிக்கனார் தமிழுக்கு அருந்தொண்டாற்றியவர். அவருடைய விருப்பமுறியில் அவர் தன்னுடைய நூல்கள் அனைத்தையும் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நூலகத்திற்கு வழங்க வேண்டும் என்று குறிப்பிட்டு எழுதிய பெருந்தகையாளர். அவ்வாறு நூல்கள் அனைத்தையும் பல்கலைக்கழக நூலகத்திற்கு வழங்கியதால் அவரைப் போற்றும் வகையில் அவருடைய பெயரை மைய நூலகத்திற்கு வைத்துச் சிறப்பித்துள்ளோம். அவரை மாணவர்கள் அனைவரும் முன்னுதாரணமாகக் கொண்டு தமிழைக் கற்க வேண்டும்” எனக் கேட்டுக்கொண்டார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்ட தமிழ்ப் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தொல்காப்பியர் இருக்கையின் தகைசால் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் கு.வெ. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் அவர்கள் “திணையறிதல்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார். அவர் தம் உரையில், “இலக்கண, இலக்கியங்களை ஆழ்ந்து படிக்க வேண்டும். அதன் நுட்பங்களைக் கண்டறிய வேண்டும். இலக்கியங்களில் எல்லாச் செய்திகளும் வெளிப்படையாக இடம்பெறாது உள்ளார்ந்து காணப்படும். அவற்றை வெளிக்கொணரும் வகையில் கற்றலே இலக்கியக் கல்வி. சங்க இலக்கியங்கள் அனைத்தும் திணை அடிப்படையில் அமைந்தன. ஒவ்வொரு பாட்டிலும் திணை அமைந்திருக்கும் பாங்கைக் கண்டறிதல் வேண்டும். உரிப்பொருளே

திணைக்கு அடிப்படையாகும். திணை கொண்டு பாடல்களை அணுகினால் புதிய புதிய செய்திகளைக் கண்டறிய இயலும். உலகிலேயே சிறந்தது அன்பு. அதனை இலக்கியங்கள் வாயிலாக உணர்ந்து அனைவரும் பின்பற்ற வேண்டும்” என்றார்.

முன்னதாக தமிழ்த்துறைத்தலைவர் பேரா. சு. இராசாராம் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். நிகழ்ச்சி ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் கா. கணநாதன் நன்றி கூறினார். உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் நிகழ்ச்சிகளைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார். தமிழாசிரியர் திரு.சுப. நாச்சியப்பன், தமிழ்த்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள், மாணவ, மாணவிகள், ஆராய்ச்சி மாணவர்கள், அழகப்பா அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரி மற்றும் இராமசாமி தமிழ்க்கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள் திரளாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் 23.03.2023 வியாழக்கிழமை அன்று காலை 10.00 மணியளவில் கண்ணதாசன் கருத்தரங்கக் கூடத்தில் கவிஞர் கோ.பு. அமிர்தலிங்கனார் - பேரா. அ. அறிவுநம்பி அறக்கட்டளை மற்றும் முனைவர் ச. மெய்யப்பன் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு நடைபெற்றது. இந்த நிகழ்வுக்குப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பதிவாளர் பேரா. சு. இராஜமோகன் அவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கிச் சிறப்பித்தார். அவர் தனது தலைமையுரையில், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம் தோன்றிய நாள்தொட்டு தமிழ்த்துறை வளர்ந்து வருகிறது. வரலாற்றுச்சிறப்பு மிக்க சேதுபதி மன்னர் அவைக்களப் புலவர் மரபினர் ஏற்படுத்தியுள்ள அறக்கட்டளை இது. எங்களுடைய நாட்டுப்புறவியல் துறைப் பேராசிரியர் மதிப்பிற்குரிய விஜயலட்சுமி நவநீதகிருஷ்ணன் அவர்கள். இன்றைக்கு மீண்டும் நாட்டுப்புறவியலை நினைத்துப் பார்க்கிறேன். பதிப்பாளராகவும், பேராசிரியராகவும் விளங்கியவர் முனைவர் ச. மெய்யப்பன் அவர்கள். இருதுறைகளிலும் சிறப்புப் பெற்றவர்கள். அவர்களும் நமது அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் அறக்கட்டளை தொடங்கியிருப்பது சிறப்பு. இவ்வரிசையில் நமது சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் திரு. காவ்யா சண்முக சுந்தரம் அவர்கள்

இன்றைய சொற்பொழிவிற்கு மிகவும் பொருத்தமானவர். தொடர்ந்து முயன்று உழைத்துக் கற்பவர். தமிழ் கற்றால் பல நிலைகளில் முன்னேறும் வாய்ப்புகள் நிறைய உண்டு. பயன்படுத்திக் கொள்ள வேண்டியது மாணவர்களாகிய உங்களுடைய கடமை. நமது பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் உள்ள 44 துறைகளில் சிறந்த துறையாகவும் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவுகள் நிறைந்த துறையாகவும் விளங்குவது தமிழ்த்துறையேயாகும் என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார். தொடர்ந்து இந்த அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவின் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக பெங்களூர் செயிண்ட் ஜோசப் கல்லூரித் தமிழ்த்துறையின் மேனாள் தலைவர் முனைவர் காவ்யா ச. சண்முகசுந்தரம் அவர்கள் பங்கேற்று, “தமிழர் நாட்டுப்புறவியல்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். அவர்தம் உரையில், 1973 ஆம் ஆண்டு நாட்டுப்புறவியல் ஆய்வில் சென்னைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் சேர்ந்தேன். 1974இல் பேராசிரியர் அ. அறிவுநம்பிக்கு “நான் இந்தத் துறையில் ஓரேருழுவனாக இருக்கிறேன். வாரும் சேர்ந்து உழலாம்” என்று ஓர் அஞ்சலட்டை எழுதினேன். அத்தகைய அளவில் நாட்டுப்புறவியல்துறை ஆய்வாளர்கள் அற்று இருந்தது. பேராசிரியர் ந. சஞ்சீவியின் மாணவனாகவும், பேராசிரியர் க.ப. அறவாணனின் மாணவனாகவும் விளங்கினேன். 1974இல் என்னுடைய முதல் நூலை வெளியிடுவதற்கு எனது கல்வியறிவு பெறாத தந்தை தந்த பணத்தை அவருடைய அனுமதியோடு பயன்படுத்திக் கொண்டேன். அதன் பிறகு தான் நாட்டுப்புறவியலில் நான் ஆழம் கண்டேன். நாட்டுப்புறக் கலைகள் பெரும்பாலும் வட்டம் அல்லது நேர்கோட்டிலேயே அமையும். இது நாட்டுப்புறவியலின் சிறப்பான அமைப்பு முறையாகும். சங்க இலக்கியத்தின் கருப்பொருள்களே நாட்டுப்புறவியலாகும். திருநெல்வேலி மண் சிறுநிலக்கியங்களின் பிறப்பிடம். பள்ளு, குறவஞ்சி, நொண்டிச் சிந்து, காவடிச் சிந்து ஆகியவை தோன்றிய மண். சிலப்பதிகாரக் காப்பியம் முதலில் சொல்லப்பட்டது. பின்னர் கேட்கப்பட்டது. பாடப்பட்டது. பின்னர் பரவியது. இதைக்குறித்து காலந்தோறும் கண்ணகி என்னும் என்னுடைய நூலில் குறித்திருக்கிறேன். வால்மீகி இராமாயணம் பழங்குடி மரபிலிருந்து தோன்றியது. இராமாயணத்தைக் குறித்த 96 வகைக் கதைகள் ஆசியா முழுவதும் பரவியுள்ளன. சேக்கிழாரின் பெரியபுராணமும் நாடுமுழுவதும் தேடித் தொகுக்கப்பட்டதுதான். செவ்விலக்கியங்களின் தாய் நாட்டுப்புறவியலேயாகும். ஒலி, பொருளை உடையது. ஓசை, புதிய பொருளை உருவாக்குவது. இவ்விரண்டும் நாட்டுப்புற இலக்கியத்தின் அடிப்படையாகும். நம்முடைய ஒவ்வொரு நிகழ்விலும் நாட்டுப்புறவியல் உள்ளது. தே. லூர்து அவர்கள் நாட்டாரியல் என்றே இத்துறையை முதலில் அழைத்தார். நான்தான்

நாட்டுப்புறவியல் என்று பெயரிட்டேன். ஊர் என்பது இயற்கை. நாடு என்பது செயற்கை. நாட்டுப்புறவழக்கில் தெய்வ வழிபாடு உண்டு. கடவுள் என்பது வானிலிருந்து இறங்கி வரும் அவதாரம். தெய்வம் என்பது மண்ணிலிருந்து வானேகும் மானுடம். நிறைவாக நாட்டுப்புறவியல் என்பது அறிந்து கொள்வதும் அறிய வைப்பதும், புதிவு செய்வதும், பதியம் போடுவதுமாகிய மரபுத் தொடர்ச்சி. அதனால்தான் காந்தியடிகள் இந்தியாவின் ஆன்மா கிராமங்களில் இருக்கிறது என்றார்” என்று குறிப்பிட்டார். முன்னதாக, தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் பேரா.சு. ராசாராம் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். இவ்விழாவின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சொ. சுரேஷ் நன்றியுரை வழங்கினார். விழா நிகழ்வுகளைத் தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப்பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் சொ. அருணன் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார். இவ்விழாவில் முனைவர் அ. அறிவுநம்பியின் புதல்வர் அ. அமிர்தசரவணன், காவ்யா சண்முகசுந்தரம் அவர்களின் துணைவியார், காரைக்குடி இராமசாமி தமிழ்க்கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் செ. நாகநாதன், ராமசாமி தமிழ்க்கல்லூரியின் மாணவர்கள், காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக வரலாற்றுத் துறை மாணவர்கள், தமிழ்த்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள், முதுகலை மாணவர்கள், ஆய்வாளர்கள் உள்ளிட்ட பலரும் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

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### பொங்கல் விழா



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக தமிழ் பண்பாட்டு மையத்தின் சார்பில் பொங்கல் விழா 13.01.2023 நிர்வாகக் கட்டடத்தின் முன்பு கொண்டாடப்பட்டது.

விழாவிற்கு அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சுரேஷ் அவர்கள் தலைமையேற்று சிறப்பித்தார். பொங்கல் விழாவை முன்னிட்டு ஆசிரியர்கள், அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்களுக்கான கவிதை, கட்டுரை, பேச்சு போட்டி, கோலப்போட்டி மற்றும் தமிழர் பண்பாடு சார்ந்த கயிறு இழுத்தல், பாணை உடைத்தல் போன்ற விளையாட்டு போட்டிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டது.

போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்கு சான்றிதழ்கள் மற்றும் பரிசுகள் துணைவேந்தர் வழங்கினார்.



இந்நிகழ்வில் பல்கலைக்கழக புதிவாளர் (பொ) பேரா.சு. ராஜமோகன், தொலைநிலை கல்வி இயக்குநர் (பொ) பேரா. த.ரா. குருமூர்த்தி, வளாக மேம்பாடு மற்றும் பராமரிப்பு பிரிவின் தனி அலுவலர் பேரா. பாலசுப்ரமணியன் மற்றும் பேராசிரியர்கள், நிர்வாகப் பணியாளர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவ, மாணவியர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

இவ்விழாவிற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை தமிழ் பண்பாட்டு மையத்தின் இயக்குநர் பேரா. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்களின் தலைமையிலான குழுவினர் சிறப்பாக செய்திருந்தனர்.

### தாய்மொழி நாள் விழா

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையத்தின் சார்பில் “தாய்மொழி நாள் விழா” 21.02.2023 அன்று பல்கலைக்கழகப் பட்டமளிப்பு விழா அரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது. தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மையத்தின் இயக்குநர் பேரா. சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார்.



இந்நிகழ்விற்கு அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.க.ரவி அவர்கள் தலைமையேற்றுப் பேசுகையில் தாய்மொழிதான் ஓர் இனத்தின் முக்கிய அடையாளமாகத் திகழ்கின்றது என்றும் அதனாலேயே உலகம் முழுவதும் உள்ள பெரும்பாலான நாடுகள் அந்நாட்டின் தாய்மொழிகள் பெயராலே குறிப்பிடப்படுகின்றன. தாய்க்கு இணையாகத் தாய்மொழியும் மனிதர்களால் நேசிக்கப்படுகிறது. தமிழைப் பழித்தவனைத் தாய் தடுத்தாலும் விடேன் எனப் பாவேந்தர் பாரதிதாசன் தாயை விடத் தாய்மொழியை முன்னிலைப்படுத்தியதை குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார். மேலும் ரஷ்யக் கவிஞன் இரகூல் கம்சதேவ், ஆங்கிலேயக் கவிஞர் சேக்ஸ்பியர், கோமர், மாவீரன் அலெக்ஸ்சாண்டர், நெல்சன் மண்டேலா என உலகின் பல்வேறு நாட்டவரும் அவரவர் தாய்மொழியைப் போற்றுவது குறித்தும் எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

தாய்மொழிக் கல்வியால் மாணவர்களின் புரிதல் திறன் அதிகரிக்கிறது. பிறமொழிகளில் பயிலும்போது மனிதனுடைய மூளையானது அதைத் தாய்மொழியில் மொழிபெயர்த்து உள்வாங்குகிறது. இது 80 சதவிகிதத்துக்கும் குறைவே. ஆனால் தாய்மொழியை மூளையானது 100 சதவிகிதம் ஏற்றுக்கொள்கிறது. ஒரு நாட்டிற்குத் தாய்மொழி இல்லையென்றால் அந்நாட்டிற்கு அடையாளமே இல்லாமல் போய்விடும்.

நம் தாய்மொழியாகிய தமிழ் மொழிக்குப் பல பெருமைகள் உள்ளது இதனால் மாணவர் சமுதாயம் தாய்மொழியின் அவசியத்தை நன்கு உணரவேண்டும் என உரையாற்றினார்.

இளையான்குடி டாக்டர் ஜாகீர் உசேன் கல்லூரி தமிழ்ப் பேராசிரியர் திரு. கா. அப்துல்ரஹ்ம் இந்நிகழ்வில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில் தாய்மொழிக் கல்வியின் அவசியம் குறித்தும், தமிழ்மொழியின் வாழ்வியல் விழுமியங்கள் குறித்தும் தமிழ்க்கவிதைகள் தரும் இன்பங்கள் குறித்தும் எடுத்துக் கூறி மாணவர்களைத் தமிழ் குறித்துச் சிந்திக்கவும், கவிதை எழுதவும் அறிவுறுத்திச் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்.

