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Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University,
Thiru R. N. Ravi; Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe, President, ICCR; Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor,
Alagappa University and Dr. N. Panchanatham, Vice-Chancellor,
Gandhigram Rural Institute at the inauguration of a Two-day National Conference on
"Viksit Bharat 2047: Integral Humanism as a Framework for
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From the Vice-Chancellor

Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to present this edition of the Azhagu Newsletter, highlighting the vibrant academic, research, and extension activities carried out across our campus during October–December 2025.

The University continues to progress steadily towards academic excellence and enhanced global visibility. Its commendable performance in prestigious national and international rankings, including the NIRF India Rankings, QS Asia University Rankings, and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, reflects our sustained commitment to quality education, impactful research, and meaningful societal engagement.

During this period, the University has organized several national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, and training programmes across diverse disciplines. These initiatives have provided valuable platforms for knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary collaboration, and innovation. Our partnerships with academic institutions, research organizations, and industrial establishments continue to strengthen the culture of research and professional development within the University.

Equally significant are our extension and community outreach initiatives, particularly the Village Extension Programme, awareness campaigns, and skill development activities. The University's commitment to social responsibility by connecting academic learning with community needs is clearly evident.

I am also proud of the achievements of our students in various competitive arenas, including selections to the Indian Armed Forces and participation in international sports events, reflecting the strong foundation of discipline, leadership, and excellence nurtured at our University.

Let us continue to work together with a sense of dedication and with the vision of our founder to strengthen the legacy of Alagappa University as a centre of academic excellence and societal progress. Additional news items are available in the e-version of the Azhagu Newsletter.

Prof. G. RAVI
Vice-Chancellor

TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIKSIT BHARAT 2047: INTEGRAL HUMANISM AS A FRAMEWORK FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



A Two-day “National Conference on Viksit Bharat 2047: Integral Humanism as a Framework for Good Governance and Sustainable Development” was inaugurated on 15.10.2025 at the Convocation Hall of Alagappa University, under the aegis of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Chair functioning at Alagappa University. The conference was sponsored by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

In his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi said that the conference would consider the great relevance of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of Integral Humanism as a guiding principle for inclusive and ethical governance. Upadhyaya believed that true progress lies not merely in economic growth but in the well-being of every individual and the harmony between people, society, and nature. He emphasized that good governance should be rooted in empathy and accountability. Sustainable development, he noted, must align with ecological balance, local wisdom, and simplicity. Referring to University's achievements in research, innovation, and sustainability, Prof. G. Ravi stated that it is reflected

in good national and global rankings obtained by it. He called upon the youth to cultivate skills, work with dedication, and contribute to the nation's progress, reiterating that Integral Humanism should serve as the moral compass for building a well-developed and humane India by 2047.

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Alagappa University Thiru R.N. Ravi delivered the presidential address emphasizing the transformative power of Integral Humanism. He paid tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who motivated the youth to dream big and contribute to nation-building. The Governor highlighted how “Integral Humanism in Action” ensures that governance and development reach all sections of society. He contrasted this with the colonial practices where administration and policing were primarily tools for revenue collection, often intimidating citizens. Today, thanks to Upadhyaya's philosophy of Integral Humanism, schemes like housing for the homeless, zero-balance bank accounts, and inclusive tribal welfare programmes are being implemented effectively. He praised the Prime Minister for various initiatives benefiting

tribals, who number 70 lakh nationally and 12 lakh in Tamil Nadu, and emphasized that we are all one family, echoing the ethos of Deen Dayal's vision. He also referred to India's rapid economic growth, making it the 4th largest economy in the world, and attributed this progress to Integral Humanism ideals followed by the government.

The Governor noted that the principles of Integral Humanism are followed in Indian foreign policy, as evidenced at the G20 Summit, and highlighted India's strengths in the fields of science and technology. He also said that the Kasi Tamil Sangam event as a symbol of interconnectivity and shared cultural heritage, reinforcing the ideal that prosperity and opportunities should be common to all. Concluding his address, Thiru R.N. Ravi reiterated that the guiding principle of “Integral Humanism in Action” continues to shape India's development, governance, and global standing.

Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe, President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), who delivered the Special Address at the conference paid rich tributes to the great national heroes of Tamil Nadu, including Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Thiruvalluvar, Subramania Bharathi, and K. Kamaraj, remarking that Tamil Nadu has always been a land of thinkers, reformers, and nation-builders who have shaped India's moral and intellectual direction. Reflecting on the 60th anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of Integral Humanism, Dr. Vinay said the concept continues to hold a deep relevance in the modern age marked by Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality. He posed three fundamental questions before the audience: What is Integral Humanism? How does it guide our future? And how can it shape governance and development today?

Explaining the essence of Integral Humanism, Dr. Vinay stated that human life must be viewed holistically—encompassing the body, mind, intellect, and soul. He emphasized that righteousness must guide all actions and that spiritual consciousness should define human relationships, family values, and our harmony with mother nature.

He observed that Indian culture, while ever-evolving, remains timeless. The ethical ideals of

Thiruvalluvar—self-discipline, honesty, equality, and harmony—resonate strongly in Deendayal Upadhyaya's philosophy. According to him, Integral Humanism urges society to distribute the fruits of development equitably and to align all welfare measures with compassion and moral responsibility. Dr. Vinay concluded his address by calling upon citizens to work hard, act with resolve, and join hands to build a strong and self-reliant India guided by the enduring values of Integral Humanism.



Dr. N. Panchanatham, Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute, who spoke at the event said that the philosophy of Integral Humanism already exists within every individual and must be consciously developed to ensure inclusive growth. True governance should aim at reaching the last person in society and that reflected Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision of Antyodaya. Praising Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's inspiring journey from a newspaper vendor to the President of India, he said such lives symbolize the moral and intellectual strength of the nation. Dr. Panchanatham noted that Integral Humanism views the entire world as one family—Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam—and this principle was practically demonstrated by the Prime Minister during the COVID-19 pandemic when India not only protected its citizens but also extended help globally through the supply of Covaxin. He stated that Integral Humanism is centred on the holistic development of all. Good governance, he said, must concern itself with collective welfare. Referring to several government initiatives named after Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, he explained that these schemes embody the spirit of Viksit

Bharat by promoting equity, empowerment, and sustainable growth. Concluding his address, Dr. Panchanatham reiterated that Dharma—one's sense of duty—should guide every action in the journey toward a developed and humane India.

Prof. B. Dharmalingam, in his thematic address, observed that the event marked an important academic milestone in reimagining India's developmental journey toward the centenary of its independence from the alien rule. He stated that the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 went beyond economic and technological progress to embrace moral, cultural, and ecological values essential for true human advancement. He said that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of Integral Humanism offered a holistic framework balancing tradition and modernity, self-reliance and global participation, and individual freedom with collective responsibility. The conference, he noted, aims to explore the philosophical foundations and practical applications of Integral Humanism across governance, education, and policy domains.

Prof. Dharmalingam added that this two-day conference included five thematic sessions focusing on human development, cultural and governance foundations, and sustainable development, with sub-themes such as value-based education, women-led progress, youth empowerment, and harmony between prosperity and ecology. He emphasized that India's growth path to 2047 should move beyond technocratic models to embrace a human-centric approach rooted in ethics, culture, and social responsibility. The outcomes of the conference, he said, would help generate meaningful policy insights and foster a community of scholars committed to linking India's progress with its civilizational ethos. He concluded that Viksit Bharat was not merely an economic aspiration but a vision of holistic human flourishing—where development is guided by goodness, harmony, and the ideals of Integral Humanism.

At the end of the inaugural session, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

Earlier, on his arrival at the university

campus Hon'ble Governor Thiru R.N. Ravi planted tree saplings at the ECO Park Garden.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY RANKED 14TH AMONG STATE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN NIRF 2025



Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has secured the 14th rank out of 1300 State Public Universities (All India Level) and the 3rd rank among the Tamil Nadu State Universities in the NIRF India Rankings 2025, according to a release of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The ranking is based on the following parameters: Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practice (RP), Graduation Outcomes (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI), and Peer Perception (PP). In recognition of this remarkable achievement, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, and the members of the team who worked for presenting the University's achievements to NIRF, were felicitated by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of State Universities with a Certificate of Appreciation in the "Conclave for Excellence in Higher Education in Tamil Nadu" held at Raj Bhavan, Chennai on 08.10.2025.

Tamil Nadu Tourism Awards 2025

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY WINS THE SILVER AWARD IN THE CATEGORY OF BEST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

On 23rd October 2025, the Tourism Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, presented the Tamil Nadu Tourism Awards 2025 at The Leela Palace, Chennai. Alagappa University was recognized as one of the finest contributors to



the State's vibrant tourism sector. Alagappa University received the Silver Award in the category of Best Educational Institution Offering Hospitality Education. The award was presented by the Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Mr. P. K. Sekar Babu, in the presence of several distinguished dignitaries, including : Mr. Maa. Subramaniyan, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mrs. R. Priya, Hon'ble Mayor of Chennai, Dr. K. Manivasan, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments, Mr. T. Krishthuraj, I.A.S., Director of Tourism & Managing Director, TTDC, Mrs. S. Kavitha, General Manager, TTDC. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, received the Award. It was a proud and memorable moment for the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management. This achievement reflects the dedication, teamwork and commitment to excellence demonstrated by the faculty members, students, alumni and administrative staff who continuously strive to elevate the standards of tourism and hospitality education.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY PLACED IN 801-1000TH BANDWIDTH IN THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2026



Alagappa University, Karaikudi is placed in the ranking bandwidth of 801-1000th in Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026, according to a release issued by the Times Higher Education on 09th October 2025. Across 115 Countries, more than 3500 institutions submitted the data to THE Ranking. Overall, 3118 universities are ranked. It is noteworthy that Alagappa University is placed at the Ranking bandwidth of 801-1000th.

Under this THE world ranking, the performance of the participating institutions are assessed under five specific areas, viz. Teaching, Research Environment, Research Quality, Industry Engagement and International outlook. In this ranking process, THE ranking has analysed more than 174.9 million citations across more than 18.7 million research publications.

Sr. Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Director, Alagappa University Ranking Cell, collected, analysed and submitted data to participate in THE World University Ranking pertaining to the year 2026.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University placed on record his appreciation to the Faculty Members, Administrative Fraternity and Research Scholars / Students and other stakeholders for their continued commitment for the growth and development of the University.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY ACHIEVES NOTABLE POSITIONS IN QS ASIA, QS SUSTAINABILITY, AND TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION RANKINGS



Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has secured the 369th position in Asia, 93rd in South Asia, and 49th in India, according to the QS Asia University Rankings 2026 list released on

04.11.2025. The University has also been placed at the 1501st position in the newly introduced QS Sustainability Rankings this year.

1,529 Asian Universities participated in the ranking and among them, Alagappa University secured the 369th place. Out of the 294 higher education institutions that participated from India, the university secured the 49th position, and it secured the second place among the Tamil Nadu state level Universities.

Further, according to the “Multidisciplinary Science Rankings 2026” released by Times Higher Education (THE) on 21.11.2025, Alagappa University has been placed in the 251–300 bandwidth. Among the Indian higher education institutions that participated, Alagappa university achieved the 16th position nationally and secured the second place among the universities that participated from Tamil Nadu.

For these rankings, QS evaluated universities based on four parameters such as: teaching, employer reputation, the number of faculty with Ph.Ds, and the proportion of international students. Times Higher Education (THE) assessed institutions based on five parameters: teaching, research, knowledge transfer, international outlook, and industry income.

To participate in these rankings, Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Director of the University Ranking Cell, collected, analyzed, and submitted the data for the year 2025.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi congratulated the faculty members, officers, and research scholars who contributed to securing these prestigious rankings for the University.

Community Engagement and Rural Outreach Initiative **VILLAGE EXTENSION PROGRAMME**



The Village Extension Programme (VEP) is a significant community outreach initiative aimed at fostering collaboration between the University and society. The programme bridges the gap between academic knowledge and experiences of real-world challenges by encouraging the students to apply their learning for community welfare. Since 2005, the Village Extension Programme conducted at Alagappa University has provided a unique platform for experiential learning. It was introduced here for the first time in the history of State Universities in Tamil Nadu to provide university students with exposure to the socio-economic realities of rural India. At present, Alagappa University has adopted 45 villages to implement various outreach activities under this programme.

For the academic year 2025–2026, the Village Extension Programme was conducted from 10th to 12th October 2025 across several adopted villages in Sivagangi District, including Mathur, Kundrakudi, Nemam, Siththivayal, Vadakudi, Palavangudi, K. Velangudi, and Sembanoor. Almost all the departments of the University actively participated in this initiative, involving final year students.



During the three-day camp, departments organized a range of activities focusing on health, hygiene, environmental protection, education, and social awareness. These included medical and eye camps, health and nutrition awareness programmes, science exhibitions, yoga sessions, village cleanliness drives, tree plantation, plastic awareness rallies, and competitions conducted for school students. The participant - students also conducted Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercises, counselling programmes, disability

awareness sessions, and campaigns on drug addiction and environmental conservation.

Overall, the Village Extension Programme strengthened community engagement, contributing in a small way to rural development, and provided valuable field experience for students while reinforcing Alagappa University's commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development.

The University VEP Co-ordinators Dr. R. Suresh, Department of Economics and Rural Development and Dr. M. Natarajan, Department of English and Foreign Languages made arrangements for the conduct of the programme.

DR. C. VETHIRAJAN APPOINTED AS SYNDICATE MEMBER OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY



Dr. C. Vethirajan, Senior Professor and Head of the Department of Corporate Secretaryship, has been appointed as a Syndicate Member of Alagappa University for a period of three years with effect from 19.12.2025. The appointment was made by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Universities, Thiru R. N. Ravi.

So far, Prof. C. Vethirajan has published 154 research articles related to his specialisation in Management Studies in various national and international journals. Under his guidance, 20 research scholars have been awarded Ph.D. degrees. In addition, he has organized six international conferences. He has presented research papers by travelling to countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Dubai, Thailand, and Sri Lanka. Dr. C. Vethirajan met Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi and received his blessings.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE ATTAINS THE STATUS OF CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science (DSERS), has been officially recognized as a Centre of Excellence, marking a significant milestone in the field of special education and rehabilitation.

This recognition to DSERS by the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi, highlights the department's consistent commitment to academic excellence, innovative research, quality teacher training, and community-oriented services for persons with disabilities. The department has been playing a pivotal role in promoting inclusive education, evidence-based rehabilitation practices and capacity building through all its research initiatives and outreach activities. It has been continuously contributing to the empowerment of individuals with special needs. It produces skilled professionals, engages in interdisciplinary research, and collaborates with national and international organizations. The Centre of Excellence status will further strengthen the department's ability to develop advanced training programmes, research, assistive technology initiatives, and policy-relevant interventions. This achievement stands as a proud moment for Alagappa University and reflects its vision of social responsibility, academic leadership, and innovation in higher education. The department looks forward to utilizing this recognition to expand its impact and continue serving the society with dedication and excellence.

3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-CUM-WORKSHOP ON "RECENT TRENDS IN STRUCTURAL BIOINFORMATICS AND COMPUTER AIDED DRUG DESIGN"



The 3rd International Conference-cum-Workshop on “Recent Trends in Structural Bioinformatics and Computer-Aided Drug Design” (ICSBCADD'25) was organized by the Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University, from 17th to 19th Dec 2025. This conference has been conducted consecutively for fifteen years under the broad theme of SBCADD.

The major financial contributors to this international conference included national funding agencies such as the Department of Biotechnology – Conference, Travel, Exhibition and Popular Lectures (DBT-CTEP); the Department of Science and Technology – Anusandhan National Research Foundation (DST-ANRF); the Department of Biotechnology – Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Centre & National Network Project (DBT-BIC & NNP); the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); and Alagappa University. In addition to these government agencies, private industries—particularly BioME Live Analytical Lab, Karaikudi; Schrödinger, USA; and Molecular Solutions Private Ltd., Bangalore—extended significant financial and intellectual support to the conference.

ICSBCADD'25 served as an intellectual platform for deliberations on Structural Biology, Structural Bioinformatics, Genomics, and Computer-Aided Drug Design. The conference featured speeches of 21 eminent scientists from prestigious institutions across the globe, along with four industry experts from Schrödinger and Molecular Solutions. The event attracted nearly 300 participants from diverse academic backgrounds, ranging from undergraduate students to research scientists, providing them with a valuable platform to engage with recent advancements and critical research challenges in Structural Biology, Bioinformatics, Genomics, and Computer-Aided Drug Design.

The inaugural function was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, who released the ICSBCADD'25 Souvenir. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Convenor and Organizing Secretary, ICSBCADD'25; Dr. M. Krishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), Thiruvavur; Prof. D. Velmurugan,

Member Secretary, TANSCH, Chennai; Prof. Chun-Jung Chen, Research Scientist, National Synchrotron Radiation Research Centre (NSRRC), Taiwan; Mr. P. Poongumaran, Managing Director, TICEL Bio Park Ltd., TIDCO Centre for Life Science (promoted by the Government of Tamil Nadu), Chennai; and Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate. Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Singh served as the Co-Convenor of ICSBCADD'25.

During the conference, eminent scientists from across India delivered insightful lectures on core research areas. Industry experts from Schrödinger and Molecular Solutions also addressed the participants, highlighting the practical feasibility and diverse applications of drug discovery and structural biology from an industrial perspective.

A total of 25 invited delegates from various parts of India participated in the three-day event. The conference received 96 abstracts, including plenary lectures, oral presentations, and poster presentations. The ICSBCADD'25 Souvenir comprised abstracts of the plenary lectures as well as the accepted abstracts for oral and poster presentations.

The valedictory function was held on the final day of the event. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Professor, Department of Bioinformatics, welcomed the gathering. The conference and workshop reports were presented by Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Bioinformatics. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address, and Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, offered his felicitations. Dr. R.M. Vidhyavathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioinformatics, expressed gratitude to all the sponsors and contributors in her vote of thanks.

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding Between TICEL Bio Park Ltd., Chennai &



The TICEL Bio Park Ltd., Chennai and Alagappa University, Karaikudi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 17th Dec 2025, during the inaugural function of the International Conference-cum-Workshop on Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design – 2025 (ICSBCADD'25). This initiative was mainly to provide internship as well as employment opportunities for the students and research scholars from the science departments of Alagappa University. Additionally, the MoU also fosters academia-industry interactions leading to innovation in scientific research and development through positive research collaborations. In his Industrial Innovation Address, Mr. P. Poongumaran, Managing Director, TICEL Bio Park Ltd., Chennai, highlighted the importance of strong academia-industry linkages in translating research outcomes into commercially viable solutions. He further highlighted the importance of innovation in scientific research, which could consequentially lead to the nation's development.

GRAND UNITY MARCH MARKS THE 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRON MAN OF INDIA



Under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, The NSS Cell, Alagappa University College of Physical Education, NCC and Dept. of History, Alagappa University, in association with My Bharat Kendra, Sivagangai, organised a Unity March on October 31, 2025, to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The programme commenced with the Integrity Pledge, taken by all the participants as a mark of commitment to the ideals of unity and national integrity.

The Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, Prof. G. Ravi, and the Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Thiru S. Mangudi, jointly inaugurated the Unity March. The rally that started from the Alagappa University College of Physical Education concluded at the Karaikudi New Bus Station, passing through prominent areas of the city. A large number of NSS and NCC volunteers, along with personnel from the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Amaravathipudur, actively participated in the march, carrying placards and chanting slogans that reflected the spirit of national integration and harmony.

The event began with a welcome address delivered by Dr. M. Natarajan, NSS Coordinator, Alagappa University, who highlighted the importance of observing National Unity Day as a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision of a strong and united India. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor remarked that the Unity March is a tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's vision of a united India. He emphasized that the youth must draw inspiration from Patel's leadership and work with commitment and discipline and contribute to nation-building activities.

Thiru S. Mangudi, MLA, Karaikudi Constituency, in his Special Address, commended Alagappa University for its continuous efforts in nurturing patriotism, discipline, and social commitment among students. He encouraged the youth to carry forward Patel's legacy by contributing to national development and unity.

Mr. PV. Praveen Kumar, District Youth Welfare Officer, My Bharat Kendra, Sivaganagi, delivered the keynote address. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, and Prof. M. Sundar, Principal, AUCPE, offered their felicitations. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, NCC Officer, Alagappa University.



