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Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University along with distinguished Academics from India and Abroad at the International Conference on "Advanced Nanomaterials for Clean and Green Health Applications (INPANCEHA - 2026)" held in March 2026.

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## *From the Vice-Chancellor*

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Dear Readers,

*I am happy to present this edition of the Azhagu Newsletter that highlights the vibrant academic, research, cultural, sports, extension, and outreach activities organized at Alagappa University during January – March 2026.*

*During this period, the University continued its committed journey by conducting a wide spectrum of conferences, seminars, workshops, training programmes, cultural festivals, sports tournaments and awareness campaigns.*

*These events brought to the campus eminent academicians, researchers, industry experts, and professionals from India and abroad, thereby enriching the academic environment and promoting innovation-driven learning among our students and scholars.*

*The successful organization of the South Zone Inter-University Women's Football Tournament, ALUTES 2026 Cultural Fest and various intercollegiate events conducted here reflect the vibrant campus culture and the holistic development fostered by the University.*

*Equally noteworthy are the University's initiatives in environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and community engagement. Programmes such as large-scale tree plantation drives, the “Meendum Manjapai” (Back to Cloth Bags) environmental awareness campaign, Swachh Bharat initiatives, voter awareness rallies, health awareness programmes, and rural outreach activities demonstrate our continued commitment towards nation-building and sustainable development.*

*In all earnestness, almost all the Departments of Study conducted skill development programmes under the sponsorship of the RUSA 2.0 Scheme to enhance and upgrade the talents and competencies of faculty members and employability of students with the support of experts from the respective fields. The AISD & EIC Hub, Alagappa University, contributed immensely to the successful conduct of these programmes.*

*I appreciate the dedicated efforts of all stakeholders whose tireless contributions have made these programmes successful. Additional news items and updates are available in the e-version of the Azhagu Newsletter.*

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

## Call to Uphold Constitutional Values

### **77<sup>TH</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED WITH PATRIOTIC FERVOUR & CULTURAL SPLENDOUR**



The 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with grandeur at Alagappa University on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026. Vice-Chancellor Hony. Col. Prof. G. Ravi unfurled the tricolour flag and accepted the Guard of Honour presented by the NCC Cadets and the students of the University.

After this ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor delivered the Republic Day Address in which he emphasized that the Republic Day reminds us not only of the formal adoption of the Constitution in 1950 but also of the centuries of our history, culture and resilience that have defined Bharat--our beloved India. "The Republic Day is a powerful reminder of our duties as responsible citizens. The Constitution has given us rights, but it also insists us to uphold discipline, dignity, and unity in our everyday lives. Today India is moving forward in every field--- education, science, technology, healthcare, economy and digital development---but real progress of the nation depends on the honesty, integrity, hard work and character of its people. On this Republic Day, let us promise to build an India

that is strong in values, rich in knowledge and united in diversity."

Prof. G. Ravi also said that the youth of our nation must lead a life with courage, compassion and relentless quest for excellence. The historical discoveries made in Tamil Nadu are not just archaeological milestones but they are reminders about the future we dream of and we must embrace and build upon the wisdom of our past. Let us learn from them lessons of innovation and sustainability to shape a future that is not only progressive but also rooted in our rich heritage.

Further, the Vice-Chancellor narrated the activities and recent achievements of the University. He appealed to the students to step into the future remembering the services of the architects of the Constitution especially Dr.Ambedkar and emulate the great ideals enshrined in the Constitution. He also exhorted the student-community to carry forward the legacy of our ancestors and make the country as a global



powerhouse of the 21<sup>st</sup> century showing the values to the world. In this event, Hon. Captain SM.Arul Samy, Indian Army, Madras Regiment, was honoured in recognition of his distinguished services to the nation and his exemplary contribution to the Indian Armed Forces.

The Vice-Chancellor also congratulated and presented certificates to the students of Alagappa University College of Physical Education for showcasing their talents in the state and national level sports events. The event also featured captivating cultural performances by students of the University.

The ceremony was attended by University Syndicate Members Prof. S. Rajaram, Prof.C.Vethirajan, Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Controller of Examinations Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Finance Officer i/c. Prof.S.Chandramohan, Director of CDOE Prof.E.Kannapiran, Administrative Officers, Deans, Department Heads, Principals, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff, and Students.

Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, Officer, National Cadet Corps, coordinated the event.



## Back to Yellow Cloth Bags

### **SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED**

The National Service Scheme (NSS) of Alagappa University, in collaboration with the



Office of the Controller of Examinations, Alagappa University, and the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Sivagangai, organized a Special Environmental Awareness Programme on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in which Yellow Cloth Bags (Manjapai) were distributed to the staff at the University campus.

The event was conducted to promote plastic-free practices and to encourage the use of eco-friendly and reusable alternatives in the place of single use plastic bags under the “Meendum Manjapai Scheme” (Back to Yellow Bags Scheme), an important initiative of the Government of Tamil Nadu aimed at reducing the single-use plastics.

The Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, Prof. G. Ravi, distributed the Yellow Cloth Bags (Manjapai) to the University staff, highlighting the imperative need for protecting the environment by adopting sustainable practices in daily life to save the Mother Earth.

The programme was held in the presence of Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, Prof.S.Chandramohan, Finance Officer (i/c), Dr. M. Natarajan, NSS Programme Coordinator, and Dr. S. Arun, Deputy Controller of Examinations.

The event concluded with a pledge-taking ceremony to support a clean, green, and plastic-free campus, reinforcing Alagappa University's commitment to environmental sustainability.

## ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY HOSTS GRAND CULTURAL FESTIVAL 'ALUTES - 2026'



Alagappa University organized its annual cultural extravaganza, ALUTES 2026 (Alagappa University Talent Exhibit Show), from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026, showcasing the artistic talents of students across various departments. The three-day event featured a wide range of competitions and performances including literary events, fine arts programmes such as drama, music, and dance, attracting enthusiastic participation from students. A vibrant welcome performance by students set the tone for the festival, showcasing the artistic spirit of the youth.

The festival commenced with an Inaugural Ceremony on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Convocation Auditorium. Dr. K. Langeswaran, Coordinator, Cultural Club, welcomed the gathering. The function was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. He emphasized the importance of cultural activities in nurturing creativity, leadership qualities and overall personality development among the students. The function was inaugurated by Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Member of the Syndicate. Thiru. D. Velmurugan, a renowned Tamil Playback Singer, who was the Chief Guest, delivered an interesting speech. He exhorted students to explore their talents and emphasized the importance of preserving cultural roots through music and art.

Prof. C. Vethirajan, Member of the Syndicate; Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations; and Prof. S. Chandramohan, Finance Officer i/c, offered felicitations. Dr. G. Sivakumar, Deputy Coordinator, Cultural Club, proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session.

On the first day, February 5, the off-stage events were held, which included literary and fine arts competitions such as Tamil and English elocution, poetry-writing, rangoli, painting, photography, and other creative competitions. Students from various departments participated enthusiastically, demonstrating their creativity and artistic flair, marking the beginning of a colourful and energetic cultural celebration on campus.

The on-stage events commenced from February 6 and continued through February 7, bringing the auditorium to life with vibrant performances. The second day highlighted theatre and music events, such as skits, mime, mimicry, classical and western vocal music performances, and instrumental music, drawing large and enthusiastic audiences. On the final day, the stage came alive with dance recitals, including classical solo and vibrant folk and tribal group dances, reflecting India's rich cultural heritage. Students from various departments actively participated, demonstrating creativity, teamwork, and competitive spirit throughout the two days of on-stage events. The event served as a platform for young talents to express themselves and gain recognition.

The festival concluded with a valedictory function on the evening of February 7, 2026 at the Convocation Auditorium. Dr. G. Sivakumar, Deputy Coordinator, Cultural Club, welcomed the gathering. The function was presided over by Vice-



Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, delivered the special address. Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate, and Prof. S. Karuppuchamy, Dean, Research, felicitated the gathering. Thiru. Anthakudi C. Ilayaraja, renowned actor and playback singer, delivered the valedictory address. He appreciated the students' enthusiastic participation and emphasized the role of arts and music in shaping individuals and society. Dr. K. Langeswaran, Coordinator, Cultural Club, proposed a vote of thanks.

Prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners across all categories. The Overall Championship of ALUTES-2026 was clinched by the Department of Skill Development, with the Department of Tamil emerging as the Runner-up.

## **ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY SPECIAL SCHOOL STUDENT WINS MEDALS IN NATIONAL PARA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP**



Master R. Santhosh, who received training at the Special School of Alagappa University, participated in the National Level Para Athletics Championship 2025 for junior and sub-junior categories, held from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sports Stadium for differently-abled students in

Gwalior. He secured the second and the third places in the 100-metre and 200-metre running events respectively, bringing pride to Tamil Nadu.

In recognition of his achievement, the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu honoured him during a function held on 17.02.2026 by presenting a cash award of Rupees Three and a Half Lakhs along with a certificate of appreciation.

The award-winning student R. Santhosh met Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, on 23.02.2026 and showed him the cash award cheque and certificates he had received. The Vice Chancellor congratulated the student for his achievement. He also appreciated the parents who stood as a strong support behind this success. Registrar Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Head of the Department of Special Education Prof. J. Sujatha Malini, Special School Teachers, and the student's parents were present.

## **SOUTH ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT- 2025-26 HOSTED**



The South Zone Inter –University Women's Football Tournament for the year 2025-26 was organized by the Directorate of Physical Education, Alagappa University. It was sponsored



by the Association of Indian Universities. The inaugural ceremony was held on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025 at the AUCPE. The tournament was conducted for four days, from 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 2026, in which 45 university teams from South India participated. The matches were conducted at AUCPE Football Field, Umayal Stadium, ACGCET and Bavanagar Stadium.

Dr.A.Senthilrajan Registrar, delivered the welcome address, Vice- Chancellor Prof.G.Ravi, who presided over the inaugural function, briefly traced the development of football in South India and said that it is one of the most popular sports globally with a vast fan base.

Mrs.R.Sandhiya, an Indian Football Player, attended the event as the Chief Guest and hoisted the flag of the Association of Indian Universities. She commended the consistent participation and achievements of Alagappa University students in many national sports events.

Prof.S.Rajaram, Syndicate Member, hoisted the University flag and made a speech emphasizing the importance of maintaining good health and urged the students to prioritize their physical well-being.

The event was attended by Prof.K.Muralirajan, Principal (i/c), College of Physical Education. Prof. D.Manizhagu, Deputy Director & Dr. Shiva Shankar Reddy, an observer from the Association of Indian Universities; and other faculty members were also present. The tournament was organized under the supervision of Prof.S.Nagarajan, Director of Physical Education.

The closing ceremony took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan evening at the AUCPE. Vice- Chancellor Prof. G.Ravi presided over the function.

Dr.P.Kanniappan, Former Vice- Chancellor, Prof.S.Sekar, Syndicate Member and Dr.M.Sundar offered felicitations.



A total of 45 teams from universities across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka participated in the tournament which was conducted in a league format. The final rankings were: Annamalai University- (Chidambaram) - First Place, University of Calicut (Kerala) - Second Place, Bharathidasan University, (Tiruchirappalli) - Third Place and Vels Institute of Science and Technology, (Chennai) Fourth Place. These top four teams would compete in the All-India Inter- University Football Tournament. Vice-Chancellor Prof.G.Ravi and Former Vice-Chancellor Dr.P.Kanniappan, presented the trophies to the winning teams, honoring their achievements. Prof S.Nagarajan, Director of Physical Education, proposed a vote of thanks.

## Focus on Sustainable Research

### **TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCED NANOMATERIALS FOR CLEAN AND GREEN HEALTH APPLICATIONS HOSTED**

The inaugural function of the two-day “International Conference on Advanced Nanomaterials for Clean and Green Health Applications (INPANCEHA 2026)” jointly

organised by the Departments of Physics, Microbiology, Animal Health and Management and Nanoscience and Technology in collaboration with Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway and Material Research Society of India (MRSI), Trichy Chapter was held on 11.03.2026 in the L.C.T.L Palaniappa Chettiar Memorial Auditorium at Alagappa University.

Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the inaugural ceremony. He stressed the importance of academic collaborations in advancing scientific research. He stated that the university has signed around 68 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with various research institutions to strengthen interdisciplinary research. He also highlighted the significance of sustainable and environmentally responsible practices in research and development activities. In the present era, energy conservation has become very important; and therefore, efforts should be made to efficiently utilise water and energy resources. He also mentioned that a 400 kw Solar Power Generation Facility is functioning effectively at Alagappa University. Through the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the used water is treated and that treated water is being used for watering the plants grown on the campus. More than 12 thousand tree saplings have been planted on the campus and these are being maintained through an efficient sensor-based drip irrigation system.

Prof.P.Ramasamy, Former Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University and Dean of Research at SSN Institutions, Chennai, delivered the inaugural address. In his address, he emphasized the critical role of renewable energy technologies in addressing the growing global energy demands. He remarked that meaningful research should benefit society and



contribute to the well-being of humanity. He encouraged researchers to focus on innovative research capable of addressing contemporary challenges.

Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, in his special address, spoke about the role of higher education institutions in fostering innovation and technological advancement. He elaborated on the importance of advanced energy systems and energy conversion technologies. He also deliberated on how nanotechnology and quantum technologies are transforming drug delivery systems, health care and biomedical research. He further stressed that collaborative research should address the problems faced by the local communities.

Prof. Dayalan Velauthapillai, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Prof. Fu Ming Wang from the National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taiwan, Prof. S.Arumugam, Former Vice-chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai and Founder Chairman of the MRSI Tiruchirappalli Chapter, Prof. S. M. Piramanayagam, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Prof. V. Ravirajan from the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, Prof. T. Velmurugan, Member Secretary of TANSCH (Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education), Chennai and Prof. R. Jayavel,



Emeritus Professor, Anna University, Chennai, spoke on the occasion.

As part of the conference the MRSI Awards were presented to 7 distinguished researchers by the Founder-Chairman of MRSI, Trichy Chapter and other Dignitaries. Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, was honoured with Research Excellence Award for his outstanding contributions to research.

Prof.P.Ramasamy, Former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, released the *Conference Souvenir* and the copies were received by Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University and other Dignitaries.

Prof.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, Prof.M.Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, Members of the Syndicate -- Prof.C.Sekar, Prof.S.Rajaram, Prof.J.Jeyakanthan and Prof.C.Vethirajan -- Deans, Heads of the Departments, Faculty Members, Delegates and Research Scholars were present.

Earlier, Prof.K.Sankaranarayanan, Head of the Department of Physics, welcomed the gathering and presented the thematic address. At the end the inaugural session, Prof.A.Arun, Head of the Department of Microbiology, proposed a vote of thanks.

## **MARATHON AND RALLY ORGANISED TO MARK 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF “VANDE MATARAM” SONG**



To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the patriotic song “*Vande Mataram*,” written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, the National Service Scheme (NSS) of Alagappa University organized a marathon and rally on 02.03.2026 in front of the University Administrative Block.

The programme began with a welcome address by NSS Coordinator Dr. M. Natarajan, who highlighted the significance of the occasion. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the event and delivered the keynote address. He stated that “*Vande Mataram*” is not merely a song, but a powerful symbol of national unity and sacrifice. He encouraged the youth to develop a sense of social responsibility and contribute actively to the nation's progress. He also urged NSS volunteers to serve as role models in promoting national integration through community service.

The felicitation address was delivered by former Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Prof. M. Sundar. The vote of thanks was proposed by NSS Programme Officer Dr. K. Divya. The event was attended by NSS Programme Officers Dr. P. Yoga and Dr. G. Vinayagamoorthy, along with NCC Officer Dr. S. Vairavasundaram.

As part of the celebration, the Vice-Chancellor flagged off the marathon and rally. Students from the College of Physical Education and NSS volunteers participated with enthusiasm. The rally commenced from the University Administrative Block and concluded at the College of Physical Education. More than 350 NSS volunteers took part in the event, demonstrating their commitment to national unity and service.

## MAJOR TREE PLANTATION DRIVES STRENGTHEN GREEN CAMPUS INITIATIVE AT THE UNIVERSITY



As part of its sustained efforts to create a greener and more eco-friendly campus, Alagappa University organized large-scale tree plantation drives on 31.01.2026 and 04.02.2026 near the Alagappan Memorial Temple premises.

Both events were inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. G. Ravi, who planted the first sapling. The programmes witnessed the participation of officials including Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan; Syndicate Members Prof. C. Sekar, Prof. S. Rajaram, and Prof. J. Jeyakanthan; Controller of Examinations Prof. M. Jothi Basu; Director of CDOE Prof. A. Kannapiran; Finance Officer (i/c) Prof. S. Chandramohan and Heads of Departments of Study. Faculty members; administrative staff; students; retired professors; teachers from Alagappa Matriculation School; and representatives from the press and media too planted saplings.

Across the two drives, a total of 5,300 saplings were planted. The plantation included a mix of mango, neem, and coconut saplings, contributing significantly to the University's green cover. To ensure proper growth and long-term sustainability, drip irrigation facilities have been put in place.

The University has already developed

around 30 acres of green cover, with more than 8,000 trees planted and maintained through systematic irrigation practices, reflecting its strong commitment to environmental sustainability.

The plantation drives were organized and coordinated by the Green Campus Coordinator, Prof. A. Arumugam; Swachh Bharat Coordinator Dr. G. Vinayagamorthy; ED&M Section Special Officer Prof. A.R. Saravankumar; and the Estate and Maintenance Division team.

### Focus on Women in Science

## NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATED AT THE UNIVERSITY



The National Science Day was celebrated at Alagappa University on 04.03.2026. The celebration was organized in alignment with this year's national theme, "Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat." The event aimed to inspire young minds, promote scientific awareness, and highlight the contributions of women scientists toward building a developed India. Dr. K. Langeswaran, Head (i/c), Department of Biomedical Science, served as the Organizing Secretary, and Prof. V. Palanisamy, Dean, Faculty of Science, served as the convener for the National Science Day celebration.

Nearly 1000 school students and teachers from Maharishi Vidya Mandir School, Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, and Muthiah



Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School participated in the inaugural session held at the Science Campus. The programme provided a valuable platform for school students to interact with academicians, researchers, and scholars while gaining exposure to various basic scientific concepts and research facilities.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi addressed the gathering emphasizing the importance of celebrating National Science Day to nurture scientific temper, curiosity, and innovation among students. He recalled the historic discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman in 1928, which resulted from his pioneering research on light scattering. Prof. G. Ravi explained the scientific principle behind the Raman Effect, describing it as the inelastic scattering of light, which varies depending on the molecular structure of substances and their vibrational modes. He also discussed the modern applications of spectrophotometry in scientific research and highlighted the significance of renewable energy technologies, including solar energy systems. The Vice-Chancellor further noted the University's commitment to sustainability through the installation of a 400 kW solar power system on campus. Encouraging students to develop a questioning mindset, he stressed that scientific progress begins with curiosity and critical thinking.