தாய் மொழி நாள் விழாவை முன்னிட்டு நடத்தப்பெற்ற பேச்சுப் போட்டியில் வெற்றிபெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்குப் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பல்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள், ஆய்வாளர்கள், மாணவர்கள், தமிழ் ஆர்வலர்கள் என 700 - க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர். ஆய்வுத்திட்ட உதவியாளர் திரு. ரா.சிவராம் நன்றி கூறினார்.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

### ACT NEXT - Seminar on Nobel Laureate for Literature



The Department of English and Foreign Languages in association with the Department of Tamil staged a seminar to honour and celebrate Annie Ernaux, the Nobel Prize winner for literature for 2022 on 22.02.2023. Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering and explained the origin and history of the institution of Nobel Prize in the year 1901. He illustrated the accomplishments of Indian Nobel Laureates such as Rabindranath Tagore, Sir C.V. Raman and others. After that, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Prof. G. Ravi delivered the presidential address wherein he said that Nobel prizes have been awarded to path-breaking and seminal contributions in the fields of

physics, chemistry, medicine, peace, literature and economics. The Nobel Prize winners, the Vice-Chancellor opined, make inspirational impact not only on people belonging to their own fields but also on humanity in general. Further, he added that students from under privileged backgrounds are second to none in terms of caliber, potential, intelligence and hard work. He energized the students by stating that students from rural areas are in possession of determination, resolve and inner strength to make accomplishments in their career. He then exhorted the students to draw inspiration from Nobel Laureate Annie Ernaux and become Nobel Awardees like her. Then, the chief guest of the programme Dr. Ganesan, Associate Professor, Department of English, The H.H. Rajah's College, Pudukkottai delivered the key note address, and said Annie Ernaux was born in Lillebonne in France in a working class family in 1940. She was educated in University of Rouen and University of Bordeaux. Her important novels are: Cleaned Out, Do What They Say or Else and The Possession. He stated that Annie Ernaux has dealt with the themes of inner conflicts of women, their psychological trauma, social divisions, gender discrimination, time and memory and so on. Dr. Ganesan further elaborated that even if Annie Ernaux has not projected herself as a feminist or a social reformer, her literary works abound with feminist perspectives, social consciousness and the desire to demolish social divisions. Furthermore, the chief guest spelt out Annie Ernaux has handled taboo subjects which traditional writers hesitate to deal with but she has done it with the intention of sensitizing the general public about the harrowing experiences women face in their lives. As part of his keynote address the chief guest traced the evolution of women's writing with reference to American Feminist writer Elaine Showalter's Towards the Feminist Poetics. The perusal of Annie Ernaux literary works, Prof. Ganesan said will make people know that she has championed the cause of women-empowerment, the upliftment of the vulnerable and boycott of quack doctors. The guest of honour quoted the citation of the Nobel Prize which goes as follows: "Annie Ernaux was awarded Noble prize for the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and restraints of personal memory. The citation also states that she has been given this award for a body of work that is personal and at the same time universal. Prof. Rajaram, Head of the Department of Tamil,

offered felicitations and illustrated the achievements of Nobel Laureates for literature. He put forth the notion that when the literary creations of Nobel Laureates are analyzed, it demonstrates that writers with social consciousness and desire for the empowerment of women have been given Nobel Prize. He then added that the Nobel Prize winners with their powerful literary creations conquered time. In the end, Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, proposed a formal vote of thanks. Faculty and students from University Tamil and English Departments, Alagappa Government Arts College and Government College of Arts and Science, Thiruvadanai participated in the programme in large numbers.

## Alumni Meet



The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized the Alumni Meet on 19th March 2023. Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering. The objective of this meeting is to reconnect with the alumni and celebrate their successes and various achievements. Alumni also interacted with the students and gave motivational talks regarding preparing for higher studies and placements. Students asked many questions regarding placements and the alumni shared their views. At the end, Dr. M. Natarajan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University proposed the vote of thanks. With the support of the organizing committee the Alumni Meet 2023 ended as a grand success.

## Parent-Teacher Association Meeting

The Department of English and Foreign Languages organized Parent-Teacher Association Meet - 2022 on 19th March 2023. The parents were informed through their wards about the said meeting. More than 40 parents/guardians graced the occasion. Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Dept. of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering followed by





the interaction between Parents, Class Teachers, Subject Teachers and Mentors. There was a discussion on student's performance in individual subjects, students' discipline in classrooms and their attendance percentage. One parent was happy with the way the department was conducting academically. He was very satisfied with the performance of his ward. One parent also enquired what kind of placement arrangements are done for their ward. The faculty members discussed in detail about the academic calendar and their last working day. He also stressed that if parents and students had any difficulty, they can contact the faculty and the Department anytime. CIA marks in all the subjects were discussed with the parents. At the end of the meeting Dr. SP. M. Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks. The department faculty members Dr. S. Valliammai, Dr. M. Natarajan, Dr.S. Sudha, Dr. SP. Shanthi attended the meeting.

### Grand World Poetry Day Celebrations



The Department of English and Foreign Languages observed the World Poetry Day on 30.03.2023. The Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, Prof. G. Ravi presided over the event and delivered the presidential address wherein he said that without literature particularly the genre of poetry, human life will be enveloped by hollowness and void. The Vice-Chancellor stated that the

genre of poetry performs the two significant functions of entertaining and enlightening mankind. He further, added that during freedom struggle poets like Bharathiar inspired feelings of patriotism and yearning for independence among the people through their poetry. Poetry, which the bards utilized as an effective instrument reached the masses in every part of the country and awakened them to struggle for the liberty of the country, the Vice-Chancellor articulated. Prof. R. Raja Govindasamy, the former Principal of Thiyagarajar College, Madurai, who took part in the event, highlighted the greatness of English poetry. His discourse threw much light on the themes of sufferings of mankind, nature, optimism and the predicament of the marginalized as portrayed in the poetry of Langston Hughes, Wordsworth, Thomas Gray and others. Prof. Karmegam, Formerly Head of the Department of Tamil, Alagappa Government College, who is another resource person for the event highlighted the way of life of ancient Tamils, their traditions and conventions found in the Sangam Tamil Poetry. Prior to that Dr. P. Madhan, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, welcomed the gathering. In the end, Dr. SPM. Kanimozhi, proposed a formal vote of thanks. Faculty Members from University Departments and Affiliated Colleges, Research Scholars and students participated in the event.

### DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

#### Two - Day International Conference on Reproductive Health and Mental Well Being of Women



As a sequel to the commemoration of the International Women's Day, the Department of Women's studies, Alagappa University, conducted the inaugural function of a Two - day International Conference on "Reproductive Health and Mental Well Being of Women" on 28th March 2023.

While welcoming the gathering Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, highlighted the relevance and current significance of this International Conference. She made a reference to the serious consequences of poor mental and reproductive health of women and its impact on family and society. By quoting the National Family Health Survey 2019-2020, she said that about 30% of women in India face gender based violence which forces them to develop anxiety, and depression. She stated that poor mental health may adversely impact pregnancy, maternal infant bonding and growth and development of children. She said that a focus on integration of mental health and reproductive education at schools and colleges will help reduce the risk associated with mental and reproductive health of future generations.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, in his inaugural address, said that one of the most important aspects of women's well being is related to reproductive health and mental condition. It is central to their ability to make choices and decisions about their lives. He said that early childbearing impairs the health of young mothers and it also leaves its negative effect on their children. He stated that the mental well being and reproductive health of women are interlinked, only mentally healthy woman can give birth to healthy children which in turn helps to have a healthy family, society and nation.

### **Good Work Done by Primary Health Centres**

Speaking at the conference, Thiru.P.Madhusudhan Reddy, Collector, Sivagangai District, stated that Tamil Nadu ranks third at the national level in the health care infrastructure facilities, which is a clear indicator of medical services provided by the State. He said that National Health Mission has set a target to have 1/1000 Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and 25/1000 Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and it can be achieved only when people utilize various well planned programmes and schemes of the Governments that focus on reproductive health of women. He explored the eco system that exists around the pregnant woman such as other family members and society. He hinted at the responsibilities of the society in promoting the mental health of women. He cited the "baby shower function" conducted as one of the fine examples. He added that during the span of pregnancy period due to anaemia and hyper-tension many pregnant women face

various complications and sometimes it may also lead to mortality. In such situations, they need counseling, healthy food, and they have to involve themselves in doing exercise and yoga which help them in getting relief from stress and also helps to deliver healthy babies. He said that there is an increase in number of teen age pregnancy due to poor socio economic conditions and lack of awareness about its consequences. Further, he stated that the Government has made facilities in each district to rehabilitate the mentally ill people who are left on the streets. These centres rescue, rehabilitate and reintegrate the mentally ill people with their families. Further, he said that every Tuesday the Primary Health Centres conduct periodical check ups and screening for pregnant women and also provide some nutritious food items and teach them simple exercise and yoga to improve their physical and mental well being. He concluded his speech by urging the participants to actively involve themselves in the conference proceedings and disseminate the information acquired here for the welfare of women and society. He also asked the participants to organize various programmes to create awareness about the reproductive and mental health of women which could promote healthy family, society and nation as well.

### **Negative Life Experiences Impact on Women's Health**

Prof. Seetha Lakshmi of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, in her keynote address, stated women play a dual role and as a result they have inadequate time for taking care of their health. Due to heavy work load both at home and work place women undergo mental stress which may affect their physical health. She said that due to lack of awareness about the importance of breast feeding many women failed to breast feed their children which significantly affected the immune system of their children. Mental Health and Sexual and Reproductive Health are two sides of the same coin and the role of both need to be addressed in a young person's life. She highlighted how the high magnitude of sexual and reproductive health challenges such as an early or unwanted pregnancy, HIV and gender-based violence impact greatly on the overall well being of women, children and family. She stated that depression and anxiety are the most common mental health problems encountered by many women in pregnancy. She also highlighted that major life transitions such as pregnancy, motherhood and



menopause can create physical and emotional stresses for women. Negative life experiences - infertility and perinatal loss, poverty, discrimination, violence, unemployment and isolation - also impact heavily on women's mental health and wellbeing.

### Valedictory Function

In the valedictory ceremony held on 29th March 2023, Prof. K. Manimekalai welcomed the gathering. Presiding over the ceremony Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, stated that women's mental health is determined by both biological and social factors. Unlike men, women are affected to a large extent by mental illness, due to physiological, psychological and social factors such as poverty, sexual abuse related stress, intimate partner violence, and so on. Women are vulnerable to mental disabilities owing to social pressures. Mental health during pregnancy and postpartum deserves special attention to safeguard women from depression and illness. Reproductive health problems like infertility and reproductive tract complaints are largely related to poor mental health in women. Further he opined that gender responsive approach in treating the mental ailments would be effective in improving the mental health of women.



The Vice-Chancellor also released the online e journal titled *The Indian Journal of Women's Studies* and launched a new website specially for the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University.

Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, offered felicitations. At the end of the programme certificates were distributed for the active Gender Champions 2022 - 2023 and prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions organized by the Gender Champions. Dr. S. Poulpunitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks. 50 research papers were presented at the conference by scholars and 250 participants attended the conference.

### An Awareness Programme on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

The Department of Women's Studies organised an "Awareness Programme on Polycystic Ovary Syndrome for Teen Age Girl Students" on 31st January 2023 at the Conference Hall of Alagappa University Science Block.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, Chairperson, School of Social Sciences, and Head, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, while welcoming the gathering, highlighted the relevance and current significance of this programme and referred to the negative impact of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome on physical, mental and social well-being of teen age girls and its impact on the national economy. She noted that it affects 1 in 10 women of childbearing age and one in five Indian women suffer from PCOS which may cause irregular menstrual periods, infertility, obesity, depression, diabetes and high blood pressure. She added that by addressing the gender disparities that exist in healthcare and improving its outcomes can contribute in improving the nation's economy by creating the quality of human capital. She emphasized that healthy lifestyle, physical exercise and adequate intake of nutritious food, provide healthy life which in turn decreases the infertility rate too. She concluded her speech by mentioning that right and proper education to girls on PCOS had a significant influence on their reproductive health and asked the students to create awareness about the impact of PCOS to their friends, neighbours and common people in general.

### PCOS - Common Cause of Female Infertility

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, highlighted that the Global Gender Gap Index ranks India at 112th position in health care systems by quoting from the WHO report, 2022. He said that one of the most common causes for female infertility is due to PCOS which affects approximately 116 million women globally and causes increased risk of depression, anxiety, bipolar and obsessive compulsive disorder. Further, he mentioned that less than 60% of urban Indians are unaware of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome, that affects roughly 10% of the global population, and if it is not diagnosed and treated properly, it may lead to severe health problems. He pointed out the ill effects of consuming junk foods, desserts, bakery items, maida products and food items that have a high glycemic

index and insisted students to consume healthy foods such as fruits, vegetables, greens, grains and millets which would improve their health. He concluded his speech by saying that ensuring good health of women increases women's labour force participation by 10% which could add about 700 billion dollars to India's GDP by 2025. Further, he released the Women's Studies Newsletter, named Kuyili - The Warrior which depicts the major activities and accomplishments of the Department of Women's Studies from January 2022 - December 2022.

Dr. Sudha Balaji, Obstetrician, Karaikudi Medical Centre and Hospital, briefly explained the causes, symptoms, diagnosis and medical treatments for Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. She highlighted the health effects of PCOS and pointed out the diet and lifestyle tips to overcome the PCOS. The session was interactive and various doubts and myths on food habits during menstrual cycle were cleared in the session.

Dr. S. Poulpunitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks. More than 200 students from Faculty of Science participated and benefited from this programme.

### **Series of Gender Sensitization Programmes Organised by the Gender Champions**

A Series of Seven Events were Organized as part of Gender Sensitization Programme. The Gender Champions of Alagappa University conducted competitions such as pencil sketching, slogan writing and poster making for Banking Management students on the theme of Gender Equality on 19.01.2023. Prof. K. Alamelu, Head, Department of Banking Management, highlighted the significance of promoting gender equality in socialization process, education, health, employment, and administrative sectors.

The Gender Champions of Alagappa University conducted the Gender Sensitization Programme for the students of Banking Management on 3.02.2023. S. Abinaya, K. Udhayaa, B. Sowmiya & AR. Yazhini, Gender Champions from the Department of Banking Management gave special lectures for the benefit of students of Banking Management on the impact of gender stereotype, the nuances of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005, and Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment Act, 2013.

An awareness programme on the theme of Gender Equality for Tamil Department students was organized on 09.02.2023. Prof. S. Rajaram, Head, Department of Tamil, delivered the keynote address and elaborated on the role and status of women in the Vedic Period. Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, in her special address, said that there has been a rise in Feminist School of Thoughts which have led to the tremendous improvement in the condition and position of women in our country. M.Vishnu Gender Champion, Department of Tamil, highlighted the activities carried out by the Gender Champion Club in Alagappa University.

The Gender Champions conducted the Gender Sensitization Programme for the students of Alagappa Academy CBSE on 13.02.2023. Dr. N. Sivakumar, Principal, Alagappa Academy (CBSE), in his welcome address, said that gender equality is a human right and by providing equal opportunities to women and men in all sectors we can prevent violence against women and also improve the economic prosperity of our nation.