National Unity Day

150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL COMMEMORATED



The Department of History organized a grand celebration on National Unity Day to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, presided over the function and delivered the Presidential Address. He paid glowing tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, recalling his decisive role in integrating over 560 princely states into the Indian Union soon after independence. He observed that Patel's leadership was characterized by determination, courage, and administrative brilliance that laid the foundation for a united and modern India. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized that Patel's vision of "One India, Strong India" continues to inspire generations even today. He urged the youth to emulate Patel's values of discipline, honesty, and dedication and contribute to nation-building activities. Stressing the importance of unity in diversity, Prof. G. Ravi noted that the strength of India lies in its ability to harmonize differences and work collectively toward development.

Dr. P. Rajan, Former Professor and Head, Department of History, Annamalai University, delivered the Special Address. In his speech, he vividly highlighted Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's monumental contribution to the making of a united India. Dr. Rajan explained how Patel's pragmatic approach and statesmanship during the post-independence period ensured the peaceful integration of princely states without violence — a political achievement unmatched in modern world history. He further elaborated that Patel's efforts

were not limited to political unification but extended to building a robust administrative framework through the establishment of the Indian Civil Services. These institutions, he pointed out, continue to safeguard India's democratic and federal structure. Dr. Rajan reminded the audience that understanding Patel's leadership provides young citizens with valuable lessons on responsibility, decision-making, and nation-first ideology.

Earlier, Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of History, delivered the welcome address, stressing the importance of celebrating National Unity Day as a reminder of Patel's unwavering commitment to national integration. At the end of the event Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History, proposed a vote of thanks.

TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "TALENT ACCELERATION: CORPORATE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND INNOVATION" ORGANISED



The Department of Corporate Secretaryship of Alagappa University organised a two-day International Seminar on "Talent Acceleration: Corporate Sustainable Growth and Innovation" in collaboration with Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Career Hub funded under MHRD-RUSA 2.0. Presiding over the inaugural function. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, said that with a view to ensuring sustainable growth, Alagappa University has established six small scale industries on its campus with the support of the University's alumni. "If you wish to compete with other nations it is essential to continuously accelerate our

talents”, he added. The University had submitted a proposal in 1996 itself for manufacture of 'Semi-conductor chip' and the Government of India has now planned to invest Rs. 1.6 lakh crores for manufacture of chips under 'India Semi-Conductor Mission' (ISM) he remarked.

Inaugurating the Seminar, Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Former Registrar & Controller of Examinations of Alagappa University, said that the talent acceleration is needed for developing leadership qualities, internal mobility and skill to cope with latest advancements in technology. The 2025 Nobel Prize winners Joyal Mohir of the U.S.A, Peter Hovort of Canada and Philippe Aghion of France have discovered that technological development and innovation only will ensure sustained economic growth, he added.

Earlier Prof. C. Vethirajan, Head of the Department of Corporate Secretaryship, welcomed the gathering. Prof. A. Morarji delivered the thematic address. Prof. Saravanan of IIM (Trichy), Prof. Mayil Murugan, Head of the Department of Commerce, Madura College, Madurai and Practising Company Secretary Thiru K. Narayanan delivered special addresses. Prof. SP. Mathiraj proposed a vote of thanks.

DIRECTORATE OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM ORGANISES WORKSHOP ON “E-OFFICE APPLICATION DEMO”



The Directorate of Management Information System (DMIS) of Alagappa University organized a workshop titled “E-Office Application Demo” on 30th Oct 2025, at the Department of Economics and Rural Development Seminar Hall.

The session commenced with a welcome

address by Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Director (i/c), MIS. In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the importance of digital transformation in administrative processes and highlighted how the E-Office Application would enhance efficiency, transparency, and paperless communication across the University's departments.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the felicitation address, appreciating the initiative of the Directorate in introducing digital administrative tools that align with the vision of a smart and sustainable university system.

Following this, Dr. S. Santhoshkumar gave a detailed presentation on the E-Office Application, explaining its key features, objectives, and practical usage, and demonstrated its functionality to the participants; and the MIS Team Members Mrs.S.Pradeepa, Mr.M.Mohamed Jassim and Mr.A.Karthick helped in organising this event.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation of faculty members and administrative staff. 70 attendees derived benefit from the session. The event marked another step forward in the University's journey toward a fully digital and efficient administrative ecosystem.

18 STUDENTS SELECTED FOR INDIAN ARMED SERVICES HONOURED



Eighteen students from the Department of Physical Education have been selected to render service in the Indian Army, as per the results released in September 2025. A felicitation ceremony to honour the selected students was held on 22.12.2025 at the Physical Education Department. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the function and congratulated the selected students. He stated that serving in the

Indian Army is a highly prestigious one. He emphasized that students should continue their efforts with dedication and focus in order to secure such employment opportunities. He also advised the students to make full use of the free training facilities available within the University to face competitive examinations and strive to achieve success. He said that with sustained effort and hard work success can be achieved in any field. He further noted that participation in group discussions and related activities is essential for students to succeed easily in competitive examinations and interviews.

During the event, Prof. T. R. Gurumoorthy made an inspiring speech and said unstinted effort and training play a vital role in making students succeed in competitive examinations. He added that by effectively utilizing available opportunities and developing their skills, students can achieve success in life.

It may be noted here that all the selected students are members of the NCC Unit functioning at the University. Dr. M. Sundar, Principal of the AUCPE, Prof. P. Kaleeswaran and Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, spoke at the event. Ms. Durga Devi, an NCC Cadet, delivered the welcome address, and another NCC Cadet Mr. Prabhu proposed the vote of thanks.

FOUR STUDENTS OF AUCPE SELECTED TO PLAY FOR INDIAN TEAM AT ASIA-LEVEL GOAL SHOT BALL TOURNAMENT



Students of the Alagappa University College of Physical Education (AUCPE) recently participated in the South India Men's Handball Tournament held in Kanyakumari on 1st and 2nd

Nov 2025 and secured the fourth place. The same team won the first place in the State-level Men's Handball Tournament held on October 2, 2025, in Ramanathapuram.

The team members met Alagappa University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi and showed him the trophy they had won.

It is noteworthy that three students from the AUCPE — M. Sathishkumar, S.S. Nikhil, and T. Karthikeyan — have been selected to play for the Indian Men's Team in the Asia-level International Goal Shot Ball Tournament to be held in Nepal from December 16 to 20. For the Women's Team, M.H. Rishwana Khushain from the College has also been selected. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the players on their achievements.

Dr. M. Sundar, Principal, AUCPE; Dr. P. Kaleeswaran, Handball Coach; and Dr. K. Sundar, District Secretary for Goal Shot Ball, were present on the occasion.

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING FOR SPORTS PERSONS



The inaugural ceremony of the Two-day Workshop on “Basic Life Support” (BLS) was held on 4.12.2025, at the indoor stadium of the AUCPE. Dr. M. Sundar, Principal, AUCPE, delivered the welcome address.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi who presided over the event stated that more than 45 skill-based training programmes had been conducted at Alagappa University over the past two months with the objective of improving students' individual skills. He said that training programme on Basic Life Support is essential for students of the College of Physical Education. Students must understand

BLS so that they can offer proper help during emergencies. This is especially important in situations involving cardiac arrest or respiratory failure, where immediate assistance can save lives. He added that during this two-day workshop, students will receive training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and in using devices such as the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which help sustain life until emergency medical care arrives. He urged students to learn how to use these devices properly.

Mr. Nandakumar, a leading medical skills trainer from Chennai, delivered the keynote address. He spoke about the importance of Basic Life Support and explained how to use CPR equipment during a heart attack, the rate at which compressions should be given, how to carry out the CPR procedure, and how to operate an AED immediately. He said that trained experts will provide hands-on training to 150 students per day, totalling 300 students over the two days. Those who complete the training will receive certificates. Another medical skills trainer, Ms. Anya Jerrin Bency, also delivered a lecture on the key components of Basic Life Support.

Faculty members and students of the AUCPE participated in the event. Dr. K. Sundar, Assistant Professor, proposed the vote of thanks.

THREE-DAY WORKSHOP ON “TRANSLATING COMPUTATIONAL INSIGHTS INTO CLINICAL ONCOLOGY AND FUTURE THERAPEUTICS”



A Three-day Workshop titled “Translating Computational Insights into clinical oncology and Future Therapeutics”, was organised by the Department of Biomedical Sciences, Alagappa University, in collaboration with the Centre for

Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Career Guidance under the RUSA 2.0 funding scheme, on 13.10.2025 at the Management Information Centre Seminar Hall in the Science Campus. Dr. K. Langeswaran, Head (i/c) of the Department of Biomedical Sciences, delivered the welcome address at the inaugural session.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi who presided over the event urged the students to use this opportunity to develop their professional skills and entrepreneurial abilities. He added that students should not wait for getting a suitable job but should grow into entrepreneurs who can create employment opportunities for others.

Dr. Sabitha Ramanathan, Head of the Department of Molecular Oncology, Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai, delivered the keynote address. She explained the prevalence and severity of cancer in society, the need for creating awareness, and the importance of early-stage treatment. Dr. Priya Ramanathan, also from the Department of Molecular Oncology, Adyar Cancer Institute, spoke about the emerging trends in cancer treatment methods; particularly, she highlighted the importance of immunotherapy.

Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Syndicate Member, in his address, spoke about the various national and international rankings obtained by Alagappa University. He encouraged the students attending the workshop to absorb the insights shared by experts in their fields and use them to enhance their research knowledge.

This comprehensive programme featured 24 hours of specialized training given by five distinguished resource persons: Dr. Sabitha Ramanathan, Professor and Head, Department of Molecular Oncology, Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai; Dr. Priya Ramanathan, Dr. P. Sangavi, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore; Prof. Chandrabose Selvaraj, CSRDD Lab, Bioinformatics Division, AMET University, Chennai; and Dr. M. Ravi, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, University of Madras, Chennai. The workshop strategically addressed four major dimensions of cancer research: clinical oncology, computational drug design, molecular modeling, and metabolic pathway targeting. Participants gained extensive exposure to mutation-induced chemotherapy



resistance mechanisms, emerging therapeutics including immunotherapy and CAR-T cell therapy, computer-aided drug design techniques, artificial intelligence applications in drug discovery, molecular dynamics simulations, and MARK-driven metabolic pathway targeting in breast cancer. The programme fostered interactive learning through case study analyses, hands-on computational sessions, and networking opportunities, equipping participants with cutting-edge knowledge and practical skills in contemporary cancer therapeutics research.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANISED



A blood donation camp was organized on 18.12.2025, at the University jointly by the NSS Cell, NCC Unit, Youth Red Cross, Indian Red Cross Society, University Health Care Centre, and Alagappa University Community Radio.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who inaugurated the camp, appreciated the students, research scholars, and staff members who voluntarily donated blood. The medical team from Sivagangai District Government Medical College, led by Blood Bank Medical Officer Dr. P. Sidhu Hari and Medical Officer Mr. Susai Raj, carried out the blood collection process.

The University Finance Officer (i/c) Prof. C. Vethirajan, President of Sivagangai District

Indian Red Cross Society Mr. V. Sundararaman, Dean of the Faculty of Management Dr. C. Yogalakshmi, Campus Director Prof. Maniyazhagu, University Medical Officer Dr. Aanandhi, University NCC Officer Lt. C. Vairavasundaram, Director (i/c) of Alagappa University Community Radio Dr. C. Sumathi, Youth Red Cross Coordinator Dr. K. Ganeshamoorthy, National Service Scheme Officers, and students participated in the event. The arrangements for the programme were made by NSS Coordinator Dr. M. Natarajan and NSS Programme Officer Dr. G. Vinayagamorthy.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON "GENDER DIVERSITY: UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECTING TRANS LIVES" ORGANISED



The Centre for Women's Studies recently organized an awareness programme titled "Gender Diversity: Understanding and Respecting the Trans Lives" on Dec 9th at the Dr. Umayal Ramanathan Hall. The event served as a platform to foster empathy, social integration, and academic support for the transgender community.

Dr. R. Portia, Director, CWS, in her welcome address, said that while the university has a long history of promoting women's empowerment, this initiative has marked a vital step toward inclusive social justice. In a moving gesture, she noted the university's tradition of planting saplings for every event, stating that today's tree planting represents the growth, resilience, and flourishing future of transgender individuals within our society.

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presented a powerful message on the correlation between inclusivity and national development. He argued that a nation cannot achieve progress by focusing solely on the

advancement of men and women; the upliftment of the transgender community is equally essential. Drawing comparisons to developed nations where gender diversity is more widely accepted, he urged the audience to treat transgender persons as integral members of the family and society. Following this, Prof. S. Rajaram, Syndicate Member, lauded the initiative, stressing that providing social recognition is a collective responsibility that requires active participation from all sectors of the community.

The highlight of the event was a special address by Ilam Nangai Sia, a prominent social activist. Sharing her personal journey, she shed light on the systemic challenges transgender people face, from family rejection to social invisibility. She pointed out a critical gap in public discourse: while women's rights are frequently discussed, the specific struggles of transgender people are often overlooked. She called for a shift in perspective, urging families to embrace all their children without discrimination. Demonstrating a commitment beyond mere dialogue, Dr. R. Portia, with the Vice-Chancellor's approval, announced three concrete support initiatives provided by the Centre for Women's Studies: Educational Support: Assistance for transgender individuals pursuing academic goals; Legal Aid: Access to free legal consultancy through the university's dedicated cell; Mental Health: Free psychological counseling to support emotional well-being and resilience.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Poulpunitha, Assistant Professor. To mark the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Guest Speaker Ilam Nangai Sia and other dignitaries participated in a tree-planting ceremony on the university campus. This act served as a lasting symbol of the university's dedication to nurturing a more diverse and respectful environment for all.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATED



The Children's Day was organised by the Centre for Nehru Studies on 14.11.2025 at the Veeru Kaviyarasar Mudiayarasar Auditorium of the University. Dr. Chitradevi, Coordinator of the Centre for Nehru Studies, delivered the welcome address.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event, said the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, is celebrated aptly as Children's Day because Pandit Nehru loved children deeply and believed that they are the future of the nation. He emphasised that the proper care of children is essential for the country's development. By ensuring that children receive necessary education and nutrition, we can help them grow into disciplined members of the society. As children are the nation's wealth and tomorrow's responsible citizens, he urged parents and teachers to guide them properly. They must be taught the need to protect the land, save water, and use resources wisely. He also pointed out that good health is essential; only those who are healthy can contribute to the nation's progress. Students from the Alagappa University Special School for Persons with Disabilities presented group dance, yoga, and other cultural performances.

The special guest, Rtn PHF. G. Muthukumaran, President of the Karaikudi Heritage Rotary Club, in his special address, referred to the importance of Pandit Nehru's book *The Discovery of India*. He also advised students on what the India of the future should be like and how they should build their own lives. He explained the principles and vision of the Heritage Rotary Club through examples from the *Thirukkural*. Dr. E. Bharathirani, Assistant Professor of Tamil at Alagappa Government Arts College, also addressed the gathering, quoting couplets from the *Thirukkural* on education. Certificates and medals were presented to students who secured places in various competitions.

Dr. G. Rajeswari, Deputy Coordinator of the Centre for Nehru Studies, delivered the vote of thanks.

"Earn While You Learn Scheme"

94 STUDENTS RECEIVE PART-TIME APPOINTMENT ORDERS



A total of 94 students from various departments, including the Colleges of Education and Physical Education of Alagappa University, received part-time appointment orders under the "Earn While You Learn Scheme (2025–26)" meant for economically disadvantaged students from the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Ravi, at a function held on 02.12.2025 at the Umayal Ramanathan Seminar Hall.

The Vice-Chancellor stated that for this scheme, two students from each department were selected. A committee comprising department heads, faculty deans, members of the Syndicate, and the Dean of Students Welfare selected the students following the prescribed guidelines.

Each selected student will receive a monthly stipend of Rs. 2,000. The expenditure for this scheme will be met from the University Research Fund. The stipend will be provided for four months, from December 2025 to March 2026. Students must work for a minimum of three hours per day outside their regular class hours. They have to carry out the tasks assigned to them under the guidance of the respective department heads, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor further stated that Alagappa University continues to excel in teaching, research, and extension activities, consistently securing various national and international rankings. As a result, students from Tamil Nadu as well as from other States are eager to study at Alagappa University. The University is committed to the welfare of its teachers, administrative staff, and students. Particularly, the university ensures that all necessary facilities are provided to students

to create an environment conducive to learning.

The event was attended by Syndicate members Prof. V. Palanisamy and Prof. S. Rajaram, along with Department Heads. Earlier, Prof. C. Vethirajan, Dean, Students Welfare, welcomed the gathering, and Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, proposed the vote of thanks.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON FIRE SAFETY MEASURES AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES ORGANISED



The AUCE organized a programme on Fire Safety Measures and Rescue Techniques on 18.12.2025 to create awareness among students, faculty members, and administrative staff on fire safety and emergency response. Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala welcomed the participants.

The inaugural address was delivered by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, and he emphasized the significance of integrating fire safety measures into the academic curriculum. He urged the audience to treat fire safety as an essential life skill that must be understood by everyone, irrespective of their field of study or profession. The technical session on Fire Safety Measures and Rescue Techniques was led by experts in the field. The session included live demonstrations of fire safety protocols, evacuation drills, and rescue techniques. The interactive demonstration allowed attendees to gain hands-on experience in handling fire emergencies, including the use of fire extinguishers, emergency exits, and first-aid techniques. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. C. Anbuchelvan, Associate Professor. Officials and personnel from the Karaikudi Fire and Rescue Services Department participated in the event and provided practical demonstration on fire safety and rescue operations extinguishers, identifying emergency exit routes, and administering first-aid.

Significance of Self-reliance

GRAND 156TH GANDHI JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS



The 156th Gandhi Jayanti Celebration was jointly organized by the Centre for Gandhian Studies, the AUCE, and the Department of Education on 06.10.2025. All the special guests paid homage by garlanding and offering flowers to the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. G. Sivakumar, Director of the Centre, welcomed the participants.

Presiding over the function Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi explained to the students about the relevance and significance of self-reliance and world peace and urged them to follow the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi in their lives for achieving inner peace.

Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan, delivered the inaugural address. Mr. Urumathaana, Member of the Tamil Nadu Bhodan Board, was the special guest. He mentioned the important events from Mahatma Gandhi's life and also spoke about Vinoba Bhave's Bhodan Movement.

Dr. Muthulakshmi Subramanian, Honorary Principal of Madurai Gandhi Studies College, spoke on the greatness of teachers and Gandhian principles. Controller of Examinations Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Dean of the Faculty of Education Prof. G. Kalaiyarasan, and Principal of AUCE Dr. Merlyn Sashikala offered their felicitations.

In connection with the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, the Khadi Products Exhibition set up at the College of Education was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor and it was visited by special guests and students.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sasikumar, Deputy Director of the Centre for

Gandhian Studies.

Engaging Youth in Climate Action through Adventure Sports

PARAGLIDING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



NSS Unit, Alagappa University and Alagappa University College of Physical Education (AUCPE), in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Climate Change and the Sivagangai District Climate Change Mission, organized a "Climate Change Awareness Programme – Air Adventure Paragliding and Skill Development Training" on 26.11.2025 at the Umayal Stadium at AUCPE.

The objective of the event was to create awareness among students about the enormous threats posed by climate change and to involve youth actively in environmental protection through adventure sports.

Dr. M. Natarajan, NSS Coordinator of Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering and explained the importance of the programme. Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, who presided over the event, stressed the importance of youth participation in resilience efforts against climate change. He noted that higher education institutions should play a key role in spreading environmental awareness among students and students should take the message to the public. He appreciated the innovative approach of combining adventure sports with climate awareness.

In his felicitation address, Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, said that protecting sanctuaries, wetlands, and water bodies is very essential for mitigating climate change. He urged students to act as ambassadors of sustainability in their communities.

Prof. M. Sundar, Principal of AUCPE, praised the university authorities for providing students with the rare opportunity to experience paragliding. Mr. R. Anand Nagaraj, District Green Fellow, Department of Environment and Climate Change, explained in detail the adaptation methods related to climate change. Mr. P. Babu, Indian Aero Sports and Science Trainer, along with his team, provided air adventure paragliding training to the NSS volunteers of Alagappa University.