Registrar Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Syndicate Members Prof. C. Sekar, and Prof. J. Jeyakanthan spoke about India's vision for 2047, where the nation aims to become one of the world's leading developed countries. They emphasized that technological advancement, interdisciplinary research, and innovative

thinking will play crucial roles in achieving this vision. Students were exhorted to engage in comparative studies and generate new ideas that strengthen India's scientific and technological growth.

## Sustainability Efforts

### **THREE-DAY CLEANLINESS DRIVE LAUNCHED AT THE UNIVERSITY**



A three-day Cleanliness Drive launched under the aegis of National Service Scheme (NSS) of Alagappa University commenced on 22.01.2026 at the University Campus and continued till 24.01.2026. The inaugural function of the camp was held on 22.01.2026 at the Science Campus of the University.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, in his inaugural speech, emphasized that cleanliness is of utmost importance and that every individual must take responsibility to keep the environment clean and hygienic for creating a healthy India. He noted that over the past ten years, both the Central and State Governments have been consistently implementing various initiatives to promote cleanliness and sanitation in the country.

He stated that Alagappa University holds a distinguished position among higher education institutions in India and has received several awards from the Government for its continued efforts in maintaining cleanliness and sustainability. He

proudly noted that the University recently received the “Green Campus and Environmental Sustainability Award” at a function held in New Delhi. He called upon students, faculty members, and administrative staff to work together and actively contribute towards maintaining a clean and sustainable environment.

During the event, University Syndicate Member Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan, Controller of Examinations Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Director of the Centre for Distance and Online Education Prof. A. Kannapiran, Green Campus Coordinator Prof. A. Arumugam, NSS Programme Officers Dr. P. Boomi, Dr. G. Gopu, Dr. C. Balalatchumi, and Dr. M. Mahendra Prabhu, along with a host of faculty members and NSS student - volunteers, participated in the programme. The event arrangements were made by NSS Coordinator Dr. M. Natarajan and Swachh Bharat Coordinator and NSS Programme Officer Dr. G. Vinayagamoorthy.

## **STUDENTS WIN GOLD MEDALS IN TWO-DAY NATIONAL LEVEL YOGA COMPETITION**



A Two-day National Level Yoga Competition was held in Kerala on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026. 400 students from across the country participated in the event.

The competition was held for students aged

between 18-20. Students from Centre for Yoga Education and the Department of Bio-Technology, Alagappa University participated in the competition and won medals adding pride to the University. The competition was held under various categories including Traditional Yoga, Artistic Yoga, Individual and Group Yoga.

Mr. M.Sakthivel of III B.Sc Yoga won four Gold Medals. Ms. Sandhya from III-year B.Sc Yoga won three Gold Medals and one Silver Medal. Ms. M.Manisha Kokila from I year B.Sc Yoga won one Gold Medal. Ms. N.Jayasree a student of I year M.Sc., Bio-Technology won three Gold Medals and one Bronze Medal. The winners showed the Medals and Certificates to the Vice-Chancellor and sought his blessings.

Through this victory they qualified themselves to participate in the forthcoming International Yoga Competition to be held in Vietnam.

## **RUN FOR SWADESHI PROGRAMME HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY TO MARK NATIONAL YOUTH DAY**



In connection with the celebrations of National Youth Day, the National Service Scheme (NSS), the National Cadet Corps (NCC), Alagappa University College of Physical Education, and the Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education jointly organized a “Run for



Swadeshi” rally on 12th January 2026 at Alagappa University. The Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the rally at the Alagappa University Alumni Park. More than 250 students participated in the run, covering a distance of two kilometres from the Alumni Park to the University Administrative Building.

Delivering the presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi referred to the pragmatic ideas propounded by Swami Vivekananda regarding the role and participation of the youth in nation-building activities. He recalled Swami Vivekananda's historic Chicago Address and highlighted the profound meaning behind the simple yet profound opening words “Sisters and Brothers,” which symbolized the need for universal brotherhood and human unity in a strife-torn world.

The Vice-Chancellor further observed that while the concept of Swadeshi is widely known, it must be actively practised by adopting indigenous culture and promoting the use of native products. He described the “Run for Swadeshi” as a milestone programme in the history of Alagappa University that would create a lasting impact among the public and appreciated all the participants for their enthusiastic involvement.

Felicitation addresses were delivered by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar; Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations; and Prof. M. Sundar, Principal, Alagappa University College of Physical Education.

Earlier, Dr. C. Vairavasundaram, NCC Officer, welcomed the gathering, and Dr. M. Natarajan, NSS Coordinator, presented the thematic address.

Dr. Ramesh, Principal, Alagappa Model



Higher Secondary School, and Dr. M. Vasimalairaja, Coordinator, Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, were among those present.

The programme arrangements were coordinated by Dr. G. Vinayagamoorthi and Dr. K. Divya, NSS Programme Officers.

## [Naan Mudhalvan Scheme](#)

### **LAUNCHING OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AT ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY**



The “Naan Mudhalvan” scheme, launched on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin, is a landmark initiative aimed at bringing a transformative change in higher education across the state. This scheme provides integrated skill training programmes to students of engineering, arts and science, polytechnic, and ITI institutions. It focuses on enhancing their competencies through training programmes conducted by industry experts, skill trainers, mentors, and facilitators, without

imposing any financial burden on the students.

To effectively implement this scheme and ensure seamless coordination with educational institutions, it was announced in the 2025–2026 policy note by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister that “Naan Mudhalvan” Implementation Centres would be established in 11 State Universities across Tamil Nadu.

In line with this announcement, on 03.03.2026, these Centres were formally inaugurated in 11 State Universities across Tamil Nadu by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister through virtual mode. Accordingly, the Centre at Alagappa University has now commenced its full-fledged operations.

This centre will actively coordinate skill training programmes for faculty members and students, particularly in colleges located in Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram districts. Its responsibilities include designing and approving course structures under the Naan Mudhalvan Scheme, acting as a bridge between colleges and the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC), facilitating training institutions, monitoring training sessions, and organizing placement-related activities to ensure employment opportunities for students.

During the inaugural function of the Centre at Alagappa University, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi formally presided over the event and initiated the operations of the Centre.

Representing the district administration, the District Skill Training Officer Mr. V. Venkata Krishnan, Assistant Training Officer Ms. P. Sabasthini Mary, and others participated in the event.

The function was also attended by members

of the Syndicate, including Prof. S. Rajaram, Prof. C. Sekar, Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Controller of Examinations Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Finance Officer (i/c) Prof. S. Chandramohan, College Development Council Dean Prof. Sivakumar, IQAC Director Prof. K. Alamelu, and Special Officer Prof. A. Padmapriya, along with other officials.

The event arrangements were coordinated by the Scheme Coordinator, Dr. R. Ramnath, Professor, Department of Education.

## **DISTRICT COLLECTOR HONOURS FACULTY MEMBER FOR VALUABLE SOCIAL SERVICE**



On 26.01.2026, during the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebrations held at the Sivagangai District Collectorate, Dr. G. Vinayagamorthy, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was honoured with an award for rendering Valuable Social Service by the District Collector, Mrs. K. Porkodi, I.A.S. Dr. G. Vinayagamorthy showed this award to Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who congratulated him for involving himself in all social service activities. The recipient of this award was selected for this honour in recognition of his outstanding services as the District Coordinator of the Youth Red Cross of Alagappa University.



## FACULTY OF ARTS DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவுகள்



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் 11.02.2026 அன்று கவிஞர் கோ பூ. அமிர்தலிங்கனார் – பேரா. அ. அறிவுநம்பி அறக்கட்டளை, முனைவர் ச. மெய்யப்பன் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு நடைபெற்றது. தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார்.

இவ்விழாவில் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ஆட்சிமன்றக் குழு உறுப்பினர் பேரா. சி. சேகர் தலைமையுரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "மொழி ஒரு மனிதனின் வாழ்வில் மிக முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்தது. நாட்டுப்புறத் தெய்வ வழிபாட்டின் மூலம் தமிழர்களின் பண்பாடுகளையும், வாழ்வியல் விழுமியங்களையும் அடுத்த தலைமுறையினருக்குக் கட்டாயம் கொண்டு செல்ல வேண்டும். தமிழே உலகின் மூத்த மொழி. ஆதலால் தமிழின்மீது அனைவரும் மிகுந்த பற்றுக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். உலகமெலாம் தமிழ்மொழி பரவும்வகை செய்தல் வேண்டும்." என்று கூறினார்.

சென்னை அரும்பாக்கம், து. கோ. வைணவக் கல்லூரியின் உதவிப் பேராசிரியர், நாட்டுப்புறவியல் ஆய்வாளர், முனைவர் மு. ஏழுமலை "நாட்டுப்புறத் தெய்வ வழிபாடு: ஒரு பண்பாட்டுப் பொருளாதாரச் செலவு" என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அவ்வுரையில், "நாட்டுப்புற இலக்கியம் என்பது கற்பனை இலக்கியம் இல்லை. அவை நமது சமூக வரலாறு. நாட்டுப்புறக் கலைகள் தொழிலோடு தொடர்புடையவை. அவை ஒரு தலைமுறையிலிருந்து அடுத்த தலைமுறைக்குக் கடத்தப்படுகின்றன. கலையையும் இலக்கியத்தையும் ஆய்வுக்கு உட்படுத்துகிறபோது ஒரு

சமுதாயத்தின் வரலாற்றை முழுமையாக அறிந்து கொள்ள முடிகிறது. இதன்வழியாகப் பண்பாடு செழுமையடைகிறது." என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

நிகழ்வின் நிறைவாக, தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சொ.சுரேஷ் நன்றி கூறினார். இந்நிகழ்வின் முதுகலை முதலாம் ஆண்டு மாணவி ஜோசி அபர்ணா தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

தொல்காப்பியர் சுழலரங்கம் – வெள்ளி வட்டம் –  
தொடர்நிகழ்வு – 9



சென்னை தரமணி உலகத் தமிழாராய்ச்சி நிறுவனமும், காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையும் இணைந்து நடத்திய தொல்காப்பியர் சுழலரங்கம் – மாநிலம் தழுவிய வெள்ளி வட்டம் – தொடர் நிகழ்வு – 9 பல்கலைக்கழக அறிவியல் வளாகத்தில் 20.02.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். சென்னை தரமணி உலகத் தமிழாராய்ச்சி நிறுவனத்தின் சமூகவியல் கலை (ம) பண்பாட்டுப் புல உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் கா. காமராஜ் நோக்கவுரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

உலகத் தமிழாராய்ச்சி மையத்தின் தலைவர் திரு. ஆர். பாலகிருஷ்ணன் இ.ஆ.ப. (ப.நி) தலைமையுரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது தலைமையுரையில், "தொல்காப்பியத்திற்கென்று தமிழின் தனித்துவமான அடையாளங்கள் சில உண்டு. அதனுடைய தோற்றத் தொன்மையும், தொடரும் இளமையும் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. பக்தி இலக்கியங்கள் இந்தியப் படைப்புகளோடு சேர்ந்திருக்கின்றன. இந்தியாவில், எழுதப்பட்ட பக்தி இலக்கியங்கள் என்றாலே தென்னிந்தியாவின் பங்களிப்பு அதிலும் குறிப்பாகத் தமிழின் பங்களிப்புதான் இருக்கும்." என்று பேசினார்.

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தர் மதிப்புறு கர்னல் பேரா. க. ரவி

தலைமையுரை நல்கினார். அவர் தம் உரையில், "தொல்காப்பியத்தின் காலம் மிகவும் தொன்மையானது. கீழடியின் சான்றுகள் தொல்காப்பியத்தோடு தொடர்புடையனவாக விளங்குகின்றன. தமிழ்நாட்டை விடவும் அயலகங்களில் வாழ்கின்ற தமிழர்கள் தமிழுக்கு ஆற்றும் பங்கு என்பது மிகப்பெரியதாகும். உலகின் எந்தப் பகுதிக்குச் சென்றாலும் அங்கு தமிழ் முன்னிற்கிறது. கொலோன் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் தொல்காப்பியம், திருக்குறள் உள்ளிட்ட பல தமிழ் நூல்கள் பாதுகாத்து வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. 2300 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பாகவே அணு என்ற ஒரு பொருள் குறித்தும் அதை உடைத்தால் அதிலும் நுண்துகள் இருக்கின்றது என்பது குறித்தும் தொல்காப்பியம் போன்ற நூல்களில் பதிவாகியுள்ளன. இத்தகு பெருமையுடைய தொல்காப்பியத்தை நாம் போற்ற வேண்டும்." என்று பேசினார்.

"பக்தி இலக்கியங்களில் தொல்காப்பிய மரபும் தொடர்ச்சியும்" என்ற தலைப்பில் காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரியின் தமிழ் உயராய்வு மையத்தின் இணைப்பேராசிரியரும் தலைவருமான முனைவர் மா. சிதம்பரம் பொழிவுரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "பக்தி இலக்கியங்கள் தமிழுக்கு ஒரு மிகப்பெரிய பங்களிப்பைச் செய்திருக்கின்றன. தமிழினுடைய அகமரபு என்பது காலம்தோறும் மிகப்பெரிய செல்வாக்கைச் செலுத்தி வந்திருக்கிறது. முதற்பொருளில் அமைகிற நிலம், பொழுது அதில் அமைகிற பெரும்பொழுது, சிறுபொழுது போன்ற அடிப்படை நிகழ்வுகள் பக்தி இலக்கியங்களில் பெரும்பான்மையும் பின்பற்றப்படுகின்றன. பெரும்பான்மையான பக்தி இலக்கியங்கள் அவற்றைப் பாடுகிற அருளாளர்கள் தலப்பயணம் மேற்கொண்டபொழுது பாடப்பட்டவை என்பதால் அந்தத் தலங்களில் இருக்கிற இறைவனைப் பற்றி மட்டும் பேசாமல் அந்தத் தலத்தைச் சார்ந்திருக்கிற இயற்கைச் சூழலையும் சுட்டியுள்ளனர். அருளாளர்களாக இருக்கக்கூடியவர்கள், இந்த உலக இன்பத்தை விட்டுப் பேரின்ப நிலையை அடைவது என்கிற இறைச்செய்தியை மட்டும் குறிப்பிடாமல் இந்த உலகத்தில் இருந்து தமிழனுடைய மரபாக இருக்கிற அகம் என்னும் அகப்பாடல் மரபான இல்லறம் வழியாகக்கூட இறைவனை அடைதல் சாத்தியம் என்று

அவர்கள் நிறுவி இருக்கிறார்கள்." என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

இவ்விழாவில் தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சொ. சுரேஷ் நன்றியுரை கூறினார். இந் நிகழ்வு ஜம் இணைப்பு வழியாகவும் யூடியூப் வழியாகவும் அனைத்துப் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையினரும், உலகின் பல்வேறு தமிழ் அமைப்புகளும் தமிழ்ஆர்வலர்களும் இணையும் வகையில் நேரலை ஏற்பாடு செய்யப் பெற்றிருந்தது.

## தமிழ்ச்செம்மல் வ.சுப.மாணிக்கனார் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு



தமிழ்த்துறையில் தமிழ்ச்செம்மல் முனைவர் வ.சுப.மாணிக்கனார் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு 23.02.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார்.

இவ்விழாவில் அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தொலைநிலை மற்றும் நிகழ்நிலைக் கல்வி மையத்தின் இயக்குநர், எ.கண்ணபிரான் தொடக்கவுரையாற்றினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "சங்க இலக்கியம் என்பது பழந்தமிழரின் வீரம், கல்வி, கொடை முதலிய சிறப்புகளைப் போற்றிப் பேசுகிறது. அவற்றை நினைவுகூர்ந்து பெருமையடைவதோடு நின்று விடாமல் அவற்றை வாழ்வியல் நெறியாகக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். இன்றைய தொழில்நுட்ப வளர்ச்சியைத் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சிக்குப் பயன்படுத்துதல் வேண்டும். மொழிபெயர்ப்புக்கான செயலிகளைத் திறம்படக் கற்றுத் தேர வேண்டும். ஆனால் கைப்பேசி உள்ளிட்ட கருவிகளுக்கு அடிமையாகாமல் இருத்தல் முக்கியம்" என்று பேசினார்.

"சங்க இலக்கியம்: கருத்தும் வடிவமும்" என்னும் தலைப்பில் திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி பாரதிதாசன்



பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையின் மேனாள் பேராசிரியர் அ. ஆலிஸ் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "வ.சுப.மாணிக்கனார் எளிமையின் இலக்கணமாகத் திகழ்ந்தவர். தமிழ்க் கல்வியே தமிழை உயர்த்தும் என்று உறுதிபட நம்பியவர். அந்நம்பிக்கையை அனைவருக்கும் ஊட்டியவர். இலக்கியங்களில் கருத்து என்பது புலவன் இந்தச் சமூகத்திற்குச் சொல்ல வரும் செய்தியைக் குறிக்கும். வடிவம் என்பது மொழியளவில் சுருக்கத்தையும் செறிவையும் குறிக்கும். வடிவத்தில் மொழிக்கூறுகள் சிறப்பாக அமைந்திருக்க வேண்டும். அவ்வகையில் சிறப்பாக அமைந்தது சங்க இலக்கியம்" என்று பேசினார். தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சொ. சுரேஷ் நன்றியுரை கூறினார்.

**வி.வி.எல் மோட்டார்ஸ் யமஹா - வீ.விஜயலெட்சுமி வீரபாண்டியன் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளை கணினித் தமிழ்ப் பயிலரங்கு**



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் வி.வி.எல் மோட்டார்ஸ் யமஹா வீ.விஜயலெட்சுமி வீரபாண்டியன் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளை கணினித் தமிழ்ப் பயிலரங்கு 26.02.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் கலந்து கொண்ட அனைவரையும் தமிழ்த்துறையின் தலைவர் பேரா. சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்றார்.

இவ்விழாவில் தொடக்கவுரை நிகழ்த்திய அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் பேரா. அ.செந்தில்ராஜன் அவர்கள் தம் உரையில், "இன்றைய நவீன யுகத்தில் தமிழ் பயிலும் மாணாக்கர்களுக்குக் கணினியின் பயன்பாடு மிகவும் தேவையானது. ஆதலால் அதனை முழுமையாகக் கற்றுக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். எந்தத் துறையிலும் கணினி ஆதிக்கம் செலுத்துகிறது. அதேவேளையில் தமிழ்மொழியின் நுட்பங்களை தற்போது அறிவியல் தளத்தினில் உலகம்

முழுவதும் பரப்புவதற்குக் கணினி அறிவு மாணவர்களுக்கு மிகவும் அவசியம்." என்று குறிப்பிட்டார்.