On 14.02.2023 the Gender Champions organized a Gender Sensitization Programme for the students of Alagappa Matriculation Hr. Sec. School. While welcoming the gathering, Mr. G. Nehru, Principal, Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi, elaborated on the importance of initiating Gender Champion Club in the educational institutions and highlighted the impact of promoting gender equality on socio-economic development of the individual, society and nation as well.

On 15.02.2023 various competitions such as elocution, slogan writing, quiz and drama on the theme of Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming were conducted for the students of Alagappa Model Hr. Sec. School. 100 students actively participated in various competitions and exhibited their skills and talents.

An Awareness Programme on Gender Mainstreaming was organized by the Gender Champions on 6th March 2023 for Alagappa University College of Education students. Prof. J. Sujathamalini, Dean, Faculty of Education, in her welcome address, elaborated on the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in promoting the gender fair and gender justice society.



### Series of Programmes Conducted in Commemoration of International Year of Millets 2023

To commemorate the International Year of Millets (IYoM) 2023, the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University in collaboration with Rotary Club of Karaikudi conducted a rally on 13.03.2023. At the beginning of the rally A Street Play and Awareness Songs on the importance of millets were performed by the University students.

Prof. K. Manimekalai, Head, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, in her welcome address, explained the significance of observing the IYoM 2023 and highlighted the health benefits of various millets that are cultivated in India. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his inaugural address, stated that to create awareness and increase the production and consumption of millets, the United Nations, at the behest of the Government of India, declared 2023 as the IYoM.

Rtn.PHE.KR.SP.K. Devan, President, Rotary Club of Karaikudi, in his felicitation address, said that millets are power-house of nutrients and have lesser impact on blood glucose. He highlighted that millets are not just naturally gluten -free, they also have higher levels of iron and calcium than processed wheat and rice. By introducing the millets in our daily diet, we can promote the physical and mental health of the individuals, family, society and build the nation as a healthy one.

On 13.03.2023 afternoon poster exhibition was conducted on the theme "Types and Benefits of Millets" on the premises of Faculty of Arts. The benefits of various millets for various groups such as infants, children, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, and aged people were depicted in the posters displayed by students.

The Department of Women's Studies conducted an awareness programme on importance of millets for pregnant and lactating women at Urban Health Centre, Muthupattinam on 14.03.2023. Dr. R. Anitha, Medical Officer, Urban Health Centre, Muthupattinam, in her welcome address, elaborated on the significance of observing the IYoM 2023 and explained the health benefits of millets especially for pregnant women and lactating mothers.

On the same day an awareness programme on the importance of millets for pregnant women and lactating mothers was arranged at the Urban Primary Health Centre, Senjai. Dr. K. Karthikeyan, Medical Officer, Urban Primary Health Centre, Senjai, stated that millets are good sources of nutrients and all varieties of millets are beneficial for pregnant women and lactating mothers.

On 14.03.2023 afternoon an awareness programme on health benefits of millets was organized at Sri Meenakshi Girls Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi. Ms. K. Bhuvaneswari, Head Mistress, welcomed the gathering and spoke about the importance of millets for adolescent girls in improving their health.

An awareness programme on the importance of millets was conducted for 6th to 8th students at Government Higher Secondary School, Ariyakudi on 14.03.2023. Mr Britto, Head Master highlighted the significance of observing the IYoM 2023.

On 16.03.2023 the Department of Women's Studies conducted an awareness programme on the importance of millets for Anganwadi parents at Karaikudi. Ms. P. Venkateswari, Teaching Assistant, M. Karpagam Nandhini and K.Solai Kavya, students of Department of Women's Studies spoke about the nine major millets, their nutritive value, and their role in promoting the health condition of infants and children.

An awareness programme on the importance of millets for Anganwadi parents at Soodamanipuram, Karaikudi was conducted on 16.03.2023.

### Valedictory Function

On 17.03.2023 a paper presentation competition was organised on the theme of "Benefits of Millets in Human Life". Nearly 20 students from various departments exhibited the health benefits of millets, its types and importance for various target groups.



On the same day, valedictory function was conducted. Prof. K. Alamelu, Head, Dept.of. Banking Management, delivered the valedictory address. At the end of the session prizes were distributed for those who secured places in competitions, conducted on the eve of National Nutrition Month 2022. Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistant, Department of Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

### Three-Day Training Programme on "Enablement and Capacity Building for Disadvantaged Youth"

The Department of Social Work and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development jointly organized a Three-Day Training Programme on "Enablement and Capacity Building for Disadvantaged Youth" from 20th March to 23rd March 2023 at Alagappa University. Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work welcomed the gathering at the inaugural session. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, inaugurated the event. Prof. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate and Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, offered felicitations. The vote of thanks was given by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant.



On 20.03.2023 Dr. V.A. Anand, Asst. Prof., Department of Logistics, Alagappa University handled a session on "Intra/Inter Personal Relationship", followed by a session on "Leadership Qualities" by Dr. K. Ganeshanmurthy, Asst. Prof., Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University and the day's programmes ended with a session on "Stress Management" by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant.

Dr. B. Prince Solomon of the Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College, Chennai spoke on the topic "Inter Personal Relationship" and it was followed by a lecture by Dr. Prince Annadurai Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College, Chennai on the topic "Stress Management". Dr. S. Sudharsan, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College Chennai, spoke on the topic "Choice Vs Career" in the afternoon session. Mr. J. Johannes Samuel, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College, delivered a speech on the topic "Friendship".

On 23.03.2023- a lecture on "Self Awareness" was delivered by Dr. Thomas William, Head, Department of Rural Development Science, Arulanandar College, Karumathur. "Critical & Creative Thinking" was the topic on which Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Asst. Prof, Dept of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, spoke. Prof. Sivakumar, offered felicitations at the valedictory event and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Vengateshwaran, Guest Faculty, Department of Social Work.

### For Safe Riding

#### Helmets on Heads

On April 1, 2023 an awareness programme through human chain on "Helmets on Heads" was held at Alagappa University entrance. It was organised by "Social Battalions" from the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University.





Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, said that wearing a helmet will reduce the risk of serious brain injury and death. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, along with Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work, inaugurated the human chain programme.

The chief guest Mrs. Kalaiselvi, Traffic Inspector, Karaikudi, delivered a speech highlighting the significance of wearing helmets for one's own safety. She spoke about the serious consequences of not wearing helmets which lead to fatal injuries. She advised the students to wear helmets not for the sake of others but for their own safety and security.

### **Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022-23**

#### **Indian Council of Philosophical Research - Sponsored Lecture Programme**

The Department of Social Work in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi, conducted a lecture programme in connection with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022-23, at the Conference Hall on 31st March, 2023.

The Inaugural function was presided over by Dr. MA. Velusamy, Head i/c, Department of Social Work. He highlighted the importance of celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022 -23 which was sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi.

Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Associate Professor, Department of Education, DDE gave a Special Lecture on History of the Freedom Struggle and India's Independence. Dr. KR. Murugan, Associate Professor, Department of Tamil & Research Centre, Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai gave a Special Lecture on the Celebration of 75th Independence Day. Dr. K. Rameshkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Rural Development, delivered a Special Lecture on "Indian Economy at 75 : Challenges and Opportunities". Mr. C. Vengateshwaran, Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work, spoke on the main objectives of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. MS. Agnes Fedoline, 1st Year MSW student, Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks. In this programme more than 150 participants from Department of Social Work and Students of Ramanathan Chettiar Higher Secondary School participated.

### **Lecture on Indian Knowledge System**

The Department of Social Work in collaboration with Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi, conducted a Lecture Programme on 7th March, 2023. Prof. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the presidential address.

Prof. K. Sambathkumar, Member ICPR, New Delhi gave the keynote address. He highlighted the role of ICPR in promoting a dialogue on Indian Knowledge System. He also spoke on how our Indian Knowledge System has to be understood and revived back through organizing this kind of periodical lecture series.

Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, in his felicitation address, highlighted the usefulness of organizing periodical lecture series for enhancing the knowledge of students.

### **Technical Sessions**

Prof. K. Sambathkumar, Member ICPR, New Delhi delivered a special address on the "Relevance of Indian Knowledge System". He provided a historical backdrop of the Indian Knowledge System and made the audience understand the Indian Knowledge System by throwing light on the system in detail. Prof. R. Murali, Principal, Madura College, Madurai, spoke on "Understanding Philosophy". He stated a basic understanding of Indian and western philosophies are essential for perceiving life in totality.

Dr. R. Ravikumar, Assistant Professor, Head i/c, Department of Saiva Siddhantha, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, who spoke on "Philosophy and Bhakthi Literature", said both are intrinsically connected and showed an ethical approach to life. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran in his special address on "Gandhian Philosophy" highlighted the basic ideas that constituted "Gandhian Philosophy". At the end of the programme Mr. J. Vigneshsabarikiran, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

### **World Social Work Day 2023 Celebrated**

The Department of Social Work celebrated the World Social Work Day 2023 on 21st March 2023. The theme for the day was "Diversity Through Joint Social Action". The welcome address was given by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran. Dr. MA Velusamy, Head i/c, delivered the

keynote address highlighting the importance of celebrating social work day. Prof. S. Thanushkodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, delivered the felicitation address.

The Best Social Worker Awards were given to Dr. Britto Jeyabalan, Director, SMSSS, Paramakudi and Mr. G. Balasubramanian, President, Vadagudi village for their exemplary contributions to their respective fields.



A panel discussion was headed by Dr. D Prince Annadurai, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College on the topic "Social Work Intervention Related to Health". Dr. B. Prince Solomon, Associate Professor, Madras Christian College spoke on the topic "Social Work Profession's Contribution Towards Worth and Dignity of Human Beings". The Guest Faculty Mr. C. Vigneshwaran proposed a vote of thanks.

### Village Extension Programme - 2023

The Department of Social Work conducted the Village Extension Programme for 3 days from 10th to 12th March 2023 in Sakkottai Union Vadagudi Panchayat near Karaikudi. The programme was inaugurated at Vadagudi Panchayat Council office by Panchayat President Mr. Bala Subramanian. He delivered a speech on the importance of Time and Value of Tree Plantation. Mr. Francis Annadurai, Assistant Professor, MCC College, spoke on Quality of Education. Head i/c, Social Work Department - Dr. MA. Velusamy, explained about the significance of village extension programme.

The social work trainees conducted an awareness puppetry programme regarding personal hygiene to motivate the school children of the village. Then, they conducted a talent exhibition initiating activities like moral storytelling, spell bee, singing competition, dancing, and focused group discussion. They involved themselves in cleaning public places like lake, pond, water tank, and temple. In the evening students organized various cultural programmes to entertain the village people.

On the second day the trainees organised an awareness programme on Women Empowerment and Education. The Special Guest for this event was

Ms. Krishnaveni, a retired Child Line Officer from Pudukottai Multipurpose Social Service Society (PMSSS). She delivered many awareness messages about girl child education, progress in women's life enhancing management skills, child abuse prevention methods and she also shared a few real life stories and case studies. Later, Social Work Trainees performed a Puppetry Show on Women's Education, a drama on environment protection and eating healthy food. After carrying out the Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) the students planted tree saplings and conducted a cultural programme to entertain the rural people.

On the last day of the VEP an environmental awareness rally was taken out by the trainees at Vadagudi village. Mrs. Parimala Fatima, Mrs. Rajeshwari, Mrs. Suganti, and Mrs. Shanmuga Revathi from College of Education visited Vadagudi village and congratulated the trainees on their excellent activities done as part of Village Extension Programme. Then, Dr. V. Vijayalakshmi, ICDC Counsellor, Kannagudi shared her experience regarding health, medical social work and precautionary methods to be taken by the social workers while doing medical social work. Then, the social work trainees carried out a survey to assess the quality of life and family structure of Vadagudi village people. Finally, the valediction ceremony was held at the Vadagudi Panchayat Council office. The Faculty members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Balasubramanian for his support to the students and appreciated him for his activities for the development of the village.

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

### Seminar on "ACT NEXT: Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, 2022

The Department Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, organised a Seminar on "ACT NEXT: Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, 2022" on March 1st, 2023.





Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, delivered the inaugural address in the seminar. He referred to the vital contributions of Professors Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig to the research on banks and financial crises. He also noted the significance of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises.

While delivering the keynote address in the seminar, Prof. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, gave a detailed account of the eminent work of the Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences in 2022. He pointed out the need for modern banking research. He clarified why we have banks, how to make them less vulnerable to crises and how banks collapses exacerbate financial crises.

Two technical sessions were organized covering the issues involved in the research on banks and financial crises. Dr. S. Iyyampillai, Formerly Senior Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli; Dr. K. Alamelu, Professor and Head, Department of Banking Management, Alagappa University, and Dr. T. R. Gurumoorthy, Sr. Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University, spoke about the importance of preventing widespread bank collapses and financial crises in the world economy. Besides the technical sessions, a total of 16 students from different departments presented their papers on various dimensions of bank issues and how society could deal with financial crises. Dr. C. Yogalakshmi, Professor, Department of Banking Management, Alagappa University, delivered the felicitation address in the seminar.

In the valedictory address, Dr. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, highlighted the practical importance of channeling savings to productive investments without causing recurring crises. A total of two hundred and thirty students participated in the seminar and also took part in the discussions. Earlier Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy, Sr. Professor and Head, Department of Economics and Rural Development, welcomed the gathering. Dr. R. Suresh, Assistant Professor, delivered the vote of thanks.

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

### PTA Meeting Organized



Parent-Teacher Association Meeting was held on 31st March 2023 at the Department of History, to discuss the performance of students with their parents. Dr. AR. Saravanakumar, Head i/c, Department of History, welcomed the parents and Faculty Members. Parents were given feedback on their wards' performance during the academic year 2022-23. The meet was an interaction between the faculty and the parents for the development of their wards. They discussed both the strengths and areas that needed improvement. Parents' suggestions were sought for the improvement of the students. The PTA meeting came to an end with the conclusion that joint effort, mutual understanding and co-operation of parents and faculty are very important for the welfare of the students. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor. Parents thanked the Department for having given good exposure to their wards, by encouraging them to take part in Conferences, Seminars, Symposia, Workshops, Exhibitions, Field Visits to Excavation Sites etc.

### Alumni Meet 2023 Conducted

The Alumni Association of the Department of History, Alagappa University, organized the "Alumni Meet 2023" on 31st March 2023. The programme aimed at facilitating, consolidating and coordinating the alumni activities. The meet reconnected the alumni with the Department and paved the way for celebrating their successes and various achievements. Dr. AR. Saravanakumar, Head i/c, Department of History, Alagappa University, welcomed the participants.

During the interaction session with the alumni, the following has been planned: To create awareness among the students about the potential for employment; to update database of the alumni members; to share the work experiences of alumni working in India and Abroad; to interact with unemployed ex-students to find ways for employment; to conduct social welfare activities like tree planting etc; to take employer survey and to felicitate achievers.