As part of the event, eco-friendly yellow cloth bags were distributed to NSS volunteers to encourage the avoidance of plastic.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. K. Divya, NSS Programme Officer. NSS officers Dr. G. Vinayagamorthy, Dr. P. Yoga, Dr. M. Magendra Prabu and students of the College of Physical Education participated in the event.

MEGA SWACHHATA CLEANLINESS DRIVE CONDUCTED



On behalf of the NSS, a Mega Swachhata Cleanliness Drive was conducted on 13.10.2025 at the Green Park established in the Postgraduate Block,

Inaugurating the event Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, emphasized that the role of NSS volunteers is very important in protecting the environment, and that it is the responsibility of everyone to keep the university campus and surrounding areas clean. He further stated that NSS volunteers should not only plant saplings for protecting the environment but also help in conserving water so as to leave a clean and healthy environment for future generations. He urged volunteers to play an active role in preventing pollution of air, water bodies, and soil. He also exhorted them to take this message to the general public and create awareness among them.

The event was attended by Syndicate Member Prof. S. Rajaram and NSS officers; more than 250 volunteers from the Faculty of Arts participated in the cleanliness drive. Earlier, NSS Officer Dr. N. Johnson welcomed the gathering, and NSS Officer Dr. G. Gopu delivered the vote of thanks.

THREE-DAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP FOR FUTURE YOUNG LEADERS BOOT CAMP CONDUCTED



The NSS Cell, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, My Bharat Kendra, Sivagangai, and Heartfulness Institute, Sivagangai jointly organized a three-day “Leadership Training Camp for Future Young Leaders Boot Camp” from 13.12.2025 to 15.12.2025 under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India. The inaugural function of the camp was held on 13.12.2025 at the Amaravathipudur Rural Training Centre.

The main objectives of this camp included developing leadership skills among youth, enhancing life skills, strengthening a sense of social responsibility, fostering unity and brotherhood, and increasing the participation of NSS volunteers in nation-building activities. In addition, creating awareness on drug-free living, digital literacy, financial inclusion, and other major initiatives of the Government of India, along with promoting discipline, teamwork, ethical leadership, and inner well-being, were the other key objectives of the camp.

During the inaugural function, the Sivagangai District Youth Welfare Officer, Mr. P.V. Praveen Kumar, My Bharat Kendra, Sivagangai, in his welcome address highlighted the importance of leadership training for today's youth and

emphasized the significant role of the National Service Scheme in shaping socially responsible citizens.

The NSS Programme Coordinator of Alagappa University Dr. M. Natarajan delivered the keynote address in which, he stressed the importance of experiential learning and service-oriented leadership. Active participation of youth in training programmes of this kind would help them contribute to national development, he added. He expressed confidence that this residential training camp would play a role in creating socially responsible, skilled, and value-based future leaders.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, participated as the chief guest and addressed the gathering. He stated that the Government provides various training programmes to enhance the skills of the youth. He emphasized that young people should continuously and consciously work to improve their skills. He described this camp as a valuable opportunity for NSS volunteers to develop leadership qualities, self-confidence, and social commitment. He also shared the leadership training experiences he obtained from the University of Hyderabad and Monash University, Australia, and encouraged students to make full use of such opportunities.

Mr. Senthil Kumar, State Director, My Bharat Kendra, Tamil Nadu, emphasized the significance of the camp. He said the training would help to promote drug-free living, digital literacy and financial inclusion, and it would also help in creating awareness about key Government of India schemes among the youth through the trained student leaders.

Mr. Pandikumar, Regional Coordinator, Heartfulness Institute, Sivagangai, in his special address, highlighted the importance of meditation, self-discipline, and inner balance for developing ethical and effective leadership.

At the end of the programme, Mr. K.V.K. Yoganathan, Director, Yoga Trust, delivered the vote of thanks.

A total of 35 NSS volunteers from Alagappa University and its affiliated colleges participated in the camp. Mrs. J. Alamelu, Director, Amaravathipudur Rural Training Centre, Dr. G.

Vinayagamorthy, NSS Officer, Alagappa University and other NSS Officers from the University and affiliated colleges, participated in the programme.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP AND AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON DRUG ABUSE AND CYBERCRIME ORGANISED



The Youth Red Cross, Alagappa University, organized a free medical camp for the benefit of Faculty Members and Administrative Staff on 14.10.2025 at the University Convocation Hall. Besides, a one-day Workshop titled “Drug Abuse Prevention Awareness, Cybercrime Awareness” was conducted.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who inaugurated the events noted that India has the largest youth population in the world and stressed the need for youth to stay away from all kinds of addictions, especially drug addiction. He cautioned about the harmful effects of radiation caused by excessive mobile phone usage.

Thiru. Ashish Poonia, IPS, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Karaikudi Sub-Division, participated in the event and delivered a talk. He quoted the 1033rd couplet of the *Thirukkural*, and urged students to protect themselves from crimes that arise through cyber activities.

Mr. Ramsundar Suresh, Founder and Director of the HebeSec Technologies, delivered a detailed presentation on how to handle technology safely and responsibly. Syndicate Member Prof. V. Palanisami, and Head of the Department of Corporate Secretaryship and Finance Officer (i/c) Prof. C. Vethirajan spoke at the function. Thiru. V. Sundararaman, Chairman, Indian Red Cross

Society, Sivagangai District, explained the purpose and importance of this awareness programme.

Earlier, Dr. K. Ganesamoorthy, Coordinator, Youth Red Cross, Alagappa University, welcomed the participants and at the end of the event Dr. K. Rameshkumar, Deputy Coordinator of the Youth Red Cross, proposed a vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF ARTS CENTRE FOR TAMIL CULTURE

மகாகவி பாரதியார் பிறந்த நாள் விழா



அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மையம் மற்றும் நுண்கலைத்துறை இணைந்து 11.12.2025 அன்று அழகப்பா அருங்காட்சியகத்தில் மகாகவி பாரதியார் பிறந்தநாள் விழா கொண்டாடப்பெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்விற்கு முனைவர் சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை, இயக்குநர், தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மையம் மற்றும் தலைவர், நுண்கலைத்துறை, அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், காரைக்குடி அவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கினார். அவர் தமது தலைமை உரையில், மகாகவி பாரதியாரின் சிந்தனைகள், சமூகச் சீர்திருத்தக் கருத்துகள் மற்றும் தேசிய உணர்வு குறித்து விளக்கி, இத்தகைய விழாக்கள் மாணவர்களின் பண்பாட்டு விழிப்புணர்வை வளர்க்கும் எனக் குறிப்பிட்டார்.

பின்னர் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் முனைவர் அ. பாரதிராணி, உதவிப்பேராசிரியர், தமிழ் உயராய்வு மையம், அழகப்பா அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரி, காரைக்குடி அவர்கள் யாமறிந்த புலவரிலே என்ற தலைப்பில், பாரதியாரின் இலக்கியப் பெருமை, சமூகப் பங்களிப்பு மற்றும் தேசபக்தி குறித்து உரையாற்றினார். நுண்கலைத்துறை உதவிப்பயிற்றுநர்கள் முனைவர் மூ. கண்ணதாசன் வரவேற்புரை வழங்க, முனைவர் சு. இலாவண்யா, நன்றியுரை ஆற்றினார். இவ்விழா மாணவர்களிடையே தேசிய உணர்வையும் சமூக விழிப்புணர்வையும் வளர்க்கும் வகையில் அமைந்தது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

International Webinar on Importance of Interaction in English Classes

The Department of English and Foreign Languages organised an International Webinar on 10th October, Friday 2025 with Prof. Kate Mastruserio Reynolds from Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington, the USA as the guest of honour. Prof. P.Madhan, Head of the Department of English and Foreign Languages welcomed the gathering online. Prof. Kate Mastruserio Reynolds began her discourse by stating that gone are the days when in the classrooms, only the teachers of English would go on speaking and articulating their view-points on the prescribed lessons with students being as mere passive listeners. But, in the contemporary classrooms, students are encouraged not to be passive individuals but to be active performers. She further illustrated that teachers should encourage and enthuse the learners not only to listen but also to speak, reply, and to actively participate in classroom discussions. She highlighted the point that unless students are engaged in English conversations and presentations, it would be difficult for them to learn and effectively use English Language. She further urged the students to read English literary works and listen to English speeches and lectures so enthusiastically that they incorporate key language inputs from them for the further enrichment of their English. In addition to that, she opined that to develop passion for learning and speaking English is vital, adding that anything done out of compulsion would not produce the desired results. Besides, she remarked that regular reading of newspapers will enable students to fathom the current usages of language which is never static but keeps evolving along with the passage of time. She wound up her lecture by voicing the view that an ideal classroom is one where students speak, present and discuss more vibrantly than the teachers who can play the role only as facilitators. Postgraduate students, research scholars and faculty of the Department took part in the Webinar. In the end, Dr. SPM.Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor of English, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

International Webinar on Gender in Shakespeare's Era

The Department of English and Foreign Languages conducted an International Webinar on 17th October, Wednesday with Prof. Sarah Dustagheer, Head of the School of Humanities, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, England. At the beginning Prof. P. Madhan, Head of the Department of English delivered the welcome address. Following that, Prof. Sarah Dustagheer delivered her key-note address on Gender in Shakespeare's Era. She presented her view-points as follows: The condition of women during the Elizabethan era that happens to be Shakespeare's era was more elevated than it was before. She referred to the reign of Queen Elizabeth as a testament to the greater status of women during 16th century. Further, making references to Shakespeare's reputed women characters such as Cordelia in *King Lear*, Ophelia in *Hamlet*, Desdemona in *Othello* and Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*, Prof. Sarah Dustagheer sought to establish her view-point that the status of women was higher and nobler in Shakespeare's era in England. She rushed to mention that though exceptions might have been there, by and large, women's way of life and the position they held in society are worthy of admiration. If Shakespeare's plays reflect the socio, political and cultural conditions of his age, his women characters reflect the womenfolk of his times, she argued. Prof. Sarah Dustagheer explained that discriminatory beliefs and practices against women were there but they were overwhelmed by the lofty positions of women of Shakespeare's age. Her references to Portia in *The Merchant of Venice* as the epitome of intellectual acumen, Cordelia in *King Lear* as the paragon of morals, Desdemona in *Othello* as the embodiment of kindness and Ophelia in *Hamlet* as the personification of honesty and pure love speak volumes about the lofty, elevated and creditable status of women in the 16th Century England. Prof. Sarah Dustagheer sensitised the students and scholars to make the most of their study and exploration of these Shakespearean characters. The postgraduate students, research scholars and faculty of the Department participated in the

Webinar. In the end Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor of English, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES Special Lecture on "Life Skill Techniques"

On 14th October 2025, the Department of Women's Studies organized a special lecture on "Life Skill Techniques." Dr. P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering. She highlighted the importance of life skills in empowering young women to face real-life challenges with confidence and emphasized the role of such programmes for the holistic development of students.



The special lecture was delivered by Dr. Nageswari, Former Principal, Seethalakshmi Achi College for Women, Pallathur. She elaborately discussed various life skill techniques such as effective communication, time management, problem-solving, developing emotional intelligence, stress management, and confidence building. She emphasized the need for self-awareness and positive thinking in personal and professional life. She also explained how life skills help students adapt to changing social and academic environments. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistant, Department of Women's Studies.



Nine-Day Residential Tailoring Training Programme for Women Entrepreneurs Organised



In collaboration with Usha International Limited, Native Medicare Charitable Trust & Yoga Skill Development Research & Training Institute, the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University organised a Nine-Day Residential Tailoring Training Programme for Women Entrepreneurs of Sivagangai District, Tamil Nadu from 24th October, 2025 to 1st November 2025 at Mary Wollstonecraft Conference Hall. The inaugural ceremony of this programme was held on 24th October, 2025. Dr.P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, inaugurated the programme and emphasised the importance of economic empowerment of women and its impact on family, society and nation as well. Mr. Vadivelan Perumal, Department Manager, USHA International Ltd. in his felicitation address referred to the activities of USHA International Ltd towards women empowerment and community development. Ms. M. Kamatchi, Entrepreneur, Aster Fashion Designing and Tailoring, said that the programme is not just making a cloth, it is about providing economic empowerment that build a better future for women and their families.



The training ended on 1st November 2025. The Vice-Chancellor presided over the valedictory ceremony and appreciated the beneficiaries for their commitment, and dedication in completing the nine-day training programme. He added that due to dual role women play, they face unique challenges in accessing employment and skill development programmes which act as transformative agents of change and said that women can overcome these challenges by building self –confidence, determination, and commitment towards their work. In the valedictory address, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, exhorted the beneficiaries to use this effective training for their livelihood, and urged them to provide such kind of training in their area for the upliftment of rural women. In his felicitation address, Prof.S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, said that the programme has not only equipped the beneficiaries on tailoring skills but also increased their self-confidence and created employment opportunities that help improve their standard of living. Mr. Michael, D. Annaraj, Director, Tiruppur Rural Uplift Project Association (TRUPA), Mr.A.S. Sankaranaryanan, Chief Functionary, Native Medicare Charitable Trust, and Mr. Vadivelan Perumal, Usha International Ltd., facilitated the programme. Mr. V.K. Yoganathan, Managing Director, Yoga Skill Development Research & Training Institute, proposed a vote of thanks. In the training programme women learnt from pedalling to stitching different dresses for children, women and adolescent girls. They were also trained on machine-maintenance that would help in proper functioning of sewing machines. At the end of the programme free tailoring machines were given to 15 women beneficiaries. The programme was organised and co-ordinated by Dr.P. Veeramani, Head i/c Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University.

Special Lecture on the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)



The Department organised a special lecture on the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) on 03.11.2025. The programme aimed to create awareness about ICC that is designed to provide a safe, non-discriminatory, and confidential environment for addressing sexual harassment at workplace. Dr. P. Veeramani welcomed the gathering. The lecture was delivered by Dr. R. Radhika Devi, Director, Women's Studies Centre, Madurai Kamaraj University; she explained the purpose, functions, and procedures of the ICC. The session aimed to create awareness among students about ensuring a safe and supportive environment within the university.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

The Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Office, Sivagangai, and various University Departments and partner institutions, organised the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence from 25th Nov to 10th Dec 2025. The campaign aligned with the United Nations theme, "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls."



The objective of the programme was to create awareness on gender-based violence, promote gender equality, strengthen institutional mechanisms for grievance redressal, and empower women and girls through academic initiatives, outreach activities, competitions, media engagement, and community participation.

The campaign commenced on 25th Nov 2025 with a Pledge Taking Ceremony and Selfie Campaign at the Faculty of Arts Campus. Faculty members and students collectively pledged to promote safe digital practices and stand against online harassment and cyber abuse.

On 26th Nov 2025, an Awareness Programme on Digital Violence and Safe Digital Practices was conducted at Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi, in collaboration with the Department of Computer Science. The programme sensitised school students to cyber risks, online safety, and responsible digital behaviour.

On 27th Nov 2025, an outreach programme was organised for MGNREGA women workers at Mathur Village, Sivagangai District, in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Office, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Department of Economics and Rural Development, and BEEM Trust. The session focused on digital safety, ethical use of mobile technologies, and protection from online exploitation.

On 28th Nov 2025, an Awareness Programme on the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) was conducted in collaboration with IQAC, ICC, Women Harassment Prevention Cell, and District Legal Cell, Karaikudi. The programme enhanced awareness on gender sensitivity, grievance redressal mechanisms, and legal safeguards against workplace harassment.

Further community-based programmes were organised: 1st Dec 2025 - Awareness Programme on Women Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, and Digital Safety at Kottaiyur. 2nd Dec 2025 - Awareness Programme on Women Welfare Schemes and Empowerment at Thachapilanpatti Village. 3rd Dec 2025 - Awareness Programme on Ending Violence and Promoting Peace in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education. These programmes focused on digital literacy, entrepreneurship, peace-building, and social harmony.

As part of the campaign's outreach, a series of radio talks were broadcast through Alagappa University Community Radio (90.8 FM): 29th Nov 2025 – Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, delivered a talk on "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence." 30th Nov 2025 – Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, addressed listeners on the theme of the campaign. 6th Dec 2025 – Dr. M. Jothi Basu delivered a radio talk on "16 Days of

Activism.” 7th Dec 2025 – Dr. B. Sudha presented a special awareness talk marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. These sessions expanded awareness beyond the campus and reached the wider community.

To encourage active student participation, several competitions were organised: 4th Dec 2025 - PowerPoint Presentation Competition on “Ending Digital Gender-Based Violence,” in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Office and the Department of Computational Logistics. 4th Dec 2025 - Quiz Competition on laws and policies related to women and children, organised with the Department of Computer Applications. 5th Dec 2025 - Poster Making Competition on “Stop Gender-Based Violence in the Digital World,” in collaboration with the Department of English and Foreign Languages. Additionally, on 5th Dec 2025, an awareness programme titled “Empowering Women Entrepreneurs and Ending Digital Violence” was organised at the Faculty of Management Seminar Hall. The session highlighted women's entrepreneurship, digital safety, and institutional mechanisms to prevent cyber violence.

On 8th Dec 2025, a Signature Campaign to End Digital Violence was conducted in collaboration with the District Social Welfare Office and various University Departments. Faculty Members, staff and students signed a pledge demonstrating collective commitment to safe and inclusive digital spaces.

On 9th Dec 2025, an Art Gallery Exhibition on “UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls” was organised at the Mary Wollstonecraft Conference Hall. The exhibition showcased paintings, posters, sketches, and digital artworks highlighting issues such as cyberbullying, online harassment, and digital identity. The event used art as a medium to promote awareness and collective responsibility.

Valedictory Function

The Valedictory Function marking the culmination of the 16-Day Campaign was held on 10th Dec 2025. Dr. P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, delivered the welcome address and presented the outcomes of the

campaign. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the function and highlighted the growing concerns of digital violence, including cyberstalking, identity theft, and online harassment. While acknowledging the benefits of digital technology in education and empowerment, he emphasised the need for digital literacy, legal awareness, and responsible online behaviour.



Mrs. Rathidevi, District Social Welfare Officer, delivered the valedictory address, sharing real-life cases of digital exploitation and underscored the importance of awareness, parental guidance, and preventive measures. Several dignitaries offered felicitation addresses. Prizes were distributed to winners of the competitions conducted during the campaign. Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistant, proposed the vote of thanks.

More than 500 students from schools, colleges, and university departments participated in the campaign, demonstrating strong institutional commitment to ending gender-based violence.

Two – Day National Workshop on Gender Sensitization: Women's Rights are Human Rights

In observance of UN Human Rights Day, the Department of Women's Studies organised a “Two-day National Workshop on Gender Sensitization: Women's Rights are Human Rights” on 11th & 12th Dec 2025 through hybrid mode.

Dr. P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering and explained the significance of Human Rights Day. She stated that the workshop aimed to dismantle gender stereotypes and create a conducive environment for both boys and girls to utilise their skills and innovative thinking for their development

and society. She encouraged students to disseminate the knowledge gained from the workshop, which promotes the ideal “Women's Rights are Human Rights.”

In the first technical session on 11th Dec 2025, Dr. S. Jaliap Deen, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, highlighted the key elements of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution and focused on Articles 12 to 35 in Part III, dealing with Fundamental Rights. He noted that the Constitution guarantees comprehensive rights to women, ensuring equality, non-discrimination, and socio-economic and political empowerment.

In the second session, Dr. Sree Govind Bharatvaraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Jain University, Kochi, discussed contemporary media culture in defining gender roles and reinforcing traditional stereotypes. He examined how media projection of women as objects contributes to sexual harassment and violence, while also acknowledging positive media initiatives that promote changing gender norms and support women in public and private spheres. He urged students to create documentary and short films that deconstruct prevailing gender norms.

In the third session, Dr. Dileep Kumar S. Navale, Forensic Psychologist, Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Kalaburagi, spoke on the role of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in introducing legal reforms to dismantle patriarchal oppression. As the first Law Minister, Dr. Ambedkar advocated for the Hindu Code Bill to secure women's rights in inheritance, divorce, and marriage. The speaker also discussed the Women Reservation Bill 2023 and special laws enacted for women's empowerment and safety, including the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act.