இவ்விழாவில் தமிழ் இணையக்கழகத்தின் தலைவர், நவலூர் அரசு கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரியின் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் துரை. மணிகண்டன் "இணையமும் தமிழும்" என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "இந்தப் பயிலரங்கின் மூலமாக, தமிழ் இணையப் பயன்பாடு, தமிழில் வலைப்பூக்கள் எழுதுதல், தமிழ்விக்கிபீடியாவில் பங்களித்தல் உள்ளிட்ட பல முறைகளையும் மாணவர்கள் அறிந்து கொள்ள முடியும்." என்று பேசினார். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து கலந்துரையாடலும் பிற்பகலில் கணினித் திறன்மேம்பாட்டுப் பயிற்சியும் அளிக்கப்பட்டது. தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் சொ. சுரேஷ் நன்றி கூறினார்.

இந்நிகழ்வில் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவுநர் வி.வி.எல் மோட்டார்ஸ் யமஹா வீரபாண்டியன் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.

## அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவுகள்

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையின் சார்பில் தவத்திரு குன்றக்குடி அடிகளார் அறக்கட்டளை உள்ளிட்ட ஐந்து அறக்கட்டளைகள் சொற்பொழிவு 04.03.2026 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறையில் நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் தமிழ்த்துறையின் தலைவர், மூத்த பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சு.இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை நல்கினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தேர்வாணையர் முனைவர் மு.ஜோதிபாசு தொடக்கவுரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "உலகத்தில் தோன்றிய மூத்த மொழிகளில் ஒன்று தமிழ். இது உயர்ந்த மொழியாகவும் செம்மொழியாகவும் அதே நேரத்தில் பழமையான மொழியாகவும் அறியப்படுகின்றது. இயல், இசை, நாடகம் என மூன்றிலும் சிறந்திருந்த மொழி. கர்நாடக இசை என்பது திசையைக் குறிக்கப் பயன்பட்ட ஒரு சொல்தானே தவிர, அதன் அடிப்படை தமிழிசைதான். தமிழிசையில் பல்வேறு பண்கள் இருந்தன. ஆபிரகாம் பண்டிதர் 108 பண்களும் 11 ஆயிரம் ராகங்களும் தமிழ்மொழியில் இருந்ததாக 'கருணாமிருத சாகரம்' என்னும் நூலில் குறிப்பிடுகிறார். கி. பி 7 ஆம் நூற்றாண்டிலிருந்து கி. பி 12 ஆம் நூற்றாண்டு வரைக்கும் நடந்த பக்தி எழுச்சி இயக்கத்தின்

முக்கியமான கருவி தமிழிசைதான். சங்க இலக்கியத்தில் புறநானூற்றின் 152ஆவது பாடலைப் பாடிய வன்பரணர் வல்வில் ஓரியின் வில்திறத்தை 21 பண்களால் பாடவேண்டும் என்று புகழ்ந்துரைக்கிறார். சிலப்பதிகாரம் தமிழ் இசையைப் பற்றியும் தமிழ்ப் பண்ணைப் பற்றியும் நிறையப் பேசி இருக்கிறது. அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து பக்தி இலக்கியங்கள் தமிழிசையை மக்களிடம் வெகுவாகப் பரப்பின. அதில் திருமுறைகள் தனியிடம் பெறுகின்றன. தமிழ் மாணவர்கள் இயல்தமிழோடு இசைத்தமிழும் கற்றுச் சிறக்க வேண்டும்" என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.



சேலம் பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறைப் பேராசிரியர், முனைவர் இரா.வசந்தமாலை 'திருமுறைத் தமிழிசை' என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "சிலப்பதிகாரத்திற்கு 12ஆம் நூற்றாண்டில் உரையெழுதிய அடியார்க்கு நல்லார் 11991 பண்களைக் குறித்துள்ளார். இவை கால மாற்றத்தாலும், அரசியல் மாற்றத்தாலும் மறைந்து போய் விட்டன. தேவாரத்தையும் தேவாரப் பண்களையும் தேடியலைந்த மன்னன் இராசராச சோழனுக்குத் துணையாக இருந்தவர் நம்பியாண்டார் நம்பி. பெருந்தேடலுக்கும் போராட்டங்களுக்கும் பின்னால்தான் அவை கிடைத்தன. உமாபதி சிவாச்சாரியார் திருமுறை கண்ட புராணம் என்கின்ற நூலில் இதனைக் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து தேவாரங்கள் திருக்கோயில்களில் முறையான பண்களோடு இசைக்கப்பட்டன. இதனை, திருவல்லம் திருக்கோயிலில் பொறிக்கப்பட்ட கல்வட்டொன்றில் திருப்பதிகம் பாடுவார் உள்ளிட்ட பலபணி செய்வார்க்குக் கொடுக்கப்பட்ட கொடைச்செய்திகளின் மூலமாக அறிய முடிகிறது." என்று கூறிப் பல திருமுறைப் பாடல்களைப் பண்ணோடு இசைத்துப் பாடினார். தொடர்ந்து மாணவ மாணவியருடன் கலந்துரையாடல் நிகழ்ந்தது. முதுகலை

முதலாமாண்டு மாணவி ரா. வள்ளி நன்றி கூறினார். முதுகலை முதலாமாண்டு மாணவி அ. மூக்காயி நிகழ்ச்சியைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

## தமிழ்க்கணினி திறன்மேம்பாட்டுப் பயிற்சிப் பட்டறை



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறை, ரூசா 2.0 திட்டம், பல்கலைக்கழகத் தொழில்முனைவு, புதுமை மற்றும் தொழில் மையம் (EIC HUB - ALU) ஆகியன இணைந்து நடத்திய தமிழ்க்கணினி திறன்மேம்பாட்டுப் பயிற்சிப் பட்டறை 09.03.2026 மற்றும் 10.03.2026 ஆகிய இருநாட்கள் தமிழ்த்துறையில் நடைபெற்றது.

இவ்விழாவின் தொடக்க நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்த்துறையின் மூத்த பேராசிரியர், தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தேர்வாணையர் முனைவர் மு. ஜோதிபாசு இவ்விழாவினைத் தொடங்கி வைத்து நோக்கவுரையாற்றினார். கணினிப் பயன்பாட்டின் பெருமைகளையும் தமிழ்மொழி கணினியோடு இயைந்து இயங்கும் நுட்பங்களையும் குறித்து எடுத்துரைத்தார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ரூசா திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் பேராசிரியர் கே. பாலமுருகன் ரூசா திட்டப் பணிகள் குறித்து விரிவாக விளக்கி, வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.

திருவாடானை அரசுக் கலைக்கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் முனைவர் மு. பழனியப்பன் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். கணினிப் பயன்பாட்டின் நோக்கங்களும் இன்றைய தேவைகளும் குறித்து மாணவர்கள் ஆர்வமுடன் கற்றுத் தெளிய வேண்டும் என்று குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார். தொடக்கவிழாவிற்கு தமிழ்த்துறையின் மாணவர் மன்றக் குழுத் தலைவர் சீ. முகில்ஹர்ரீஸ் நன்றி கூறினார்.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து நடைபெற்ற முதல்



அமர்வில் முனைவர் மு.பழனியப்பன் மற்றும் கோவிலூர் ஆதீன நூலகர் திருமிகு சுப. சோமசுந்தரி ஆகிய இருவரும் இணைந்து "வெள்ளைப்பக்கம் முதல் வெப்பக்கம் வரை" என்ற தலைப்பில் பயிற்றுரை வழங்கினார். வெள்ளைத்தாளில் கையெழுத்தாக எழுதுவதிலிருந்து இணையப் பக்கங்களை வடிவமைப்பது வரையான செயல்முறைகளைப் பயிற்சியாளர்களுக்குப் பயிற்றுவித்தனர். நூல்களை ஒளிவருடி மூலம் பதிவு செய்து இணைய நூல்களாக - மின்னூல்களாகப் பதிவேற்றும் முறைகள் குறித்தும் எடுத்துரைத்துப் பயிற்சி அளித்தனர்.

இரண்டு, மூன்றாவது அமர்வுகளில் இணைய எழுத்தாளர் திருமிகு தேனம்மை லக்ஷ்மணன் "படைப்பும் வலைப்பதிவும் இணைய நூலாக்கமும்" என்ற தலைப்பில் பயிற்றுரை வழங்கினார். இணையத்தில் நூல்களை எழுதுவது குறித்தும் அவற்றை வெளியிடுவது குறித்தும் விரிவாக விளக்கிச் சான்றுகளோடு பேசிப் பயிற்சி அளித்தார்.

இரண்டாம் நாள் நான்கு, ஆறாம் அமர்வுகளில் கோவிலூர் நாச்சியப்ப சுவாமிகள் கலை அறிவியல் கல்லூரியின் காட்சி ஊடகத்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் திருமிகு தீபா இராஜேஸ்வரி "செயற்கை நுண்ணறிவுக் காலத்தில் தமிழ் மின்னூல்கள்: உருவாக்கம் பயன்பாடு மற்றும் எதிர்கால வாய்ப்புகள்" என்ற தலைப்பில் பயிற்றுரை வழங்கினார். நவீன நுட்பமாகிய செயற்கை நுண்ணறிவைப் பயன்படுத்தி மேற்கொள்ளப்படும் புதுமைகள் குறித்து காட்சிப் படங்களோடு விளக்கம் தந்து பயிற்சி அளித்தார்.

ஐந்தாம் அமர்வில் கோவை பூ. சா. கோ. கல்லூரியின் இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் இரா.குணசீலன் "தமிழ் கற்றல் கற்பித்தலில் இயற்றறிவு நுட்பங்கள்" என்ற தலைப்பில் பயிற்றுரை வழங்கினார். செயற்கை நுண்ணறிவைக் கொண்டு காணொளிக் காட்சி உருவாக்கம், இசைப் பாடல்கள் உருவாக்கம் முதலியவற்றைச் செய்து காட்டிப் பயிற்சி அளித்தார்.

இரண்டாம் நாள் நடைபெற்ற நிறைவு விழாவில் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பதிவாளர் பேராசிரியர் அ.செந்தில்ராஜன் தலைமை தாங்கி உரை வழங்கினார். தமிழ்த்துறை மாணவர்களுக்கு கணினித் தமிழ்ப்

பயிற்சிப் பட்டறைகளும் திறன் மேம்பாட்டுப் பயிற்சிகளும் மேலும் ஊக்கத்தை நல்கும் என்று உரைத்தார்.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் திறன் மேம்பாட்டு நிறுவன இயக்குநர் (பொறுப்பு) முனைவர் வி. தருமன் நிறைவுரை வழங்கினார். மொழித்திறமையோடு தொழில்நுட்பத் திறமைகளையும் அறிவியல் நுட்பங்களையும் மாணவர்கள் நன்கு அறிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்று பேசினார். கோவை பூ. சா. கோ. கல்லூரியின் இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் இரா. குணசீலன் நிறைவு விழா உரையாற்றினார். தமிழ்த்துறை மாணவர் மன்றக் குழுத் துணைத்தலைவர் பீ.ஜோஷி அபர்ணா நன்றி கூறினார்.

இந்த இருநாள் பயிற்சிப்பட்டறையில் தமிழ்த்துறை முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர்களும், முதுகலை மாணவர்களும் பங்கேற்றுப் பயிற்சி பெற்றனர்.

**பேரா. ந.சுப்புரெட்டியார் - திருமதி செல்லப்பா அம்மாள் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு**



காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையில் பேரா. ந.சுப்புரெட்டியார் - திருமதி செல்லப்பா அம்மாள் நினைவு அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு 18.03.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்விற்குத் தமிழ்த்துறையின் தலைவர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் பேரா. சி. வேதிராஜன் அவர்கள் தொடக்கவுரையாற்றினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "தமிழ் இலக்கியம் காலத்தால் மட்டும் பதிவு பெற்றது அன்று. அது ஒரு சமூகத்தின் சிந்தனை, பண்பாட்டுணர்வு, வாழ்க்கை நோக்கு ஆகியவற்றின் வெளிப்பாடாகக் காணப்படுகின்றது. அப்பெரும் இலக்கிய மரபின் அடித்தளமாக விளங்குவது சங்க இலக்கியமாகும். அந்த மரபினுடைய ஆன்மீக உச்சகட்ட வளர்ச்சியாக இந்த

வைணவ மரபு விளங்குகிறது." என்று குறிப்பிட்டார். அதைத் தொடர்ந்து சிவகங்கை மன்னர் துரைசிங்கம் அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரியின் மேனாள் தமிழ்ப் பேராசிரியர் ம.பெ. சீனிவாசன் அவர்கள், "வைணவ உரைகளில் சங்க நூல் ஆட்சி" என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். அவர் தனது உரையில், "ஆழ்வார்களால் பாடப்பட்ட - இறைவன் கோயில் கொண்ட திருத்தலங்களை, 'திவ்ய' என்னும் சிறப்புப் பெயரோடு திவ்ய தேசங்கள் என்று வைணவ மரபிலே அழைப்பார்கள். ஆழ்வார்கள் அருட்பெருக்கில் சுரந்ததைப் பாடியது என்று குறிப்பிடாமல் அருளிச்செய்தது என்றும் குறிப்பிடுவார்கள். அவ்வாறு அருளிச்செய்தவற்றின் தொகுப்பையும் திவ்யப் பிரபந்தம் என்று போற்றுவார்கள். ஆழ்வார்கள் அருளிச்செய்தவை தமிழிலேயே சிறப்புற்றன என்றாலும், உரைகள் வடமொழி கலந்த மணிப்பிரவாளத்தால் சிறப்புற்றன. சங்க இலக்கியக் காதலுணர்வு பக்தி இலக்கியத்தில் மேலோங்கியது. புறக்காதல் அகக்காதலாகி ஆன்மிகக் காதலாகியது. சங்கத் தமிழைப் பக்தித் தமிழோடு குழைத்துத் தந்தவர்கள் வைணவ உரையாசிரியர்கள்." என்று குறிப்பிட்டார். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து மாணவ மாணவியருடன் கலந்துரையாடல் நிகழ்ந்தது. முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி மு. சத்யா நன்றி கூறினார். முதுகலை முதலாமாண்டு மாணவி ரா. அட்சயா நிகழ்ச்சியைத் தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

## CENTRE FOR TAMIL CULTURE

### உலகத் தாய்மொழி நாள் விழா

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு மையம் சார்பில் உலகத் தாய்மொழி நாள் விழா 23.02.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. நிகழ்வின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் மூத்த பேராசிரியர். சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார். விழாவில் தலைமை வகித்த துணைவேந்தர் பேரா.க.ரவி அவர்கள்



தமது தலைமையுரையில் தாய்மொழியின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை மாணவர்கள் உணர வேண்டும். பயன்படுத்த வேண்டும். தமிழ்வழி தொழில்நுட்பத்தை ஒவ்வொருவரும் கற்க வேண்டும். என்று எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

சிறப்புரையாற்றிய உருமு தனலெட்சுமி கல்லூரி இணைப்பேராசிரியர் நா. விஜயசுந்தரி அவர்கள் எம்மொழி செம்மொழி? எம்மொழி செம்மொழி என்ற தலைப்பில் தமிழ்மொழியின் சிறப்பு, தமிழ் மொழியை அடுத்த தலைமுறைக்கு எடுத்துச் செல்வதற்கான வழிமுறைகள், தமிழின் செவ்வியல் தன்மை போன்றவற்றை, விளக்கிய அவர், தமிழ்மொழி செம்மொழி என்பதை நிறுவினார். மேலும் மாணவர்கள் தமிழில் பிறமொழிக் கலப்பின்றி, பிழையின்றிப் பேசவும் எழுதவும் முயற்சிக்க வேண்டும் என்று எடுத்துரைத்தார். உதவிப்பயிற்றுநர் முனைவர். சு.இலாவண்யா அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை ஆற்றினார்.

### கம்பராமாயணம் இசை நாடக விழா



தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டு மையம், நுண்கலைத்துறை மற்றும் தென்னகப் பண்பாட்டு மையம் இணைந்து நடத்திய கம்பராமாயணம் இசை நாடக விழா வளர்தமிழ் நூலகத் தொல்காப்பியர் அரங்கில் 23.03.2026 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. வரவேற்புரை வழங்கிய நுண்கலைத்துறை தலைவர் பேரா சே. செந்தமிழ்ப்பாவை அவர்கள் கம்பரைப் பற்றியும் இராமாயணத்தைப் பற்றியும் எடுத்துரைத்தார். நிகழ்வில் தலைமையுரை வழங்கிய பதிவாளர் பேரா. அ. செந்தில்ராஜன் அவர்கள், சிறு வயதில் களத்து மேட்டில் கம்பராமாயணத்தை பாவைக்கூத்தாகப் பார்த்த அனுபவத்தையும் அது அப்படியே மனதில் பதிந்தது பற்றியும் எடுத்துரைத்தார். சிங்கப்பூரிலிருந்து வருகை தந்த விரிவுரையாளர் முனைவர் இலட்சுமி அவர்கள் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து வணிகவியல் துறையைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவன் பா. நவீன்



உலகக் கவிஞர் கம்பர் என்னும் தலைப்பில் உரை வழங்கினார். அழகப்பா அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரியின் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர். மா. சிதம்பரம் அவர்கள் இராமாயணத்தில் கம்பர் கையாண்டுள்ள சொல்லாட்சி முறையைக் கம்பராமாயணத்தில் இடம்பெறுகின்ற கதாபாத்திரங்களின் வழி எடுத்துக்காட்டினார்.

இதன்பின்பு காரைக்குடியைச் சார்ந்த நாடகக் கலைஞர்கள் கம்பராமாயணத்தை இசையுடன் நடத்துக் காட்டினர். நிகழ்வில் பங்குபெற்ற கலைஞர்களுக்கும் மாணவர்களுக்கும் சான்றிதழ் வழங்கப் பெற்றது. தஞ்சாவூர் தென்னகப் பண்பாட்டு மையப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள் திரு. ஆர். ஏ. இரவீந்திரகுமார், திரு குமரேசன் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இதில் திரு. ஆர். ஏ. இரவீந்திரகுமார் அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை கூற விழா நிறைவுற்றது.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES

### Poetry as a Voice of Humanity

#### **Seminar Conducted on World Poetry Day**



The Department of English and Foreign Languages, Alagappa University, Karaikudi organised a seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 on World Poetry ahead of World Poetry Day that is observed on 21<sup>st</sup> March across the world. Prof. P. Madhan, Head of English Department, welcomed the gathering and traced the evolution of English poetry from Geoffrey Chaucer in the fourteenth century to poetry in the twenty first century. Prof. Raja Govindasamy, Former Principal of

Thiyagarajar College, Madurai and Prof. Muthuvel, Former Vice-Principal of Madura College, Madurai took part in it as guests of honour. Prof. Raja Govindasamy, who delivered a talk on themes of English poetry, stated that poetry paints a picture of the entire gamut of human life from birth to death, from success to defeat and from elevation to downfall. He opined that poetry adds vitality and vigour to human life. He further remarked that with rhyme and rhythm being the key features of poetry, whatever viewpoint is expressed through poetry, it would have a far-reaching impact in society. His further articulation is that poetry is a repository of lessons of life and humanity can learn from poetry how to live and how not. He illustrated that study of poetry would provide both enlightenment and entertainment for humanity, adding that great revolutions across times had been fuelled by poetry. He explained that romantic poetry which British poets Wordsworth, Coleridge and others popularised thematised subjects such as nature, lives of villagers, folklore, myths and legends. Prof. Raja Govindasamy made the point that the credit for bringing poetry from the ruling classes and royal palaces to the humble huts in hamlets and to the downtrodden should be given only to the romantic poets. The fact that the twentieth century poets W.B. Yeats and T.S. Eliot grew very much concerned about the deplorable socio, cultural and political conditions of Europe before, during and after the First World War and strove to address these through their poetry figured prominently in the discourse of Prof. Raja Govindasamy. He then went on to state that T.S. Eliot's Nobel Prize-winning poem *The Waste Land* seeks to remedy the ills of mankind by referencing a three-fold mantra from the Upanishads: 'Datta',

'Dayadhavam' and 'Damyata' signifying 'to give', 'to sympathise' and 'to self-control'. Besides, the speaker highlighted the poetry of Afro-American poets, Langston Hughes, Claude McKay and Countee Cullen whose poetry echoed the voice of the voiceless and sought to bring liberation to the Black Society across the world.