Students raised many questions regarding Competitive Examinations and placement opportunities. Clarifications were given by the alumni. The alumni interacted with the current students and gave motivational talks regarding the preparation for higher studies and placements. Faculty Members too addressed the alumni and shared their thoughts and experiences. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. G. Paranthaman.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

### **National Seminar on Impact of Industry 4.0 on Sustainable Libraries**

A Two-Day "National Seminar on Impact of Industry 4.0 on Sustainable Libraries" was conducted on 31.03.2023 and 01.04.2023 by the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in collaboration with the Alumni Association of the DLIS. The seminar was organized under RUSA 2.0 sponsorship.



Presiding over the inaugural event, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that in today's world of knowledge explosion, the use of modern technology is helping the researchers to select the right information with ease and without delay and use the resources judiciously for completing the research without time delay. He added that India is one of the fastest growing research hubs in the world and according to Scopus Database, between 2017 and 2022, India's research output grew by 54%. This was double the global average. India's research output is the fourth highest at the international level with a publication of 1.3 million research papers during 2017-2022. He added that as far Alagappa University is concerned it has contributed 6018 quality publications to Scopus and Web of Science database and has scored 98262 citations attaining a h-index of 104 as on date.

While presenting the thematic address of the seminar Prof. M. Sadik Batcha, Head, DLIS, Annamalai University & Seminar Director said : Library 4.0 with the base of web 4.0 is an intelligent library that consists of not only available inference and studies but also the automatic analyzing system of the current findings. It can be said that it is a merged environment of various platforms, services and contents that allow the librarians, users and machines to read, write, execute and unify. This is also the library of thinking, making decisions, and providing library services using reasoning. Web 4.0 owns a lot of advantages that greatly benefit library 4.0 in adopting information technology. In library 4.0, there is almost no limit on resources in each library, users and even the disabled can access information from anywhere in the world.

### **Be Always Ready to Learn New Things**

Dr. V. Gopakumar, Librarian, Digital University, Kerala, in his inaugural address, said that librarians and libraries should ever be ready to learn new things and update themselves to face changing situations; and for that participation in this kind of seminars are essential. Dr. P. Kannan, Scientist, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in his keynote address, noted that institutional libraries around the world provide services that promote sustainable education development goals. He said that research is essential for the sustainable development of a country and the role of libraries in helping this growth is enormous. Influenced by the Industry 4.0, libraries are collaborating through library networks. This has resulted in many benefits. Also IoT, Cloud Computing, innovative technologies like Artificial Intelligence are being used in this sector.

Earlier Prof. V. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, gave the welcome address and highlighted the significance of this seminar and said how the new information available here can help the librarians and researchers. Dr. A.M. Venkatachalam, President, Alumni Association, delivered the vote of thanks. 56 research papers were presented at the seminar. 230 participants - librarians, research students and teachers - attended the seminar. A compendium containing the research articles was released by the Vice-Chancellor and the first copy was received by Dr. V. Gopakumar.



## DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

### Seminar on Current Trends in Social Media and Print Media Organized



On 21st March 2023, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a Seminar on "Current Trends in Social Media and Print Media" in the Convocation Seminar Hall. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University presided over the function. He highlighted the role and importance of journalists and media persons for preserving democracy and also for the development of a country; and he stressed the importance of adhering to ethics in reporting. Kavignar Mr.Muthunilavan, orator and writer, offered a special lecture on the current trends in social media. Mr. V. Paniyarajan, Head, Department of Visual Communication, Nachiyappa Swamigal Arts & Science College, Koviloor, gave a special lecture on the trends in Print Media. Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University offered felicitation. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Professor & Head i/c. of the Department, welcomed the gathering and Prof. N. Arunachalam, Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, proposed a vote of thanks.

### Workshop on Professional Editing



The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a Workshop on "Professional Editing" on 07.03.2023 in the Multipurpose Hall of Alagappa University College of Education. Prof. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c. Alagappa University College of Education presided over the inaugural event. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of journalism and media for protecting the welfare of common man. Mr. M. Odyappan, Film Editor, Chennai, delivered a special address in the workshop and offered hands-on training on editing to the students of MA Journalism and Mass Communication. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Professor & Head i/c. of the Department, welcomed the gathering and Prof. N. Arunachalam, Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, gave the vote of thanks.

### Workshop on Animation

On 15.03.2023 the Department organized a Workshop on "Animation" at the Multipurpose Hall of Alagappa University College of Education. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Professor & Head i/c, delivered welcome address and presided over the function. Mr. S. Athithan, Centre Head, 3D & VFX Mentor, Madurai offered a special lecture on Animation and also offered hands-on training on Animation to the students of MA Journalism and Mass Communication. Prof. N. Arunachalam, Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication, presented the vote of thanks.

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

### State-level Quiz Contest

The School of Mathematics conducted a "State-level Quiz Contest" for PG Students of Mathematics on 28.02.2023. This Quiz Competition is being conducted for more than 15 years by the Department of Mathematics, Alagappa University. In this quiz contest, 18 teams from various colleges and universities participated. Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Prof & Head Department of Mathematics, welcomed the gathering. The inaugural address was delivered by Vice-Chancellor Dr. G. Ravi. In his address, he said that Mathematics Department, established in 1985, is doing good work. Also he advised the students to have innovative ideas.



Prof. Dr. Tamizh Chelvam, CSIR-Emeritus Scientist, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, was the chief guest. The quiz contest was conducted by the chief guest. 90 students participated. The team from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, got the 1st Prize, Bharathidasan University won the 2nd Prize and Alagappa University secured the 3rd Prize. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. B. Sundaravadivoo, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics.

### Parent-Teacher Association Meeting

The Department of Mathematics organized the Parent-Teacher Association Meet on 11th March 2023. More than 40 parents graced the occasion. Dr. N. Anbazhagan welcomed the gathering. Discussions regarding students' performance, discipline, attendance were made. Some parents enquired about placements and the future study of their wards. CIA marks in the subjects were clarified by the parents. The faculty members interacted with the parents about their mentees. All the faculty members attended the meeting. At the end of the meeting Dr. J. Vimala, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, proposed a vote of thanks.

### Alumni Meet



The Department of Mathematics organized the Alumni Meet on 11.03.2023. The main aim of this meet is to rejoin with the alumni and discuss various matters, such as the grand function conducted to unveil the Mathematical genius Ramanujan's statue by the Honourable Governor Shri N. Ravi. The alumni meet started with a welcome address given by Prof. N. Anbazhagan. The alumni shared their past memories with their friends and faculty members delightfully. 63 alumni participated in the function and expressed their views about the department. The sculptor who made the Ramanujan statue was honoured by the alumni. At the end, Dr. J. Vimala, Co-ordinator of the Alumni Association, delivered the vote of thanks.

### Two-day International Conference on "Recent Developments and Techniques in Pure and Applied Mathematics"

The Inaugural function of a Two-day International Conference on "Recent Developments and Techniques in Pure and Applied Mathematics" organized by the School of Mathematics, Alagappa University, was held on 23.03.2023.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, presided over the inaugural function of the conference. In his presidential address he pointed out, "Mathematics is the queen of Science". Pure mathematics encompasses the study and research of theories and abstract mathematical concepts whereas Applied mathematics refers to the practical usage of concepts, theories, mathematical equations for solving real world problems. In his inaugural address Prof. Kurunathan Ratnavelu, UCSI University, Malaysia, highlighted the importance of Pure and Applied Mathematics and also explained the applications of Mathematics in the fields of economics, social and biological sciences.





Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member of the Syndicate and Dr. P. G. Romeo, CSIR Emeritus Scientist, Cochin University of Science and Technology, offered felicitations. More than 200 participants attended the conference. Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Professor and Head, welcomed the participants. Prof. P. G. Romeo spoke about the Semigroup Theory of Doubly Stochastic Matrices at the technical session. Prof. Xindong Peng, Shaoguan University, China and Dr. Nasreen Kausar, Yildiz Technical University, Turkey, joined virtually and delivered their talks in the technical sessions.

The Conference Souvenir was released by the Registrar i/c, which contained 100 research articles and the copies were received by Dr. R. Swaminathan, Prof. Kurunathan Ratnavelu and Prof. P. G. Romeo.

On the second day, Prof. Balasubramanian Raman, IIT Roorkee, Uttarkhand and Prof. M. Marudai, Honorary Professor, Bharathidasan University, Trichy delivered their lectures at the technical sessions. Prof. Arsham Bourmaid Saeid, Sahid Bahonar University of Kerman, Iran and Prof. Intan Muchtadi-Alamsyah, Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia interacted virtually at the technical sessions. During the Valedictory function, certificates were distributed to all the participants and the best paper award was also given. Dr. J. Vimala proposed a vote of thanks.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

### Nobel Excellence Talks-2022 (Act Next 2022)

The themed Nobel Excellence Talks-2022 (Act Next 2022) was jointly organized by the Department of Physics and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell on January 10th 2023. The main objective of this programme was to encourage the spirit of research and innovation among the students, improving the scientific attitude by imparting knowledge on Nobel Prize Theme. Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Head, Department of Physics, welcomed the gathering. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the function. Prof. Arul Lakshminarayan, Head, Department of Physics, IIT M, Chennai inaugurated the event. Dr. Basherrudin Mahmud Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai and Prof. K. Alamelu, Director of IQAC, Alagappa University, offered felicitations.



The special theme based lectures on understanding Nobel Prize in Physics, quantum entanglement, quantum computation, violation of bell equalities and the role of quantum mechanics in teleportation were given by Prof. Arul Lakshminarayan, Dr. Basherrudin Mahmud Ahmed, Prof. C. Sekar, Head, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors, Alagappa University, and Dr. J. Wilson, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioelectronics and Biosensors, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on the occasion.

### Faculty Receives Best NSS Programme Officer Award



Dr. M. Sivakumar, Associate Professor, was appreciated for the best services rendered by him and was selected as one of the Best NSS Programme Officers in Sivagangai District. He was given the award during the Republic Day Celebrations held at Sivagangai on 26.01.2023. The event was presided over by the District Collector Mr. Madhusudhan Reddy.

### Village Extension Programme

The Department of Physics conducted the Village Extension Programme (VEP-2023) at Velangudi, a village near Kottaiyur, Sivagnagai District from 10.03.2023 - 12.03.2023. The II M.Sc. students actively participated and engaged themselves in promoting cleanliness in the village

and did campaign to free the village from plastic waste demonstrating hazards caused to the environment by plastics. On the second day they cleaned the entire area around Sorketta Vinayagar Temple. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi visited the camp at Velangudi village and presented a brief speech on the objectives of VEP and its benefits to the village. He also flagged an awareness rally taken out by the students for making the village as a plastic-free place. They also created awareness on the significance of education of girl children, rain water harvesting and storage. The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. N. Anandhan, Assistant Professor and his team.

### Faculty Receives Young Scientist Award



Dr. M. Ramesh Prabhu, Assistant Professor, received "The Young Scientist Award 2022" from the Academy of Sciences, Chennai.

### International Women's Day Celebrated

The international women's day was celebrated by the Department of Physics on 18th March, 2023. The chief guest Dr. V. Saraswathy, Chief Scientist, CSIR-CECRI, Member- National Corrosion Council referred to her several accomplishments attained in spite of several challenges she faced for being a woman. She encouraged and motivated the girl students by insisting that gender discrimination should not be a hurdle for anyone's growth and highlighted the means to overcome the hurdles. The theme of the year 2023 "Embrace equity" was also emphasized by her. The coordinator Dr. R. Subadevi, Assistant Professor delivered the vote of thanks.

### Parent - Teacher Association Meeting Conducted

The 'Parent -Teacher Association Meeting' was conducted on 18th March, 2023. The Head of the Department Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan welcomed the

gathering. The Department staff members briefed the achievements and regular activities of the department in both teaching and research that will shape up the student's career by inculcating creativity and innovation in the young minds.

### Alumni Meet Organized

The 'Alumni Meet' was conducted on 18th March 2023. Dr. Ra. Shanmugavadivu, an alumnus and Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Rajah Doraisingam Government Arts College, Sivagangai, delivered the felicitation address and shared her experiences during her studentship in the department. Dr. M. Sivakumar welcomed the gathering, Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Head of the Department presided over the function and Dr. M. Ramesh Prabhu proposed a vote of thanks.

### South India Physics Students Congress

#### DECCAN PHYCONG-2023 Organized



The Students Council of the Department of Physics organised a two-day event, "DECCAN PHYCONG -2023" (South India Physics Students Congress) on the theme of "Lightening the Initiatives Taken by Physicists Thus Far" on 24th and 25th March 2023. Students from various Universities participated in the programme. Several events including deliberation on important topics in Physics in the presence of subject experts, Quiz on problem solving skills were conducted for the PG students of 9 university teams and awards with cash prizes were given to the winners.

### Scholar Selected to Do Research Work in Taiwan

Ms. S.S. Pradeepa, Ph.D scholar of Energy Materials Lab, was selected for internship under Taiwan Experience Education Program (TEEP), Taiwan, ROC to carry out research under the supervision of Dr. Yen-Pei Fu, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, National Dong Hwa University, Hualien, Taiwan, ROC.



## DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

### Scientific Social Responsibility Activities under SERB-CRG Grant Organized

The POM (Model: Olympus BX-53) was procured under the DST-CRG grant. The POM is an optical instrument mainly used to study the liquid crystal (LC) compounds. The phase behaviour of the LC compounds and the textures of the mesophase displayed by these compounds can be investigated under POM.



#### Activity I : Research Facility Training

Under DST-SERB-CRG grant (PI: Dr. S. Umadevi), Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) activity was conducted on 25.01.2023 at this Department.

A hands-on-training on Polarising Light Optical Microscopy (POM) was provided to PhD scholars of this University. A total of 12 research scholars from different colleges /departments namely (i) Sree Sevugan Annamalai College-Devakotai, (ii) Alagappa Govt. Arts College-Karaikudi, (iii) Department of Physics-Alagappa University, (iv) Department of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology-Alagappa University were trained. A powerpoint presentation was made to the scholars to explain the instrumental parts, working procedure as well as application. Then, each scholar-participant was given hands-on-training using the POM by providing them with LC compounds-4-cyano-4 pentylbiphenyl (5CB) and cholesteryl oleyl carbonate (COC). At the end of the training programme, certificates were issued to the participants.

On 27.01.2023 a group of 26 students and 2 teachers from (i) Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School-Karaikudi, (ii) Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School-Karaikudi, (iii) Ramanathan Chettiar Municipal High School, Karaikudi visited the department.



A brief introduction to the SSR scheme and the activities planned for the students during their visit were explained. The children were divided into four groups and each group was given a tour of the department which included visit to instrumentation lab, wet lab, physical lab and polarizing optical microscopy facility at the PI's lab.