In the fourth session, Dr. Ratan Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Tezpur University, Assam, highlighted the significance of Human Rights Day and discussed the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which ensures equality, dignity, non-discrimination, and accessibility. He noted

provisions such as 4% job reservation and 5% reservation in higher education.

In the fifth session, Dr. Shivakumar Kandekar, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, Ministry of Education, emphasised the importance of women's education in socio-economic empowerment. He stated that education enables women to break the cycle of poverty, challenge gender stereotypes, and promote gender equality. He also highlighted women's contribution to STEM and noted that equal access and participation of women and girls in STEM is essential to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Awareness Campaign on “Let Us Attain Equality” (Samathuvam Kaanbom)



The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Center for Social Justice & Equity and Madras School of Social Work and the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University jointly organized the three-day caste free society awareness campaign - “Samathuvam Kaanbom” from 15th Dec – 17th Dec 2025 at schools, colleges and public spaces in Sivagangai and Ramnad Districts. The programme aimed to sensitise participants to the issues related to discrimination, inequality, and human rights, while fostering inclusive, egalitarian, and socially responsible attitudes. The inaugural ceremony of the Awareness Campaign “Samathuvam Kaanbom” was held on 15th December 2025 at the Morning Star Arts and Science College for Women, Pasumpon.

Dr. Amali, Principal of the College, highlighted the significance of fostering equality and social justice through educational initiatives.

Dr. R. Bhavanandi Vempulu, Director, Centre for Social Justice and Equality, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, delivered the keynote address and outlined the objectives of the campaign. He emphasized the vital role of students and educational institutions in promoting social consciousness, equality, and human rights within their communities.

Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examination, Alagappa University, who inaugurated the campaign, exhorted the students and the local community for their active participation in promoting casteless society. He highlighted the importance of creating a socially equitable and inclusive society and stressed the role of youth as agents of social change.

Thiru. Sankara Narayanan, District Revenue Officer, Ramanathapuram, addressed the audience by motivating them to integrate principles of equality, respect, and unity into their daily lives and community interactions. Thiru S. Sriram, Thasildar, Ramanathapuram District addressed the gathering on the vital role of law enforcement in protecting human rights and promoting social equality at the community level.



Sister Alphons Fathima, Founder and Campus Head of the Morning Star College, Pasumpon, highlighted the importance of women's education and community engagement in creating socially responsible citizens. Ms. Selvi, District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Ramanathapuram, emphasized the significance of government-led welfare programmes in uplifting marginalized communities. She encouraged the youth to understand their role in building an inclusive, caste-free society.

Thiru S. Rajeswari, Panchayat Development Officer of Tiruppullani Union, a recipient of the Social Harmony Panchayat Award spoke at the event.

On 16th Dec 2025, various competitions were conducted across institutions under the theme "Samathuvam Kaanbom." Poster Making Competitions were held at Sri Saradha Niketan College, Amaravathi Pudur. Making Wealth out of Waste competitions were organised at Syed Ammal Arts and Science College and at Caussael Arts and Science College, Muthupettai. Drawing competitions were conducted at Vivekananda Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Ramanathapuram, and Government Higher Secondary School, Sanavalli. Embroidery competitions for SHG members were organised by Sri Lakshmi Janaki Tailoring Institute, Ramanathapuram. Nearly 250 participants actively took part, expressing their views and messages for promoting a caste-free and equal society.

Valedictory Function

The valedictory function of the "Samathuvam Kaanbom" awareness campaign was held on 17th Dec 2025 at Alagappa University. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies.

Dr. R. Bhavanandi Vempulu, Director, Centre for Social Justice and Equality, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, delivered the valedictory address. He highlighted the significance of the campaign and emphasised the role of students and educational institutions in fostering equality, inclusiveness, and social justice.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, spoke on the importance of social equality in modern society and acknowledged Tamil Nadu's leadership in women's education and empowerment. He urged students to contribute actively towards building a just and equitable society.

Thiru. K. Porkodi, I.A.S., District Collector, Sivagangai District, appreciated the efforts of the organisers and participants and stressed the vital role of youth in bringing meaningful social change.

Prof. S. Rajaraman, Syndicate Member; Thiru. R. Purushothaman, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights Wing, Sivagangai District; and Thiru. Bhoominathan, Member, District Vigilance Committee, Sivagangai District, also appreciated the initiative and underscored the importance of collective efforts in promoting social justice.

Dr. M. Priya Chitra, Programme Coordinator, Centre for Social Justice and Equality, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, proposed the vote of thanks. A street play on the theme “Samathuvam Kaanbom” was performed by the Madurai team, effectively conveying messages on equality, human dignity, and social harmony.

During the campaign, competitions in drawing, artwork, embroidery, poster designing, and PowerPoint presentations were conducted across schools and colleges. Winners were awarded prizes and certificates during the valedictory function in recognition of their creativity and contribution to spreading awareness on social equality.

Programme on Livelihood, Social Entrepreneurship and Fair Trade Towards Sustainable Development Organized

In collaboration with SIPA Fair Trade, Chennai, the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, organised a one-day academic programme titled “Livelihood, Social Entrepreneurship and Fair Trade towards Sustainable Development” on 22nd December 2025. The programme aimed to create awareness among students and Self-Help Group (SHG) Women on sustainable livelihood opportunities, social entrepreneurship, fair trade practices, and inclusive development.

Dr. P. Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies, delivered the welcome address. Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, in his inaugural address, emphasised the integration of fair-trade principles with sustainable livelihood models and encouraged students to adopt socially responsible entrepreneurial approaches.



Mr. Michael D. Annaraj, Training Quality Monitor, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (TNCDW) and Tamil Nadu Women Resource Centre (TNWRC), in his felicitation address, highlighted government-supported livelihood programmes for women and stressed the importance of capacity building, skill development, and institutional support in achieving sustainable development goals.

Dr. K. Panchaksharam, Secretary-cum-Director, SIPA, Chennai, delivered the keynote address, underscoring the need for collaboration between academia, civil society, and government agencies to promote inclusive development. The inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. I. Sivakumar, Teaching Assistant, Department of Women's Studies.

In Technical Session I, Mr. Michael D. Annaraj elaborated on livelihood models suitable for women, especially SHG members, highlighting skill enhancement and capacity building as foundations for sustainable income generation.

In Technical Session II, Dr. K. Panchaksharam discussed the role of policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms in promoting social entrepreneurship. He emphasised supportive governance structures and capacity-building initiatives in creating an enabling ecosystem for social enterprises.

In Technical Session III, Dr. R. Nageswari, Former Principal, Seethalakshmi Achi College for Women, Pallathur, explained the concept and relevance of social enterprises in addressing social challenges while generating economic value. She shared examples of successful women entrepreneurs, encouraging participants to view entrepreneurship as a tool for social transformation.

and empowerment.

In Technical Session IV, Mr. Kavee Palanisamy, Training Quality Monitor, TNCDW/TNWRC, Tiruppur, discussed the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and highlighted the interconnection between livelihoods, environmental responsibility, and social equity. He stressed sustainable production practices, ethical trade, and long-term planning as key elements of inclusive growth.

The valedictory session reflected on the key learning outcomes of the programme. Dr. P. Veeramani welcomed the gathering and summarised the major themes discussed. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, in his valedictory address, appreciated the Department for organising a meaningful programme that combined academic insights with practical perspectives. He encouraged participants to translate the knowledge gained into sustainable livelihood initiatives and socially responsible entrepreneurship. Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistant, Department of Women's Studies, delivered the vote of thanks.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

One-Day Awareness Programme on Cyber Security Conducted



The Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, in collaboration with the Alagappa University College of Education (AUCE), organized a One-Day Awareness Programme on Cyber Security on 16th October at the Seminar Hall, AUCE. The programme aimed to create awareness among students and faculty members about cyber security issues, cybercrimes, and safety measures in the digital environment. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), AUCE. She emphasized the importance of cyber awareness,

especially among students and women, in the context of increased digital usage in daily life. The police officials delivered highly informative and practical sessions on various aspects of cyber security. Tmt. Santhakumari, Inspector of Police, explained the nature and types of cybercrimes, including online cheating, identity theft, cyber stalking, and cyber bullying. Thiru V. Satheesh Kumar, Sub-Inspector (Technical), elaborated on technical aspects such as password safety, data protection, safe online transactions, and the importance of cyber hygiene. Thiru S. Kumaresan, Sub-Inspector, Cyber Crime Police Station, provided insights into real-life cybercrime cases, reporting mechanisms, and the procedures for lodging cybercrime complaints through official portals. The sessions were interactive, and students actively participated by asking questions related to online safety, social media misuse, and cyber laws. The programme created strong awareness about preventive measures and encouraged participants to remain vigilant while using digital platforms. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies.

Legal Literacy Classics for Women



A programme titled the “Legal Literacy Classics for Women” was organized by the Centre for Women's Studies, and the Alagappa University College of Education in collaboration with the Legal Services Committee, Sivagangai District. The event was held on 14th November 2025. Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, in her welcome address, emphasized the significance of legal literacy for women and highlighted the need for awareness of legal rights and protections to ensure women's empowerment and safety in society. In her presidential address Dr. Merlin

Sasikala, Principal i/c, AUCE, stressed the importance of Constitutional and legal provisions that safeguard women. She further stated that strengthening their legal awareness is essential for building an equitable society. The Guest Speaker, Mrs. Senthamil Selvi, Advocate, delivered an insightful speech focusing on various laws related to women. She elaborated on important Acts such as the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the POCSO Act, Property Rights, and the legal provisions relating to Cyber Crime. Her presentation, enriched with real-life case examples, provided the participants with practical advice and a deeper understanding of women's legal protections. The session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Poulpunitha, Assistant Professor, Centre for Women's Studies.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2025 was conducted from 25th November to 10th December 2025 through online mode. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, the Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, MIT College of Arts and Science, Musiri, and the Women's Studies Centre, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. The programme focused on the global theme “End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls – Join the UNiTE Campaign to Stop Digital Abuse”, aligning with global efforts.

Mr. Ramajayam P, Assistant Professor, CSSE & IP, Bharathidasan University, Dr. C. Kubendran, Assistant Professor, CSSE & IP, Bharathidasan University, Dr. P. Anusooya, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of English (UAP), National College (Autonomous), Dr. C. Paramasivan, Associate Professor, PG and Research Department of Commerce, TPGC, Tiruchirappalli, Smt. Vijayalakshmi Ramkumar, Senior Announcer, All India Radio, Tiruchirappalli, Mr. Mathu B.A., B.L., Senior Advocate, Sub-Court, Kulithalai, Mr. S.

Ramakrishnan, Police Constable Grade-II, Cyber Crime Police Station, Tiruchirappalli, Ms. Devaki Chellaiah, an experienced Educator, Administrator, Career Mentor, Prof. K. Manimekalai, Former Vice-Chancellor of Mother Teresa Women's University, Adv. V. P. Kamal Dayalan, Founder of Attorney Law Firm, Karaikudi, Mr. Sathish Kumar, Sub-Inspector (Technical), Cyber Crime Police Station, Sivagangai, Mrs. S. Selva Gomathi, Advocate and Joint Director, SOCO Trust, Madurai, Ms. Narmatha K, ICSSR Fellow Researcher, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Ms. Dhanaseeli from the Diocesan Women Commission, Tiruchirappalli, Mrs. N. Gowri Rao, Academic Advisor, MIT Institutions, Musiri, Ms. Mahera Imam, Researcher, Department of Women's Studies, Bharathidasan University, Dr. S. Amutha, Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Technology, BDU, Dr. Y. Srinivasa Rao, Associate Professor of History, BDU and Dr. Dravia Gladina I, Director of Physical Education, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, were the distinguished speakers. Their enlightening sessions focused on their areas of specialization.

The Awareness Programmes on Cyber Crime, Gender-Based Violence, and Women's Safety were conducted with a well-structured schedule spanning from 25.11.2025 to 10.12.2025. The programme brought together academicians, legal professionals, cybercrime officials, health experts, and social activists to address critical issues affecting women in both digital and social spaces. Over the course of fourteen days, participants gained comprehensive knowledge on cyber safety, legal protections, women's health, human rights, and institutional support mechanisms. The programme significantly enhanced awareness, empowerment, and responsible digital citizenship among participants, contributing meaningfully to women's safety and social justice.

Radio Talk on “Violence Against Women in the Digital Environment”

As part of the 16 Days of Activism Against

Gender-Based Violence 2025, focusing on the pressing theme “Violence Against Women in the Digital Environment,” the Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University arranged radio talks to raise public awareness on the emerging forms of digital violence against women. The talks were broadcast over Alagappa University Community Radio, with the objective of sensitizing listeners to the risks, challenges, and preventive measures related to online abuse and cyber violence. The first radio talk by Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University on 8th December provided an in-depth discussion on the nature of violence faced by women in digital spaces. The second talk on “Struggles of Trans and Gender Diverse Persons” was by Ms. Ilam Nangai Sia, a prominent social activist from Tiruchirappalli. She referred to the struggles faced by trans and gender diverse individuals. She highlighted the social stigma, exclusion, and violence encountered by this community and emphasized the urgent need for acceptance, legal awareness, and inclusive policies.

Radio Talk on Women and Reproductive Health

The Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University, organized a special radio talk to raise public awareness on women and reproductive health. The talk was delivered by Dr. S. Geetha, Senior Fellow, ICSSR, Alagappa University, on 13th December. She said that health is not merely a medical concept but a fundamental human right. Reproductive health encompasses safe pregnancy, family planning services, menstrual hygiene, breastfeeding, sexual education, and women's autonomy over their own bodies. In India, policies like the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and the National Health Mission (NHM) aim to improve women's health. But policies alone cannot bring about change. Women must be able to access, understand, and utilize these services. Many barriers still prevent women from doing so. In rural areas, many women travel long distances for basic services like antenatal care and pregnancy check-ups. Many young girls live in shame and fear due to a lack of proper knowledge about menstruation. Social beliefs, family restrictions, and gender discrimination -- all of these

jeopardize women's reproductive health. If women are healthier, children born to them will be healthier. Families will prosper. Society and the nation will be strengthened. Reproductive health is not just a health service; it is a power. We must view reproductive health not as an ordinary matter but as a fundamental right, as the voice of women, and as the development of the nation. Every woman deserves to protect herself, make her own decisions, and live with dignity. Providing that opportunity is what good policy is all about. Helping them achieve it is what a good society does.

Awareness Lecture on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace



The Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi, a premier R&D Laboratory functioning under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Tamil Nadu, organized an Awareness Session on “Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (POSH)” for its staff members on 19th December. under the aegis of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), CSIR–CECRI, as part of its efforts to promote a safe, inclusive, and gender-sensitive work environment. The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. Poonam Singh, Chairperson, ICC, CSIR–CECRI, who emphasized awareness, sensitivity, and collective responsibility in preventing sexual harassment, followed by the presidential address by Dr. K. Ramesh, Director, CSIR–CECRI, who reiterated CSIR's zero-tolerance policy and stressed ethical workplace conduct and statutory compliance. The Resource Person, Dr. S. Poulpunitha, Assistant Professor, Centre for

Women's Studies, Alagappa University, delivered an insightful lecture explaining the concept and forms of sexual harassment physical, verbal, non-verbal, and digital and detailed the key provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, including the role of the ICC, complaint procedures, timelines, and confidentiality, supported by real-life case illustrations. Dr. R. Sindhuja, Convener, ICC, CSIR-CECRI, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Cultivating Critical Thinking

Book Talk Programmes – 47 & 48 Organised

The Department of Social Work organized the 47th Book Talk Programme on 1st Oct 2025. The session focused on the Tamil literary work “பெரிதினும் பெரிது கேள்”, aiming to encourage reading habits, critical thinking, and the appreciation of literature among social work students.

The book talk was delivered by Poet N. Thendral, Teacher, Sri Karthikeyan Elementary School, Karaikudi. The speaker offered an insightful interpretation to the book's thematic depth, philosophical reflections, and social relevance. The discussion emphasized how the ideas presented in the work inspire self-reflection, moral responsibility, and a broader understanding of society.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Social Work, highlighted the importance of literature in shaping values, broadening perspectives, and nurturing social sensitivity, which are essential qualities for social work professionals.

The 48th Book Talk Programme focused on the topic “ALPHA MEDITATION”, highlighting the significance of mindfulness, mental well-being, and self-regulation in both personal life and professional social work practice.

The Guest Speaker was Dr. M. Mullai, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Alagappa University. The speaker explained the

concept of Alpha Meditation, focusing on the alpha brainwave state and its role in relaxation, concentration, and inner awareness. The session offered practical techniques of meditation and highlighted their scientific basis, linking them to improved mental health, clarity of thought, and positive behavioural change.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, in his felicitation address, emphasised the relevance of meditation and mental discipline for social work students in managing stress, enhancing emotional balance, and improving professional effectiveness while working with individuals and communities.

World Mental Health Day - 2025 Observed

The Department of Social Work, in association with the Alagappa University Social Work Association (AUSWA), the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, and the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), Sivagangai, and Athma Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, organized the World Mental Health Day 2025 on 25th October 2025 at Alagappa University.



The event began with an inspiring display of posters prepared by students on the significance of mental health. The colorful and creative posters, exhibited at the entrance of the seminar hall, vividly illustrated the importance of mental well-being.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head (i/c), welcomed the participants and referred to this year's theme -- “Access to Services: Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies.” He emphasized the relevance of this topic in the present context of global challenges, where access to mental health care remains a vital concern.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, asked students to cultivate positive thinking and resilience, reminding them

that while challenges are inevitable, maintaining willpower is key to overcoming them. He also pointed out that excessive smartphone usage has become one of the major causes of stress among today's youth.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the felicitation address, citing insightful statistics about mobile phone overuse and its link to mental health issues. He discussed how wars, famines, and pandemics affect mental health more profoundly than physical well-being due to the emotional and social losses involved. He quoted the Thirukkural couplet that stresses the idea that mental health is the foundation for human prosperity.

Delivering the thematic address, Mr. K. Soundar, Psychologist, and Counselling Department Coordinator, Athma Mind Care Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, urged students to speak openly about their struggles and seek professional help when needed. He highlighted the emerging challenge of AI's impact on mental health, urging the youth to strike a healthy balance between technology and human connection. He concluded his address with a simple yet powerful reminder—"Smile—that's your anti-depressant." The event also featured cultural performances by students, and they aimed at spreading awareness about mental health and emotional well-being.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant.

Awareness Programme on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, and AUSWA, in association with the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC), organized

an "Awareness Programme on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace" on 29th October 2025.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Social Work, in his welcome address, emphasized the significance of creating safe and respectful work environment for women. He elaborated on the importance of understanding workplace ethics, ensuring gender sensitivity, and adhering to the guidelines of the Internal Complaint Committee to promote a harassment-free institutional culture.

The resource person, Dr. M. Ayisha Millath, Member of the Internal Complaint Committee (ICC) and Professor at the Alagappa Institute of Management, delivered an insightful lecture on the topic. She discussed various forms of sexual harassment, legal frameworks such as the POSH Act, 2013, and effective prevention and redressal mechanisms within workplaces. She also highlighted the role of awareness and institutional responsibility in ensuring gender justice and safety for all employees and students.

Vigilance Awareness Week - 2025 Organised



The Department of Social Work and the AUSWA, in collaboration with Arappor Iyakkam, Chennai, organized the Vigilance Awareness Week – 2025 in November 2025. The event began with a display of posters on vigilance awareness prepared by the students.

Dr. MA. Velusamy delivered the welcome address and introduced this year's theme, "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility," highlighting the significance of collective action in combating corruption.

In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, reflected on India's continuing struggle with corruption even after decades of

independence. He noted that while India stands at the 96th position in global corruption perception rankings, countries like Singapore—once under similar colonial rule—now rank as the third least corrupt nation. He emphasized that this progress stems from a strong national commitment to integrity and growth. He further pointed out the stark economic inequality where 3% of the population holds the majority of wealth, stressing that vigilance is a collective responsibility essential for national progress.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the felicitation address. In his special address, Rev. Fr. George Fernandes, Principal, Ananda College, Devakottai, emphasized that students are the future torchbearers of the nation. He encouraged them to adopt strong values and take responsibility for creating a corruption-free society. The thematic address was delivered by Mr. M. Radhakrishnan, Social Activist from Arappor Iyakkam, Chennai. He stated that “marks give you career options, but attitude gives you life.” He urged students to cultivate attitudes of honesty, integrity, and vigilance. He reminded them that corruption is not limited to monetary transactions; vigilance must reflect in daily decisions and rational actions. He called upon students to strive to be “zero in corruption.” He also conducted a basic training session on RTI filing and elaborated on the provisions of the Right to Information Act, empowering students to use RTI as a tool for transparency. The event also featured vibrant cultural performances by students, highlighting the importance of vigilance and ethical responsibility. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. G. Vinayagamoorthi, Coordinator, Centre on Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat, Alagappa University.