Following him, Prof. Muthuvel, Former Vice-Principal of Madura College, Madurai, spoke about poetry in Tamil. By touching upon Sangam Tamil Poet Kaniyan Pungundranar, who expressed his dream for universal brotherhood through his poem, Prof. Muthuvel expatiated upon the eternal relevance of Sangam Tamil Poetry to understand the ethos of ancient Tamils. He also stated that but for the sweat and toil of U. Ve. Saminatha Iyer, the Tamil literary landscape would not have unearthed and preserved the Sangam Tamil literary works. He referred to the revolutionary Tamil poet Bharathiyar's weaponisation of poetry against British imperialism, superstition and gender discrimination. Prof. Muthuvel furthered that the poet Bharathiyar, by means of poetry, championed the cause of India's independence and social equality. Explicating the New verse form, the speaker said that it is indeed constructive that the present-day youth exhibit their poetic creativity in the form of New verse through a number of social media platforms. He wound up his speech by remarking that poetry is an instrument of positive social transformation, constructive political changes and morality.

At the event, postgraduate students, research scholars and faculty of English took part in large numbers. In the end Dr. S. Valliammai, Assistant Professor of English, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

## Literary Event on Nobel Laureate in Literacies for 2025 Laszlo Krasznahorkai



The Department of English and Foreign Languages in partnership with the IQAC of Alagappa University organised an event titled “Alagappa Celebrates Themed Nobel Excellence Talk” by exploring the themes and insights of the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2025, the Hungarian writer Laszlo Krasznahorkai. Prof. P. Madhan delivered the welcome address and highlighted the tradition of organising such events every year in exploration of the thematic concerns and stylistic features of Nobel Prize-winning literary works. IQAC director Prof. K. Alamelu, offered felicitations following which the Member of the Syndicate Prof. C. Vethirajan, in his presidential address, said that other universities emulate this tradition of organising events on Nobel Laureates. Prof. G. Venkateswaran, Former Director, Regional Institute of English, Bangalore, who was the guest of honour at the event, delved deep into the literary canon of Krasznahorkai and established that the Nobel Prize winner's oeuvre is relevant across nations and culture. PG students and research scholars of the Department participated in the event and presented their research papers on the writings of Krasznahorkai after the guest of honour concluded his speech. Insightful discussions followed the paper



presentation session. In the end, Dr. M. Natarajan, English Faculty Member, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

## **Two-Day Workshop on Learning Soft Skills through Literature**

The Department of English and Foreign Languages, in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (EIC-HUB) of Alagappa University, organised a two-day workshop on “Learning Soft Skills through Literature” on 5 and 6 March 2026 under the sponsorship of the RUSA 2.0 Scheme. The workshop aimed to create awareness among students about the importance of soft skills and the role of literature in developing communication, leadership, emotional intelligence, and interpersonal abilities.

The inaugural session was conducted by Prof. N. P. Manickam, Former Professor of English, Alagappa Government Arts College. He introduced the concept of soft skills and explained their significance in personal and professional life. He highlighted that soft skills differ from technical skills as they focus on communication, teamwork, adaptability, emotional intelligence, and human behaviour. He also emphasised that literature serves as a powerful medium to cultivate empathy, decision-making ability, and problem-solving skills by exposing students to diverse cultures and human experiences.

The second session was delivered by Prof. L. Thirunavukkarasu, Former Professor of English, Annamalai University. He explained how literature reflects society and human values through various literary works. Drawing examples from the plays of William Shakespeare and the poems of Alfred Lord Tennyson, he demonstrated how literature

promotes leadership qualities, emotional balance, forgiveness, ethical thinking, and communication skills. He further stated that regular engagement with literary texts helps students become thoughtful and responsible individuals.

The third and fourth sessions were handled by Prof. S. Venkateshwaran, Former Director, Regional Institute of English, Bengaluru. He discussed the importance of language and communication in literature and elaborated on literary devices such as imagery, metaphor, and symbolism. He also explained the practical application of soft skills through literary texts, particularly through the play *Julius Caesar*, highlighting qualities such as leadership, persuasion, loyalty, and decision-making portrayed in the drama.

The final session was conducted by Dr. S. Kavitha, Associate Professor of English, Alagappa Government Arts College. She spoke on different forms of intelligence, including emotional, cultural, and knowledge intelligence, and stressed the importance of LSRW skills -- Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. She also explained the Mehrabian Communication Model and addressed the common challenges students face in speaking English, offering practical suggestions to improve confidence and communication abilities.

The workshop proved to be highly informative and beneficial for students and research scholars. Through interactive lectures and literary discussions, participants gained a deeper understanding of soft skills and their relevance in academic, social, and professional life. The programme successfully highlighted literature as an effective tool for holistic personality development and professional readiness.

## DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

### Towards a Gender Just Society

#### **Gender Champion Awareness Programme**



“Towards a Gender Just Society” is an initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Human Resource Development. To propagate this ideal the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, in collaboration with all-affiliated colleges of the university organized a comprehensive Gender Champion Awareness Programme in all its affiliated colleges starting from January 2026 to March 2026. The aim of the awareness programme was to facilitate the effective implementation of gender champion concept across higher educational institutions. The programme was led by resource persons Dr. P. Veeramani, Head (i/c) of the Women's Studies Department, along with teaching assistants Dr. P. Sindhuja, Dr. I. Sivakumar, and Dr. V. Chithra. It aimed to foster a gender-fair society by empowering student leaders to advocate for equality and the prevention of social issues affecting women and children. By integrating these values into the campus ecosystem, the programme provided a strategic roadmap for institutions to cultivate inclusive environments, ultimately strengthening the collective effort to address gender-based challenges and promote social justice within the

academic community and public as well. Nearly 30 colleges were covered under this programme and around 3000 students were trained and entrusted with the roles and responsibilities of gender champions in promoting gender just society.

### Parakram Diwas 2026

#### **129<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose Commemorated**



The Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education organized the Parakram Diwas 2026 in collaboration with the Department of Women's Studies and the Department of History to commemorate the 129<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 2026. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, presided over the programme and highlighted its significance, while the Controller of Examinations, Dr. M. Jothi Basu, attended as the chief guest and delivered the special address. The speakers referred to the bravery, sacrifice, and leadership of Subhas Chandra Bose, and his role in India's freedom struggle and the formation of the Indian National Army (INA). The Department of Women's Studies mainly contributed to the organization of the event. Dr. P. Veeramani, Head (i/c), Department of Women's Studies and Dr. K. Krishnamurthi spoke at the event.



## Month-Long Training Programme on Digital Literacy Organized



The inaugural function of "Women in Digital Literacy - Skill Development Programme" was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2026, by the Department of Women's Studies at Alagappa University in collaboration with the Sri Shakti Social Economical and Educational Welfare Trust, Dindigul. The event opened with a welcome address by Dr. P. Veeramani, who emphasized the role of digital tools in fostering women's confidence and empowerment and it was followed by the thematic address by Dr. S. P. Jothi on the significance of community-oriented skill training programmes. In his presidential address, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, provided practical insights into computer fundamentals and user-friendly learning for beginners. Prof. A. Padmapriya, Head, Department of Computer Science in her inaugural address highlighted how digital literacy bolsters financial independence and decision-making power. Mr. G.S.V. Amuthan, Joint Director, Sri Shakti Trust and Prof. B. Dharmalingam, Senior Fellow, Department of Women's Studies, highlighted the ways and means of utilizing technology properly which would act as a catalyst for self-reliance and economic independence. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. P. Sindhuja, Teaching Assistant. The objective of the programme was to equip participants with

essential digital knowledge, which marked a significant step towards building a more digitally inclusive and empowered society.

## Foundation for Startup Success

### **Awareness Programme on "Achieving Problem-Solution Fit" Organised**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2026, the Department of Women's Studies, in association with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC-AU), organized an impactful online programme titled "Achieving Problem–Solution Fit". The session, which drew more than 100 students with various academic backgrounds, was designed to cultivate entrepreneurial mindset by teaching the participants to identify real-world challenges and develop sustainable solutions. Dr. P. Veeramani, Head (i/c), Department of Women's Studies, started the event with a welcome speech emphasizing the idea that meaningful innovation begins with critical observation and a deep understanding of societal needs. This was followed by a practical keynote address from Mr. P. Sabthagiri Vasan, Project Manager at IAMUSAP Ventures Pvt. Ltd., who shared professional strategies for startup success, including customer discovery, feedback loops, and the development of Minimum Viable Products (MVP). The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. V. Chithra.

### **Innovation and Design Thinking Highlighted at Two-Day Seminar on Entrepreneurship**



The Department of Women's Studies in association with the Institution's Innovation Council, and the EIC Hub–ALU, organized a Two-Day Seminar on “Innovation, Design Thinking and Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurship” on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 under RUSA 2.0 Scheme sponsorship. Dr. P. Veeramani, Head (i/c), welcomed the gathering, Prof. K. Alamelu, Director, IQAC, delivered the inaugural address, and Prof. K. Balamurugan, RUSA Co-ordinator, offered felicitation. The seminar featured expert sessions by resource persons including Er. D. Vignesh, Head, Gnyan Incubation Centre, Gnanamani College of Technology, Namakkal, Mr. P. Sabthagiri Vasan, CEO, SSS Enterprises, Cuddalore, and Mr. Vignesh Thanaselvan, Senior Project Officer, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad. They handled sessions on innovation, design thinking, entrepreneurship, business model canvas, intellectual property rights, funding opportunities, proposal writing, digital marketing, and e-commerce. The programme included parallel sessions for students and SHG Members with hands-on training and interactive discussions. Dr. I. Sivakumar, Teaching Assistant, delivered the vote of thanks. The two-day seminar saw active participation of 120 persons that included students, faculty, and SHG members, making it an impactful academic programme.

## **University and ONGC Join Hands to Celebrate Women's Day - 2026**

The Department of Women's Studies, in collaboration with various internal Cells of the University and Sri Sakthi Trust, celebrated the International Women's Day with a comprehensive programme supported by ONGC, Karaikal. The



event, which drew nearly 600 participants, focused on promoting gender equality, women's rights, and the roadmap for moving towards Viksit Bharat 2047. Dr. P. Veeramani, Head (i/c), Department of Women's Studies, welcomed the gathering. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the function and highlighted the University's commitment towards empowering women through initiatives like training for Fisher-women and Self-Help Group Members. Special guests from ONGC, Mr. Prasenjit Gogoi and Er. K. Thangamani spoke on leadership roles and corporate social responsibility. The session featured inspiring talks by Dr. S. P. Jothi and Mrs. P. Jeya; and the keynote address was presented by Kavingnar Ilampirai, who used poetry to illustrate the vital economic and social contributions of women. The celebration concluded with a prize distribution ceremony and a vote of thanks by Dr. P. Sindhuja, reinforcing the collective commitment to empowering women in all spheres of life.

## **Three-Day Workshop on “Statistical Analysis Using SPSS” Conducted**





The Department of Women's Studies organized a Three-Day Workshop on “Statistical Analysis Using SPSS” from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 to enhance research and data analysis skills among faculty members, research scholars, and students using IBM SPSS Statistics. The inaugural session was led by Prof. B. Dharmalingam, who emphasized the importance of statistical knowledge in Social Science research. Dr. M. Kannan, Director (Research), MS Chellamuthu Institute of Mental Health and Rehabilitation, Madurai, served as the Resource Person and handled all the technical sessions, providing comprehensive training on research design, questionnaire preparation, data entry, coding, hypothesis formulation, inferential statistics, and advanced techniques such as parametric and non-parametric tests and factor analysis. The sessions were highly interactive and enabled participants to gain both conceptual clarity and practical skills in SPSS. The valedictory function marked the successful completion of the workshop, with positive feedback from participants. Dr. P. Veeramani, Head (i/c), spoke at the function, and Dr. I. Sivakumar, Teaching Assistant, proposed the vote of thanks.

## **CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES**

### **National Conference on “India@2047: Innovations, Sustainability and Social Transformation” Organised**



The Centre for Women's Studies organized a One-Day National Conference on the theme “India@2047: Innovations, Sustainability and Social Transformation” on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The conference aimed to provide an academic platform for scholars, academicians, researchers, and students to deliberate on the future development of India as the nation approaches the centenary of its independence in 2047. The programme emphasized the importance of innovation, sustainability, and inclusive social transformation for national progress.

The inaugural function commenced with a welcome address delivered by Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the inaugural session of the conference. It was formally inaugurated by Prof. Manish R. Joshi, Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, who emphasized the importance of research, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration in shaping India's future. Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, highlighted the role of universities in promoting academic excellence and social development.

The conference featured a series of plenary sessions delivered by eminent academicians. Dr. D. Uma Devi, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Vishvavidyalayam, Tirupati, spoke on the role of innovation and technology in promoting inclusive development. Dr. V. Kalyani, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kerala, discussed the importance of sustainability and environmental responsibility in addressing contemporary global challenges. Dr. Sangeetha, Assistant Professor, Department of Education,

Central University of Rajasthan, highlighted the significance of social transformation and inclusive governance in achieving equitable development. Dr. N. Murugeswari, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, elaborated on future developmental pathways and the need for balanced growth integrating economic development, social justice, and environmental sustainability.

The valedictory function began with a welcome address by Dr. R. Portia and was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. K. Manimekalai, Emeritus Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul, who emphasized the importance of research, gender perspectives, and inclusive policies in shaping a progressive India. The session also included felicitation speeches by Dr. N. Murugeswari and Dr. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate. Dr. S. Geetha presented the conference report. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Poulpunitha, Assistant Professor.

The deliberations and insights shared during the sessions underscored the importance of innovation, sustainability, and social transformation in building a progressive, inclusive, and developed India by 2047.

### **ICSSR-Sponsored Ten-Day Research Methodology Course for Researchers in Social Science Conducted**

The Centre for Women's Studies organized a 10-Day ICSSR-Sponsored Research Methodology Course for Ph.D., and Post-Doctoral Scholars in Social Science Research from 18<sup>th</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The programme aimed to enhance research competencies, methodological



skills, and academic writing abilities among research scholars through a series of intensive sessions delivered by eminent academicians and experts.

The course commenced with foundational sessions on Social Science research and research skills. Dr. Ilankumaran introduced participants to the types and significance of qualitative and quantitative research, while Dr. E. Ramganesha provided insights into problem identification, research design, and academic writing, including practical techniques for abstract preparation and research development.

Subsequent sessions focused on qualitative data analysis, where Dr. Reena Merin Cherian explained thematic and content analysis, coding techniques, and the application of analytical frameworks through interactive activities. Prof. V. Manickavasagam emphasized the importance of research in higher education, encouraging scholars to pursue originality and quality in their work.

The programme also included detailed sessions on research writing and publication. Dr. Rajendra Baikady elaborated on article writing, avoiding desk rejection, and publication ethics, including issues such as plagiarism and predatory journals. Sessions on scholarly writing by Prof. V. Manickavasagam further guided participants on clarity, coherence, and effective academic



communication.

Advanced methodological training was provided through sessions on integrating qualitative enquiry with statistical tools by Prof. N. Murugeswari, and on research metrics and indexing by Mr. P. Ganesan, Hands-on training in statistical techniques such as correlation and regression using SPSS and SmartPLS was conducted by Ms. Henna Joshi, while Dr. Ramnath introduced participants to meta-analysis and systematic review methods.

Further sessions on proposal writing and funding opportunities were delivered by Dr. P. Sivakumar, highlighting the importance of a strong research problem and structured proposal design. Dr. Sadik Batcha provided insights into publication techniques and journal selection, while Dr. S. Senthilnathan focused on enhancing research reporting quality. Dr. K. Alamelu introduced the Indian Knowledge System and its relevance in research.

The course also featured sessions on scale construction, ANOVA and ANCOVA by Dr. M. Kannan, along with a field visit to Athangudi to explore traditional knowledge systems. Prof. Arbind Kumar Jha delivered an engaging session on the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence in research, and Dr. Sujatha Malini concluded the programme with insights on emotional intelligence for researchers.

Overall, the programme provided a comprehensive platform for developing research aptitude, methodological expertise, and academic writing skills. The sessions were highly interactive and enriched the participants with practical knowledge, preparing them to undertake quality research and contribute effectively to the field of Social Science.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

### Campus Placement Drive for II Year MSW Students Organised



The Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, successfully organised an exclusive Campus Placement Drive for the Second Year Master of Social Work (MSW) students on 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026. The programme was arranged with the objective of enhancing employment opportunities and strengthening industry-academia linkage in the field of social work.

The placement drive was conducted in collaboration with the National Group of Institutions, Karaikudi. The event commenced with a well-structured Pre-Placement Talk, which set the tone for the recruitment process and provided clarity to the students regarding career prospects and organisational expectations.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work. He referred to the department's commitment towards producing professionally competent social workers who can contribute effectively to community development and social welfare.

Following the inauguration, the officials from the National Group of Institutions provided detailed insights into the nature of work, organisational culture, career growth opportunities,

and the competencies expected from social work professionals. The interaction helped the students gain a clear understanding of the practical roles and responsibilities associated with the offered positions. The campus drive focused on recruitment for three key positions such as Administrator, Community Level Officer and Community Officer.

## **World Philosophy Day Seminar Explores Ethics, Justice and Human Values**



The department in association with the AUSWA, organized a National Seminar on “Tenets of World Philosophy” as part of the World Philosophy Day Celebrations on 30.01.2026. The seminar was conducted in hybrid mode and was sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi.

More than 100 participants, including students from the Department of Social Work, Alagappa University, and Ananda College, Devakottai, participated in the seminar. The programme commenced with a formal oath-taking ceremony on the abolition of untouchability. The oath was administered to all participants and dignitaries, setting a strong ethical and philosophical tone for the day.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Social Work, in his welcome address, highlighted the significance of observing

the World Philosophy Day and emphasized that philosophy is the “queen of arts”, enabling students to develop critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and a holistic understanding of life. He also introduced the theme of World Philosophy Day for the year.