### ACT-NEXT 2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry - Special Lecture Programme

The Department of Industrial Chemistry organized a series of Special Lecture Programmes in connection with ACT-NEXT 2022. Dr. H. Gurumalles Prabu, Prof. & Head, welcomed the gathering. Dr. K. Alamelu, Director-IQAC inaugurated the programme. Talk-1 was delivered by Dr. A. Subramania, Professor, Pondicherry University, Talk-2 was delivered by Dr. J. Mathiyarasu, Scientist, CECRI, Karaikudi, Talk-3 was delivered by Dr. C. Sekar, Professor, Alagappa University, Talk-4 was delivered by Dr. K. Pandimadevi, Professor, Alagappa University. All the four scholars spoke on the theme of Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

### Three-Day International Conference on Frontier Areas in Chemical Technologies

The Department of Industrial Chemistry, Alagappa University, organized a three-day International Conference from 16th to 18th February 2023. The focal theme of the conference is Frontier Areas in Chemical Technologies.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, who presided over the inaugural function, mentioned that extensive exploitation of chemicals in basic and applied fields has created threat to our environment. Sustainable development is an integral need of our ecosystem. Thus, chemical technologies and their progress towards developing the eco-friendly environment, solving environmental threats and conservation of natural resources are the order of the day. The evolution of appropriate chemical technologies should be in agreement with the needs and demands of the upcoming generation. He urged everyone to keep in mind the health of human being and work for sustainable future with clean and green processes and products.



Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangaluru, inaugurated the conference through virtual mode. In his address, he pointed out that Chemical Industry is one of the oldest industries playing an important role in the social, cultural, economic growth of a nation. Industries are catering to the basic needs of mankind (food, clothing, shelter) and have become an indispensable part of our life.

Without chemical technology and chemistry, the world would be a very different place. To put it simply, the use of chemical technology helps us better understand the world, creating new solutions and products to make life processes and everyday life easier, across various capacities. In the past social development, economic development and environmental sustainability were considered separately. Presently, the development is considered in an integrated perspective. Just to meet the challenges posed by the environment, today we have a number of cleaner technologies. The chemical industry has evolved considerably over the last century, largely in response to the changing societal requirements and the change in the raw material availability. Due to the various technological/engineering developments, chemical industry has been able to reduce the cost of production. He asked scientists to contribute for better Chemical Technology with Environmental Sustainability for the safe living of future generations.

Dr. P. Manisankar, Former Professor of Alagappa University and former Vice-Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, Trichy and Dr. K. Selvaraj, Senior Scientist, National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, delivered felicitation address. Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Prof. & Head, Department of Industrial Chemistry welcomed the gathering at the inaugural session. Dr. G. Gopu, Convenor of the Conference presented the thematic address. Dr. S. Viswanathan, Organizing Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

About 250 participants from various institutions across the nation attended the conference. Five experts from Thailand, Poland, Portugal presented invited talks online and seven experts from India delivered invited talks by physical mode.

## DEPARTMENT OF NANOSCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Three-day International Conference on "Advanced Nanomaterials for Energy and Environmental Applications Organized

The inaugural function of a Three-day International Conference on "Advanced Nanomaterials for Energy and Environmental Applications", organized by the Department of Nanoscience and Technology, Alagappa University, was held on 9.2.2023. The Scientific Engineering Research Board functioning under the DST provided financial support for the conference. "The main objective of this conference is to share information about current research and highlight various applications of nanomaterials for energy and environmental needs".



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presided over the Conference. He referred to various energy related measures that are being implemented by the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu. He said that Indian economy is expected to grow 5 to 8 trillion USD by 2030 and for achieving this our country's energy demand will double from the present 35 Exajoule (1018 joules) to 75 Exajoules by 2050. To reach this energy demand we have to depend on fossil fuels. CO<sub>2</sub> emission will be the main drawback of using fossil fuels and now India is the 3rd largest CO<sub>2</sub>/greenhouse gases emitter in the world. To overcome this problem our country has drawn many plans and stated them in the COP-26 Conference held in 2021 at Glasgow organised by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The plans are:



- ❖ 500 GW non- fossil energy is to be produced by 2030
- ❖ 50% of Energy requirements will be met from renewable energy sources by 2030
- ❖ Reduction of CO2 emission by 1 Giga Ton by 2030
- ❖ Reduction of carbon intensity of GDP by 45% by 2030.
- ❖ Achieving net Zero carbon emission by 2070.

The government declared this "Panchamrit - at the COP 26 Conference". In this connection the Indian government has allotted in 2023 budget a sum of Rs. 35,000 crore for green energy transition and net zero carbon emissions. He stressed on the importance of clean energy production through renewable sources like Solar, Wind and Hydro power. He concluded his speech by saying that solar energy production needs more focus in India as we have abundant sun light. He added that the Tamil Nadu government is encouraging green power generation to support Panchamrit goals. It is to be noted that Tamil Nadu ranks 4th in solar power production and further efforts are taken to increase solar-power capacity so as to achieve "zero carbon emission".

Prof. R. Jayavel, Dean, AC TECH Campus, Anna University, in his inaugural address, said that two dimension nano materials like graphane and carbon nano tubes play a significant role in energy generation and storage device.

In his keynote address Prof. P.V. Mangala Raja, Adolfo Ibanez University, Chile, made a reference to the depletion of fossil fuel sources and said alternative non-fossil fuels have to be produced to a very large extent to meet energy demands and for this nano technology and nano materials research have become highly relevant and urgent; and he hoped that this conference would provide a forum to address this aspect.

Earlier Prof. K. Gurunathan, Convener, Department of Nano Science & Technology, welcomed the gathering. Prof. P. Shakkthivel, Co-Convener presented the thematic address. Finally Dr. G. Ramalingam, Organizing Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

### Innovative Projects Useful to Society Showcased at National Science Day - 2023 Celebrations

The National Science Day was celebrated at the Science Campus in Alagappa University. The event was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. Students of Computer Science participated and showcased various projects based on recent trends in Computer Science, especially on IoT and displayed the same to the visitors. The Computer Science students made projects like- Obstacle Avoiding Robotic Car Using Arduino, Smart Accident Caution System, Automatic Car Wiper Sensor, Ultra Sonic Sensor, Laser Security Alarm, Water Pump Using IoT, and Hologram. These projects were showcased to the public; and also students and staff from various schools and colleges of Sivagangai District saw the exhibits.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi saw the demonstrations made by the student teams who initiated various projects. He was very much impressed by the projects and gave more innovative ideas to enhance them in future. Many of the visitors were excited to know about the working mechanism of the projects and interacted with our students.

### Expert Lecture Session

#### How to Establish Yourself in IT Industry

An Expert Lecture Session was organized by the Department of Computer Science to provide students with information on the current state of the art of technologies in IT industry and their implementation in the IT field. The lecture was delivered online by the expert Thiru. Elango Ramanathan of NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Crew Center Consultant and Chandler, Arizona, USA.

The convener of the event Sr.Prof. T. Meyyappan delivered the welcome speech. The expert was introduced by the organizing secretary Dr. S. Santhoshkumar. The expert shared his career development. He was a notable alumnus of Alagappa Group of Institutions. He said that during his college days, he did not know the importance of English language and lacked in communication skills. After graduation, he studied and trained himself in basic communication skills. He gave many tips to the students about how to improve communication skills. He also spoke about the efforts taken by him to establish himself in IT industry. He highlighted the importance of logical thinking in the field of Computer Science and the importance of algorithms. He said that the expertise in computational logic and algorithmic logic offer job opportunities. He added that any program can be written in any language using computer logic and algorithmic information. Instead of focusing on new programming languages, the student should get a solid foundation in Computer Science to deal with the languages of the past, present and future. Later, he spoke briefly about job opportunities available in the IT sector. Then he answered various questions raised by the students. Prof. A. Padmapriya, the Co-convenor of this event, gave the feedback and proposed a vote of thanks.

### **International Conference on Recent Trends in Computer Science (RTCS 2023)**

The International Conference on Recent Trends in Computer Science (RTCS 2023) was inaugurated on March 30, 2023, at the Science Campus of Alagappa University.

Sr.Prof. T. Meyyappan, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering. Organizing Secretary Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar in his the thematic address highlighted the aim and objective of the conference. He also referred to the recent trends in domains such as: IoT, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning etc. He added that these fields are changing rapidly and suggested the importance of one's knowledge on the new technologies such as: ChatGPT, Metaverse etc. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, delivered the presidential address. He exhorted the students to learn and apply new technologies that are hot topics in the world market. Thiru. Gopinath Sethuraman, Founder and Managing Director, Talent Factori PTE Ltd, Singapore, delivered the keynote address. He said participation in such type of international

conference will help the students to gain more and more practical knowledge in the field of ultra-modern technology of the computer world. The Co-convenor of the event Prof. A. Padmapriya proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural meeting.



In the first session, Dr. K. David, Assistant Professor, PG & Research, Department of Computer Science, H.H The Raja's College, Pudukkottai, spoke on the topic "Web Service Orchestration". In the 2nd session, the resource person Dr. Abdul Rahaman Wahab Sait, Assistant Professor, Center of Documents, Archives and Communication, King Faisal University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, spoke on the topic "Recent Trends in Information Technology". In the 3rd session, Dr. C. Balakrishnan, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Christ University, Bangalore, delivered a speech on a very interesting topic "Roadmap towards Augmented Analytics".

On the 2nd day of the conference Mr. R. Muthukumar, Tech Lead, FAAS Techno and Systems, LLP, Chennai, did a presentation on the topic "Blockchain Smart Contract". In the second session, Mr. A.Rajesh Kumar, Algorics Ltd, Bangalore, spoke on the most trending technology called Artificial Intelligence. In the third session, the resource person Mr. M. Sibi Chakkaravarthi of Algorics Ltd., Bangalore, spoke on the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Clinical Research.

Paper and Poster Presentation through online and offline mode were made by many participants. The paper presentation was made in three parallel sessions. Prof. E. Ramaraj, Former Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, Prof. A. Padmapriya, Professor, Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, Dr. S. J. Sathish Aaron Joseph, Co-ordinator - CDC & Head, Department of Computer Science, J. J. College of Arts and Science, Pudukkottai and Sr. Prof. T. Meyyappan, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, Prof. S. S. Dhenakaran, Former Professor, Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, Dr. B. Indrani,



Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, DDE Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, and Mr. Ahamed Lebbehanees, Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, chaired the sessions. Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Director, Department of Computational Logistics, Alagappa University, Dr. P. Eswaran, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications, Alagappa University, Mr. S. Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science DDE, Alagappa University, and Dr. S. Alagu, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology, Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi, chaired the sessions.

### Valedictory Function



In the valedictory function, welcome address was given by Sr. Prof. T. Meyyappan. The co-convenor of the programme Prof. A. Padmapriya presented the conference report. The valedictory address was delivered by Sr. Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University. The special address was delivered by Prof. A. Senthil Rajan, Director, Computational Logistics. He said attending conferences, seminars all over the world will help create stronger network among the industry experts and scholars which will be beneficial to all in the future. Then, the participants gave their feedback about the conference. Sr. Prof. C. Sekar distributed the certificate of participation to the participants and Prof. A. Senthil Rajan distributed 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners in the poster presentation contest. Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

### Village Extension Programme Organised

The Village Extension Programme (VEP) for the final year M.Sc. Computer Science students was organized as a part of their curriculum from 10.03.2023 to

12.03.2023. Under this programme, students analyzed the socio-economic status of people from various communities and religions. The main objective of this programme was to identify the real requirements of the village people. Awareness programmes on Literacy, Women Empowerment, Environmental Pollution, Health and Nutrition were conducted. The Department adopted O.Siruvayal village. Thiru. Kulanthaivel, Village President, Thiru. Ravi, Ward Member, Thiru. Meyyappan, Sivan Kovil Trustee, Thiru. Arjunan, VAO, Thiru. Sivalingam, Village Supportive Officer appreciated the work of students.

Sr.Prof. T. Meyyappan, delivered the inaugural address on the first day, and Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Coordinator of the Village Extension Programme, delivered the vote of thanks at the end of programme on the fourth day.

## DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

### World Habitat Day Celebrated

The World Habitat Day was celebrated by the Department of Botany on 12th January 2023 at the Science Campus. The day is celebrated to reflect on the state of our habitats and the basic right of all for adequate shelter. The day is also intended to remind the world that we all have the responsibility to safeguard the future of our cities and towns. Dr. P. Ravichandran, Professor and Head, Department of Plant Science, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, delivered the Thematic Address on "Shrinking Habitats and Consequences".

## DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

### Two-Day International Conference on "Recent Trends in Microbiology" Conducted

A Two-Day International Conference on "Recent Trends in Microbiology - RTM-2023" was inaugurated on 05.01.2023 at the Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi.



Presiding over the inaugural function, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, emphasised the importance of research in Microbiology. He said during the COVID-19 pandemic period the serious research in the field of Microbiology came to the rescue of humanity and the whole world understood the relevance and significance of scientific research. These kinds of conferences help the community of scientists to share the knowledge on recent research activities taking place in the world. He added that new drugs are being developed from the micro organisms like actinomycetes, cyanobacteria etc. He also said that Nine IITs and the Department of Microbiology Alagappa University have undertaken a consortium project on microbial fuel cell development. A total amount of Rs. 11.8 Crores has been allotted to these ten institutes by the Department of Science and Technology for the pursuit of this important research.

The Chief Guest and eminent scientist Prof. Gerardo Puopolo of the University of Trento, Italy, in his online inaugural address, insisted the participants to address the current issues of Microbiology by using the modern developed technology. Prof. S. Kamala Kannan, Jeonbuk, National University, South Korea, in his felicitation address, said microbes are present in every sector of ecosystem and they interact with all the biotic communities of ecosystem. He added that some of the Micro organisms may indirectly or directly increase the life span of human beings. Also he noted that according to recent researches the cancer drug loaded with Microbial proteins act more effectively in the elimination of lung cancer cells. Micro organisms are isolated from fossil fuels that are used for predicting the climatic changes. Beneficial Micro organisms help improve the quality of agricultural products by controlling the plant diseases, and he highlighted the use and importance of Micro organism in the food production industry.

A Compact Disk containing the abstracts of conference papers was released by the Vice-Chancellor and copies were received by the guests.

Earlier Prof. A. Arun, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, welcomed the gathering and also presented the thematic address of the conference.

Finally Dr. T. Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, proposed a vote of thanks.

### **Village Placement Programme**

A Three-day Village Placement Programme was organized by the Department of Microbiology at Ariyakudi village in Sivagangai District from 10th to 12th March 2023. The second year MSc students extended their services to the village by undertaking cleaning work, conducting medical camp and making awareness programmes on reduction of the usage of plastics.

## **FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

#### **International Conference on "Holistic Outcome Based and Multicultural Education"**

The Department of Education organized an International Conference on "Holistic Outcome Based and Multicultural Education" on 30.01.2023 and 31.01.2023.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor presided over the inaugural function. He referred to the latest developments in the field of education and its role in serving the current needs of the changing society. Also he focused on the importance of the holistic outcome based education. Prof. SM. Hafizur Rahman, Institute of Education and Research, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Prof. J.R. Jawaharlal, Founder Principal, Bright Riders Schools, Abu Dabi, U.A.E participated as Chief Guests. Dr. A. Selvan, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address and Dr. M. Mahendraprabu, Assistant Professor & Organizing Secretary proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session. In the valedictory function, Prof. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, emphasized the importance of English which is rightly considered to be the window of the world. The mastery over the language and communication skills would fetch employment opportunities to the learners.



Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c., Alagappa University, highlighted the importance of holistic and multicultural education in fostering equitable and inclusive education to meet the needs of all students regardless of their cultural, social and economic backgrounds. Earlier Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering and Dr. R. Ramnath, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. M. Mahendraprabu, Organizing Secretary, presented the conference report.

### **Alumni Meet Organized**

The Alumni Meeting of the Department of Education was held on 18.03.2023 through online mode. Around 111 alumni attended the meeting. Many Senior Professors from various Institutions too participated in the meeting and offered suggestions to run the Alumni Association in a better manner. Previously, Dr. G. Kalaiyaran, Sr.Professor & Head, Department of Education welcomed the Alumni and Coordinator of the Alumni meet. Dr. R. Ramnath, Associate Professor, Department of Education, offered a vote of thanks.

### **Parent-Teacher Association Meeting Conducted**

On 24.03.2023 the Parent-Teacher Association meeting was held in the Department of Education. All the parents of the M.Ed. students attended the meeting and they appreciated the faculty members for their help to the students in prosecuting their studies efficiently. Many suggestions were given by the parents at the meeting. Moreover, they offered their full support to the association. The parents were welcomed by Dr. G. Kalaiyaran and Dr. R. Ramnath proposed a vote of thanks.

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### **Special Lecture Programmes**

Alagappa University College of Education organised special lectures on topics such as "Yoga for Cognitive Abilities", and "Divergent Thinking". Dr. P. Maniazhagu, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, delivered the special lecture on 1st February 2023. He focussed on the importance of Yoga and the Asanas for leading a healthy life. Dr. M. Ayisha Millath, Assistant Professor, Alagappa Institute of Management delivered a speech on 25.01.2023 on "Divergent Thinking".

### **Parent-Teacher Association Meeting**

The College of Education organized a Parent-Teacher Association Meeting on 18th March 2023. Dr. R. Portia, Assistant Professor, welcomed the gathering. Prof. P.Sivakumar, Principal i/c initiated the programme. In this meeting office bearers were selected unanimously. The faculty and parents discussed the students' progress, upcoming events and expectation of the parents. Dr. M. Parimala Fathima, Assistant Professor, proposed a vote of thanks.

### **Research Colloquium**

The College of Education organised a Research Colloquium on topics such as 'Focused Research Proposal in Education' and 'Research Methods vs Design', Prof. P. Sivakumar, Principal i/c, welcomed the gathering. Prof. P. Srinivasan, Dean, School of Education, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, delivered a talk on 12th January 2023 and dwelt on the features of an effective research proposal and highlighted how to select research tools and relevant statistical methods for analysis. Prof. N. Arunachalam, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication delivered a talk on 6th March 2023. He spoke about various types of Research Methods and Research Designs. The Programme Co-ordinators were Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala and Dr. M. Parimala Fathima.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LIFE LONG LEARNING**

### **Field Outreach Programme**

### **Character-Building through Life Skills Education**

The Department of Lifelong Learning organized a Field Outreach Programme entitled "Character-Building through Life Skills Education" on 12.01.2023 at Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi. Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa university, welcomed the gathering and spoke on the theme of the Field Outreach programme.



Dr. S. Thanuskodi, Dean, Faculty of Arts, delivered the presidential address. He stressed the need for learning digital technology and he referred to the ways of empowering oneself through the reading of different motivational books and advised the participants to restrict the usage of mobile phones. Dr. S.P. Mathiraj, Professor & Head i/c, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Alagappa University, gave the felicitation address. He highlighted the significance of Goal Setting, Time Management and Societal Adjustment. Mr. M.S. Rajapandian, Headmaster, Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, spoke on the success stories of great personalities. Dr. T. Ramesh, Asst. Headmaster, Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School delivered the keynote address and spoke on the importance of character building. Dr. M. Neethi Perumal, Adjunct Faculty, delivered the vote of thanks.



The Department organized another Field Outreach Programme on the same topic at Govt. High School, Illuppakudi on 7.2.2023. Dr. N. Johnson welcomed the gathering. Dr. V. Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, presided over the function. He highlighted the effective and proper usage of social media, and the role of teachers & parents in nurturing and moulding the character of children; he also exhorted the students to cultivate discipline & learn time management. He also advised the students to set a goal in life and work hard to achieve it. Dr. M.A. Velusamy Head i/c Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address. He stressed on the importance of government schools and quoted a real life example for a good teacher - student relationship. He also explained the ways to handle criticism and to maintain a friendly relationship with fellow students. Dr. G. Gopu, Vice-Principal, Ananda College, Devakottai offered felicitation. He highlighted on the significance of goal setting, ways to empower oneself through reading of

different motivational books. Through narration of a short story, he said how students could improve the management skills in their younger days. Dr. J. Easwari, Head Master, Govt. High School, Illuppakudi delivered the key note address and spoke on the role of teachers in character building of students. Dr. M. Neethiperumal, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks. A book named RIYA authored by S. Selvi, a student of Government High School, Illuppakudi, was presented to Shiju Nathaniel Mathew and David Rathina Bharathi of the Department of Lifelong Learning by the Head Master of the Government High School. Nearly hundred students from higher secondary level derived benefit from the programme. The students gave a positive feedback regarding the conduct of such programmes.

### **Workshop Entitled "Initiatives of Alagappa University to Unlock Life Skills of School Students" Organized**

The Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, organised a Workshop entitled "Initiatives of Alagappa University to Unlock Life Skills of School Students". The programme was held at S.M.S.V. Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi on 14.02.2023. The main objective of this training programme was to impart necessary life skills training to school students with a view to making them better citizens of the country. Dr. N. Johnson, Head (i/c), Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, delivered the welcome address.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presiding over the event, mentioned that he was born in a small village. Hailing from an agriculturist's family, he said, he studied in government schools; and only through hard work, he added that he has risen to the rank of Vice-Chancellor. Only hard work could lead to achievement, he stated. Further, he motivated the students by saying that there is no short cut to success. This has to be borne in mind by every aspirant to success. Due to the use



of advanced technology and people's unremitting hard work, Japan has become the third-largest economy in the world. India is rich in human resources, if we rightly tap the human potential and enrich the youth with various skills, India will soon occupy a predominant place at the international level. Students should learn various skills after completing their higher education only then can they succeed in the competitive world. Alagappa University offers various technical courses to enhance the skills of students. He asked the students to get benefits from Alagappa University which is offering a number of skill-oriented programmes. He concluded by saying that he was very proud to participate in the school event, where Vallal Alagappan, the founder of Alagappa University, had his school education.

On this occasion, Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, offered felicitations. Dr. R. Annamalai, Headmaster, S.M.S.V. Higher Secondary School, delivered the keynote address. Master Trainer and Career Counsellor Mr. K. Kalaimani spoke to the students about various professional courses and employment opportunities available in the job market. Dr. M. Neethiperumal, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Lifelong Learning, delivered the vote of thanks. The arrangements for this event were well organised by Mr. P. Senthilkumar and other teachers.

### **Village Extension Programme Conducted**

The Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University, conducted the Village Extension Programme for 3 days in Vadagudi Panchayat, Sakkottai Union near Karaikudi. The programme was inaugurated on 10.03.2023 at Vadagudi Panchayat Council Office. At the inaugural function Vadagudi Panchayat President - Mr. Bala Subramanian, Dr. N. Johnson and Dr. M. Neethiperumal were present. Mr. Bala Subramanian delivered a speech highlighting the importance of Time Management and the Value of Tree Planting.

After the inaugural ceremony, the students went to Palaniappa Primary School. The students conducted an awareness puppetry programme regarding the significance of maintaining personal hygiene to the school children. Then, they conducted a talent exhibition initiating students in activities like Moral Storytelling, Spell Bee, Singing Competition, Dance and Focused Group Discussion. Later students involved themselves in cleaning public

places like lake, pond, water tank, temple etc. In the evening the students organized various cultural programmes at the village community hall to entertain the village people.

On the second day the students organized an awareness programme regarding women empowerment and girl child education for the benefit of the rural community. A special lecture programme was arranged and the Special Guest was Mrs. Krishnaveni, a retired Child Line Officer from Pudukottai Multipurpose Social Service Society (PMSSS). The event was hosted by the students. Dr. M. Neethi Perumal delivered the welcome address. Dr. N. Johnson presided over the function. Mrs. Krishnaveni elaborated on the significance of girl child education, management skills needed for women's progress and child abuse prevention methods and shared a few real-life stories and case studies to illustrate her points. Later, the students performed a puppetry show on protection of environment and the importance of healthy food habits. In the afternoon, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) was carried out by students. Later, students planted tree saplings.

On the third day of VEP, an environmental awareness rally was taken out in the streets by the students. Then, Dr. V. Vijayalakshmi, ICDC Counsellor, Kannangudi gave many information regarding health, medical social work and precautionary methods to be taken while doing medical social work. Then, the students surveyed the village to learn about the quality of life and family structure of Vadagudi Panchayat people.

### **National Seminar on New India Literacy Programme (NILP - 2023)**

The Department of Lifelong Learning, Alagappa University and the Directorate of Non-Formal and Adult Education, Chennai jointly organized a Seminar on New India Literacy Programme (NILP - 2023) at Alagappa University, Convocation Seminar Hall on 16.03.2023.



Dr. P. Kuppusamy, Director, Directorate of Non-Formal and Adult Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, gave the keynote address. In his address, he said that due to lack of literacy old men and women in rural areas are not aware that they are exploited by their own family members; he added on account of illiteracy senior citizens are not aware of their own rights. He requested the students to enroll themselves as volunteers to teach literacy under this new literacy programme and serve the society.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c of Alagappa University, highlighted the literacy percentage at the National and State levels and referred to the enormous growth of literacy during the period from 1961 to 2011. He lauded the efforts of the Governments right from the former Chief Minister Mr. Kamaraj to the current government and the schemes for women's education from elementary level to higher level.

Mr. R. Swaminathan, Chief Educational Officer, Sivagangai, delivered the special address highlighting the current trends in the New Literacy Programme. Dr. S. Theenadayalan, Professor of Economics, Madura College and Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Dean, Faculty of Education, offered felicitations. Dr. N. Johnson welcomed the participants and Dr. M. Neethi Perumal proposed a vote of thanks.

Nearly 50 persons from APO/ADPC/DC/BRTE/DIET faculty from different districts of Tamil Nadu and 200 NSS student-volunteers of various departments of Alagappa University participated in the Seminar. Various competitions such as Elocution, Slogan Writing and Spot Photography were conducted as part of the event and prizes were given to the winners. Dr. P. Srinivasan, NSS Programme Co-coordinator, Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address. All the participants gave positive feedback about the usefulness of the Seminar.

### **Invited Lecture Series**

Invited Lectures were delivered on the following topics for the benefit of students:

- ❖ Gateway Approach to Thinking Skills by Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala.
- ❖ Enhancement of Communication Skills in Digital Era by Dr. C. Anbuchelvan.
- ❖ Prospective Role of Self Awareness by Dr. S. Sridevi.
- ❖ Stress and Stress Coping Strategies by Dr. R. Portia.

## **DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE**

### **International Day of Persons with Disabilities Observed**

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science conducted an awareness programme on International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Transformative Solutions for Inclusive Development--The Role of Innovation in Fuelling an Accessible and Equitable world". The programme was conducted on 3rd Jan 2023 at the Convocation Seminar Hall. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. J. Sujathamalini, HoD of the Department of Special Education & Rehabilitation Science.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi in his presidential address stated the importance of understanding disability issues in a proper perspective. Dr. R. Stalin I.P.S (Assistant Superintendent of Police) Sivagangai District, was the chief guest. He delivered the special address wherein he shared his experiences with differently abled people and stressed the need for creating self confidence among the students with disabilities to excel in their life. Dr. R. Vedalakshmi-CSIR (Scientist), while offering her felicitations at the event, spoke on the welfare of the disabled people. Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Member of the Syndicate, proposed a vote of thanks.

### **World Braille Day Observed**

The Department of Special Education & Rehabilitation Science organized the World Braille Day Function on 04th January 2023. Dr. J. Sujathamalini, in her welcome address, emphasized the importance of learning Braille and exhorted the students to learn it properly which would help them to connect with students with visual impairment. In the inaugural speech Dr. Sreenivasan, Principal, D.K.T. College of Education-Tirupur, highlighted the benefits of Braille to students with visual disabilities and



he also said that there are various assistive and adaptive devices for students with visual disabilities.

### **Two-day International Conference on "Transformative Solutions for Inclusive Development - Fueling an Accessible and Equitable World for Persons with Disability (ICTSID - 23)"**

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, Alagappa University, organised a Two-day International Conference on "Transformative Solutions for Inclusive Development - Fueling an Accessible and Equitable World for Persons with Disability (ICTSID - 23)" on 10th and 11th February 2023 at the University Seminar Hall.



Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Dean, Faculty of Education, welcomed the gathering and presented the thematic address. She stated that the conference would explore transformative solutions that are needed for establishing an accessible and equitable world where the rights of people with disabilities will not only be secure but also will lead to an inclusive development.

Dr. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, who presided over the inaugural event, stressed that we need to understand the disability issue in a proper perspective and initiate research and evolve pragmatic strategies and implement them to protect the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. He added that the theme of the conference underlined a strong belief between equality and disability inclusion to build a sustainable and equitable world for the happy future of the disabled. For bringing inclusive development, the role of innovative transformation is very essential, he asserted.

Mrs. Jasintha Lazarus, I.A.S., Commissioner, Commissionerate for the Welfare of the Differently Abled, Government of Tamil Nadu, in her inaugural address, said that with the implementation of Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, the charitable approach was replaced with the right based approach. She added that it is

the right time to implement all welfare activities for the happy, peaceful and dignified living of persons with disabilities. Individuals with varied disabilities have great and unique potentials and we need to find them out and help them utilise their potential for leading a dignified life. She concluded her speech by saying that "A small hope within them can ignite and motivate them to achieve greater things in life. Finding innovative ideas and implementing them would facilitate this".

More than 123 persons from across the country presented research papers and a compilation of them as a compendium was released by the Vice-Chancellor and the copies were received by the guests.

Dr. S.Rajaguru, Senior Research Fellow, Dept. of Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session.