Study Tour to New Delhi



The Department of Social Work organized an Educational Study Tour to New Delhi for the second-year MSW students as part of their course curriculum from 09 December to 16 December 2025. The study tour aimed to provide experiential learning through exposure to premier academic institutions, industries, international NGOs, and heritage sites of national importance. It proved to be a transformative learning experience for the students.

International Human Rights Day - 2025 Observed



The Department of Social Work, AUSWA, in collaboration with the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, organized the International Human Rights Day 2025 on 19th Dec 2025. The programme was organised on the theme “Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials.” The event commenced with an exhibition of posters on human rights, creatively prepared by the students, highlighting contemporary human rights concerns and everyday realities.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head i/c, Department of Social Work, welcomed the gathering. He referred to the emerging and recent areas where human rights violations are increasingly reported.

The presidential address was delivered by Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations. He urged the students to raise their voices for others whose rights are violated and posed a critical question on whether human rights are being protected or exploited in the rapidly advancing technological world.

Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, offered his felicitations. He said the question of human rights become crucial whenever individuals

face disrespect or denial of dignity in any form.

Dr. K. Ragupathy, Associate Professor, Department of History, Presidency College, Chennai, in his special address, highlighted that many sections of the society continue to live in darkness without fully enjoying their rights. He explained that discrimination persists because people often perceive others through linguistic, cultural, religious, and caste identities rather than as fellow human beings. Drawing a powerful analogy, he stated that just as fuel is essential for a vehicle to move, basic human needs are the essential fuel for human life, and ensuring access to these needs for all is the essence of human rights.

The Special Address was delivered online by Mrs. Mona Balani, Program Manager, Community System Strengthening, India HIV/AIDS Alliance, New Delhi. She spoke on the rights of Persons Living with HIV (PLHIV) and elaborated on the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017. She highlighted the 95-95-95 targets set by UNAIDS and adopted by NACO and explained India's achievement of these targets by 2024, emphasizing the importance of protecting the rights and dignity of PLHIV.

Following the speeches, students presented PowerPoint presentations on the theme and performed various cultural events reflecting human rights values and social justice concerns. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant. The event successfully sensitized students and participants on the relevance of human rights as everyday essentials and reinforced the collective responsibility to uphold dignity, equality, and justice for all.

Ten-Day Educational Rural Camp Conducted

As part of the Educational Rural Camp (2025–2027), the Social Work trainees reached Pamban on 20th December 2025.



It began with cleaning activities that ensured a hygienic and comfortable environment for the trainees during the entire camp period. The trainees actively participated in all tasks, demonstrating teamwork, responsibility, and cooperation. The Rural Camp Coordinator, Ms. J. Janet Silviya, provided constructive feedback, guidance, and motivation to the students. The evaluation session strengthened their understanding and improved coordination among the trainees.

The inaugural programme was conducted on 21.12.2025. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. M.A.Velusamy in which he emphasized the significance of rural camps in promoting community development and experiential learning.

Rev. Fr. Giritharan from Sivagangai Multipurpose Social Service Society (SMSSS) presented the special address. The keynote address by Mr. Arockiyaraj, District Coordinator, SMSSS, provided insights into the background, culture, and livelihood of Pamban village and its inhabitants. Ms. J. Janet Silviya outlined the objectives of the camp and highlighted the challenges faced by the local community.

Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant, addressed the trainees on their roles and responsibilities. Mr. Lenin from Kadal Osai FM spoke on the role of community radio in supporting and broadcasting camp-related activities. Village leaders, including Mr. Paul, were honoured. As part of the inauguration, tree saplings were planted by dignitaries, faculty members, community leaders, and trainees, symbolizing environmental responsibility.

The cultural programme included traditional folk dances such as Karagattam and Oyilattam, a mime highlighting the struggles of the fisherman community, and a street play on the evils of alcohol addiction. These performances effectively conveyed social messages and encouraged reflection among villagers. Games were organized for community members, especially children and elders, fostering joy and interaction and strengthening rapport between trainees and villagers.

On the third day the trainees visited Annai Scholastica Arts and Science College for Women located at Thangachimadam where an awareness

programme on Social Media Addiction and Its Impact on Mental Health was conducted. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Ms. Adhitya. Special address was given by Ms. J. Janet Silviya regarding the purpose of educational rural camp and highlighted the importance of the programme's theme. The presidential address was delivered by Dr.Sr.S.Anne Perpet Sophy, and she emphasized the need for responsible and cautious usage of social media. A mime performance showcased by social work trainees effectively portrayed the negative impacts of excessive usage of social media. A power point presentation titled "Social Media Addiction and Its Effect on Mental Health" was presented by Ms. M. Sri Priya Dharshini, Social Work trainee, and it explained the causes, effects, and preventive measures in a simple manner.

The trainees also visited the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) Village Resource Center. Mr. Kevi Kumar, Development Officer, highlighted the importance of learning from community-based research organizations. The sessions provided insights into coastal conservation, marine ecosystems, women empowerment, and livelihood development of fisherman community. Environmental issues such as plastic pollution, ghost fishing gear, and ill-effects of nano-plastics were discussed. The trainees learned about waste segregation, recycling and community awareness initiatives.

On December 23, trainees conducted an awareness rally on drug addiction and environmental conservation in collaboration with Sivagangai Multipurpose Social Service Society (SMSSS). Cultural events and social messages were shared with villagers through traditional performances and street plays. On December 24, programmes focused on empowering persons with disabilities at FEED Trust, along with cultural events promoting hygiene and social responsibility. On December 25, trainees celebrated Christmas with elderly residents at Amala Annai Old Age Home, Olaikuda, and later participated in festive programmes at Arockiya Annai Church, Pamban, spreading joy and community bonding. On December 26, a Participatory Rural Appraisal

(PRA) session was conducted in Pamban to strengthen field-based learning. Trainees engaged in social mapping and village surveys to understand community needs. The camp concluded successfully, enhancing students' practical skills, teamwork, and commitment to social responsibility.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION Monthly Magazine Released



Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, released the monthly *Magazine on Current Affairs & General Studies (October – December, 2025)* published by the Student Council Members of the Department of Politics and Public Administration; and the magazine is available at Alagappa University Website.

Achievement of Students



Mr.S.Barathkumar, II M.A., Public Administration, received the Winner Award in the Quiz Competition, Ms.Chella, a student of I M.A., secured the III Prize in the Power-Point Presentation Competition on the theme "Unite to End Digital Violence Against Women and Girls". The competition was organized by the Department of Women Studies as part of the 16 Days of

Activism Against Gender-Based Violence – 2025 and was held on 10th December 2025. The event aimed to create awareness on digital safety and gender justice among students. Ms. M. Deepadharshini, a student of II M.A., secured the III Prize in the Poster-Making Competition on the theme “Stop Gender-Based Violence in the Digital World.” The prizes were awarded to all the winners by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi.



The Students of the department received the best paper awards at Crescent Deemed University, Chennai in a conference held on 23rd & 24th October, 2025. Prof. Dr. K. Senthil Kumar, Head i/c, Department of Politics and Public Administration, served as the Chairman of the Conference, guiding the deliberations and academic proceedings.

Mr. T. Thanurajan of the Department of Politics and Public Administration secured the I Prize in the Quiz Competition, while Mr. S. Bharath Kumar won the I Prize in the English Essay Competition at the Constitutional Day celebrated on 26th November 2025 by the Department of Commerce.

Alumni Achievers Meet Hosted



The Department of Public Administration organized the Alumni Achievers Meet on 10th

December 2025. Prof. Dr. K. Senthilkumar, Head of the Department, welcomed the participants. The event brought together distinguished alumni that included Ms. Priyadharsini, Ms. Sabharitha, Mr. Kirubhanithi, Mr. Kannan, and Ms. Sushma, all of whom had successfully cleared the UGC-NET and various other Group Examinations. They shared their valuable experiences, preparation strategies, and the challenges faced by them during their journey towards success. Their motivational speeches inspired the current students to pursue their goals with dedication and confidence. Following this, Dr. N.K. Bhuvaneshwari, Teaching Assistant, delivered an appreciation talk, congratulating the achievers and acknowledging their hard work and determination. The alumni achievers were honoured with mementos as a mark of recognition for their accomplishments. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Divya, a I Year student.

Quiz Competition on Current Affairs

The Department of Politics and Public Administration organized a Quiz Competition on Current Affairs on 12th December 2025. The primary objective of the quiz was to enhance the general knowledge, analytical ability, and articulation skills of students in diverse areas such as Science and Technology, Current Affairs, Sports, Business, and Entertainment. The competition witnessed active participation of two enthusiastic teams, each consisting of four members, who demonstrated remarkable knowledge, coordination, and team spirit. The quiz was carried out with well-defined rules and strict time limits, ensuring a healthy, fair, and competitive academic environment. Dr. K. Senthil Kumar motivated the participants by awarding prize money and encouraging words.

Regular Participation in Alagappa University Community Radio Programmes

The students of department have been actively participating in the Alagappa University Community Radio Programmes (AUCR 90.8). They participate in current affairs-oriented discussions conducted at regular intervals. The programmes aimed at creating awareness among the community on current affairs. Moreover, the

programme serves as a platform for students to engage with society to promote civic awareness beyond the classroom.

Students Observe Parliamentary Proceedings



An educational tour to the Parliament of India was organized for the students of the department as part of their curriculum. The visit was intended to provide students with practical exposure to the working of parliamentary democracy, which forms a core component of their academic curriculum. Students were accompanied by Dr. K. Senthil Kumar and Ms. A. Sumithra. During the visit, students had the opportunity to witness parliamentary proceedings and it helped them relate theoretical concepts with actual parliamentary functioning. Observing the Parliamentary proceedings strengthened their understanding of Constitutional values, the role of elected representatives, and the importance of legislative institutions in a democratic system.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

Camel Workshop on Colour Theory Organised



The Department of Fine Arts organised a Camel Workshop on Colour Theory on 19.12.2025. The workshop aimed at enhancing students' understanding of colour application, theory, and

professional practices in the field of art. Mr. Vijaymaniyan, Teaching Assistant, in his welcome address, highlighted the importance of colour theory in artistic expression and professional art practice.

Prof. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Head of the Department of Fine Arts, in her presidential address, emphasized the significance of workshops in nurturing creativity, imparting technical knowledge, and creating professional awareness among fine arts students. She exhorted students to actively engage themselves in such learning opportunities.

The session was graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. G. Navaneetha Krishnan, Regional Sales Manager (South) Camel. He conducted an insightful workshop focusing on colour theory, practical applications, material knowledge, and contemporary trends in colour usage. His interaction with the participants provided valuable industry-oriented exposure to them and helped bridge the gap between academic learning and professional practice. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. V. Arasakumaran, Teaching Assistant.

Students Achievements

- ❖ On 10/10/2025, the Department of Fine Arts students participated in an Intercollegiate Competition and won prizes. Ms. Balasornambika secured the First Prize, and Ms. Jayashree secured the Second Prize. The achievement brought credit to the department.



- On 15,17/12/2026, the Department of Fine Arts students participated in the competition titled “சமத்துவம் காண்போம்” and won prizes. Mr. Muthu Praveen (BFA I Year) won the First Prize, Ms. Fathima (MFA II Year) won the Second Prize, and Ms. Jegatheesha (MFA I Year) won the Third Prize. Their success highlighted the creative strength of the department.

**வையத் தலைமை கொள் இலட்சிய சமுதாயக்
கட்டமைப்பு அறிமுகக் கருத்தரங்கு**

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் நுண்கலைத்துறை மற்றும் நல்லோர் வட்டம் இணைந்து நடத்திய “வையத் தலைமை கொள்” என்ற தலைப்பிலான ஒருநாள் பயிலரங்கம் திருமதி லக்ஷ்மி வளர்தமிழ் நூலகத்தின் தொல்காப்பியர் அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. நிகழ்ச்சியின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக நுண்கலைத்துறைத் தலைவர் பேரா. சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை வரவேற்புரை ஆற்றினார். துணைவேந்தர் கர்னல். பேரா. க. ரவி தலைமையுரை ஆற்றினார். அவர் தம் உரையில், அறிவியல், தொழில்நுட்பம், பெருளாதாரம் ஆகியவற்றோடு மனித மாண்பும் விழுமியங்களும் வளர்ச்சியடைய வேண்டும். குற்றங்களுக்கெதிரான சட்டங்களும் தண்டனைகளும் கடுமையாக்கப்பட்டால் நாட்டின் மாண்பு மேலும் உயரும் என்றார். திண்டுக்கல் காந்திகிராம பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் கிராம வளர்ச்சித்துறை மேனாள் தலைவர் பேரா. க. பழனித்துரை இந்திய அரசமைப்புச் சாசனம் பற்றி சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். நல்லோர் வட்டம் அமைப்பைச் சார்ந்த திரு. பாலு அவர்கள் நல்லோர் வட்டம் மாணவர்களைத் தலைவர்களாக, சமூக சிந்தனையாளர்களாக மாற்றும் நிலை குறித்து மாணவர்களிடையே கலந்துரையாடினார். நல்லோர் வட்டத்தின் சிவகங்கை மாவட்டப் பொறுப்பாளர் திருமதி. ஜனனி சாந்தகுமாரி அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை ஆற்றினார். இந்நிகழ்வில் நுண்கலைத்துறை, மகளிரியல்துறை, கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி, அரசியல் மற்றும் பொதுநிர்வாகத்துறை மாணவர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள் நல்லோர் வட்ட உறுப்பினர்கள் என 200 - க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.



நிகழ்வில் கலந்துகொண்ட மாணவர்கள் சமூகத் தொண்டாற்றுவதற்குத் தூண்டுகோலாக இந்நிகழ்வு அமைந்தது.

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

Towards Ethical Media Practices

**Orientation Programme for Journalists
Organised by Press Information Bureau**



The students and staff members of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication participated in the Orientation Programme for Journalists organized by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Chennai, functioning under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The programme held at Abdul Kalam Auditorium, Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi, aimed to enhance the knowledge and understanding of media professionals and journalism students on various developmental and administrative initiatives of the Government of India. The event commenced with a welcome address by Shri.Azhagudurai, I.I.S., Media and Communication Officer, PIB, Chennai, and it was followed by the keynote address by Shri.V.Palanichamy, I.I.S., Director General – South Zone (i/c), PIB, who emphasized the role of

journalists in nation-building and also highlighted the ethical media practices.

In the morning session an insightful talk was delivered by Dr.D.Jonas Davidson, Chief Scientist, Head, Project Planning and Business Development, CSIR-CECRI. He elaborated on “Research & Development and Innovation at CECRI” and Ms.K.Shalini Sushmitha, I.R.S., Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of GST and Central Excise, Madurai, spoke on the topic “Next-Gen GST Reforms Simplify India's Tax System – GST 2.0.” In the afternoon session, Shri. S. Pravin Kumar, LEAD District Manager, Sivagangai District, discussed the “Financial Inclusion Saturation Campaign”, while Shri. V. Santhanam, Joint Director (Admin) / Regional Manager, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), spoke on “School Education through ODS Mode of NIOS.”

The students of the Department interacted with the speakers by posing insightful questions and sharing their perspectives. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr.J.Bosewell Asir, Field Publicity Assistant, Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Madurai.

Workshop on Blackmagic Atem Mini Pro ISO and Blackmagic Ultimate 12 HD Mini Organised

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a highly practical and technology-focused Workshop on Blackmagic Atem Mini Pro ISO and Blackmagic Ultimate 12 HD Mini on 13-10-2025. The event aimed to enhance students' technical competence in live production, switching and chroma keying—skills essential in modern broadcast and digital content creation. Dr.N.Johnson, in his welcome address, highlighted the increasing relevance of advanced production equipment in media education. He emphasized that hands-on training with industry-standard tools equips students to meet contemporary broadcast and digital media demands.

The technical session was conducted by Mr.Amarnath, Proprietor, HIL Technologies, Madurai, an expert in live production technologies and broadcast equipment. He provided an in-depth

demonstration of the Blackmagic Atem Mini Pro ISO, explaining features such as live switching, multi-input handling, real-time recording, ISO file creation and streaming capabilities. He further showcased the Blackmagic Ultimate 12 HD Mini, offering students a first-hand understanding of professional chroma keying, background replacement, colour correction and virtual set applications. Students were given the opportunity to interact, operate the devices and clarify technical queries, making the session highly engaging and insightful. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr.M.Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.

Alagappa University Students Participate in State Level NSS Youth Festival



The State Level NSS Youth Festival 2025 was organized by the Tamil Nadu NSS Cell at VIT Chennai Campus, from 23-10-2025 to 27-10-2025, bringing together enthusiastic NSS volunteers from various universities and colleges across Tamil Nadu. The event aimed to promote the values of social service, leadership and national integration among the youth. Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, served as the Programme Officer and guided the volunteers of Alagappa University at the event.

The five-day festival featured a vibrant mix of activities including leadership training sessions, cultural performances, debates, art and literary competitions and social awareness programmes. The sessions encouraged students to engage in meaningful discussions on community development, national unity and youth empowerment. The students from Alagappa University demonstrated commendable talent and

active involvement in all the events. Ms.D.Pavithra secured the first place in Poetry-Writing (Tamil) for her creative expression and powerful message on social harmony. Mr.R.Yasif Arafath won the second place in oratorical contest and the third place in Solo Singing, showcasing his versatility and enthusiasm.

The State Level NSS Youth Festival 2025 proved to be a memorable and enriching experience, inspiring the participants to uphold the NSS motto “Not Me, But You” and contribute selflessly to society.

Workshop on Art of Photography Organised



The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a Workshop on the Art of Photography on 13-11-2025. The event aimed to enhance the creative and technical skills of students in the field of photography, enabling them to understand the nuances of visual storytelling through the camera lens. In his welcome address, Dr.N.Johnson emphasized the importance of photography as an integral part of journalism and communication. He highlighted how mastering the art of capturing impactful visuals can elevate the effectiveness of media reporting and creative expression.

The technical session was conducted by Mr.A.Rajeev Prasad, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication, Nachiappa Swamigal Arts and Science College, Koviloor. He shared valuable insights on the fundamentals of professional photography, including composition, lighting techniques, framing and camera handling. He also demonstrated practical techniques and shared tips for obtaining aesthetically powerful images. The students learnt about various styles of

photography, from portrait to landscape and documentary forms. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr.M.Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.

Workshop on the Art of Reviewing and Referencing Conducted



The Department organized a Workshop on the Art of Reviewing and Referencing on 19-11-2025. The workshop aimed to strengthen students' writing abilities, particularly in the areas of literature review, scholarly analysis and proper citation practices and also skills essential for research-based learning in higher education.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr.N.Johnson. He highlighted the growing importance of structured writing in the fields of journalism, media studies and communication research. He emphasized that mastering reviewing and referencing not only ensures academic integrity but also sharpens analytical thinking.

The technical session was led by Dr.S.Raja, Deputy Librarian, Alagappa University College of Physical Education, a distinguished academic known for his expertise in information management and research methodology. He introduced students to recent trends in reviewing and referencing, including the use of digital reference management tools, updated citation styles and effective strategies for organizing literature. He also provided hands-on guidance on identifying credible sources, evaluating scholarly articles and avoiding plagiarism. The session was highly engaging, with students actively interacting and seeking guidance on various aspects of academic documentation.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr.M.Hari Baskar. The event proved highly beneficial, equipping students with essential skills that will enhance the quality and credibility of their academic and research assignments.

Bridging the Gap between Theory and Practice **Industrial Visit to Thanthi TV**



The students of the Department undertook an Industrial Visit to Thanthi TV, Chennai, on 19-12-2025, as part of their academic exposure and experiential learning. The visit was organized with the objective of providing students with practical insights into the functioning of a leading television news channel and bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and industry practices.