The seminar was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. In his presidential address, he explained the tenets of world philosophy and reflected on contemporary socio-economic challenges. He pointed out that although India has emerged as the fourth-largest economy in the world, unequal distribution of wealth remains a major concern, where a small percentage of the population controls a large share of resources, while many continue to face hunger and deprivation. He concluded by stressing that economic growth must be guided by social justice.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. K. Sambath Kumar, Member, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi. He elaborated on the role of ICPR in promoting philosophical discourse and research among students and scholars across Indian universities. In his technical session on “Introduction to Indian Knowledge System,” he explained that philosophy deals with the fundamental principles of life. He compared Greek philosophy, which emphasizes the love of knowledge, with Indian philosophy, which focuses on the pursuit of knowledge through lived experiences. He also traced the evolution of philosophy from early human attempts to understand fear, nature, and the unknown, which later transformed into structured philosophical thought.

The next technical session on “History of Philosophical Debate in Print Media” was handled



by Dr. J. Balasubramanian, Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Madurai Kamaraj University, who discussed the role of print media in shaping and disseminating philosophical debates over time.

Another technical session on “Empowerment as Ethical Imperative: Philosophical Foundations of Social Justice in Social Work Practice” was delivered by Dr. L. Kathiresan, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar, Assam, through online mode. He emphasized empowerment as a core ethical principle in social work grounded in philosophical ideas of justice, dignity, and human rights.

The final technical session on “Introduction to World Philosophy” was handled by Dr. MA. Velusamy who provided a comprehensive overview of major world philosophical traditions and their relevance to contemporary social issues.

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

## **Two-Day Training Programme on “Soft and Digital Skills for Social Science Students”**

The Department of Social Work, in association with RUSA 2.0 Scheme and the EIC HUB – ALU organized a Two-Day Training Programme on “Soft and Digital Skills for Social Science Students” on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The programme aimed to equip Social Science students with essential soft skills, digital competencies, and research-oriented abilities required in the contemporary academic and professional landscape.



The first session of the two-day training programme was delivered by Prof. Ninan John P (Retd.), President of the Global Center for Ethics and Development (Glo-CED India), on the topic “Critical Thinking.” In the second session, he delivered a lecture on the topic “Decision Making.”

The third session was handled by Dr. J. Densingh Rajan, Vice-Principal of Ananda College, Devakottai. He spoke on the topic “Emotional Resilience and Stress Management.” He highlighted various strategies for managing stress, including maintaining a balanced lifestyle, practicing self-awareness, developing positive thinking, and seeking social support when needed. He also encouraged students to strengthen their emotional intelligence and cultivate healthy coping mechanisms to enhance their overall well-being.

The fourth session was handled by Mr. Johannes Samuel J, Assistant Professor, Madras Christian College. He lectured on the topic “Interview Preparation.”

On the second day Dr. M. Mathew Arumai, Assistant Professor, SRM institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, handled the fifth session. He focused on “Research Skills Required for Social Science Students.”

The sixth session of the training programme was handled by Dr. L. Thahira, Assistant Professor in the NSS Department of SRM Institute of Science

and Technology, Chennai, on the topic “AI Tools for Research.”

The seventh session was delivered by Dr. J. Balasubramaniam, Associate Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, on the topic “Importance of Communication.” In the eighth session he spoke on the topic “Fact Checking in Social Media.”

## Initiating a New Dialogue

### **Intergenerational Bonding Programme Organised**



The department in association with the AUSWA, and HelpAge India organised a programme on “Intergenerational Bonding and Initiating a New Dialogue”. Around 50 elderly persons and MSW students of the University participated in the programme.

Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Social Work, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of intergenerational bonding as the core objective of the programme. He emphasised that meaningful interaction between younger and older generations is essential to strengthen family and community relationships. He also administered the World Elderly Abuse Awareness Pledge, encouraging participants to commit themselves to safeguarding the dignity and rights of senior citizens.

Delivering the Presidential Address, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, noted that many elderly individuals are often left behind without proper care and urged social work students and professionals to take proactive efforts to bring positive change in society by supporting the ageing population.

In the thematic address, Mr. V. Sivakumar, Member of the District Senior Citizens Welfare Committee, Madurai, explained the changes in the family system over the time. He stated that due to rapid industrialisation, urbanisation, and the influence of Western culture, the traditional joint family system has gradually shifted towards nuclear families. As a result, migration for employment has increased, leaving many elderly parents behind without adequate support. He pointed out that the elderly population in India has increased from 10% to nearly 13%, and in the coming years the proportion will continue to grow.

Mr. R. Muthukrishnan, State Program Manager (TN & Puducherry), HelpAge India discussed the impact of smartphone usage on family relationships, noting that excessive dependence on digital devices often reduces meaningful family interactions and sometimes leads to neglect of elderly family members. He emphasised that geriatric social work offers vast opportunities for social workers as addressing the needs of the ageing population has become the need of the hour.

Delivering the keynote address, Mr. U. Mahalingam, Director of GNS, highlighted the declining emotional attachment between children and their grandparents. He stressed the importance of instilling values of respect, empathy, and care towards elders among younger generations.

In his special address, Dr. B. Vijayakumar,



Project Manager, Active Ageing Centre, Pallathur, emphasised the need to protect and safeguard the rights of elderly persons, ensuring that they live with dignity, security, and social inclusion.

A special intergenerational bonding session was organised as part of the programme. During this session, students were randomly paired with elderly participants and engaged in meaningful conversations, sharing life experiences, memories, and perspectives. Students later reflected on their interactions, making the session a powerful platform for building emotional connections between the two generations.

The programme also featured cultural performances by the students, which created a lively and engaging atmosphere for the elderly participants. Ms. Jothisri, Assistant, Active Ageing Centre, Pallathur, proposed the vote of thanks.

## **Two-Day International Conference “AURORA-III: Ray of Hope” Organised**



The department in association with the AUSWA organised a two-day International Conference titled “AURORA-III: Ray of Hope – 2026” on March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The conference was held as part of the World Social Work Day 2026 and it focused on the theme “Co-Building Hope and Harmony: Role of Social Workers in Uniting and Promoting an Inclusive and Equitable Society.”

The programme commenced with an exhibition of posters prepared by the students of the Department of Social Work, depicting the World Social Work Day theme. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi visited the exhibition and interacted with the students, appreciating their creative efforts.

Delivering the welcome address, Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Social Work, highlighted the significance of the global theme and its relevance in the present context.

In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi emphasised that the theme “Co-Building Hope and Harmony” is highly relevant in today's world, particularly in the backdrop of global conflicts and social divisions.

The keynote address was delivered by Emmanuel J Johnson, Associate Professor, School of Social Work and Human Services, Troy University, USA. He elaborated on the vital role of social workers in building inclusive and equitable societies.

In his special address, M. Srinivasan, Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, University of Madras, stressed that research and fieldwork are indispensable for effective social work practice, especially in the contemporary AI-driven era.

An awards ceremony was conducted to honour eminent contributors in the field of social work. The awards were presented by the Vice-Chancellor.

Best Social Work Academician Award 2026 was given to Dr. M. Srinivasan, Professor of Criminology and Head, Department of Social Work, University of Madras and Dr. S. Arul Prasad, Dean of Academics and Associate

Professor in Social Sciences, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur

Best Social Work Practitioner Award 2026 was given to Mr. S. Durai, District Child Protection Officer, Sivagangai and Mr. D. Victor, Deputy General Manager – Human Resources, Shanthi Gears Limited, Coimbatore.

Best Social Work Alumni Award 2026 was given to Ms. S.M. Agnes Fedoline, Field Coordinator-cum-Health Worker, Active Ageing Centre, HelpAge India, Pallathur and Mr. P. Prakash, Dharmapuri District Program Co-ordinator, Children Charitable Trust.

The first technical session was on the topic: Social Work Intervention in Co-Building Hope and Harmony – A Theoretical Perspective. The session was chaired by Prof. Sigamani Panneer, Chairperson, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The speakers included: Dr. Kathiresan Loganathan, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar, Dr. Chittranjan Subudhi, Associate Professor, Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi, Dr. A. Enoch, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Social Work (Aided), Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, Dr. Prince Solomon Devadass, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College, Chennai, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Associate Professor & Head (i/c), Faculty of Behavioural and Social Science, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research and Dr. Sudarshan, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College Chennai. The session focused on theoretical perspectives and scholarly insights into social work interventions aimed at fostering hope

and harmony.

The second technical session was on the topic: Social Workers for Social Change – Promoting an Equitable Society. The session was chaired by Dr. F. Carter Premraj, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Social Work, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli. The speakers included: Dr. Ratna Huirem, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar, Dr. Kumaravel, Assistant Professor, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Chennai, Dr. V. Gurumoorthi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Madurai Institute of Social Sciences, and Dr. Antony Prakash, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Social Work, Ananda College, Devakottai. The session highlighted practical strategies and interventions by social workers in promoting equity and social change.

The day also featured paper presentations by faculty members, research scholars, and students. It was followed by cultural performances by social work trainees. On the second day the first panel discussion was on the topic: Role of Social Workers in Uniting and Promoting an Inclusive Society – A Field Perspective. It was chaired by Dr. S. Jegan Karuppiah, Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Development Science, Arul Anandar College, Madurai. The speakers included Dr. A. Arun Aloysius Magesh, Administrator, Vidya Sudha, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, Mr. Sree Kumar V, Head – Human Resources, Alliance India, New Delhi, Ms. Anamika Sharma, Senior Manager, Child Centred Community Development, Plan India, New Delhi, Dr. Shiva Prakash, Psychiatrist and Head of Clinical Services and Training,



Department of Youth Mental Health, SCARF, Chennai and Mr. Soundar, Psychologist and Counselling Department Coordinator, Athma Mind Care Hospital, Tiruchirappalli

The second panel discussion was on the topic: Need for Change in Social Work Curriculum – Alumni Perspective. It was chaired by G. Gopu, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Ananda College, Devakottai. Speakers included Dr. C. Vengateshwaran, Block Coordinator, TN Rights Project, S. Pudhur, Ms. S. M. Agnes Fedoline, Field Coordinator, HelpAge India, Pallathur, Ms. J. Janet Silviya, Teaching Assistant, Department of Social Work, Alagappa University and Mr. Shri Vignesh, Vice-President, AUSWA.

The valedictory function was presided over by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. The special address was given by Prof. S. Arul Prasad, Dean of Academics, Arul Anandar College. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Book Talk Programme Conducted



The Department of Social Work organized the 50<sup>th</sup> Book Talk Programme on 24.03.2026. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. MA. Velusamy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of Social Work, who highlighted the inspiring journey of reaching the milestone of 50<sup>th</sup>

book talk session.

Prof. S. Subbiah, former Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, was the chief guest. He honoured the past guest contributors of the Book Talk Programme with shawls and mementos. In his address, he emphasized the transformative power of reading and shared influential books that shaped his life, including “*Setback is a Setup for a Comeback*,” “*The Old Man and the Sea*,” “*Roots*,” and “*It Only Takes a Minute to Change Your Life*.” He also noted how a single book worth ₹180 played a role in mobilizing ₹100 crores for the development of Alagappa University, contributing to its recognition as one of the leading universities in India. He stressed the importance of emotional intelligence and cultivating saving habits among students.

Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, in his address, highlighted that reading is a key factor in achieving greater heights in life and elaborated on the rich library facilities available at the University. Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, remarked that a single book has the potential to transform an individual's life entirely.

Prof. Baskaran, Librarian, Central Library, Alagappa University, explained the various resources and modern features of the Central Library of the University and exhorted students to make effective use of them. Several writers and authors who had previously participated as guest speakers in the Book Talk Programmes expressed their happiness and appreciation for the initiative. Students also shared their experiences and learning outcomes from participating in the 50 sessions. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. J. Vignesh Sabarikiran, Teaching Assistant.

## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

### 296<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar Celebrated



The Department of History organized a function to celebrate the 296<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The programme was conducted with the noble objective of commemorating the life, achievements, and heroic contribution of one of the earliest women freedom fighters of India, who valiantly resisted the British colonial expansion in South India.

The function commenced with the welcome address by Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Professor and Head (i/c), Department of History. He noted that commemorative programmes of this nature play a vital role in strengthening historical awareness and academic engagement among students.

The programme was presided over and inaugurated by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the relevance of historical memory in shaping the social and cultural identity of younger generations. He observed that Velu Nachiyar's courage, administrative capability, and strategic military acumen continue to serve as a source of inspiration, particularly in the context of women's empowerment and leadership.

The Chief Guest, Thiru. R. Balakrishnan, I.A.S. (Retd.), an eminent Indus Researcher and

Chairman of the International Institute of Tamil Studies, Chennai, delivered the keynote address. He provided a comprehensive historical perspective on the political and social conditions of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Tamil Nadu. He elaborated on the struggle of the Sivagangai kingdom, in resisting the British East India Company, and the heroic efforts of Velu Nachiyar in mobilizing forces to regain her kingdom. He also emphasized the role of local resistance movements in the larger framework of India's freedom struggle. His scholarly address offered valuable insights into the significance of regional history and the need to recognize the contributions of local heroes and heroines.

The felicitation address was delivered by Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Member of the Syndicate. He remarked that such programmes encouraged students to explore lesser-known aspects of Indian history, especially the contributions of women leaders in the pre-modern period.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History.

### Two-Day National Level Workshop on Advancing Historical Research: Embracing Objectivity and Innovation



The Department of History organized a Two-Day National Level Workshop on the theme

“Advancing Historical Research: Embracing Objectivity and Innovation” on 12th and 13th February 2026.

The workshop aimed to enhance research skills among students, scholars, and faculty members by promoting objectivity, critical thinking, and innovative approaches in historical research. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who emphasized the importance of evidence-based research and the role of historians in constructing authentic and unbiased narratives.

Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Head (i/c), Department of History, in his welcome address highlighted the importance of adopting interdisciplinary approaches and modern research methodologies. The workshop featured lectures by distinguished resource persons, including Dr. Sebastian Joseph (UK), Dr. M. Britto Stalin, Dr. P. Ganesan, Dr. K. Mavali Rajan, Dr. K. Sankari, and Dr. K. Ashok, who delivered insightful sessions on historiography, research methodology, environmental history, digital tools, and archival practices.

The sessions enabled participants to gain practical knowledge about research design, source criticism, and the application of interdisciplinary methods in historical studies and enhanced their understanding of research methodologies and strengthened their ability to approach historical studies with objectivity and analytical rigour. Participants were exposed to new perspectives in historiography and they gained awareness of emerging trends such as digital humanities and environmental history.

The valedictory session was addressed by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. He encouraged

participants to maintain academic integrity and pursue innovative research. The workshop report was presented by Dr. K. Sankari, summarizing the key discussions and academic deliberations of the two-day programme.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, Department of History.

## **Two-Day Skill Training Workshop on “Heritage and Management in Tamil Nadu: Systems, Strategies, and Future Prospects”**



A Two-day Skill Training Programme on “Heritage and Management in Tamil Nadu: Systems, Strategies, and Future Prospects” was conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The programme was organized by the Department of History under the sponsorship of RUSA 2.0 Scheme in association with the EIC HUB - ALU. The programme aimed to provide both theoretical understanding and practical training in heritage conservation, archaeological studies, archival management, and preservation of traditional Tamil documents.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. G. Ravi. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, Convener of the event, who introduced the theme and objectives of the programme and emphasized the importance of heritage education. The Vice-Chancellor, in his



speech, highlighted the need for systematic conservation and sustainable management of cultural heritage. The keynote address was delivered by Thiru S. Regupathy, Hon'ble Minister for Natural Resources, Government of Tamil Nadu, who emphasized the role of government and society in protecting natural and cultural heritage. The thematic address was presented by Prof. S. Rajavelu, who spoke on archaeological heritage and conservation practices. The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. K. Balamurugan, RUSA Coordinator, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor at the end of the inaugural session.

The technical sessions were conducted for two days. On the first day, Prof. S. Rajavelu handled a hands-on session on Archaeology and Heritage Management, focusing on types of heritage and conservation methods. The second session was delivered by Dr. M. Marudhu Pandiyan, who discussed Current Issues and Debates in Heritage Management, highlighting challenges such as urbanization and tourism pressure. On the second day, Mr. A. Rajappa conducted two sessions. The first session focused on Archives Management and Conservation of Original Documents, where participants were trained in archival preservation techniques. In the second session he dealt with Traditional Tamil Documents and Preservation, where palm-leaf manuscripts and historical records were demonstrated and conservation methods were explained. These sessions provided strong practical exposure to participants.

At the valedictory function the welcome address was delivered by Dr. K. Krishnamoorthy, who summarized the success of the programme. The valedictory address was given by Prof. C. Sekar,

Member of the Syndicate, who emphasized the importance of heritage awareness and skill development. The special address was delivered by Thiru R. Mathialagan, Former PRO, Tanjore District, who shared his insights on heritage communication and public engagement. The felicitation address was given by Prof. V. Dharuman, Director i/c, AISD. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. G. Paranthaman, Assistant Professor.

It provided exposure to archaeological conservation, archival documentation, and preservation of traditional Tamil manuscripts. The use of models, photographs, manuscripts, and interactive methods made the training highly effective. The programme also highlighted contemporary challenges in heritage conservation and emphasized the importance of community participation, youth involvement, and modern technologies such as digital documentation in preserving cultural heritage.

## **DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

### **Achievements of Students**

The UGC-NET Examination conducted in December 2025 brought notable success to the students and alumni of the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Ms. Jeevananthika S, (2024–2026 batch), Mr. Velmurugan P (2023–2025 batch, and Mr. Kannan S (2021–2023 batch) also cleared the UGC-NET. They are eligible to work as Assistant Professors and also eligible for availing Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), and to Ph.D. admissions.

Mr. S. Barathkumar, a student of II M.A. Public Administration participated in the National Inter-University Debate – 2026 organized by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on

Population and Development, New Delhi. The event was held on 12<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 under the banner of Sat Paul Mittal National Inter-University Debate – 2026. The theme of the debate was “The present education system is conducive to developing sound mental health of the youth”.

## **Seminar on Administration and Leadership in Contemporary India**



The Department of Politics and Public Administration organised a Two-Day Seminar on Administration and Leadership in Contemporary India on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The core objective of the programme was to understand the concept of administration and leadership in the current Indian context. The event was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi. Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean-Faculty of Arts, Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, Capt. Dr. P. Karpagavalli, Principal & Associate NCC Officer, Sri G.V.G. Visalakshi College for Women and Dr. S. Ramanathan, Academician & Columnist, Former Fellow-IAS, Shimla spoke at the inaugural session. 9 technical sessions were conducted. In the technical sessions Dr. S. Ramanathan, Capt. Dr. P. Karpagavalli, Dr. P. Karthikeyan, Head, Department of Management Studies, Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai, Erode; Dr. Kavitha KN, Head, Department of Political Science, Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science, Chennai; Dr. D.