### **Observance of World Sanitation Day**

On March 21, 2023, the Department hosted a Sanitation Awareness Programme to the prospective teachers and research scholars of the department. The main goal of the day was to create awareness among the students and faculty about the steps to be followed to provide better sanitation facilities for persons with disabilities. The resource person and participants were welcomed by Prof. J. Sujathamalini. The resource person Dr. Major Kartheeswaran (MBBS), Medical Officer at the Government Primary Health Centre at Sembanur, highlighted the necessity of hygiene and cleanliness in daily life of special children. Referring to the usefulness of this kind of workshops, he said they are needed to be organized periodically for the benefit of all concerned. He also explained how we can provide better and safe environment to special children. The students were also instructed to prepare SOP as per the instructions of the RCI to deliver the sanitation needs for persons with disabilities. He referred to the major role of special teachers and their contribution in raising awareness about hygiene. He also shared his previous work experience among the students. He outlined how special children need to be cared right from birth. He also asked for sustained efforts to maintain cleanliness at home and school and explained how to take care of special children following proper guidelines. The vote of thanks was given by Ms. SR. Githa, Teaching Assistant.

## World Social Justice Day Observed

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science organized the World Social Justice Day on February 22, 2023. Dr. J. Sujathamalini presented the welcome address. Dr. Durai Sivan, an advocate, was the chief guest at this programme. He spoke to the students about the fundamental human rights guaranteed by the Constitution and referred to the privileges for persons with disabilities. He also said how the government takes the responsibility of protecting persons with the disabilities and safeguarding women's social rights. He said that everyone should follow the norms of social justice and assist persons with disabilities. He gave answers to various queries regarding social justice for persons with disabilities and also gave fruitful information related to social rights of persons with disabilities. Ms. Puspa S. Research Scholar presented the vote of thanks. Dayanidhi, a student from the Special School sang a very interesting song as a special performance at the end of the event.

## Orientation Programme on Communicative English Skills for Prospective Teachers

An Orientation Programme on Communicative English Skills was conducted by the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science in collaboration with Learning Matters Pvt. Ltd Bangalore on 27.02.2023. Dr. J. Sujathamalini welcomed the participants. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Dean, Faculty of Science, Alagappa University. He emphasised the importance of English language and communication skills for a successful career. Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Syndicate Member, delivered the felicitation address and the thematic address was given by Mr. K. Anand, Vice-President, Sales and Business Development, Learning Matters Pvt Ltd. Later the sessions were conducted on communication skills and a test was conducted to assess the level of comprehension of the participants.

## World Wheelchair Day Observed

The World Wheelchair Day was observed on March 1, 2023, in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science through hybrid mode. Ms. M. Anusuya, a Special Educator from the Sankalp Speech Lamp Learning Center in Chennai, emphasized the significance of wheelchairs for people with locomotor disabilities. She demonstrated the technique to the

prospective teachers and created awareness about various kinds of wheelchairs. She was an alumna of Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. Though a wheelchair person, she was able to come to the department without any barrier during her stay in the University hostel. She was able to carry out her day to day activities without any barriers. She took part in all academic and extra-curricular activities. She also visited many places with her wheelchair. The students got inspired and appreciated her bold attempt to come from Chennai to Karaikudi to do her higher Studies. So the day marked its importance of providing accessibility to the persons with disabilities to explore equal opportunities and possibilities to excel in life and career. Earlier Prof. J. Sujathamalini welcomed the participants and the programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by the research scholar Mr. G. Ravichandran.

## Village Extension Programme

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science conducted the Village Extension Programme (VEP) at Periyakottai Village, Sivagangai district. The inaugural function was organized at the primary school located within the village. The Village President along with primary school students participated in the inaugural function. Dr. Sujathamalini presented the welcome speech. After the inauguration ceremony, the students of the department spoke to the primary school children on topics such as social responsibility, cleanliness, career options the importance of education in life, etc. At the same time, physical exercises were taught. In the evening of the first day, a cultural programme was organized by the students of the department. Children in the village and students of the department participated in the cultural event joyfully. On the second day, students and teachers started their morning exercise session in the Community Hall. Then they participated in cleaning work at the school. After some rest, they continued their cleaning work together with local residents and also carried out some other useful activities. On the third day, students and teachers jointly cleaned the temple and its surroundings and an awareness rally was also taken out. The main objective of the rally was to create awareness about the importance of cleanliness in daily life, education of children, higher education, rights of specially abled children and persons. Students marched through the village on foot with placards and posters.



## World Down Syndrome Day Observed

On March 21, 2023, the Department observed the World Down Syndrome Day. The presence of special school students made the day more colorful. After the welcome speech, the special school students performed song and dance recitals. The first year students of the department collectively read a play on Down Syndrome Awareness. A discussion programme was organised to create awareness among the students of the department. The discussion was on the characteristics of Down Syndrome children and the special needs of these children affected by this disability. The programme started with a speech delivered by Prof. J. Sujathamalini.

## ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

### Workshop on Entrepreneurship Skill, Attitude and Behaviour Development

Institution's Innovation Council, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development, organized on 14th February, 2023 a Workshop on "Entrepreneurship Skill, Attitude and Behaviour Development". It was a one day event. Dr. C. Vethirajan, Director i/c, Alagappa Institute of Skill Development welcomed the participants. The Organizing Secretary was Dr. V.A. Anand, Assistant Professor, Department of Logistics Management.



The function was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. He said innovation, job creation, and economic development are the basic factors of entrepreneurship development. He highlighted the importance of IPR and discussed the economic theory relating to it. He said the Ministry of Education was listing the MIC and gave suggestions to our students on how to enhance their skill set. Mr. C. Ramasamy Desai, Project Director, CR Business Solution, Trichy delivered the keynote address. He elaborated on the history of satellite

launching in India. For the growth of entrepreneurship, the talent is the most crucial thing, he added. Mr. R.K Raajesh Kannan, Proprietor, R K Engineering Enterprises, delivered the special address. He highlighted the importance of students' developing their skills for a bright future. The development of entrepreneurship depended largely on skill development, he said. Dr. V. A. Anand, Assistant Professor, Department of Logistics Management, delivered the vote of thanks.

## FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT Book Talk Programme

A Book Talk Programme for the students of the Faculty of Management was organized by the Faculty of Management on 10th January 2023 at the Conference Hall of the Faculty of Management.



Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, presided over the programme. Dr. S. Kishore Kumar, Deputy Librarian and Dr. S. Raja, Assistant Librarian of the Central Library of Alagappa University, coordinated the programme. Dr.V.A. Anand, Assistant Professor, Department of Logistics Management and Dr. M. Ayisha Millath, Assistant Professor, Alagappa Institute of Management, were the organizers of the programme.

Dr. G. Ramalingam, Assistant Professor, Department of Nanoscience and Technology and Dr. G. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor, Alagappa University College of Education, served as juries and they delivered their introductory remarks to the presenters.

Prof. V.Sivakumar, Dean i/c, College Development Council, Alagappa University distributed the certificates to all the presenters. Earlier, Dr.M.Ayisha Millath delivered the welcome address, Dr. V.A. Anand proposed a vote of thanks.

Totally 14 students of various departments from the Faculty of Management actively participated and each student presented a book review with different title in this Book Talk Programme which attracted the attention of all the students.

## ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

### Intercollegiate Management Event BUSICONZ'23 Organized

The First Year MBA students of Alagappa Institute of Management organized a national level Intercollegiate Management Event "BUSICONZ'23" on 17th February 2023 here. The event was a congregation of energetic young men and women from different institutions. The institute provided them a platform where they could showcase their talents by participating in various competitions. This event was sponsored by Hi Tech Arai Pvt Ltd.

Dr. M. Ayisha Millath, Associate Professor of Alagappa Institute of Management and Faculty Coordinator of BUSICONZ'23 welcomed the gathering. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, delivered the presidential address.



Dr. R. Stalin IPS, an officer of the Tamil Nadu 2020 batch, who is presently serving as ASP (Assistant Superintendent of Police) at Karaikudi Sub-Division, Sivagangai District inaugurated the event. He shared his memories as a student and asked the students to approach life with positive thoughts and work hard.

In BUSICONZ'23, 5 competitions such as "Business plan", "Business quiz", "Digital poster making", "Best manager", "Wealth from waste" were conducted and winners were given prizes.

In the valedictory function, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi distributed the prizes to the winners and inspired the young minds with his motivating speech. He also appreciated the department and the Faculty co-coordinator Dr. M. Ayisha Millath for guiding the students in such an organized manner for conducting the event. Dr. R. Swaminathan, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, delivered the felicitation address.



Nearly, 204 students representing 26 colleges from Tamil Nadu participated and benefited through this event.

### Two-day Online National Workshop on "Data Analysis Using AMOS, PLS-SEM and E-VIEWS"

The Institute organised a Two-day Online National Workshop on "Data Analysis Using AMOS, PLS-SEM and E-VIEWS" on 19th & 20th December, 2022 through virtual mode. The workshop was sponsored by the ICSSR-SRC, Hyderabad.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. M. Ayisha Millath and it was followed by the resourceful thematic address of Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c. The inaugural address was given by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. Prof. S. Chandramohan delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session.

In the first and second sessions, Dr. D. Kumaresan introduced the concept of AMOS to the participants along with the basics of AMOS and continued with detailed explanations on how to develop models with sample data. The sample data was also shared with participants (in groups) to provide them with hands-on experience and also to interact with resource persons. Dr. S. Vidhya handled the 3rd & 4th Sessions, in which she explained about the key characteristics of using Partial Least Square - SEM. She gave introduction to Smart PLS software and explained the steps to import data for performing various



analysis. The 5th & 6th sessions of the workshop was handled by Dr. R. Kasilingam, where he gave detailed explanation on econometrics and its purposes, and he also introduced the E-views software data management techniques from the scratch to better equip the participants for further in-depth models analysis.

On the valedictory session of the programme, Prof. C. K. Muthukumaran welcomed the gathering, Prof. S. Rajamohan, in his valedictory address, thanked ICSSR-SRC for sponsoring the workshop. 212 research scholars and Faculty members from different educational institutions across the country participated in the workshop.

### **Two-Day Competence Building and Soft Skill Development Programme**

The Alagappa Institute of Management, Alagappa University, organized a "Two-Day Competence Building and Soft Skill Development Programme" for first year MBA students on 5th and 6th Jan 2023. During this training programme, pedagogy was imparted by Oracles on management skills refinement & leadership skill amelioration in the real corporate world. Dr. M. Ayisha Millath was the Faculty Coordinator of this training programme. Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, delivered the presidential address.

The two-day sessions were conducted by two eminent speakers. Mr. Gerald Nathan, Chief Evangelist-Digital Transformation Corporate Trainer at MicroMedia Cloud, Bangalore, offered soft skills training to the participants. He enlightened the students on the process of self-improvement. He elucidated the recent trends and present-day challenges in HR. He elaborated on various strategies to get selected in the interview.

Mr. Victor Valan Arasu, Assistant Professor at School of Human Excellence, Loyola College, Chennai, spoke on the need of developing leadership skills for the students to survive in the competitive world. He expounded through real-time cases like Nandakumar's IRS success story. He conducted various management games to provoke the student leaders. The methodology of the programme was Activity Based Model (ABM). Ms. S. Manimala, 1st year MBA student, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the training programme.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT**

### **One Day Motivation-Cum-Training Programme on Strategies to Excel in Competitive Examinations**



A One Day Motivation-Cum-Training Programme on Strategies to Excel in Competitive Examinations was organized by the Students' Council of the Department of Logistics Management in association with Alagappa University Study Circle on 15th March 2023 at the Convocation Hall.

Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, inaugurated the programme. Shri. V. Nandakumar, IRS Addl Commissioner of Income Tax, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, delivered the Special Address. He made a detailed reference to various Competitive Examinations conducted in our country. He said the participants should have a clear focus and continuous practice to get through in the Competitive Examinations.

Prof. V. Sivakumar, Head, Department of Logistics Management and Convenor of the Programme, welcomed the gathering. Dr. V.A. Anand, Assistant Professor, Department of Logistics Management, was the Organizing Secretary of the event.

Dr. P. Suresh Kumar, Coordinator, Alagappa University Study Circle, presented the valedictory address. Shri. V. Nandakumar, IRS presented the mementos to student coordinators. Prof. V. Sivakumar, Dean i/c, College Development Council, delivered the felicitation address. Dr. N. Gnanathiraviyam, Director i/c, Alagappa University Study Circle and Convenor of the programme, proposed a vote of thanks. Around 1000 students from various departments of Alagappa University actively participated and many students interacted with the Chief Guest.

## Placement Training Programme for MBA (LM) Students

A three-day placement training programme was organized by the Department of Logistics Management for the final year MBA (LM) students from 2nd to 4th Feb 2023, at the Video Conference Seminar Hall of the Faculty of Management.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, and Prof. V. Sivakumar, Head of DoLM, delivered the presidential address. Dr. D. Arun Gladwin, Director of Vantage Academy, Nagercoil, was the guest speaker and delivered the keynote speech. Dr. P. Rajan Chinna welcomed the gathering, and Dr. V.A. Anand proposed a vote of thanks. In the afternoon session, Dr. D. Arun Gladwin conducted an ice-breaking session that focused on soft skills, teamwork, creativity, leadership skills, and management concepts through activities.

On the second day, Dr. D. Arun Gladwin continued the session with a short summary of the previous day's events. The day's topics included an introduction to resume preparation, interview techniques, and frequently asked questions in interviews.

On the third day, Dr. M. Deepika, Professor & Director of G.T. Institute of Management Studies & Research, Bangalore, was the guest speaker. The session was a round-up of what the industry expects from students from institutes. She pointed out the key skills that need to be developed to secure placements in leading industries. All the final year MBA (LM) students were active throughout the session and had their queries cleared with the trainers. The programme was coordinated by Dr. P. Rajan Chinna of DoLM.

## Village Placement Programme

The Village Placement Programme was organized by the Department of Logistics Management at Melamanakudi. The initiative aimed at addressing various social and community-oriented concerns. The department executed a range of activities that were focused on improving the overall well-being of the village and its inhabitants.

One of the primary activities undertaken by the department was the cleaning of bus stops, temples, and schools. Additionally, the department also helped in painting two classrooms, which not only improved the aesthetic appeal of the school but also created a more conducive learning environment for the students.

An electric bell was denoted by students to the school. A medical camp was organized in collaboration with Apollo Hospital, Managiri. Competitions were conducted for school students and villagers, and prizes were distributed to the winners.

A rally was taken out by MBA LM students, along with the school students, which helped in spreading awareness about the importance of community involvement and participation in social initiatives. The VPP visit was an excellent example of how small initiatives can lead to significant changes in the lives of people.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### One Day Programme on ACT NEXT : NOBEL PRIZE IN PEACE 2022

The Department of Commerce, Alagappa University in collaboration with other Departments of the University organised a one day programme on ACT NEXT: Nobel Prize in Peace 2022 on 02.02.2023 at the Convocation Seminar Hall.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, highlighted the significance of maintaining good relationship with neighbours, environment and other creatures for ensuring peace in a country. He reiterated the importance of maintaining international relations for enhancement of peace in the world. The conflict between nations will spoil peace. If any one of these--liberty, justice, equality and fraternity--is denied peace will disappear. He referred to the contribution of Nobel Peace Laureates 2022, Advocate Ales Bialiatski from Belarus, the Russian Human Rights Organisation Memorial Russia and Centre for Civil Liberties, Ukraine. He advised the students to study and follow the contribution of the three Nobel Peace Prize Laureates for ensuring peace in day-to-day life.