During the visit, the students were given a comprehensive overview of the overall operations of Thanthi TV. Media professionals from the channel explained the organizational structure and workflow involved in running a 24x7 news channel. The students gained first-hand exposure to television media operations, including programme production, studio management, news gathering, scripting, editing and the technical processes involved in the telecast of television programmes. Special emphasis was placed on newsroom functions, such as news selection, editorial decision-making, coordination between reporters and editors and live news broadcasting.

The students were also introduced to the dynamics of political debate culture on television, where they observed how debates are conceptualized, moderated and executed in a live studio environment.

A significant highlight of the visit was the active participation of the students in the popular

debate show “Ayutha Ezhuthu – Makkal Munnal.” The students witnessed the complete production process of the programme and had the unique opportunity to engage directly in the debate, gaining practical exposure to on-camera discussions and public discourse. The episode featuring the students was telecast on 20-12-2025.

Awareness Programme on the “Kaaval Uthavi App” Organised

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized an Awareness Programme on the “Kaaval Uthavi App” on 21-12-2025, with a special emphasis on ensuring the safety and security of girl students. The programme aimed to create awareness about the features, usage and importance of the Kaaval Uthavi App as an effective digital safety tool provided by the Tamil Nadu Police for immediate assistance during emergencies.

During the session, the key features of the Kaaval Uthavi App, including emergency alerts, location tracking and quick response mechanisms, were explained in detail by Dr. N. Johnson. The participants were sensitized to the practical steps involved in installing and effectively using the app during critical situations. The programme encouraged active interaction and addressed common concerns related to personal safety and digital responsiveness. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr.M.Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.

Intercollegiate Media Festival Journofest 2k25 Celebrated



Journofest 2k25 was organized by the members of the Students' Council of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication on 22-12-2025, with the objective of fostering creativity, critical thinking and

professional skills among media students. This intercollegiate media festival witnessed enthusiastic participation of 210 students representing various colleges and universities in and around Karaikudi.

The inaugural function commenced with a welcome address by Dr.N.Johnson. This was followed by the presidential address delivered by Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, who emphasized the importance of practical exposure and skill development in journalism and media education. Dr.S.Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, delivered the felicitation address, appreciating the organisers for such a vibrant academic event. The inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr.M.Hari Baskar.

Following the inauguration, a series of competitive events including Short Film Making, Ad Act, Reel Making, Photography, One Page Story Writing, Debate, Radio Jockey and Quiz Programme were conducted. These events provided a dynamic platform for participants to showcase their creativity, communication skills, technical expertise and analytical abilities.

The valedictory function was held in the presence of distinguished guests such as Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Dr.Kumaresan, Chairman, Global Mission Hospital, Karaikudi and State Assistant Secretary, Indian Medical Association, Tamil Nadu. Prizes were distributed to the winners of all competitions and the programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr.R. Yasif Arafath, President, Students' Council. Students of different universities and colleges gave positive feedback about the conduct of Journofest 2k25.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND FILM STUDIES

Grand Dance Recital

Theivatthirumagal Kaarikkal Ammaiyar Naatiya Arangettram

The Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nadaga Mandram and the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, Alagappa University jointly organised a dance recital named Theivatthirumagal Kaaraikkaal Ammaiyar Naatiya Arangettram on 25.12.2025. The one-hour production brought to life the

hallowed history of the saint-poetess Kaaraikkaal Ammaiyar through the expressive medium of Bharatanatyam, marking a significant milestone for the performers and the Department of Tamil Culture.



Prof.M. Sutha, Head i/c, of the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, delivered the welcome address. She emphasized the importance of preserving Tamil hagiography through performing arts and welcomed the guests and the audience to this spiritual and artistic journey. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, referred to the University's commitment to blending academic excellence with cultural heritage. He noted that such dance recitals serve as a bridge between ancient Tamil literature and modern youth. He congratulated the performers on their rigorous training and dedication. The ceremony was graced by the presence of several prominent figures who offered their insights and encouragement.



Mr. M.R.M. Balasubramanian shared his perspectives on the divine legacy of Kaaraikkaal Ammaiyar and the technical precision required for a Naattiya Naadagam. Mr. S. Maangudi, Member of Legislative Assembly, felicitated the team, highlighting the role of art in community building

and acknowledged the cultural vibrancy this event brought to the region. The core of the event was the dance drama itself. The performers navigated the life of Punithavathi, her transformation and her ultimate devotion at the feet of Lord Shiva in Thiruvallangadu. The choreography seamlessly blended Abhinaya (Expression) supported by a powerful musical score. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. Muthumari, Founder of Muthu Dance Academy.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE **DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS** **National Mathematics Day – 2025 Celebrated**

On December 22, 2025, the 138th birth anniversary of the famous Indian Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, was celebrated as National Mathematics Day at the Department of Mathematics.

The ceremony was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who paid floral tributes to the statue of Srinivasa Ramanujan located in the department.



Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of celebrating the National Mathematics Day. The Vice-Chancellor while presiding over the ceremony, emphasized that the purpose of the celebration is to encourage the students to develop an optimistic perspective on the intrinsic worth and crucial role of learning mathematics, which is recognized as the mother of all scientific disciplines. He referred to Ramanujan's early fascination with numbers and his impressive mathematical prowess as a student in addition to his high level of curiosity.

Dr. M. Marudai, Formerly Professor & Head, Department of Mathematics, Bharathidasan University, delivered the special address focusing

on the life and contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan. He explained Ramanujan's research excellence and highlighted the extraordinary mathematical accomplishments achieved within his short lifespan of 32 years. The address emphasized Ramanujan's originality, dedication, and the global recognition of his work in number theory, series, and infinite expansions. In addition, Prof. Marudai shared his expertise with the students by introducing the fundamental concepts of Complex Analysis. He explained the idea of complex numbers and their representation and discussed the importance of analytic functions, and highlighted the role of Complex Analysis in solving problems in Engineering, Physics, and advanced mathematical research. Dr. J. Vimala, Associate Professor and Organizing Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

Faculty Honoured

- Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Senior Professor and Head, received “Global Srinivasa Ramanujan Award in Mathematical Sciences-2025” on the eve of the “Global Conference on Computational Mathematics and Intelligent Engineering Applications (GCCMIEA-2025)”, held during Dec. 27 to 29, 2025, at Thammasat University, Thailand.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS **Quiz Competition Conducted**



A quiz competition was organized in connection with World Standards Day on 8th Oct 2025. A total of 36 teams from various Science Departments participated in the competition. After five preliminary rounds, five teams qualified for the finals, out of which three teams secured prizes. The winners were: First Prize: II M.Sc. Microbiology,

Second Prize: II M.Sc. Biotechnology, Third Prize (Shared): I M.Sc. Bioinformatics and II M.Sc. Chemistry. Dr. R. Ramesh Prabhu and Dr. R. Subadevi acted as judges and appreciated the participants for demonstrating scientific spirit and awareness of global standards.

Awareness Programme on Ensuring Safe Learning Environment for Women



The Members of the Student Council of the Department of Physics organized an Awareness Programme titled “Stop Sexual Harassment and Ensure a Safe Learning Environment” on 09.10.2025. Ms. K. Muhileswari, President of the Student Council, welcomed the gathering. The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. A. Padmapriya, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science. Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Head, Department of Physics, presided over the programme. Students displayed posters on the theme, highlighting various helpline numbers and support mechanisms. Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Prof. A. Padmapriya, and Dr. R. Subadevi interacted with the students and explained the functions and activities of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), including the procedure for approaching the ICC. Ms. P. Mohana, Secretary of the Student Council, delivered the vote of thanks.

World Standards Day Celebrated

The Department of Physics celebrated World Standards Day on 14th Oct 2025 with great enthusiasm. The event aimed to highlight the importance of standards in science, education, and industry, and to promote innovation, safety, and sustainability. The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. K. Sankaranarayanan, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Physics. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi delivered the

presidential address, emphasizing the importance of standards in various fields, particularly in education. He highlighted how governing bodies such as UGC and NIRF establish benchmarks to ensure quality and excellence in higher education. Dr. V. Saravanakumar, Senior Technical Officer, CSIR-CECRI, Karaikudi, delivered a special address on the theme “Shaping the Future Through Standards: Innovation, Safety and Sustainability.” In the afternoon session, a group of 87 participants from various Science Departments visited Meya Labs Pvt. Ltd., located on the University campus. Dr. R. Yuvakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, proposed the vote of thanks.

Skill Training Workshop on Analytical Techniques Conducted



The Department of Physics organized a three-day Skill Training Workshop on Analytical Techniques under the RUSA 2.0 – Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (EIC HUB-ALU) scheme from October 28 to 30, 2025. The workshop aimed to enhance the analytical and instrumentation skills of students and research scholars through exposure to advanced scientific instruments.

The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan. Prof. C. Sekar, Syndicate Member, felicitated the gathering. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. V. Saravana Kumar, Senior Technical Officer, CSIR-CECRI. Ms. K. Muhil Eswari, President of the Student Council, proposed the vote of thanks.

The workshop featured expert lectures on Chromatography and included demonstrations at the University Science Instrumentation Centre (USIC). Participants received hands-on exposure to NMR instrumentation, lectures on XPS

fundamentals, sessions on Mass Spectrometry, and Density Functional Theory (DFT) studies along with practical DFT exercises. A demonstration of the Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) further helped bridge the gap between theory and practice.

The valedictory function was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. Dr. K. Balamurugan, Coordinator, RUSA 2.0, encouraged students to pursue innovation and generate Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) through research. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. P. Mohana, Secretary of the Student Council.

Awareness Programme on Kaaval Uthavi App

An awareness programme on public safety was conducted on 22nd Dec 2025 to educate the students and scholars about the Kaaval Uthavi App, a special initiative of the Department of Police, Tamil Nadu Government. It aimed at ensuring public safety. Various services of the app as a quick-response safety tool, enabling users to seek immediate assistance from the police during emergencies were detailed in the meeting. All students and scholars downloaded, installed, and registered their personal details in the app to ensure effective usage when required.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

Skill Training Workshop on “Molecular Synthesis Techniques: Spectral and Analytical Techniques for Synthetic Molecules”



A three-day Skill Training Workshop on “Molecular Synthesis Techniques: Spectral and

Analytical Techniques for Synthetic Molecules” was conducted from 22.10.25 to 24.10.25. It was sponsored by the EIC-HUB, under RUSA 2.0 Scheme. Eminent professors and high-profile researchers Dr. Beeraiah Baire, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai, Dr. R. Ranjith Kumar, Associate Professor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Dr. K. Srinivasan, Professor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, and Dr. P. Ragupathy, Dr. C. Sivakumar, Dr. M. Sathish, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, Senior Principal Scientists, CSIR, CECRI, Karaikudi, were the resource persons.

Apart from highlighting the fundamentals of spectral and analytical techniques, the speakers focused on the growing demand for sustainable and efficient energy solution. They elaborated on the principles of electrochemical and Spectro electrochemical techniques along with innovative strategies for constructing complex heterocyclic and carbocyclic frameworks.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE **Three-Day Workshop & Training on Laboratory Skills**



The Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, under the RUSA 2.0 initiative and the Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (EIC HUB – ALU), organized a Three-Day Workshop & Training on Laboratory Skills from 15th to 17th October 2025. The event aimed to enhance participants' practical knowledge and technical expertise in Internet of Things (IoT), Arduino, and Raspberry Pi technologies through hands-on sessions.

On Day 1 – 15th October 2025, the workshop commenced with an Inaugural Function held at the Multipurpose Computer Laboratory, Science

Campus. Prof. A. Padmapriya, Head, Department of Computer Science delivered the welcome address. The inaugural session was followed by a series of technical training sessions on IoT Fundamentals, Arduino Uno, and Sensors by trainers Thiru. A. Arun Prasath and Dr. N. Kanagaraj, Department of Computer Applications, JJ College of Arts and Science, Pudukkottai. Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Department of Computer Science, delivered the Vote of Thanks.

The trainers focused on the basics of Arduino Uno and Sensors in the morning session. Afternoon, Thiru. A. Arun Prasath and Dr. N. Kanagaraj gave hands-on training with Arduino kit and basic sensors. They demonstrated IoT Sensors with Cloud Integration and Smart Applications using IoT. The first day focused on understanding IoT concepts, exploring Arduino boards, and integrating sensors with cloud applications through hands-on practice.

On Day 2 – 16th October 2025, the session was started with Raspberry Pi and its applications. Thiru. A. Kesavan and Team, Quantanics Techserv Pvt. Ltd, Madurai focused on basics of Raspberry Pi, Setting Up and Exploring Raspberry Pi, basics of Python Programming and GPIO Basics. The session was very useful giving hands-on training with real time example.

On Day 3 – 17th October 2025, the students were given hands-on training using Sensors Input/Output real timeworking with sensors & building a Simple Project. Finally, a Project Review and Customization was conducted. Participants designed small IoT projects, tested their functionality, and customized them based on trainer feedback.

The workshop concluded with a Valedictory Session held at 3.00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Computer Laboratory. Prof. A. Padmapriya, Head, Department of Computer Science welcomed the gathering; and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science.

The three-day workshop provided students and faculty members with valuable exposure to real-time IoT and Raspberry Pi applications. The sessions were interactive, insightful, and instrumental in enhancing laboratory skills and

technical competence. The event successfully achieved its objective of bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical implementation.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOINFORMATICS **Three-Day Skill Training Workshop on** **Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided** **Drug Design**



The Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University, organized a Three-Day Skill Training Workshop on Structural Bioinformatics and Computer Aided Drug Design (WSBCAAD-25) from 23rd to 25th Oct 2025. The main objective of the workshop was to provide hands-on training and to impart advanced knowledge in structural bioinformatics, molecular modeling, and computational drug design. It aimed at enhancing the research capabilities of young scholars and students.

The inaugural function of the workshop was held on 23rd Oct 2025. The event commenced in the presence of University authorities, the Chief Guest, invited resource persons, technical support staff, and enthusiastic participants. Their valuable contributions and coordination ensured the success of the inaugural ceremony and set the tone for the subsequent scientific sessions.

The workshop spanned three days, featuring 30 interactive sessions that included plenary lectures, discussions, and practical demonstrations. Nine eminent resource persons comprising senior academicians, scientists, and industry experts delivered comprehensive lectures and guided participants through hands-on sessions. The topics covered included theoretical foundations and practical applications of structural bioinformatics,

molecular simulations, drug design workflows, virtual screening, and molecular docking using advanced computational tools and software platforms. A total of 100 participants, including postgraduate students, research scholars, and faculty members actively participated in all the sessions. They gained valuable technical exposure and practical skills relevant to modern computational drug discovery research.

The valedictory function was held on 25th Oct 2025 in the presence of Sr. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, and other university dignitaries. Certificates were distributed to all participants, marking the successful completion of the workshop and acknowledging their active participation throughout the three-day event.

Students' Participation in the 19th Asian Crystallographic Association Conference



Alagappa University granted permission and extended support to enable research scholars to participate in the 19th Asian Crystallographic Association Conference (AsCA'2025) held in Taipei, TAIWAN from 1st to 5th Dec 2025.

Ms. Sneha S. (Research Scholar and CSIR–Senior Research Fellow) and Mrs. Raji R. (Research Scholar), along with Dr. B. Thiyonila (ICMR–Woman Scientist) participated in the conference under the guidance of Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Bioinformatics, Alagappa University.

An MoU was previously signed between the National Synchrotron Radiation Research Centre (NSRRC), Taiwan, and Alagappa University under the DST Indo–Taiwan Project (2022–2027). This collaboration has facilitated sustained academic exchange programmes (student and faculty

exchange) and joint research activities, fostering meaningful engagement with the scientific community in Taiwan. The students' participation in this international conference was also a result of this ongoing international scientific collaboration.

During AsCA'2025, the students presented their individual research findings through poster presentations. They interacted with eminent researchers and experts from various international research institutions and organizations and actively contributed as conference volunteers. Their participation provided valuable exposure to recent advances in Crystallography, Structural Biology, and Bioinformatics, significantly contributing to their academic and research development.

The team also visited the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (NPUST), Kaohsiung, where discussions focused on ongoing research activities, laboratory facilities, and current projects. These interactions helped identify potential areas for future academic collaboration and the development of joint research initiatives between Alagappa University and NPUST.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY Three-Day National Workshop on “Algae-Based Fuel Techniques” Conducted



The Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, in association with the RUSA Entrepreneurship Innovation Council (EIC), organized a three-day National Level Workshop on “Algae-Based Biofuel Techniques” from 22nd to 24th Oct 2025. The workshop aimed to provide participants with hands-on experience in algal biofuel production techniques and to enhance their understanding of the latest developments in bioenergy research.

The welcome and thematic address was delivered by Dr. A. Arun, Convener and Organizing Secretary, Dean – Industry and Consultancy, and Coordinator, UBCC. He highlighted the significance of microalgae as a renewable resource for sustainable fuel production and its contribution to a greener future. “Workshop Manual on Algae-Based Fuel Techniques” was released on the occasion.

The inaugural Address was delivered by Prof. K. Arunkumar, Professor and Head, Department of Plant Science, Central University of Kerala, who shared his insights on algal diversity, bioactive compounds, and their potential applications in biofuel production. The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. G. Sivaprakash, Post-Doctoral Researcher, School of Food and Biological Engineering, Jiangsu University, China, who discussed the integration of nanotechnology and bioenergy for enhancing algal biodiesel yield.

In the first session Prof. K. Arunkumar gave an insightful lecture on microalgae cultivation techniques, emphasizing factors influencing lipid accumulation and bioactive compound extraction from various algal species.

The second session was conducted by Dr. G. Sivaprakash who focused on sustainable nanotechnology and bio-processing methods for algal biofuel production. He highlighted the role of nano catalysts in enhancing the efficiency of the transesterification process and emphasized strategies to make biofuel production more sustainable and cost-effective.

On the second day the workshop focused entirely on hands-on experiments. The resource person Dr. G. Sivaprakash explained the fundamental principles of lipid recovery and the importance of selecting suitable microalgal strains with high lipid content. The participants learned about microalgal biomass preparation, including harvesting, drying, and cell disruption techniques to enhance lipid yield and maintain sample integrity. The final session focused on biodiesel purification and microscopic observation of microalgal morphology. He demonstrated purification steps to ensure biodiesel quality and guided participants in analyzing structural

characteristics of microalgal cells before and after lipid extraction using microscopy.

On the third day the session began with a demonstration of analytical techniques, during which the principles and operation of Gas Chromatography (GC) were explained. Participants learned the working mechanism, components, and applications in biofuel analysis. This was followed by a hands-on training session on lipid quantification and data interpretation using GC, handled by Dr. G. Sivaprakash, who provided practical insights into biofuel research analysis.

The 3rd Technical Session was conducted by Dr. Rathinam Raja, Professor and Director of the Centre for Integrative Medical Research at Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital (SBMCH), Chennai. He delivered an inspiring lecture on algal biotechnology, emphasizing the medicinal and nutraceutical potential of micro- and macro algae and their role in sustainable technologies.

In the valedictory function, the workshop report was presented by Dr. A. Arun. He summarized the three-day proceedings and outcomes. The presidential address was delivered by Dr. R. Senthilrajan. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. Rathinam Raja, who emphasized the future scope of algae-based fuel technologies and the importance of interdisciplinary research collaborations. Dr. T. Kavitha, Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE Campus Placement Drive Conducted



The Department of Biomedical Science conducted a campus placement drive in collaboration with Omega Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., an

international healthcare information management company, on November 18, 2025. The event featured a comprehensive two-tier selection process designed for final-year and postgraduate students. The University dignitaries including Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, and Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Dean (Science), emphasized the importance of academia-industry partnerships in enhancing student employability. Mr. Ahamed Bilal, Senior Executive - Human Resources at Omega Healthcare, conducted the corporate session providing insights into healthcare information management, medical coding, and global career opportunities. Through the conduct of rigorous online examinations and interviews assessing aptitude, anatomy, disease knowledge, and biomedical competencies, 22 students were selected for the final round. Three outstanding students—S. Sharmili, T.R. Preethilakiya, and A.R.M. Ashfa Raslan were selected for positions, marking a significant achievement in the department's placement record and demonstrating the effectiveness of industry-oriented training in preparing students for healthcare sector careers.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Industrial Visit to National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized an industrial visit to the National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management – Thanjavur (NIFTEM-T) on 17.10.2025. The primary objective of the visit was to provide students with hands-on exposure and a clear understanding of industrial processes and real-time working environments. During the visit,

students gained detailed insights into Food Processing Engineering at the Centre of Excellence in Grain Sciences. They also learnt about Food Plant Operations, Incubation and Entrepreneurship, and Food Packaging and Storage Technology. The visit significantly enhanced their practical knowledge and understanding of current industrial practices in the food technology sector.