Devanathan, Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, Annamalai University and Dr. D. Ramakrishnan, Dean (Arts-Humanities & Language), Madurai Kamaraj University, served as resource persons for the programme.



The key topics discussed in the technical sessions were: Women Leadership, Leadership Qualities: Inbuilt Ingredients, She Leads, India Rises: Women in Leadership & Administration Today, Administrative and Political Leadership for Annihilation of Corruption. At the end of each session, the participants interacted with the resource persons in order to get more insights into the topic. The second day of the seminar comprised 3 sessions and the valedictory function of the two-day seminar. Prof. S. Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, presided over the valedictory function. Dr. D. Ramakrishnan, Dean (Arts-Humanities & Language), Madurai Kamaraj University, spoke at the event. Dr. K. Senthil Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Politics and Public Administration, presented a brief report of the two-day seminar.

## **DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS**

### **Workshop on Fine Arts Conducted**

A Workshop on Fine Arts was organized by the Department of Fine Arts on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026. The programme was conducted with the objective of enhancing academic understanding and creative

awareness among students. The programme commenced with the welcome address delivered by Mr. G. Munnadiyappan, Teaching Assistant, and he briefly outlined the purpose and importance of the workshop.

This was followed by a special address delivered by Mr. S. Vinaitheerthan, who shared valuable insights related to the theme of the workshop. In his address, he emphasized the relevance of such academic programmes in nurturing creativity, self-awareness, and professional development among Fine Arts students. The presidential address was delivered by Dr. S. Senthamizhpavai, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Fine Arts. She highlighted the significance of workshops and encouraged students to actively participate in such programmes to hone their artistic and intellectual skills. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. R. Vijayan, Teaching Assistant.

## 20 Days Study Tour Organised



A study tour involving 49 BFA Painting students of the Department of Fine Arts under the guidance of Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Senior Professor and Head, with support from Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan (Teaching Assistant) and Mrs. S. Vijayal (Office Assistant), was conducted from 30<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 across major cultural centres in Central India. In Mumbai students

visited CSMVS Museum, NGMA, Kala Ghoda, Sir JJ School of Art, and Elephanta Caves. In Patan & Modhera they studied Rani Ki Vav, Patola weaving, and the Sun Temple. In Jodhpur & Jaisalmer they explored forts, havelis, and desert heritage. In Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Ajanta and Ellora caves were studied along with Daulatabad Fort and Bibi Ka Maqbara. In Hyderabad & Secunderabad they visited Charminar, Salar Jung Museum, Golconda Fort, and Qutub Shahi Tombs. At Visakhapatnam, students focused on nature studies and attended an air show. The tour provided valuable experiential learning enhancing students' visual and artistic skills.

## Sculpture Training Workshop Conducted



On 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026, a Skill-Oriented Sculpture Training Workshop was conducted at the Department of Fine Arts in collaboration with the Canara Bank Sculpture Training Institute for Artisans. The programme aimed to create awareness on skill development in both traditional and contemporary sculpture practices.

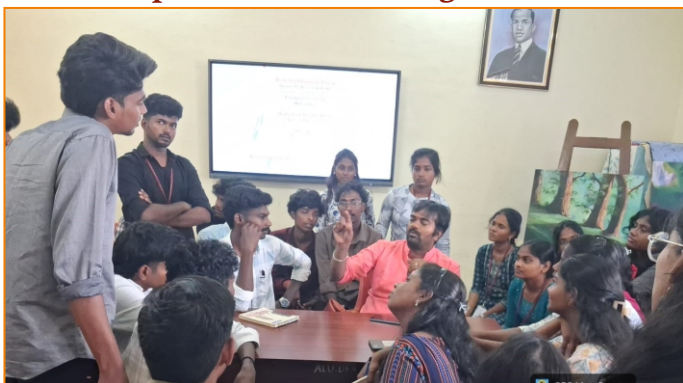
The session began with a welcome address by Mr. V. Arasakumaran, followed by the presidential address of Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai, who emphasized the importance of integrating traditional art forms with modern applications. The guest, Mr. M. Ragunathan, Director of RSETI,



highlighted Canara Bank's initiatives in providing free training programmes that support self-employment and entrepreneurship among aspiring artists.

The workshop provided insights into various training areas including stone, metal, wood, and temple sculpture, along with hands-on learning opportunities. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan. Overall, the workshop served as a valuable platform for students to explore skill development opportunities and career prospects in sculpture.

## **Workshop on “Form of Thought” Conducted**



The department organized a two-day Workshop on “Form of Thought” on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 at the Vallal Alagappan Museum. The programme commenced on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 with an inaugural session. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Senior Professor and Head, Department of Fine Arts, who emphasized the significance of integrating traditional artistic approaches with contemporary practices. The presidential address was delivered by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, who highlighted the importance of creativity and innovation in art education. The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. G. Vijaymaniyan, Teaching Assistant.

The first day of the workshop was dedicated

to digital painting techniques, conducted by Mr. Sivabalan Selvaraj, Art Instructor, Government College of Fine Arts, Madurai. The sessions provided comprehensive insights into the application of digital technology in painting. The resource person elaborated on key aspects such as the importance of lighting, colour blending techniques, texture creation, and layering methods in digital art. The sessions also included a detailed explanation of lighting and shadow techniques, enabling participants to understand the creation of depth and realism in digital compositions.

On the second day, Mr. S. Krishnaraj, National Artist, Puducherry, focused on techniques and composition in landscape painting. He elaborated on the role of colour, light, and mood in enhancing the expressive quality of landscape artworks. His sessions provided valuable practical insights into compositional strategies. This was followed by lectures delivered by Dr. Justin Selvaraj, who discussed the cultural and economic significance of the Palmyra palm. He further elaborated on the preservation and contemporary relevance of Palmyra palm leaves, highlighting their importance in cultural heritage and sustainable practices. In the subsequent sessions, Mr. S. Krishnaraj spoke on the topic of collage art, covering its history, evolution, techniques, and materials, along with its relevance in contemporary and digital media. These sessions enriched the participants' understanding of mixed-media practices.

Technical sessions on composition in painting were conducted by Dr. P. Stubert Sibi, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, Anna University, Chennai. He provided detailed explanations on principles of composition,

including balance (symmetrical and asymmetrical), focal point and emphasis, leading lines, and their practical application in painting. These sessions significantly contributed to strengthening the participants' conceptual and practical understanding of visual composition.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory session presided over by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, who appreciated the initiative. The programme was convened by Prof. S. Senthamizh Pavai.

## Grand Art Exhibition and Sale Organised



The Department of Fine Arts organized an Art Exhibition and Sale on March 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at the department campus under the leadership of Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Senior Professor and Head. Around 100 students participated, showcasing nearly 1300 artworks with the support of faculty members, reflecting their creativity and technical skills.

The exhibition featured diverse art forms including pencil sketches, pen drawings, watercolour paintings, acrylic paintings, oil paintings, relief works, and mixed media artworks. Each piece demonstrated the students' artistic depth and innovative thinking, earning appreciation from art enthusiasts and the general public alike.

One of the major highlights of the event was the live portrait drawing sessions conducted by

students for visitors, along with mehndi (henna) application, which attracted significant attention. Additionally, on 5<sup>th</sup> March, drawing competitions were organized for school and college students, encouraging young talents. The event was open to the public with free entry, resulting in a large and vibrant turnout on all the three days.

The inaugural function was graced by dignitaries including Dr. V. Palanisamy (Dean, Faculty of Science), Dr. S. Yogalakshmi (Dean, Faculty of Management), and Dr. K. Kalaarasan (Dean, Faculty of Education), who motivated and appreciated the students' efforts.

The valedictory function, held on 7<sup>th</sup> March was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, accompanied by Registrar Dr. A. Senthilrajan and Syndicate Member Dr. S. Rajaram. During the ceremony, prizes were distributed to the winners of the drawing competition. The Vice-Chancellor personally visited the exhibition, interacted with students, and appreciated their creative works. He also commended Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai for her consistent efforts in organizing such meaningful and impactful programmes for students. Overall, the event served as an excellent platform for nurturing artistic talent and significantly contributed to promoting art appreciation within the community.

## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND FILM STUDIES

### ICONIC 2026 Film Festival Organised



The Department of Theatre and Film Studies organized the Iconic 2026 Film Festival on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 with the objective of encouraging student filmmakers. It aimed at promoting film appreciation, providing a platform for young talents to exhibit their cinematic works and interact with film professionals and academicians. The festival received a very encouraging response with around 70 online registrations from students across various institutions. After preview and scrutiny based on quality, originality, and relevance, 30 short films and 4 advertisement films were officially selected for screening at the competition. The festival began with film screening sessions in the morning. The screenings created an academic and creative atmosphere enabling participants to understand narrative structure, direction, cinematography, editing techniques, and performance aesthetics. Interactive discussions were also held, allowing participants to exchange ideas and perspectives on film-making. The Vice-Chancellor was welcomed by the students with traditional Parai Isai performance, reflecting the cultural identity and artistic spirit of the department. Prior to the inaugural ceremony, a video presentation showcasing the activities and achievements of the department and the making of Iconic Film Festival was screened.

At the inaugural function by Prof. M. Sutha, Head (i/c), Department of Theatre and Film Studies, gave the welcome address. The function was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. He referred to the importance of cinema as a powerful educational and social medium. Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, and Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations, delivered felicitation addresses

appreciating the initiative taken by the department in nurturing creativity among students. The special address was delivered by Mr. Ezhil Periyavede, Film Director & Writer, who shared valuable insights on filmmaking practices, storytelling responsibility, and originality in cinema. The jury members interacted with the participants and provided constructive feedback on storytelling, technical quality, and cinematic presentation. As part of the festival, a dedicated stage session was arranged for students to showcase their talents before the audience. The festival consisted of screening and evaluation of selected films. The participants actively engaged in viewing and discussions that followed gaining exposure to: story development and screenplay construction, direction and visual storytelling. The nuances of cinematography and shot composition, editing and sound design, acting were discussed.

The festival served as an interactive learning platform bridging academic study and practical film-making experience. During the valedictory session, feedback was shared by participants and guests appreciating the learning experience provided by the festival. Certificates were distributed to all participants in recognition of their contribution and participation. The event concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. K.S. Bagath Cinthan, Coordinator and Teaching Assistant.

## **Silappathikaram Comes Alive at Kannaki Isai Nadaga Vizha**

Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Nadaga Mandram and the Department of Theatre and Film Studies, Alagappa University, jointly organized Kannaki Isai Nadaga Vizha on 05.01.2026. The programme highlighted the richness of ancient Tamil heritage



and conveyed timeless values such as justice, virtue, and moral integrity through expressive drama. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. M. Sutha, Head i/c, who emphasized the significance of integrating classical literature with performing arts to enhance students' cultural awareness and creative expression.



The presidential address was delivered by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. He highlighted the importance of *Silappathikaram* as one of the greatest epics of Tamil literature and its relevance even for contemporary society. He encouraged students to actively participate in cultural activities, stating that such programmes would help in shaping character, discipline, and ethical values.

The special address was given by Mr. R. M. Balasubramaniam, who spoke about the dramatic elements, historical background, and cultural depth of *Silappathikaram*. He elaborated on the characters, themes, and emotional intensity of the epic, and appreciated the performers for their effective portrayal of the storyline. His address inspired students to explore traditional art forms and understand their societal impact.

The performance, lasting one hour, was well received by the audience. The performers captivated the audience through expressive dialogue delivery, music, costumes, and stage presentation. The play effectively conveyed the core message of justice and righteousness, leaving a

lasting impression on the audience. Mr. Hariharan, Actor, Muthamizh Kalai Mandram, proposed a vote of thanks.



## Two-Day Skill Training Programme on Basic Acting for Beginners

The Department of Theatre and Film Studies organized a RUSA 2.0 EIC HUB-Sponsored Two Day “Basic Acting Skill Training Programme for Beginners” on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026.

The objective of the skill training programme was to introduce beginners to the fundamentals of acting and to provide practical exposure to theatre and performance techniques. The programme commenced with an inaugural function on 26.06.2026. Prof. M. Sutha delivered the welcome address and highlighted the importance of acting skills in theatre and cinema. The presidential address was delivered by Prof. A. Senthilrajan who emphasized the significance of training and discipline in acting. The special address was delivered by Mr. T. Mayakrishnan, Theatre Director, who shared his rich professional experiences in theatre. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. M. Prasath, Teaching Assistant.



Following the inaugural session, six training sessions were conducted by Mr. T. Mayakrishnan. The sessions included History of Tamil Theatre, Theatre Acting, Actor Preparation, Animal Walk, Play Production & Set Designing, and Theatre Makeup. These sessions provided participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical exercises. Participants engaged themselves in physical movement exercises, voice training, and character-building activities.

On 27.06.2026, seven sessions were conducted. The first four sessions — Evolution of Acting, Cinema Acting, Continuity Management, and Facial Expression — were handled by Dr. C. Karthikeyan. These sessions focused on the development of acting styles, differences between theatre and cinema acting, and techniques to maintain performance continuity. Practical exercises on facial expressions and performance delivery were also conducted.

The remaining three sessions — From Script to Stage, Scene Improvisation, and Theatre Costumes — were conducted by Mr. P. Panchalirajan. These sessions emphasized script interpretation, improvisation techniques, and the importance of costumes in character development. Participants were encouraged to perform short improvisational scenes and explore creative acting approaches.

The programme concluded with a valedictory function. Prof. M. Sutha delivered the welcome address. The presidential address was delivered by Prof. S. Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate. The special address was delivered by Dr. C. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor. The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. M. Prasath, Teaching Assistant.

## DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

### Invited Guest Lecture on "Optimizing Social Media Strategies for News Dissemination and Engagement in DD Tamil News"

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized an Invited Guest Lecture on the topic "Optimizing Social Media Strategies for News Dissemination and Engagement in DD Tamil News" on 09-01-2026. The session commenced with a welcome address by Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, who highlighted the growing importance of social media platforms in news dissemination and the need for journalism students to acquire practical digital media skills.

The resource persons Mr.B.I.Merlin Xavier, Sub Editor / Social Media Executive, Doordarshan Chennai and Ms.T.Karpagam, Social Media Executive, Doordarshan Chennai, provided valuable insights into the social media strategies followed by DD Tamil News, including content planning, platform-specific storytelling, audience analytics, engagement techniques and ethical considerations in digital news publishing. They also shared real-time examples from their professional experience, which helped students understand the practical challenges and opportunities in managing





social media for a news organization. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr.M.Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.

## **Faculty Members Participate in India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management**



The India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM, 2026) was held on 22-01-2026 in New Delhi, bringing together scholars, policymakers, election administrators, and media professionals from across the country and abroad. The conference served as a significant platform for deliberating on contemporary challenges and innovations in democratic governance and electoral processes in an increasingly digital and media-driven world.

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Alagappa University, represented Tamil Nadu at this international forum. He discussed how the rise of digital platforms, algorithm-driven content distribution, and AI-generated political communication has transformed campaign strategies, often leading to challenges such as voter

manipulation, misinformation, and unequal visibility among political actors. He also explored global practices and institutional approaches to regulating political communication, drawing references from international frameworks and comparative models.

## **150 Years of Vande Mataram Song Commemorated**



The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in association with NSS Unit AU89, Alagappa University, organized a special programme to commemorate the “150<sup>th</sup> Year of Vande Mataram Song” on 16-02-2026. The celebration aimed to honour the historic significance of Vande Mataram Song and to instill patriotic values and national consciousness among students.

Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, in his welcome address, highlighted the historical and cultural relevance of Vande Mataram in India's freedom movement. The presidential address was delivered by Dr.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, who emphasized the enduring legacy of the song as a symbol of unity and national pride.

Dr.G.Vinayagamoorthis of the Department of Commerce delivered the keynote address, elaborating on the socio-political context in which Vande Mataram Song emerged and its role in



inspiring generations during the struggle for country's independence. The felicitation addresses were delivered by Dr.K.Krishnamoorthy, Head i/c, Department of History and Dr.N.Arunachalam, Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning, who reflected on the historical depth and contemporary relevance of patriotic expressions in shaping responsible citizenship.

To mark the occasion, Essay-Writing and Poster-Making Competitions were conducted.” Prizes were given to the winners. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr.M.Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.

## **Skill Training Workshop on Podcasting and Artificial Intelligence in Journalism Organised**



The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a Two-Day Skill Training Workshop on “Podcasting and Artificial Intelligence in Journalism” on 17-02-2026 & 18-02-2026. The workshop was funded by RUSA 2.0 – EIC HUB, reflecting the institution's commitment to strengthening digital competencies and innovation-driven media education.

In his welcome address Dr.N.Johnson emphasized the growing convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital audio platforms in reshaping journalistic practices and highlighted the importance of skill-oriented training in emerging media technologies. Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor,

who presided over the event underlined the transformative potential of AI in content creation, verification and dissemination and encouraged participants to adopt innovative tools responsibly within journalistic frameworks.

Felicitation addresses were offered by Prof.S.Chandramohan, Finance Officer i/c, and Prof.K.Balamurugan, RUSA Coordinator. The keynote address was delivered by Dr.S.Tamilarasi, Head, Department of Visual Communication Technology, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli. She provided an in-depth overview of AI integration in podcast journalism, focusing on automation, voice synthesis, script generation and audience analytics. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.

In Technical Session I, Dr.S.Tamilarasi spoke on the topic “Navigating Artificial Intelligence in Podcast Journalism”. In Session II, Dr.R.D.Sivakumar spoke about “Different AI Tools for Modern Podcast”. The session aimed to familiarize participants with a wide range of AI-powered tools that are transforming the way podcasts are conceptualized, produced, and distributed in the contemporary media environment.

In the III & IV Sessions Mr.D.Gideon Prem Singh lectured on the topic Radio Podcasting through Artificial Intelligence. The session also highlighted the advantages of AI in enhancing production efficiency, improving audio quality, and enabling wider audience reach. Ethical considerations, including authenticity, credibility, and responsible use of AI tools in media, were also emphasized, encouraging participants to adopt technology with a critical and informed perspective.

On day two Technical Sessions were conducted. In the first session Dr.S.Dinesh Babu, Chairperson, Department of Visual Media and Communication, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kochi Campus, spoke on the topic Artificial Intelligence in Journalism. The major focus of the session was on the role of AI in improving accuracy and personalization. The speaker demonstrated how machine learning algorithms can analyze large datasets to identify trends, verify information, and tailor news content to specific audience preferences. He also discussed the growing importance of AI in multimedia journalism, particularly in generating visuals, transcripts, and interactive content.

The workshop addressed critical ethical concerns associated with AI in journalism, including issues of bias, misinformation, data privacy, and the authenticity of AI-generated content. Participants were encouraged to uphold journalistic values such as credibility, transparency, and accountability while leveraging technological advancements. Interactive discussions and demonstrations enabled participants to understand the practical implications of AI tools in real-world media scenarios.

In the second session, resource person Mrs.P.Deeparajeswari lectured on the topic “Upholding Journalistic Ethics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”. The session focused on the critical intersection of emerging technologies and core journalistic values. The session aimed to sensitize participants to the ethical challenges posed by the increasing use of AI in media practices, while reinforcing the importance of integrity, accountability, and credibility in journalism.