Dr. Sethu Kumanan, Chairman, Sethu Bhaskara Group of Institutions, Chennai in his inaugural address narrated the outstanding contributions and services of various Nobel Laureates in various disciplines. The students should consider confidence as the capital for their



career development and advancement. Quoting the famous saying "No gain without pain", he said there is no short cut to success. Sustained effort and hard work alone will help young men to achieve great things in their life.

Senior Professor T.R. Gurumoorthy, Prof. & Head, Department of Commerce delivered the thematic address, and explored the ideas on peace found in Thirukkural and other Tamil literary works. India has contributed to the foundation of world peace by showing the significance of peace to rest of the world, he added. Prof. K. Alamelu, Prof. & Head, Department of Banking Management offered felicitations.

Earlier, Dr. G. Vinayamoorthy, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Ganapathy, Professor, Department of Commerce proposed a vote of thanks. Nearly 200 students, research scholars, faculty members participated in the function.

## DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

### Third International Conference on Recent Technology and Innovations in Corporate Governance 4.0 - ICRTICG-2023

The Third International Conference on "Recent Technology and Innovations in Corporate Governance 4.0 (ICRTICG-2023) was conducted by the Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University on Jan 9th & 10th, 2023. Dr. C. Vethirajan, Professor and Head Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University, welcomed the participants.

The function was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. He said that good corporate governance is synonymous with proper leadership. He also explained about various stages of governance. He narrated how unemployment was escalated by the advent of digital technology; and added that proper governance will help in changing paper transactions to paperless transactions.



Prof. T. Arumugam, Vice-Chancellor, Tiruvalluvar University, Vellore, delivered the inaugural address. He mentioned how during the post-cold war period, companies focused on proper corporate governance. He pointed out that corporate governance is a critical tool for the success of an organization. He said that ethical leadership plays a vital role in developing efficient corporate governance, and that the technology transformation framework has impacted proper governance in the corporate sector.

Prof. Arabinda Saha, Department of Accounting and Information Systems, Islamic University, Bangladesh, delivered the keynote address. He said from an economic point of view, good corporate governance is a key factor in corporate development; and he also explained three types of costs--financial cost, personal cost, and social cost and referred to their impact on the economy. He said how the technology development has impacted rural lifestyle. Corporate leadership should concentrate on Corporate Social Responsibility for serving the nation.



Dr. Sabarathinam Chockalingam, Research Scientist, Institute of Energy Technology, Halden, Norway, delivered the special address. He explained how good governance leads to successful business. He also pointed out that today's SMEs should concentrate on efficient corporate governance.

Shri. C. S. S. Vasudevan, a practicing Company Secretary from Chennai, delivered the special address. In his speech, he said that the students should follow the self-governance practice to learn good corporate governance, and he also expressed the importance of the role of the company secretary in company leadership and efficient governance.

Dr. T.R. Gurumoorthy, Sr.Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University, said that he has explored the best instance of corporate governance at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. He also said that corporate governance is integrated with self-governance.

He also quoted ideas on corporate governance found in Bhagavad Gita and Thiruvagam. Dr. A. Morarji, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

### Valedictory Function

Prof. Dr. V. Manickavasagam, Former Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address. He said that CG comes from within, and he expressed his thoughts on CG by mentioning Dr. Vallal Alagappan's life as a good example. He considered Ratan Tata's leadership as the fine example of excellent corporate governance. He said that there is a lot to learn from these great men, especially that "money is not everything that matters, but rather being a great human being is". Mrs. A Jenifer, Research Scholar, Alagappa University, delivered a report on the conference proceedings. Dr. K. Ganeshamurthy of the Department of Corporate Secretaryship delivered the vote of thanks.

## DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT

### Campus Interview Conducted



During January and March 2023 Tourism & Hospitality Sectors conducted Placement Interviews at the Department of Tourism & Hotel Management for the following positions - Commis, Trainee Hospitality Associate, Food & Beverage Manager, Management Trainee, Guest Relations Executive, Hotel Operation Trainee, Trainee Supervisor and Executive Housekeeper. The companies that recruited the students of the department include Maruthi Air Travels, Accord Hotels & Resorts, Apollo Dimora Hotel, Amritha Hospitality Service, Fortune Park, Madras Pongal, Namma Veetu Vasantha Bhavan and Pharos Hotels. 32 Students from the MBA (Tourism Management) and 31 Students from the B.Sc (Catering Science & Hotel Management) were selected and placed in the above mentioned companies.

### Fireless Cooking Competition -2023



The Department of Tourism & Hotel Management organized the "Fireless Cooking Competition" on 06th January 2023. The students exhibited their culinary skills in cooking without fire. 84 students from 21 schools participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. They doled out nutritious yet delectable delicacies. Dr. SP. Mathiraj, Professor & Head i/c gave the welcome address and the inaugural speech Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi distributed the certificates and prizes to the winners.

### Inter Collegiate Competition DU LICH 2k23 Conducted

An Inter Collegiate Competition "DU LICH 2k23" was organized by the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management in collaboration with the YUVA Tourism Club, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India (Southern Regional Office) on 15th February 2023. Dr. N. Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Life Long Learning, Alagappa University, in his inaugural address, highlighted the trends in the growth of the tourism sector. He advised the students to explore the potentiality of the tourism sector by gaining practical exposure in the industry. Seven Competitions were conducted. A total of 183 students from 16 colleges participated in the event. Many participants won the prizes and the overall winner shield was won by Alagappa Govt. Arts College. Dr. SP. Mathiraj welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Johnson distributed the certificates to the participants and prizes to the winners. Dr. S. Sridevi proposed a vote of thanks.

### Parent-Teacher Association Meeting 2023 Conducted

On 27.02.2023 Parent-Teacher Association Meeting was conducted for the academic Year 2022-2023 at the Department. Dr. SP. Mathiraj gave a detailed account on the various activities carried out at the department to the parents of MBA (Tourism Management) & B.Sc (Catering Science & Hotel Management) students. Parents shared their views on the performance of their wards. Each



parent had a meeting with each subject teacher and had a discussion on the study aspect of the student concerned.

### **Workshop on Nutritious Cuisine Organized**

The Department of Tourism & Hotel Management in collaboration with NSS students of Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College organized a Food Production Workshop on the theme "Cuisine the Nutrition" on 09.03.2023. The workshop focused and guided the participants on the essential steps to be taken for developing a healthy eating pattern that matches their health goals, food preferences and life style demands. Dr. SP. Mathiraj welcomed the gathering and Dr. A. Hemamalini, Principal of Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College gave the inaugural address. 50 NSS students participated in the workshop.

### **Workshop on Fruit Art and Vegetables Sculpture Organized**

A One Day Workshop on "Fruit Art and Vegetables Sculpture" was organized by the Department on 11th March 2023. Mr. T. Magaleshwaran elucidated the importance of skill building in fruit art and vegetables sculpture. 86 students from 15 collaborative centres participated in the workshop. A hands-on-practice for the student to carve 4 and 5 petal flowers in radish, carrot, cucumber, beet root, and watermelon was given. The participants were trained in making vegetable and flower carved bouquets for use in the reception hall. Besides giving a lot of experience, the workshop motivated, and encouraged the students to evince keen interest in this art.

### **Alumni Meeting 2023**

The Alumni Meeting was conducted on 23.03.2023 at the Department of Tourism & Hotel Management. Many Alumni placed at different organisations made their presence on the occasion. The programme was presided over by Dr. SP. Mathiraj. Alumni interacted with the present batch of students and gave motivational talks regarding the preparation for placements etc. The current students enquired the alumni about the available opportunities in the industry.

## **CENTRAL LIBRARY**

### **Awareness Programme & Book Talk Programme Conducted**

Alagappa University Central Library organized a Faculty wise Awareness Programme titled "Accessing the Online Resources", "Avoiding", Plagiarism and Book Talk Programme during the month of January 2023.



About 200 research scholars and faculty members participated and they got training through these Awareness Programmes.

The students evinced keen interest in participating in the Book Talk Programme conducted in the Faculties of Arts and Management. The Book Talk Programme aimed at improving the reading habits of students and motivating them to visit the Central and Faculty Libraries at Alagappa University.

## **INDUSTRY AND CONSULTANCY WING AND UNIVERSITY BUSINESS COLLABORATION CENTRE**

### **One Day National Level Workshop on "Patenting and Collaborations with Industries"**

A One day National Level Workshop on "Patenting and Collaborations with Industries" sponsored under the RUSA 2.0 scheme was organised by the Industry and Consultancy Wing and University Business Collaboration Centre of Alagappa University, on 30.01.2023 at the Science Campus Seminar Hall.



Presiding over the function, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University said that the benefits of high-quality research in all fields contribute to the growth of society, industry, region and nation. The need for institution-industry collaboration has been emphasised in various policy documents and statements of the Government of India. In the fast developing economy of our country, the need for developing higher education and

research especially through university-industry collaboration is strongly advocated by planners. He added that various industries should use the capabilities of the universities and research institutions through collaboration with them for national development in a globalised competitive world.

According to the 2022 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) India has been placed among the top 40 countries. There is a need to ensure quality of products to enter the global market with the aid of innovative technology and also by developing a mutual relationship between industry and academia. A fundamental technical knowledge, supplemented with knowledge from neighbouring technical disciplines, is critical for developing innovative products in India. Introducing an entrepreneurial skill based university curriculum will help in redefining university-industry collaboration for future needs.

The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that Alagappa University has undertaken many important Consultancy Projects from Industries such as ITC, Galaxy Research Technology, Evolva Biotech and Sustainable Hydrogen for Valuable Application (SHYVA) from France. He exhorted students and faculty to interact with the experts.

Emeritus Professor Mukesh Doble from IIT Madras, in his inaugural address said that a lot of funding agencies are giving fund to women and students for start-up companies. He hoped that this workshop will be of use for students to deepen their knowledge and sharpen their skills so as to thrive in personal and professional life.

Mr. Manoj Madhavan, Assistant Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Chennai, Mr. G. Simiyon, Assistant Director, Head of Office of MSME - Development and Facilitation Office of Tirunelveli & Madurai, Mr. S. Ravi, IPR Consultant, Registered Patent Agent from Hyderabad were the resource persons who trained the participants numbering around 200 from various Universities and Institutions from across the country.

Earlier Dr. A. Arun, Convenor and Organising Secretary of the event, Dean - Industry and Consultancy and Coordinator - University Business Collaboration Centre welcomed the gathering and presented the thematic address.

Dr. R. Yuvakkumar, Deputy Coordinator, Industry and Consultancy Wing of Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural function.

## SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HIGHER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

### National Youth Day Celebrated

The National Youth Day was celebrated on 12.01.2023 at Alagappa University, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Prof. M. Vasimalairaja, Coordinator of Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, in his welcome address, said that the celebrations of the National Youth Day is to remember the contributions of Swami Vivekananda, one of India's greatest philosophers and spiritual leaders. He also said that the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda, who had complete faith in the youth power, would be a great source of inspiration for all the youth. Prof. P. Sivakumar, Special Officer, Planning and Development, in his inaugural address, said that whenever a person feels depressed, he should read the books of Vivekananda that would eliminate the negative feelings and thoughts from his mind. He mentioned that Vivekananda's thoughts and ideas will ever be relevant offering courage and confidence to the youth.



Swami Sathyaprabhananda of Sri Ramakrishna Math, Chennai, in his special address, stated that discipline is the great virtue that would guide students to tread on a proper path. Success in any endeavour can be achieved if there is proper training to reveal the talents which everyone possesses. "Youth should love India, keep your mind and body strong and strong", he added. He mentioned that adhering to Vivekananda's ideals will boost one's self-esteem and attachment to the motherland. Mr. S. Senthilkumar, Vivekananda Cultural Academy, Coimbatore, in his keynote address, cited many incidents from Vivekananda's life to highlight Swamiji's unstinted devotion to the nation and said that "Swami Vivekananda is indeed, a role model for the youth of the world; and if you want to know about India, you only need to read about Swami Vivekananda's books and it was Swami Vivekananda who made Indian culture known to the entire world".



Elocution and Essay competitions were conducted for University students in connection with the National Youth Day and certificates were awarded to the winners. Students of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies presented Vivekananda's life history through Villupattu, an interesting rendering of songs in the folk tradition with musical instruments. Dr. Manikkam, Deputy Coordinator, proposed a vote of thanks.

## **ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CELL**

### **My Story--A Motivational Session by Successful Entrepreneurs/Start-Up Founders**

My Story--A Motivational Session by Successful Entrepreneurs/Start-Up Founders Programme was organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Alagappa University in association with Institution's Innovation Council, Alagappa University on 15.11.2022 at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Logistics Management.



Prof. S. Rajamohan, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University, presided over the programme. He asked the participants to come out with an innovative idea and that should be transformed into an invention. He added that Alagappa University will be giving full support to all efforts of students to become successful entrepreneurs.

Dr. D. Rajendran, Managing Director, MRT Chemicals Pvt LTD, Karaikudi delivered the special address. He asked the participants to develop a firm attitude and confidence to become successful entrepreneurs.

Dr. P. Arjunan, Director, TEZTA, Electric Mobility & Energy PVT. Ltd, Dindugal, delivered the special address. He appealed to the participants to come out from the comfort zone and take risks and grab all the opportunities so as to become successful entrepreneurs. He narrated some of his real experiences.

Dr. M. Sivakumar, Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Alagappa University and Convenor of this programme welcomed the gathering, Dr. V.A. Anand,

Deputy Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Alagappa University and Convenor proposed a vote of thanks. Research Scholars from various departments and students numbering about 120 actively participated in this programme.

### **One Day Workshop on Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunity**

A One Day Workshop on Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunity was organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Alagappa University in association with Institution's Innovation Council, Alagappa University on 14.11.2022 at the Convocation Seminar Hall, Alagappa University.



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the programme. He asked the participants to come out with a prospective idea and try to transform it into an invention.

Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University offered felicitations.

Mr. Nawas Babu, Managing Director, S.A. Knitwears Pvt. Ltd, Madurai, Chief Guest of the programme, delivered the keynote address.

Dr. M. Sivakumar, Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Alagappa University and Convenor of this workshop welcomed the gathering, Dr. V.A. Anand, Deputy Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Alagappa University and Organizing Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks. 250 students participated in the workshop.

Mr. S. Arul Jeyaraj, Founder / CEO, GRIT Digi Tech Pvt Ltd, Sivagangai, Mr. R. Vinoth, Project Lead, Start-Up TN, Madurai Regional HUB, Ms. Saranya, Project Associate, Start-Up, TN, Madurai Regional HUB, and Dr. P. Arjunan, Director, TEZTA Electric Mobility & Energy Pvt.Ltd, Dindigul, handled the four technical sessions.





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