Three-day Workshop on Recent Trends in Sustainable Methods of Food Preservation Conducted



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized a three-day workshop on “Recent Trends in Sustainable Methods of Food Preservation” from 23.10.2025 to 25.10.2025. It was sponsored under the aegis of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan - RUSA 2.0 Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Career Hub. At the inaugural function, Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Convener and Organizing Secretary, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, welcomed the gathering. The Chief Guest Mr. K. Ranjith Kumar, Managing Director, AVKR Moringa Promise Wellness (OPC) Private Limited, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the need for promoting sustainable and health-based products.

On the day 1 of the workshop Mr. K. Ranjith Kumar delivered an insightful lecture on “Integrating Traditional and Modern Food Preservation in Agri-Food Processing.” He also conducted an interactive demonstration session on “moringa-based products,” showcasing the preparation of various moringa-derived items such as soups, energy bars, health mixes, teas, and capsules. Dr. S. Akalya, Professor, Department of Food Process Engineering, NIFTEM–T, delivered

an engaging lecture on “Preservation of Foods: Principles and Practices.” Through her session, students gained valuable insights into the various stages of food production, processing, storage, distribution, and marketing. The subsequent session was led by Dr. S. Kamalasundari, Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Dryland Agricultural Research Station, Chettinad. She focussed on “Novel Extrusion Technologies for Food Preservation and Shelf-Life Extension.” Her talk was on cooking techniques, the importance of the “My Plate” concept for achieving balanced nutrition, and strategies to address the nutrition burden.

On the second day, the resource person Dr. Gopinath Packirisamy, Professor, Department of Biosciences and Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, delivered a lecture on “Application of Nanotechnology in the Food Sector.” He covered key topics including the definition, synthesis, and production of nanoparticles, and their applications in the food industry to enhance shelf life. He also demonstrated the Lateral Flow Assay Technique, emphasizing its practical applications in the rapid detection of food adulterants and contaminants. Mrs. Muthulakshmi and Ms. Ambiga, Ph.D. scholars from the Department of Biotechnology, presented innovative experiments on the synthesis of carbon dots, silver nanoparticles, and protein nanoparticles, highlighting their potential applications in food quality analysis and safety monitoring.

Dr. A. Gnanapragasam, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry, Veterinary College and Research Institute, Orathanadu, Thanjavur, delivered an enlightening lecture on “Meat Preservation.” His presentation provided in-depth insights into various meat preservation techniques, including bio-preservation and the role of bacteriocins in maintaining meat quality and safety. Dr. D. V. Chidanand, Associate Professor, Department of Food Business Management, NIFTEM-T, Thanjavur, delivered an informative presentation on “Novel Processing Methods and Preservation of Spices.” He provided insights into the importance

of processing and value-addition in spices, post-harvest handling practices, and the limitations of conventional preservation techniques.

On the concluding day of the workshop, Ms. S. Abinaya, Food Safety Officer, Karaikudi Municipality, emphasized the key FSSAI initiatives, including DART (Detect Adulteration with Rapid Test), Food Safety on Wheels, and the Food Safety Connect App, which aim to promote food safety awareness among consumers. She also conducted a “Demonstration on Food Adulteration” to raise awareness about the dangers of consuming adulterated food products. Ms. Vishnu Priya Chellasamy, CEO of Zhagaram Bakes, Trichy, conducted an engaging “Hands-on Training on Vegan and Gluten-Free Millet Brownies.” She guided the participants in preparing delicious and nutritious brownies using millets and plant-based ingredients.

Dr. P. Arunkumar, Senior Principal Scientist, Department of Food Packaging Technology, CSIR–Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, spoke on “Packaging Technologies for Food Preservation.” He elaborated on the objectives and significance of food packaging, various types of packaging materials, modern packaging techniques, recycling codes, and emerging trends in the industry. The session concluded with a live demonstration of FT-IR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy) using different polymer samples. Dr. N. Sengottuvelan, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Alagappa University, delivered the felicitation address. A vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. R. Ramya, Teaching Assistant.

Special Lectures on “Life Style Modification: Diet and Physical Activity and Stress Management” and “Emerging Food Safety Challenges in Modern Food Sector”

The Department organized a Special Lecture on “Lifestyle Modification: Diet, Physical Activity, and Stress Management” and “Emerging Food Safety Challenges in the Modern Food Sector” on 22nd December 2025. Dr. P. Rameshthangam welcomed the gathering. Ms. K. Azhagurani, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition, Adhiyamaan College

of Research and Technology, Krishnagiri, delivered the special lecture on “Lifestyle Modification, Focusing on Diet, Physical Activity, and Stress Management”. Ms. K. Abinaya, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Sciences and Nutrition, JSA College of Agriculture and Technology, Cuddalore District, highlighted the food safety challenges in the modern food sector. Dr. P. Prabakaran, Teaching Assistant, proposed the vote of thanks.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Awareness Programme on Women Empowerment Conducted



An Awareness programme on the topic “Women Empowerment” was jointly organized by the Centre for Women's Studies and Alagappa University College of Education (AUCE) on 06.11.2025.

Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), AUCE, in her welcome address, highlighted the significance and relevance of understanding women empowerment in contemporary society and emphasized the role of higher education in promoting gender equality, leadership and self-reliance among women.

The keynote address was delivered by Mrs. Kaliananthi Satchithanatham, Member Educationist, Tamil Nadu Widows and Destitute Women Welfare Board, Government of India. The distinguished guest speaker emphasized the importance of women empowerment as a fundamental factor for social justice and national development and also, she highlighted the role of education in empowering women especially in

building self-confidence, awareness and economic independence. Further, she spoke about the challenges faced by widows and destitute women and the need for inclusive welfare measures to support them and explained various government initiatives and welfare schemes aimed at uplifting marginalized women in society. The address stressed the importance of legal awareness, skill development and financial literacy for women empowerment.

The session was interactive and the student-teachers actively participated by asking questions and sharing their reflections. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies.

Contributions of the Tamils to the Growth and Development of Singapore



An invited talk on the topic “Contributions of the Tamils to the Growth and Development of Singapore” was organized by AUCE on 22nd December 2025. Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), welcomed the participants. In her address, she highlighted the importance of understanding the global contributions of the Tamil diaspora and emphasized the relevance of such academic programmes in enriching students' cultural and social awareness.

The special address was delivered by Mrs. Soundara Nayaki Vairavan, Editor, *Sing-Ind Voice*, Singapore. In her insightful and engaging talk, she elaborated the significant role played by the Tamils in the socio-economic, cultural, and educational development of Singapore. She traced the historical migration of the Tamils to Singapore and explained how their contributions in administration, education, business, media, and culture have

shaped modern Singapore. The speaker also emphasized the importance of preserving Tamil language, identity, and values among the younger generation, especially in a global context. Her talk inspired students to take pride in their linguistic and cultural heritage while aspiring for global excellence. Dr. A. Pio Albina, Assistant Professor, AUCE, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **National Education Day-2025 Observed**



The Department of Education, Alagappa University, observed National Education Day 2025 with great enthusiasm and academic spirit. The programme was organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Minister of Education, and to highlight the importance of education in national development.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Vice-Chancellor, Hon. Col. Prof. G. Ravi, who delivered the presidential address and emphasized the transformative role of education in shaping responsible citizens and future leaders.

The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education. The special address was delivered by Dr. M. Rajeswari, Former Deputy Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, and Academic Director, Chellappan Vidya Mandir, Karaikudi, who highlighted the relevance of inclusive and value-based education. She was also appreciated as a distinguished alumna of Alagappa University.

Felicitations were offered by Dr. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, and Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), Alagappa University College of Education, appreciating the initiative

and significance of the celebration.

A series of competitions for school students were conducted as part of the National Education Day celebrations, including drawing, elocution, essay-writing, and quiz. More than 200 students, research scholars, and faculty members attended the event. Prizes and certificates were distributed to all the winners and participants, encouraging their active involvement and creative expression.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. N. Sasikumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE **National Level CRE Programme on Tamil Braille (Bharati Braille)**

The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science (DSERS), in collaboration with the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) and NIEPVD-RC, Chennai, organized a National Level Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programme on "Proficiency in Tamil Braille (Bharati Braille)" from 7th to 9th Oct 2025. The programme was approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), New Delhi. 130 special educators, rehabilitation professionals, research scholars, and students from various parts of the country participated in the 3-day programme. The sessions focused on the history, evolution, structure, and practical application of Bharati Braille, emphasizing its role in inclusive education for persons with visual disabilities.

The programme featured expert sessions by eminent resource persons, including : Dr. J. Sujathamalini, Professor & Head, DSERS, Alagappa University; Mr. Tarak Halder, Ms. S. Pushpa, Mr. P. Suresh, Mr. R. Adaikalam, and Mr. G. Ravichandran, Research Scholars, DSERS, Ms. M. Mounica, Teaching Assistant, DSERS; Dr. V. Mrunalini, Assistant Professor, Department of Special Education, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science & Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore; Mr. Pandiyarajan, Technician, Braille Press, NIEPVD-RC, Chennai; Dr. S. Rajaguru, ICSSR Senior Research Fellow, Chennai; and Mr. Dipendra Manocha, a renowned disability rights

activist and accessibility expert.

The programme provided valuable hands-on training and academic insights, significantly enhancing participants' professional competence in Tamil Braille and reinforcing the commitment towards inclusive and accessible education. The Rehabilitation Council of India has granted 18 points to all the participants of this CRE Programme, which is significant for the CRR Renewal.

White Cane Day Observed

The Department observed White Cane Day on 15th Oct 2025 to create awareness about the rights, independence, and mobility of persons with visual disabilities.

The programme featured a special address by Mr. R. Adaikalam, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science, who served as the Resource Person and highlighted the importance of the white cane as a symbol of independence and empowerment.

Two-Day Skill Training Programme on “Entrepreneur Skills for the Disabled”



The Centre for Multimodal Material Production Unit organized a Two-day Skill Training Programme on “Entrepreneur Skills for the Disabled” under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA 2.0) – Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub, on 28th and 29th Oct 2025. The programme was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, with Dr. J. Sujatha Malini, Professor and Head, DSERS, delivering the welcome address. The inaugural address was given by Shri. G. Srinivasulu, Assistant Professor and Head, Vocational Training, NIEPID, Secunderabad. Special addresses were delivered by

Mr. J. R. Nagarajan, Assistant Director, District Industrial Centre, Sivagangai, and Mr. G. Kumaresan, Outreach and Training Coordinator (South India), Benetech–Bookshare, USA. The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Director, Alagappa Institute of Educational Sciences. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. D. Vinayagam, Teaching Assistant. 200 participants were the beneficiaries of the programme.

Various hands-on training for different disabilities was highly informative and impactful. Eminent resource persons included Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Head, Ravindra Bharati University, Kolkata and Dr. Ramakrishnan Pettalla, Assistant Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia University. The programme focused on capacity building, innovation, and empowerment of persons with disabilities and students of DSERS.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities



The Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science (DSERS), Alagappa University, and Centre of Excellence of RCI, New Delhi, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Karaikudi Heritage, organized the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 9th December 2025 with a count of 300 participants. The programme, conducted under the theme “Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress,” saw active participation from research scholars, faculty members, and students. The event included cultural performances by students from the Alagappa University Special School for Intellectual Disabilities and Autism, which added vibrancy and joy to the event. Dr. J. Sujatha Malini welcomed the gathering and the programme was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. Prof. S. Subbiah, Former Vice-Chancellor,

Alagappa University, delivered the special address, while Thiru. S. Mangudi, MLA, Karaikudi, and RTN. PHF. G. Muthukumar, Former Senior Accounts Officer, BSNL, and President, Rotary Club of Karaikudi Heritage, offered felicitation addresses. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by G. Ravichandran, Ph.D. Research Scholar, DSERS. The programme highlighted the importance of inclusion, accessibility, and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Two-day Skill Training Programme on Start-Up and Incubation



Alagappa Institute of Skill Development conducted a Two-day Skill Training Programme on Start-Up and Incubation on 16-10-2025 and 17-10-2025. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who presided over the event emphasized the importance of innovation and Start-Up activities in driving the economic status of our country at the global level. He motivated the students to participate actively in all training programmes to enhance their skill-set required for sustainable entrepreneurial activities during their career development. Mr. Anandasekar, Project Officer, EDII, Ahmedabad, spoke about Start-up & Incubation. He emphasized on innovation elements in the context of start-ups. Further, he referred to the essentials of successful start-ups. Mr. M. Martin, Trainer, presented the Ideation Innovation; Dr.R.Ramachandran, Trainer, deliberated on the topic “Incubation Essentials for Scaling and Growth” touching the key elements of business incubation such as strategic planning and business model development. He also said how incubators help entrepreneurs transform their ideas into validated business models. Mr. A. Kesavan, CEO of

Quatanics Techserv Pvt Ltd, Madurai and EDII-TN Trainer dwelt on recent developments in technology and innovation emphasising the role of technology in sustaining the innovation. Further, Mr. Arumai Ruben Joseph, EDII TN Trainer, discussed the entrepreneurial skills required to make the start-ups into a business. Earlier, Dr. V. Dharuman, Director, AISD, welcomed the gathering and Dr. M. Sundar proposed a vote of thanks.

Two-Day Programme on Business Skill Development for Start-Ups



A two-day programme on “Business skill Development for Start-ups” was conducted at AISD on 23rd and 24th oct 2025. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, who presided over the event asked the students to identify the needs of the people and develop innovative products and convert them into a business model. He further emphasized the importance of Start-Ups in the current phase of economic growth. Dr. K. Balamurugan, RUSA 2.0 Coordinator, offered felicitation at the event. Dr. Jeny, Incubation Manager, elaborated on Business Opportunities & Idea Validation, Business Model and Value Proposition Development. Mr. Arumai Ruban Joseph, Trainer and District Programme Manager, EDII TN, Sivagangai focused his speech on Design Thinking and Innovation for Start-ups and Financial Support. Mr. A. Kesavan, CEO Quantanics, Madurai spoke about: Leadership, Team Building and Networking. Pitching & Communication Skills, Legal Compliance & Intellectual Property Basics. Ms.G. Divya, Head of Digital Marketing at Letsify, Sigma4 Solution Pvt Ltd, deliberated on real time marketing experience;

and she urged the students to focus on marketing analytics and AI. Mr. Hariharan Muralimanohar, Head of Marketing, Zoho One, Chennai delivered a lecture on “Digital Marketing and E-Commerce for Start-Ups.” Dr. V. Dharuman welcomed the gathering and Mr. Alaguraj, Teaching Assistant, proposed a vote of thanks.

Training on e-Service delivery to village Panchayat Secretaries

AISD in collaboration with District Collectorate, Sivagangai, conducted a Training Programme on e-Service Delivery to Village Panchayat Secretaries for 9 days (from 04-11-2025 to 21-11-2025) to make awareness on and utility of Government websites and portals on daily basis to deliver basic services to the village people. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, inaugurated the event and emphasized on the importance of learning recent technologies and their implementation in e-Services in government sectors.

Three-Day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) for SC/ST Students



The AISD, EIC Hub, Alagappa University, in association with the MSME Technology Development Centre (PPDC), Government of India, organized a Three-Day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) exclusively for SC/ST students from 28-10-2025 to 30-10-2025. The programme aimed to foster entrepreneurial awareness, enhance business skills, and promote self-employment opportunities among students from marginalized communities. Prof. C. Vethirajan, Senior Professor & Head, Department of Corporate Secretaryship presided over the event and delivered the inaugural address,

emphasizing the importance of entrepreneurship in driving socio-economic growth and empowering youth. The session commenced with a welcome address by Dr. V. Dharuman highlighting the objectives and expected outcomes of the initiative. Dr. Sudhamathi, Director, SC/ST Cell, Alagappa University, offered felicitations. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Arumai Ruban Joseph, District Programme Manager, Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute – Tamil Nadu (EDII–TN).

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Prof. S. Kaliamoorthy Endowment Lecture



The Seventh Edition of the Prof. S. Kaliamoorthy Endowment Lecture was organized by Alagappa Institute of Management (AIM) on 17th October 2025. The theme of the lecture was “Climate Change, Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.” The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. S. Chandramohan, Director, AIM. He recalled the objectives of establishing the endowment lecture series and encouraged students to strive for excellence in their professional journeys. The presidential address was delivered by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. He emphasized the role of education in shaping young minds. He said that entrepreneurs should develop eco-friendly products and focus on renewal energy solutions, and sustainable business models that balance profit with purpose. Governments and institutions should support these efforts through policies, funding, and partnerships.

The highlight of the event was the scintillating address delivered by Mr. R. M. P.

Jawahar, Executive Director, TREC-STEP, Tiruchirappalli. With over three decades of experience in business incubation and entrepreneurship promotion, he shared his valuable insights on how technology and innovation can help mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. He discussed sustainable solutions, such as renewable energy, smart agriculture, and recycling innovations, stressing that entrepreneurs play a crucial role in creating a sustainable and resilient economy. Mr. Jawahar further inspired the audience by sharing success stories of startups that combined environmental consciousness with business innovation. He emphasized that true entrepreneurship involves finding solutions that balance profit with purpose. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Sudhamathi, Associate Professor, AIM and Convenor of the Programme.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Two-Day Seminar on “Innovation Initiators in International Trade”



The Department of International Business organized a “Two-day Seminar on Innovation Initiators in International Trade” under the aegis of RUSA 2.0 – Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (EIC Hub – ALU). The seminar focused on emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, and digital payment systems in international trade. Resource persons from reputed institutions delivered sessions on automation, digital documentation, real-time logistics tracking, and cost-efficient global trade practices. The seminar provided students with valuable insights into technological innovations shaping the future of

international business.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Constitution Day-2025 Organised



The Constitution Day-2025 was organised by the Department of Commerce on 26th Nov 2025 to mark the 75th Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India. Dr.S.Ganapathy, Head, Department of Commerce, welcomed the gathering and presented the thematic introduction. Presiding over the inaugural function Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, highlighted the significant contribution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution. He described that the Indian Constitution is the lengthiest one in the world. He said that corruption and discrimination are the major hindrances that affect the progress of a nation. He exhorted the students to unite and work for fulfilling the dreams of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and adhere to the principles of Indian Constitution and create India as balanced economy by 2047.

Prof. S. Murugesan, Principal, Govt. Law College, Karaikudi, who presented the special address, described the Constitution as the supreme law of the nation that binds the legislative, executive, and judicial organs of the government. He added that the objectives of the Preamble are to secure justice, liberty, and equality for all citizens and promote fraternity in order to maintain the unity and integrity of the nation. Also, he explained the historical events that led to the formation of the Constituent Assembly in India; and he stated that the Constitution grants Fundamental Rights to all its citizens and empowers the independent judiciary to invalidate legislative actions if it violates the Constitution through its Constitutional Remedies under Article 32 which is the heart of the Indian

Constitution

Dr.V.Palanisamy, Member of the Syndicate, Dr.T.R. Gurumoorthy, Advisor, Centre for Distance and Online Education and Dr.C. Yogalakshmi, Dean, Faculty of Management delivered speeches at the event.

As part of the programme, two competitions viz. Quiz Programme and Essay-Writing Competition and Mock Parliament were conducted. More than 50 students participated in the competitions and the chief guest gave away the prizes to the winners. Dr.B.Menaka, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

One-Day Workshop on “Campus Integrating with Employment” Conducted

A One-day Workshop titled “Campus Integrating with Employment” was recently conducted at the Seminar Hall of the Faculty of Management. It was jointly organized by the Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University, and CSC Education and Training Academy, Karaikudi. Prof. C. Vethirajan, Head of the Department of Corporate Secretaryship, welcomed the gathering.



Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who presided over the inaugural session of the workshop, noted that for rural students, communicating in English becomes a major hurdle when attending interviews. Beyond English proficiency, lack of self-confidence is also another reason for this difficulty faced by

them. He emphasized that students should speak the language confidently. He stated that providing 100% placement for our students is the university's goal, and to achieve this, the University has entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with several leading companies.

He further remarked that the CSC Education and Training Academy had recently signed an MoU with the University to offer education, placement training, and internship opportunities. He appreciated the academy for organizing a placement-oriented workshop for students within such a short period after signing the agreement. He added that providing such training through the CSC Academy, which operates under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, would greatly support University students in securing jobs in top companies.

Dr. Nixon Asaria, Director of the CSC Education and Training Academy, Karaikudi, spoke about the objectives of the workshop. Dr. Murugeswari, recipient of the Tamil Nadu Government's Best Teacher Award, addressed the students during the session. Mr. Sudhir, Chairman of Sen Company, Bengaluru, and placement trainer Mr. Saravanan also delivered special addresses. Additionally, students were given hands-on training. Prizes were awarded to students who excelled in the workshop. The first prize was won by Ms. Noorul Ms. Rishwana, the second prize by Mr. Franklin, and the third prize by Ms. Vandar Kuzhali. In the quiz competition, Ms. Vijayalakshmi received the prize.

Dr. Arumugam, Assistant Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Mr. Gajan Kumar and Ms. Nandhini Jayasree, were that resource persons. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Morarji.

DEPARTMENT OF BANKING MANAGEMENT Two-Day National Seminar on “Digital Banking” Organised



The Department of Banking Management organized a Two-day National Seminar titled “Digital Banking – Banking on BYTES (Bridging Your Trust with Electronic Solutions) as a Pathway to Inclusive Growth” on 28th & 29th Oct 2025. The seminar witnessed the participation of 170 delegates, including faculty members, research scholars, students, and industry professionals, and provided a platform for deliberation on digital transformation and inclusive growth in the banking sector.

On Day 1, Mr. M. Joseph Amalan, representing the Reserve Bank of India, delivered an invited talk on “Digital Banking and Cybersecurity Initiatives of RBI,” highlighting regulatory measures and policy initiatives. Mr. G. Sangameshwar, Digital Insurance Expert, spoke on “Digital Insurance: Expanding Financial Protection,” emphasizing technology-driven insurance inclusion. CA. B. Raja Ganapathy, Chartered Accountant, presented “Money Without Borders: The Rise of Digital Currencies,” offering insights into digital currencies and cross-border financial systems. Mr. Mohammed Asraf, FinTech Professional, delivered a combined session on “Lending in the Age of Algorithms: The Rise of Digital Credit,” elaborating on algorithm-based lending models, data analytics in credit assessment, and the implications of fintech-driven credit delivery for financial inclusion.

On Day 2, Mr. Venkatesh Ragavendran, Cybersecurity Specialist, delivered a virtual session on “Fortifying Digital Banking: Strategies against Cyber Risks,” focusing on emerging cyber threats

and risk mitigation practices. Mr. Rammohan Munugoor, Digital Banking Professional, presented a combined session on “Digital Banking: Trends and Practices,” discussing evolving digital service models, customer experience, and operational efficiency. The seminar concluded with a speech by CA. Kamala Palaniappan, Chartered Accountant. She spoke on the topic “Equipping Future Bankers – Digital Skills for the Fintech Age,” emphasizing the competencies required for future-ready banking professionals.

Lecture on Developing Communication Skill Conducted



As part of the Value-Added Course on Finfluence, a lecture was delivered by Mrs. Chitra Kannan on 15th Dec 2025. The session titled “Speak Easy” focused on developing effective communication skills essential for professional success.

Special Lecture on Swami Vivekananda: The Icon of the Youth



A special lecture on “Swami Vivekananda: The Icon of the Youth” was delivered by Mr. S. Senthilkumar, Centre for Value Education and Training Unit, Vivekananda Cultural Academy, Coimbatore. The lecture highlighted Swami Vivekananda's vision on youth empowerment, self-discipline, moral strength, and nation-building.

Emphasis was placed on values, character, confidence, and purposeful living as foundations for responsible professional life.

Workshop on Research Tools Organised



The Department organized a two-day workshop titled “Research 360 – Navigating Ideas, Methods, Insights and Analysis” on 18th & 19th Dec 2025. The programme was facilitated by Dr. Kumaran Thayumanavan, Department of Management Studies, Velammal College of Engineering and Technology, Madurai.

The workshop provided comprehensive exposure to research fundamentals, identification of research problems, academic sourcing, research methodology construction, data analysis and interpretation, and report preparation. The hands-on sessions strengthened participants' research aptitude and analytical skills, contributing to improved academic and scholarly outcomes.

Guest Lecture on “Navigating Modern Banking: Insights from a Four-Decade Career”



The Department organized a guest lecture on “Navigating Modern Banking: Insights from a Four-Decade Career” on 13th Oct 2025. The session was delivered by Mr. Kumar Muthiah, Former Division Head, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, whose four decades of leadership experience in the

banking industry enriched the deliberations. The lecture offered a compelling narrative on the evolution of modern banking, highlighting leadership in times of change, regulatory transformation, and the growing influence of technology in financial services. Drawing from real-world experiences, the speaker shared practical insights into banking operations, strategic decision-making, and best practices adopted across global banking environments.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT Achievement of Student



Mr. Aadhithya R, MBA (Tourism Management) - II Year was honoured for his achievement at the State Level Roller Hockey Championship 2025 held from October 8 to 13, 2025 at Pudukkottai. He secured Bronze Medals in both the Senior Men's Category and Senior Mixed Category, and has been selected for attending the National Camp, representing the team from Tamil Nadu.

Workshop on Culinary Canvas - Artistry in Cooking



The Department of Tourism and Hotel Management organized a workshop titled "Culinary Canvas Artistry in Cooking" on 8th October 2025 at the QTK Lab. The session was led

by Shri R. Manoj Samraj, Chef De Partie (Continental & Indian Cuisine), Apex National Culinary, Abu Dhabi, who shared valuable insights on creativity and presentation in culinary arts.

Exploring Learning Beyond Classrooms Tour to Heritage Sites



MBA in Tourism Management students embarked on a Study Tour to Rameswaram, a destination rich in heritage and spirituality. They saw Tamil Nadu's most iconic spot: Rameshwaram Temple - experiencing divine architecture and witnessed the mystic charm of the Ghost Town Dhanuskodi and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial which is an inspiring tribute to India's Missile Man. They also visited Kurusadai Beach & Ariyaman Beach - exploring coastal tourism and eco-diversity. The majestic Pamban Bridge appeared as engineering marvel to them. This tour offered them real-time exposure to heritage, cultural and coastal tourism, enhancing their understanding of destination management and sustainable tourism practices.

Seminar on "Sustainable Tourism: Preserving India's Heritage and Nature" Organised



Under the auspices of Entrepreneurship Innovation and Carrer Hub (EIC Hub) a "Seminar on Sustainable Tourism: Preserving India's Heritage and Nature" was conducted. Prof. A.

Senthilrajan, Registrar, inaugurated the event and it featured insightful speeches of distinguished speakers such as Ankathi Raghu, Professor & Head, Dept. of Tourism & Hospitality Management, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Veronique Courtois, French Teaching Faculty, L'Alliance Française De Los Angeles, USA. Mr. Kailash PL, Researcher & Writer, Madurai, Dr. R. Kannan, Former Professor & Director, Madurai Kamaraj University, Mr. Senthil Kumar, Resort Manager, Chidambara Vilas and Mr. Kathiravan Karunanithi, Manager, The Lotus Palace, Chettinad. The seminar fostered discussions on innovation, sustainability, heritage preservation and eco-friendly practices in tourism inspiring future tourism leaders to embrace sustainable growth and global collaboration.

One -Week Training & Certification Programme for Tourist Guides



A One-week Training and Certification Programme for tourist guides was jointly organized by the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management and the MIS Department of Alagappa University. The inaugural function was held on 16.12.2025.

Inaugurating the programme, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi stated that tourism plays a vital role in the nation's development. He emphasized that Tamil Nadu's rich heritage, culture, architecture and spiritual tourism destinations have the power to attract tourists from across the globe. He said that Brahadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, with its Chola-era architecture and intricate sculptures, is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and stands as a symbol of Tamil Nadu. He asked the students to become professionally trained tourist guides.

The valedictory function of the one-week training programme was held on 22.12.2025. More than 30 participants from various places such as Pudukkottai, Kumbakonam, and Karaikudi benefited from the programme. Faculty members from different departments also participated. Over the course of seven days, 20 tourism experts and professors delivered lectures on various tourism-related topics. The participants were trained on subjects including the importance of tourism, heritage tourism, cultural tourism, Chettinad cuisine, the uniqueness of the Thanjavur temple, essential qualities of a tourist guide, tourism marketing strategies, the history of the Pandya dynasty, Saivite shrines in Sivagangai district, Thirumalai rock paintings and cave temples, the contributions of freedom fighters from Sivagangai region and their memorials, the excellence of temple sculptures and religious harmony reflected through Islamic pilgrimage centres of tourism importance.

During the valedictory ceremony, the Head of the Department and Programme Secretary, Dr. Rajan Chinna, delivered the welcome address. The Registrar of the University, in his address, highlighted the initiatives undertaken by the University to promote tourism and explained the importance of tourism in national economic development, and hinted at the enormous employment opportunities available to students in the tourism sector.



The District Collector, Mrs. Porkodi, interacted with the participants and enquired whether the programme was beneficial. She later distributed certificates to all the participants. The President of the Karaikudi Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Sami Dravidamani, spoke about the contribution of tourism to the Gross Domestic

Trade and appreciated the significant role played by Alagappa University in promoting tourism.

The District Project Manager of EDII, Sivagangai District, Mr. Arumai Ruban Joseph, in his felicitation address, commended the participants for their enthusiasm in enhancing their tourism knowledge. The programme Coordinator Mr. K. P. Karthilingam, presented the report. The programme Secretary, Dr. S. Santhosh Kumar, delivered the vote of thanks. The Karaikudi Tourism Officer, Mr. C. Thiruvassan, and Assistant Tourism Officer, Mr. Johnson attended the function.

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction: 2025 Organised



The Department of Disaster Management organised the “International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2025: Fund Resilience, Not Disasters” on 13th Oct 2025. The event brought experts to the campus who delivered lectures on disaster risk reduction and fire and safety awareness for the benefit of students. The programme began with a welcome address delivered by Prof. C. K. Muthukumar, Head (i/c), Department of Disaster Management. The presidential address was delivered by Sr. Prof. S. Rajaram, Syndicate Member. The special address was delivered by Mrs. Manasir Haleeme, Deputy Director, Tamil Nadu Forest and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Madurai Zone, on the topic “Disaster Risk Reduction and Creating Awareness among Students.” The keynote address was delivered by Mr. S. Senthilkumar, Assistant District Officer, Fire and Rescue Services, Sivagangai District. He dwelt at length on the importance of creating fire and

safety awareness. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. M. Vasanthavigar, Teaching Assistant.

Two-Day Skill Training Seminar on “Masters of Management”



The Department of Disaster Management, under the auspices of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA 2.0) and Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (EIC HUB – ALU), organized a Two-Day Skill Training Seminar on “Masters of Management” on 30th and 31st Oct 2025 at Dr. (Mrs.) Umayal Ramanathan Conference Hall. The inaugural function commenced with a welcome address delivered by Prof. C. K. Muthukumaran, Head i/c, Department of Disaster Management. The presidential address was given by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. The inaugural address was given by Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate. Prof. C. Yogalakshmi, Dean, Faculty of Management, presented the felicitation address. On Day 1, technical sessions were handled by Mr. R. Manoharan, Founder of Banana Leaf Restaurants Group, Trichy; Mr. Vadivel Devarajan, Practice Director – Data & Artificial Intelligence, L&T Technology Services, Bengaluru; and Mrs. Sumithra, General Manager, Renault Nissan Technology and Business Centre of India. The sessions focused on entrepreneurship, emerging technologies, leadership, and strategic management.

On Day 2, the sessions were conducted by Tmt. B. S. Vijayalakshmi, District Revenue Officer, Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation, Chennai; Ms. P. Sathiya Priya, District Coordinator, Disaster Management, Ramanathapuram; and Mr. V. Sundararaman,

Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Sivagangai District. The discussions focussed on topics such as managerial skills, leadership qualities, career readiness, governance, disaster management practices, and humanitarian leadership. The seminar concluded with the valedictory function. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. Muthumeena / Dr. M. Vasanthavigar, Teaching Assistant, Department of Disaster Management.



CENTRE FOR YOGA EDUCATION Two-Day Skill Training on Yoga Skills and Health Management



Two-day Skill Training on Yoga Skills and Health Management under the auspices of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan-RUSA 2.0 was organized by the Centre for Yoga Education on 23rd & 24th Oct 2025.

The inauguration began with a welcome address by Prof. S. Saroja, Professor-cum-Coordinator, Centre for Yoga Education and it was followed by the presidential address by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. Prof. Dr. R. Elangovan, Member – Executive Council, Indian Yoga Association, New Delhi, delivered the Special Address, and Dr. M. Sundar, Former Vice-Chancellor, TNPE&SU and Principal-AUCPES,

offered felicitations. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. C. Kamatchi, International Gold Medalist and Founder of Krish Yoga Vidhyalaya; and Mrs. N. Kiruthiga, Teaching Assistant, Centre for Yoga Education, started the training session. Practical and Theory sessions were conducted. Dr.R.Elangovan handled practical classes on Yoga and Yoga Nidhra. He also elucidated on the History and Benefits of Yoga. He also spoke on Yoga for a Healthy Life. Practical classes on Mantra Chanting, Surya Namaskar and Sound Healing Pawanmuktasana Series, Basic Asanas & Props for Alignment were conducted with the help of technical experts Dr.C.Kamatchi, Mr.M.Navaneetha Krishnan, Ms.P.Gomathy, Mr.TS.Vasudevan, Mr.A.Gurubaran and Mr.R.Prem.

The programme concluded with the valedictory ceremony. Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who delivered the presidential address, emphasized the importance of balancing technological advancement with yogic discipline, mindful living, reduced social media usage, and encouraging the habit of reading. Prof.V.Palanisamy delivered the felicitation address. The certificates were given to all the participants and resource persons. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs.N.Kiruthiga. Dr.Vairava Sundaram, NCC Officer, ACPE, participated in the event.



The two-day training enriched participants with essential theoretical knowledge and hands-on proficiency in yoga techniques. The programme emphasized holistic health, emotional balance, and mindful living, encouraging participants to integrate yogic principles into daily life for improved physical and mental well-being in the modern technological era.

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY RADIO World Radio Day Celebrated



Alagappa University celebrated World Radio Day on 13th Feb 2026 through its Community Radio Station (FM 90.8 MHz) in association with the Rotary Club of Karaikudi Pearl Sangamam at the Tholkappiyar Hall of Lakshmi Valar Tamil Library.

Dr. C. Sumathi, Director i/c of the Community Radio Station, welcomed the gathering and delivered the thematic address. She described community radio as “the voice for the community, by the community,” serving the public. She highlighted that the station broadcasts programmes on education, career guidance, health and sanitation, women's development, agriculture, science, environment, current affairs, and local culture, thereby contributing to public awareness and social development.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, in his presidential address, noted that the Community Radio broadcasts an agricultural programme *Man Payanura* in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India. He added that the station regularly airs awareness programmes on socially relevant themes and encourages students to participate and benefit from them.

Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, described the Community Radio as the “voice of the people,” appreciating its role in disseminating valuable information with the support of regional experts.

Felicitation speeches were also made by Rotary Zone 5 Asst. Governor and Asst. Professor AUCE Rtn. Dr. Shanthi, Karaikudi Rotary Pearl Sangamam Club President Rtn. Francis Xavier, and Past Asst. Governor Rtn. G.Muthukumar. The event was further graced by the participation of Rotary Club Secretary of Karaikudi Pearl Sangamam Rtn. Edward Chinnappan, Past President Rtn. Murugappan, Dr. Ramesh, Headmaster of Alagappa Model Higher Secondary

School, and other dignitaries, along with other distinguished guests including local school heads and academic representatives. Notable contributors to the Community Radio programmes who attended the function included Dr. Devi Nachiappan, recipient of the Sahitya Akademi Bal Puraskar; Dr. Suneel Krishnan, Ayurvedic Physician and Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar awardee; and Retd. Prof. T. R. Gurumoorthy.



During the function, radio receivers were distributed to five schools by the Rotary Club, with an announcement that more schools would receive sets. The Vice-Chancellor honoured subject experts and students with mementoes and certificates for their active involvement in awareness programmes. More than 200 participants attended the celebration.

திருமதி லக்ஷ்மி வளர்தமிழ் நூலகம்

படிப்போம்! பகிர்வோம்! மற்றும் நூல் வெளியீட்டு விழா



திருமதி லக்ஷ்மி வளர்தமிழ் நூலகம் சார்பாக நடத்திய படிப்போம்! பகிர்வோம்! மற்றும் நூல் வெளியீட்டு நிகழ்வு 07.10.2025 தொல்காப்பியர் அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் நுண்கலைத்துறை உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் பெ. குபேந்திரன் வரவேற்புரையாற்ற, வளர்தமிழ் நூலக இயக்குநர் மூத்த பேராசிரியர் முனைவர்

சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை

அவர்கள்

தலைமையுரையாற்றினார்.

அவர்தம்

தலைமையுரையில் வளர்தமிழ் நூலகத்தின் சிறப்பு, மாணவர்கள் நூல்களைப் படிப்பதனால் கிடைக்கும் நன்மை குறித்து விளக்கினார். விழாவில் எழுத்தாளர் துரை. அறிவுமுகன் எழுதிய “நீலியின் பயணம்” என்னும் குழந்தை இலக்கிய நூலை இயக்குநர் வெளியிட திருப்பத்தூர் நூலக வாசகர் வட்டத் தலைவர் ஜெயச்சந்திரன் அவர்கள் பெற்றுக் கொண்டார். இவ்விழாவின் சிறப்பு விருந்தினரான இளமைக் கனல் இதழ் பொறுப்பாசிரியர் தேவகோட்டை தே. பிரித்தோ மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி பட்டதாரித் தமிழாசிரியர் அ. பிலவேந்திர ராஜா அவர்கள் எழுத்தாளர் பாரி முடியரசன் அவர்கள் எழுதிய ‘என் தந்தை முடியரசன்’ என்னும் நூலில் முடியரசன் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு அவரது கவிதையில் உள்ள கவியின் சிறப்புகளை எடுத்துரைத்தார். தேவகோட்டை தே. பிரித்தோ மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி தமிழாசிரியர் முனைவர் ம. ஸ்மபன் மிக்கேல் ராஜ் அவர்கள் பேராசிரியர் சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்களின் ‘வல்லமை தந்துவிட்டாய்’ என்னும் சிறுகதை நூலில் காணலாகும் பெண்ணியச் சிந்தனைகள் கதைகளில் காணலாகும் உவமைகள் சங்க இலக்கியப் பாடல்களைப் பயன்படுத்திய விதம் ஆகியவை குறித்து நூலாய்வுரை வழங்கினார்.

இதன்பின் தே. பிரித்தோ மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாணவச் செல்வங்கள் “படிப்போம் - பகிர்வோம்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் ஆறாம் வகுப்பில் இருந்து 12 ஆம் வகுப்பு வரை பயிலும் 13 மாணவர்கள், சிறுகதை, புதுக்கவிதை, கட்டுரை, தன் வரலாறு, தன்முன்னேற்றம், மாதஇதழ், என்பன போன்ற பன்முகத்தன்மை நிறைந்த நூல்களைப் படித்து அதனைப் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டார்கள். நுண்கலைத்துறை உதவிப் பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர் பெ. குபேந்திரன் அவர்கள் நன்றி கூற விழா இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது. தேவகோட்டை தே. பிரித்தோ மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாணவர்கள், திருப்பத்தூர் வாசகர் வட்ட உறுப்பினர்கள் முனைவர் தேவி நாச்சியப்பன், ஆசிரியர் குமுதா, முனைவர் வனிதா, பொதுமக்கள், வாசகர்கள் என 150-க்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் இந்நிகழ்வில் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.



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