In the third session, Mr.A.Rajeev Prasad handled the topic “Artificial Intelligence in Photo

Journalism”. This session offered the participants a comprehensive understanding of how AI is transforming visual storytelling in modern journalism. The session focused on the integration of advanced technologies into photojournalism, equipping participants with both conceptual insights and practical awareness of AI-driven tools.

At the valedictory function, the presidential address was delivered by Prof.S.Rajaram, Dean, Faculty of Arts. Prof.V.Dharuman, Director i/c, AISD, delivered the felicitation address, highlighting the importance of skill-based training in enhancing employability. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr.S.Dinesh Babu, who emphasized the necessity of integrating AI literacy within journalism curricula. Certificates were distributed to the participants. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr.M.Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.

## **Industrial Visit to All India Radio, Kochi**



The faculty members and first-year students of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, undertook a two-day Industrial Visit to Cochin and Vagamon, Kerala, on 07-03-2026 and 08-03-2026.

On 07-03-2026, the students visited All India Radio, Kochi, where they gained valuable insights into the functioning of a public broadcasting institution. During the visit, they were

introduced to various aspects of radio broadcasting, including programme production, recording techniques, studio operations, transmission processes and the overall role of radio in disseminating information, education and entertainment to the public. The visit enabled the students to connect their classroom learning with real-time media practices and broadened their understanding of the broadcasting industry.

The students also visited various important and scenic places in Cochin and Vagamon. These visits provided them with an enriching travel experience and opportunities for informal learning, team bonding and cultural exploration. The scenic beauty, local environment and unique atmosphere of the places visited added to the overall value of the tour.

## **Students Participate in Inter University Debate Competition**



Two students Mr.S.Barath Kumar, Department of Politics and Public Administration and Mr.S.Samrat Kirubakaran, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Alagappa University, participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sat Paul

Mittal National Inter-College and Inter-University Debate Competition 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 12-03-2026 & 13-03-2026. The event brought talented student speakers from various colleges and universities across the country. It served as an excellent platform for students to demonstrate their oratorical skills, critical thinking and ability to engage in meaningful debate on contemporary issues.

## **International Conference on Media Education, Digital Innovation and Advancement**



The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a two-day International Conference on “Media Education, Digital Innovation and Advancement (MEDIA-2K26)” on 13-03-2026 & 14-03-2026. The conference aimed to explore emerging trends in media education, digital technologies and innovative practices shaping the future of communication studies.

At the inaugural function, Dr.N.Johnson, Head i/c, welcomed the gathering. The presidential address was delivered by Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. Prof.Julien Jean Malard-Adam, Professor, Institute of Research Pour le Développement, France, delivered the special address. The keynote address was delivered by Prof.S.Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr.M.Hari Baskar, Teaching Assistant.



The first Plenary lecture was delivered by Prof. Julien Jean Malard-Adam, on the topic “Navigating the Future through Media Education and Digital Innovation,” under the chairpersonship of Dr.J.E.Merlin Sasikala. This was followed by Plenary Session II in which Dr.Arulchelvan Sriram, Director, Educational Multimedia Research Centre, Anna University, Chennai, spoke on “AI for Creative and Media Industries,” chaired by Dr.N.Arunachalam.

The Plenary Session III was handled by Dr.M.Shuaib Mohamed Haneef, Director i/c, Educational Multimedia Research Centre, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, on “Gender and socio-technical imaginaries of AI”. The session was chaired by Dr.C.Anbuchelvan. The Plenary Session IV was delivered by Dr.S.Ragunathan, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication, Jamal Mohamed College, Tiruchirappalli, on “AI Generated Visual Content for Higher Education,” with Dr.M.Kanaga as chairperson. The first day events concluded with Technical Session I, a hybrid-mode paper presentation session chaired by Dr.N.Arunachalam, with Dr.A.Pio Albina, Dr.M.Suganthi and Dr.R.Portia as co-chair persons.

The second day of the conference continued with thought-provoking sessions on media, digital literacy and AI. Plenary Session V featured two resource persons. Dr.Rubal Kanozia, HoD, Department of Mass Communication and Media Studies, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda. He delivered a talk on “Artificial Intelligence and Media Education,” chaired by Dr.G.Rajeswari. Another session was handled by Dr.C.Gladius Guna Ranjini, Department of Visual

Communication, Fathima College (Autonomous), Madurai, on “Rethinking Media, Power and Influence,” chaired by Dr.P.Susai Manickam.

The Plenary Session VI was delivered by Dr.B.Radha, Professor & Head, Department of Media Communication, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, on “Centrality of Critical Digital Literacy in Higher Education,” under the chairpersonship of Dr.G.Sivakumar. In the VII Plenary Session Dr.A.Akilah Lakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication, The American College, Madurai, spoke on “Digital Public Sphere and Protest Politics: Social Media in the Sterlite Ban Movement,” chaired by Dr.S.Rajesh Kumar.

The Plenary Session VIII included presentations by Dr.Pramila Thapa, Research Director, Vidushi Yogmaya Himalayan Ayurveda University, Nepal, on “Mobile Learning and Its Application in Digital Era,”. The session was chaired by Dr.N.Johnson. Dr.A.K.Abinesh, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Journalism, Madras Christian College, Chennai, spoke on “Artificial Intelligence Transforming Education and Journalism: The Future of Human–Machine Interaction,” chaired by Mr.M.Hari Baskar. Then paper presentation started. It was chaired by Dr.C.Anbuchelvan, with Dr.J.Jayachithra, Dr.M.Sanmuga Revathi, Mr.I.Lenin and Dr.A.Rube Jesintha serving as co-chair persons.

The valedictory function was presided over by Prof.A.Senthilrajan, Registrar. The valedictory address was delivered by Prof.Julien Jean Malard-Adam. Prof.G.Kalaiyasan and Prof.N.Arunachalam, offered felicitations. Certificates were distributed to all paper presenters.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr.R. Yasif Arafath.

## **Professional Content Creation for YouTube Programmes**



The department organized a programme on “Professional Content Creation for YouTube” on 23-03-2026 with the objective of equipping students with practical knowledge and skills required for digital content production. The programme was designed to familiarize students with the growing scope of YouTube as a powerful platform for communication, creativity, branding and entrepreneurship in the digital era.

The resource person for the programme was Mr.Natraj Arumugam, Cookd TV, who shared valuable insights from his professional experience in content creation. During the session, he explained the essentials of creating content for YouTube, including idea generation, script planning, presentation style, audience targeting, video production techniques, consistency in uploading and effective use of trends and analytics. His talk offered students a clear understanding of how quality content, originality and strategic planning contribute to building a successful YouTube presence. He also provided practical tips on maintaining authenticity, improving audience

engagement and adapting content to suit the changing interests of viewers.

## **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

### **DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS**

#### **State-level Quiz Contest-2026 Conducted**



The School of Mathematics conducted a “State-level Quiz Contest” for PG Students of Mathematics on 27.02.2026. This Quiz Competition is being conducted for more than 18 years by the Department of Mathematics. 10 teams from various Universities and Colleges, participated in the competition. Dr. N. Anbazhagan, Senior Prof & Head Department of Mathematics, welcomed the gathering. Dr. Tamizh Chelvam, Emeritus Professor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, was the chief guest and Quiz Master. After delivering the special address, he conducted the contest. The team from the Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University team won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, and Alagappa University team won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize. A vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. R. Jeyabalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics.



## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

### International Conference on Recent Trends in Computer Science Hosted



session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. T. Meyyappan, Senior Professor of Computer Science.

The Department of Computer Science organized the International Conference on Recent Trends in Computer Science (RTCS 2026) on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026. The conference was conducted in hybrid mode and brought together over 150 participants, including academicians, industry experts, research scholars, and students from various parts of the world. A total of 123 research papers were presented, covering a wide range of emerging topics in Computer Science. The event facilitated knowledge exchange between academia and industry by providing a dynamic platform for discussing emerging trends and research innovations in Computer Science.

The inaugural session commenced on Jan 29, 2026, with a welcome address delivered by Dr. A. Padmapriya, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science. The presidential address was delivered by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Arun Kumar Sangaiah from National Yunlin University of Science and Technology, Taiwan. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Mohd Amiruddin Abd Rahman from Universiti Putra Malaysia, who emphasized the importance of Artificial Intelligence in modern education systems. The

The technical sessions on Day 1 featured insightful plenary talks. Prof. Arun Kumar Sangaiah delivered a session on “AI for Future Minds: Empowering Students through Responsible, Explainable, and Generative Artificial Intelligence,” highlighting the role of ethical AI in education. Dr. Mohd Amiruddin Abd Rahman spoke on “AI-Enabled Learning Ecosystems: Personalization, Prediction, and Policy for Future Universities,” focusing on the transformation of learning environments through AI. Prof. V. Bhuvaneswari from Bharathiar University delivered a talk on “Knowledge Graphs for Semantic AI,” explaining semantic data representation techniques. Dr. A. Balu from IIIT Kottayam addressed the participants on “Privacy-Enhancing Techniques,” emphasizing the importance of data security. The afternoon sessions included online paper presentations and parallel technical sessions, where researchers presented their work in areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Cloud Computing, the Internet of Things, and Cybersecurity. Poster presentations were also conducted, encouraging student-participation and innovation.

Advanced plenary sessions and technical



discussions were conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026. Dr. C. Balakrishnan from CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, delivered a session on “Seeing and Speaking AI: Vision–Language Models for Multimodal Perception and Language Understanding,” highlighting advancements in multimodal AI systems. Mr. Sundararajan Ananthakrishnan, Director at Cadence Design Systems, spoke on “From Code to Cognition: How AI, Systems, and Silicon Are Redefining Computer Science,” providing industry insights into evolving technologies. Additionally, Ms. Nakshatra Vinod and Mr. Deeti Nageswara Rao from Whiteboard Global Learning delivered a session on “Industry Expectations from Young Professionals,” focusing on career opportunities in SAS and Biostatistics. The day also included multiple online and offline paper presentation sessions conducted in parallel tracks, where participants presented their research findings and engaged in meaningful discussions.

The conference concluded with final sessions and an overall evaluation of the event. Final paper presentation sessions were conducted, providing an opportunity for participants to showcase their research contributions. The valedictory function marked the conclusion of the conference. The session began with a welcome address by Dr. T. Meyyappan, followed by the presentation of the conference report by Dr. A. Padmapriya. The valedictory address was delivered by Sr. Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate. Special addresses were delivered by eminent dignitaries, including Mr. Sundararajan Ananthakrishnan. Certificates were given to all participants and paper presenters in recognition of their contributions. The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Santhoshkumar.

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOELECTRONICS & BIOSENSORS

### Global Academic Collaboration

#### **MoU Signed with Ming Chi University of Technology, Taiwan**



In its internationalization efforts Alagappa University organized a Special Lecture Programme by Eminent International Scientists on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The event, hosted by the Department of Bioelectronics & Biosensors, also paved the way for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ming Chi University of Technology, Taiwan, fostering academic collaboration, student exchange, and joint research initiatives.



The programme was inaugurated by Registrar Prof. A. Senthilrajan. Dr. C. Sekar, Senior Professor and Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of global academic partnerships. Syndicate Members Senior Professors J. Jeyakanthan, Dr. C. Vethirajan, Dr. K. Balamurugan, and Dr. B. Vaseeharan, and Prof. S. Karuppuchamy,

Dean-Research, offered felicitations reflecting strong need for institutional support for excellence in research. The highlight of the event was lectures by Prof. Pin-Yi Chen and Dr. G. Mani from Ming Chi University. They discussed student exchange opportunities under the TEEP (Taiwan Experience Education Program) and IIPP schemes, along with prospects for collaborative research. Faculty members, research scholars, and also students, gained valuable insights into international academic opportunities.

## **One-Day Workshop on Scientific Analysis of Herbal Medicines Using Chemical Sensors Organised**



The Department organized a one-day Workshop on “Scientific Perspectives and Analysis of Herbal Medicines Using Chemical Sensors” on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Prof. V. Dharuman, Director, AISD who emphasized the growing importance of scientific validation of herbal medicines using modern analytical tools. This was followed by a thematic address by Prof. C. Sekar, Head of the Department, who highlighted the role of sensor technologies in diverse fields and stressed their relevance in validating traditional medicinal formulations, with reference to his research on Kabasura Kudineer.

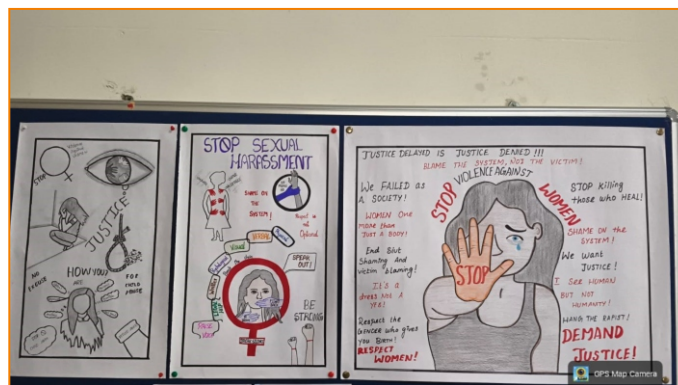
Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, in his presidential address, underscored the need to strengthen indigenous knowledge systems through scientific approaches. He emphasized the global potential for

traditional medicine and the role of technology in enhancing its credibility and applications.

Felicitations were delivered by Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Syndicate Member & Head Department of Bioinformatics. Prof. G. J. Christian, Head, Department of Noi Naadal, National Institute of Siddha, Chennai, highlighted the principles and growing recognition of the Siddha system of medicine. He referred to ongoing research at NIS, including integrative approaches combining traditional and modern medicine for treating diseases such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. He mentioned the role of herbs and mineral components in Siddha formulations and noted that several research-based products are being advanced towards clinical trials with government support. He concluded by expressing interest in future collaborative research to promote traditional medicine. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. J. Wilson, Department of Bioelectronics & Biosensors.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY**

### **Awareness Programme on Prevention of Sexual**



An awareness programme on the prevention of sexual harassment of women at workplace was conducted in the Department of Microbiology on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026. All the girl students, research scholars, and female faculty members were present. Dr. T. Kavitha, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, welcomed the gathering and explained the Sexual Harassment of Women at

Workplace Act 2013. The participants were informed about the role of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC); and the Committee Members contact numbers were given to all the participants. Posters about sexual harassment and preventive measures were displayed at the department notice board before the meeting.

## Expert Lectures Hosted



The Department of Microbiology organized an Expert Lecture Programme in association with the Incubation and Innovation Centre (IIC-AU). The programme was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The event aimed to provide students and research scholars with insights into emerging research areas, industrial applications, and entrepreneurial opportunities in biotechnology field. Prof. A. Arun, Head, Department of Microbiology, delivered the welcome address.

The first expert lecture was delivered by Dr. Balasubramanian on the topic “Food Biotechnology, Animal Resource Science Study and Career Opportunities”. In his lecture, Dr. Balamuralikrishnan explained the importance of food biotechnology in improving food quality, safety, and sustainability. He discussed the role of biotechnology in animal resource science, highlighting how microbial technologies, fermentation processes, and biotechnological tools contribute to the development of functional foods, nutraceuticals, and animal health products. He also

elaborated on various career opportunities available in food biotechnology and animal resource science, including research positions, industrial roles, and entrepreneurial ventures. The lecture provided valuable information on skill development, interdisciplinary research, and global opportunities in biotechnology-related sectors.

The second expert lecture was delivered by Mr. V. Ayyappan on the topic “Design and Development of an Incubation Model for Sustainable Entrepreneurial Growth”. He emphasized the importance of incubation centres in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among students and researchers. He explained the concept of incubation models, which support startups through mentoring, funding guidance, infrastructure support, and industry collaboration. He also discussed how universities and research institutions can develop sustainable incubation frameworks that help transform innovative ideas into successful startups and technology-driven enterprises. The lecture encouraged students to translate their research ideas into practical applications and entrepreneurial ventures.

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

### Exhibition on Basic Health Diagnostics Organised

The Department of Biomedical Science organized an interactive exhibition to create awareness about basic health diagnostics and human biology. Faculty members and students demonstrated blood pressure monitoring, blood grouping techniques, Body Mass Index (BMI) assessment for health and weight management, and anatomical models of the human body. These exhibits provided hands-on learning opportunities for visiting students and helped



them understand fundamental biomedical concepts related to health and disease.

## **International Symposium on Advances in Laboratory Techniques for Biomedical Applications Hosted**



The Department of Biomedical Science hosted its 3rd International Symposium on Advances in Laboratory Techniques for Biomedical Applications on January 8, 2026. The event brought together over 200 participants – faculty members, research scholars, and students -- from across multiple institutions. Dr. K. Langeswaran, Head (i/c), Department of Biomedical Science and Organizing Secretary, delivered the welcome address.

Distinguished speakers delivered enriching presentations on cutting-edge topics: whole exome sequencing in clinical genomics (Prof. Noor Ahmad Shaik, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia), botanical drug development bridging traditional and modern medicine (Prof. G. Ashok, Quest International University, Malaysia), epigenome methods for disease research (Dr. Arumugam Rajavelu, IIT Madras), advances in infectious disease diagnostics (Dr. B. Ganesh, ICMR-NIE, Chennai), and the therapeutic potential of probiotics (Dr. D. Prabu, University of Madras). The symposium was presided over by Prof. Dr.

A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, Alagappa University.

## **World Cancer Day - 2026**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> National Seminar on Cancer Prevention and Management**



On the occasion of World Cancer Day 2026, the Department of Biomedical Science organized its 3rd National Seminar on Cancer Prevention and Management on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026. The seminar united academicians, medical experts, researchers, and students in a shared mission to advance the fight against cancer.

Dr. K. Langeswaran, Head (i/c) of Department of Biomedical Science, delivered the welcome address. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi delivered the presidential address, underscoring the University's commitment to environmental sustainability and public health. Expert talks were delivered by Dr. D. Ezhilarasan (Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences, Chennai) on liver cancer awareness and early detection, and Dr. A. Madan Kumar (Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai) spoke on cancer biology in the modern era. The valedictory session was presided over by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, who emphasized the importance of enhancing students' knowledge on cancer research.

## Student Shines at 7<sup>th</sup> Roll Ball World Cup-2025 in Dubai



Ms. T. Sofia a first M.Sc. Biomedical Science student of Alagappa University, represented Sri Lanka as Girls' Team Manager at the 7<sup>th</sup> Roll Ball World Cup 2025, held in Dubai from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Among 15 participating nations, she handled the key responsibilities including team coordination, player welfare, and liaison with the organizing committee. The Sri Lanka Girls' Team secured a commendable 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in this prestigious international championship. Her organizational competence brought pride and international visibility to Alagappa University.

## DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

### Nutrition Awareness Programme Conducted



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized a Nutrition Awareness Programme on 08<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026 at Solai Andavar Vidhya Salai

School, Kothari, Pallathur. The programme was inaugurated with a welcome address by Mrs. Meenal, Headmaster of S.A.V. School. Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Professor & Head (i/c), Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, delivered the presidential address. He explained the importance of balanced nutrition and healthy eating habits for the overall well-being. The students of the Department explained about the healthy food plate and also about the evil effects of food adulteration to school students and arranged a hydration-themed drama for the benefit of children. After that, ragi with leaf ladoo and musk-melon-jelly were provided to the students as snacks.

Interactive activities such as question-and-answer sessions and quiz programmes were conducted to motivate the students. The students showed great enthusiasm and responded positively to the programme. Writing kits were distributed to them as a token of appreciation. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. R. Ramya, Teaching Assistant.

## Visit to Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized an industrial visit to CSIR–Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, on 05.02.2026 as part of providing academic and practical exposure to students on food science, nutrition, and technology. The visit aimed to bridge theoretical knowledge with real-world applications by familiarizing students with advanced research, innovation, and industry practices in the field of food and nutrition. During the visit, the students explored key divisions of CFTRI, including Spices and Flavour Sciences, Traditional Foods and Sensory Science, Molecular



Nutrition, and Food Packaging. These sessions provided valuable insights into the multidisciplinary nature of food science and highlighted its relevance to the fields of nutrition and public health.

Dr. Chetana Ramakrishna, Principal Technical Officer, Department of Traditional Food and Sensory Science, Dr. Gopinath Meenakshisundaram, Senior Principal Scientist, Department of Molecular Nutrition and Mr. P. Prabakaran, Scientist, Department of Food Packaging, CSIR–CFTRI, Mysuru, handled various sessions that provided significant scientific knowledge and practical understanding of how food and nutrition influence health, with particular emphasis on applied and molecular nutrition.

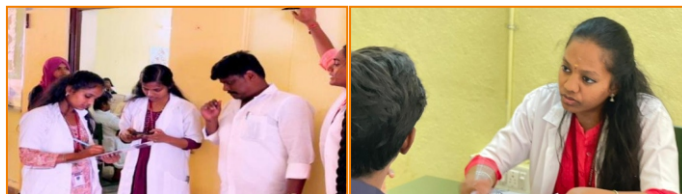
## Radio Talks Delivered on Nutrition



During the academic year 2025–2026, I and II M.Sc. Nutrition and Dietetics students participated in weekly radio talks on various topics related to health, nutrition, and social development through the Alagappa University Community Radio Station (AUCR 90.8). The AUCR celebrated the World Radio Day on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 to highlight the importance of radio as a powerful medium of communication, education, and public awareness. On this occasion, I and II M.Sc. Nutrition and Dietetics students received certificates from Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi in recognition of their

enthusiastic participation in radio programmes.

## Diet Counselling Programme Organised



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized a Diet Counselling Programme on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Professor and Head i/c, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, delivered the presidential address and emphasized the importance of nutrition, with special reference to women's health. The welcome address was given by Ms. M. Jesmitha Banu. The programme commenced with the assessment of Body Mass Index (BMI) and anthropometric measurements, including height, weight, and waist circumference. A total of 160 participants took part in the programme. Among them, 20 individuals were categorized as underweight. They were advised to consume calorie-dense foods, including carbohydrate-rich foods, fat-rich foods, protein-rich foods and foods rich in vitamins and minerals. A total of 98 participants were found to have normal weight. Meanwhile 28 participants were categorized as overweight and 14 as obese. They were recommended a diet with a low intake of carbohydrate-rich foods, reduced consumption of fat-rich foods (fried items, ghee, butter, and oily foods) and increased intake of fibre-rich foods such as fruits and vegetables. Daily physical activity was also advised for all participants. In addition, special dietary counselling was provided for conditions such as anemia, thyroid disorders, electrolyte imbalance, PCOS and digestive problems. 160 participants benefited from the counselling programme. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. S. Lincy.



## Two-Day Workshop on Food Processing and Value Addition Organised



The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized a National Workshop on “Food Processing and Value Addition” on 16.03.2026 and 17.03.2026. At the inaugural function, Dr. P. Rameshthangam, Convener-cum-Organizing Secretary, welcomed the gathering. Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, delivered the presidential address and he spoke about organic foods, food wastage across the world, methods of food preservation, and soil quality. The event was further addressed by Dr. V. Palanisamy, Dean, Faculty of Science. He spoke about the importance of healthy eating habits and thinking positively, emphasizing the slogan 'Unave Marundhu' (Food is Medicine). Dr. V. Chandrasekar, Professor at NIFTEM, delivered a talk on food preservation and processing. He referred to three Sustainable Development Goals: Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, emphasizing the role of food engineers, food scientists, and nutritionists in achieving these goals.”

In the first session Dr. V. Chandrasekar delivered a lecture on sensory evaluation. In the second session Mr. K. Ranjith Kumar, Managing Director of AVKR Moringa Promise Wellness (OPC) Private Limited, C. Pudupatti, Theni District, conducted a session on value addition in millets and superfoods, focusing on transforming perishable foods into profitable products. The session was followed by a practical demonstration, where participants learnt to prepare millet and

moringa flour energy bars, moringa guava-flavoured tea, and moringa gulab jamun. The third session was started by Dr.M. Ramesh, Professor, Department of Biotechnology, who spoke on value-added products from millets. On the second day, the fourth session began with a demonstration of Food Processing and Value Addition in Pulses. Dr. Kamalasundari taught value addition in pulses. The 5<sup>th</sup> session was handled by Ms.R. Rajadharshini, Director of Dindugal Farm Private Ltd. She explained about protein division and whey protein, including products like Synega and Epigamia. The next session was engaged by Mr. Gunasekar, CEO of Kongu Aliment Private Limited, Oddanchatram. He spoke about wet masala, dry masala, and the four layers of packaging, and motivated the students to become entrepreneurs. Certificates were distributed by Registrar Prof. A. Senthilrajan. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. L. Gomathirajashyamala, Teaching Assistant.

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION

### ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### Invited Talk on “The Archer”



An invited talk on the topic “The Archer” was organised on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 at AUCE. Ms. R. Jose Priyanka, Students Council Member of AUCE, highlighted the importance of the theme “The Archer”, which symbolized clarity of goal,

discipline, resilience and unwavering commitment to success. Dr.M. Sanmuga Revathi, Assistant Professor, in her insightful and engaging talk, elaborated on the significant role of the Archer. The special address was given by Mr. S. Vinaitheerthan (Soft skill Trainer), Divisional Manager, LIC (Rtd). He said the topic 'The Archer' is both inspiring and meaningful. An Archer's Success does not depend merely on strength, but on clarity of vision, intense focus, patience, discipline and continuous practice. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. R. Aishwarya.

## **Awareness Programme on “Campus to Career” Conducted**



An Awareness Programme on “Campus to Career” was organised on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2026. In her welcome address Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), AUCE, highlighted the utility and the importance of the Awareness Programme on Campus to Career for the students. The presidential address was delivered by Smt. G. Alamelu, Senior Manager, Director, Rural Training Centre, Amaravathipudur. who gave insights into career opportunities in the banking Sector and spoke about required skills and strategies to succeed in competitive examinations. This was followed by talks delivered by Smt. R. Lakshmi, Chief Manager, Regional office IOB, Karaikudi & Mr.

B.Hariharan, Marketing Officer, Regional Office, IOB, Karaikudi. The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. R. Portia, Director, Centre for Women's Studies, Alagappa University.

## **Soft Skills Lecture Series**

### **Awareness Programme on “Oral Health” Conducted**

“A smile is a curve that sets everything right.” Emphasizing this meaningful quote, an Oral Health Awareness Programme was conducted for the II Year B.Ed. students. Dr. SP. Shanthi, Assistant Professor of English, in her opening remarks highlighted the significance of maintaining good oral health and set a thoughtful tone for the session. In her presidential address, Principal (i/c) Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala, focused on the integration of oral health into primary healthcare and encouraged the audience to consider dental check-ups not as an option, but as a necessity for long-term well-being.



Dr. Manikandan, a renowned dentist, elaborated on the importance of preventive dental care. He referred to the “2×2 rule”—brushing the teeth twice a day for three minutes. He said that “Oral health is a primary pillar of overall health” and gave many tips for dental health. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Ramana.



## Soft-Skills Lecture Series

### **Tomorrow Starts Now**



To address the importance of efficiency and discipline in academic life, a comprehensive programme on “Time Management” was organized at AUCE. It was led by an experienced Resource Person Rtn D. Nagendran. At the beginning of the programme, Dr. SP. Shanthi set a reflective tone for the session, reminding the audience that managing time was essentially managing one's life. In her presidential address Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala said that time management is not just a skill but a core value for future educators. She exhorted the students to use time wisely by understanding keenly that “Time is the most precious thing in the world”. Ms. Sowmiya handled her session engagingly. Mr.D.Nagendran presented an informative speech. He explained how to manage 24 hours in a day effectively and how to save time. He asked the students to prepare 5 to 10 “To do” lists in a day. He stressed the importance of eliminating distractions and focusing on high-impact activities. He then highlighted that Time Management changes our habits and attitudes. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Divya.

## Soft-Skills Lecture Series

### **Programme on “Creativity – A Key to Success” Conducted**



Under the Soft Skills Lecture Series, a programme on the theme “Creativity – A Key to Success” was organised at AUCE. In her welcome address Dr. SP. Shanthi, Assistant Professor of English, AUCE. emphasized the use of soft skills in the teaching profession and highlighted that creativity forms the foundation of effective teaching, learner engagement, and lifelong learning. Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), AUCE, in her presidential speech, stressed that creativity is a powerful tool that leads to success. She pointed out that creative teachers generate innovative ideas that can transform classrooms into dynamic and engaging learning environments. The core segment of the programme was the special address delivered by Dr. V. A. Anand of the Department of Logistics Management. His session was highly informative, motivating, and professionally enriching. To ensure active participation, he initiated the session with an interactive activity. The lecture included brainstorming exercises, quick reflective activities, and thought-provoking questions, encouraging student teachers to generate creative ideas and solutions. The speaker also used narrative techniques to relate the concept of creativity to real-



world success stories, motivating participants to think “outside the box.” The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. R. Priya.

## **Lecture on “Interpersonal Relationship Skills: A Key to Success and Happiness” Organised**



Under Soft Skills Lecture Series a lecture on “Interpersonal Relationship Skills” was conducted. The event began with a welcome address by Dr. SP. Shanthi. Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala delivered the presidential address. In his special address Dr. G. P. Raja, from the Department of Education (CDOE), elaborated on the concept of interpersonal relationships through a *Thirukkural* couplet stating “Think before you launch. To launch and then think is disgrace.” He explained how qualities such as empathy, respect, and cooperation contribute to personal happiness. He also encouraged student-teachers to cultivate positive attitudes and maintain healthy relationships in their academic and social lives. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Vaisika.

## **Lecture Series on “Smart Teaching and Future Readiness”**

“Smart Teachers Create Smart Futures” served as a platform for academic and industrial synergy. In her welcome speech Dr. SP. Shanthi highlighted the necessity of evolving pedagogical strategies in an increasingly digital world.

Following the opening remarks, Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal i/c, delivered the presidential address focussing on the university's mission to bridge the gap between traditional teaching and the modern technological requirements. The core of the event was the special address delivered Mr. Sathish Selvarajan, the Founder and CEO of Supernova Robotics. He provided a visionary outlook on how robotics and automation are reshaping the educational landscape. He argued that “Smart Teaching” is no longer just about using digital tools but about fostering a mindset of innovation, problem-solving, and technical literacy. By integrating concepts from robotics and AI into the classroom, teachers can create a more interactive and high-impact learning environment that mirrors the demands of the modern workforce. He emphasized that a teacher's role is shifting from a primary source of information to a facilitator of discovery, where technology acts as the bridge to student engagement.

## **Lecture on “Natural Approaches to Agricultural Technology”**

An insightful invited lecture titled “Natural Approaches to Agricultural Technology” was organised on March 28, 2026, at AUCE. Dr. J. Jaya Chithra welcomed the gathering; the presidential address was delivered by Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala. The highlight of the event was the special address by Mr. Lion Bala M. Somasundaram, a retired Co-operative Sub Registrar, who shared his extensive expertise on integrating natural methodologies with agricultural technology.

The core discussion of the lecture focused on the critical need for sustainable agriculture. In an era of rapid climate change and soil degradation, the speaker highlighted how natural

approaches—such as organic composting, bio-pesticides, and crop rotation—can be enhanced through modern technological tools. For the budding teachers in attendance, the lecture underscored that agricultural literacy is no longer just for farmers; it is a vital part of a holistic curriculum that teaches students about environmental stewardship and food security. The event concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Organising Secretary Dr. SP. Shanthi.

### **Lecture on “Importance of Reading Fiction for Budding Teachers”**

The AUCE organized a lecture on the “Importance of Reading Fiction for the Budding Teachers” on March 30, 2026. Dr. SP. Shanthi gave the welcome speech while Dr. J.E. Merlin Sasikala presided over the event. Dr. Suneel Krishnan, an esteemed writer and Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar Awardee was the guest speaker. His discussion centred on the idea how fiction serves as a "laboratory of human experience" for those entering the teaching profession. Dr. Suneel Krishnan noted that fiction allows budding teachers to step into the shoes of diverse characters, thereby fostering deep empathy and emotional intelligence. In a classroom setting, a teacher's ability to understand the silent struggles of a student is often sharpened by their exposure to the nuanced portrayals of human life found in the novels and short stories. Furthermore, the lecture explored how the reading of fiction enhances critical thinking. Unlike textbooks, which provide direct facts, fiction makes the reader to navigate ambiguity, analyze subtext, and understand complex motivations. For a teacher, these skills are essential for managing classroom dynamics and facilitating healthy debates. Reading fiction also

improves vocabulary and communication skills, enabling educators to explain difficult concepts with greater clarity and imaginative flair. The session also touched upon the "narrative power" of a teacher. By becoming avid readers of fiction, teachers learn the art of storytelling, which can make even the most technical subjects engaging for young learners. It helps in building a more inclusive classroom culture where different perspectives are valued and explored through the lens of literature. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. M. Sanmuga Revathi, Organizing Secretary of the programme.

### **Community Service Programme Conducted**



An Extension Programme was organized by AUCE on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 at Kuberan Temple, located near Pillaiyarpatti, Karaikudi. The programme was conducted as part of the institution's social responsibility initiative with the objective of promoting environmental cleanliness and community service among students. Principal (i/c) Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala and Co-ordinator Dr. SP. Shanthi guided the students throughout the activity. To carry out the cleaning process effectively, the students were divided into three groups. Gloves and garbage bags were distributed to ensure the student's safety and proper waste collection. Each group was assigned specific areas around the temple premises. The students actively participated

in collecting and removing plastic and other waste materials scattered around the temple surroundings. The collected wastes were properly disposed of and the area was cleaned neatly and systematically. Faculty members Dr.C. Anbuselvan, Dr.A. Pio Albina, Dr.M. Suganthi, Mr.I. Lenin, and Dr.J. Jeya Chitra, participated in the programme and motivated the student-teachers with their active involvement in the event.

## **One Day Workshop on “Boot Camp on Problem Solving / Ideation” Organised**



A One Day Workshop on “Boot Camp on Problem Solving / Ideation” was jointly organized by the AISD, ALU-IIC, and AUCE on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026 by hybrid mode. Dr. S. Santhoshkumar, Director (i/c), MIS & IIC Innovation Ambassador, in his welcome speech, highlighted the importance of problem-solving skills and ideation techniques in nurturing innovation among students and faculty members.

Presiding over the event Prof.G.Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the role of innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial thinking in higher education and encouraged participants to develop solution-oriented approaches to societal challenges. In his keynote address Prof. V. Dharuman, Director (i/c), AISD & ALU-IIC, elaborated on structured problem-solving models, design thinking principles, and innovation frameworks. He stressed

the need for interdisciplinary collaboration and experiential learning practices.

Prof. G. Kalaiyarasan, Dean, Faculty of Education, Dr. N. Arunachalam, Professor & Head, Department of Lifelong Learning, Dr. M. Sutha, Professor & Head (i/c), Department of Theatre and Film Studies, Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), AUCE and Dr. N. Johnson, Head (i/c), Department of Journalism and Mass Communication offered felicitations.

Mr. A. Alauddin, Facilitator, Life Coach & IIC Trainer, Coimbatore, conducted a session focusing on practical strategies for ideation, brainstorming techniques, team-based innovation exercises, and transforming ideas into viable projects. Participants actively engaged in activities and discussions that stimulated creative thinking.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G. Sivakumar, Organising Secretary.

## **Two-Day National Level Skill Training Workshop on “AI-Assisted Strategies for Collaborative Teaching and Learning”**



The AUCE organized a Two-Day National Level Skill Training Workshop on the theme “AI-Assisted Strategies for Collaborative Teaching and Learning” under the RUSA 2.0 initiative. The programme was conducted by the EIC HUB-ALU on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The inaugural session began



with a welcome speech by Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala, Principal (i/c), AUCE, and was presided over by Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor. Dr. C. Vethirajan, Member of the Syndicate, inaugurated the event. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. S. Simon Peeter Paul, State Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Puducherry, who emphasized the importance of integrating Artificial Intelligence tools in modern classrooms to enhance collaborative and student-centered learning. Dr. V. Dharuman, Director i/c, AISD, made a mention of innovative digital strategies and AI-based instructional models. Prof. G. Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, offered felicitations. The inaugural session concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. A. Pio Albino, Assistant Professor, AUCE.

During the two-day workshop, experts conducted hands-on training and interactive sessions covering topics such as introduction to Artificial Intelligence in education, AI tools for collaborative learning, Digital platforms for teamwork and project-based learning, Ethical considerations in AI-assisted teaching, and practical demonstrations of AI-based lesson planning. Participants actively engaged in discussions, group activities, and practical demonstrations, which enhanced their digital competency and pedagogical innovation skills.

The valedictory function on the second day was presided over by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. Asir Julius, Assistant Professor, SCERT, Chennai, who highlighted the future scope of AI in transforming collaborative teaching practices. Prof. S. Chandramohan, Finance Officer i/c, felicitated the participants and resource persons. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks

delivered by Mr. I. Lenin, Assistant Professor, AUCE.

## **One Day Workshop on “Vedic Mathematics” Conducted**



The Mathematics Club of AUCE organized a One Day Workshop on “Vedic Mathematics” on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The workshop was organised by Dr. A. Pio Albina. The main objective of the workshop was to introduce students to the techniques of Vedic Mathematics and help them improve their speed and accuracy in solving mathematical problems. The workshop session was conducted by the Resource Person, Dr. M. Nagaraj of the Department of Mathematics, Vivekananda College, Madurai. He explained the origin and importance of Vedic Mathematics and demonstrated several techniques for quick calculations using different sutras. Through practical examples, he showed how these methods help simplify mathematical operations and improve mental calculation skills. The session was interactive, and students actively participated in solving problems. The feedback analysis showed that about 98% of the students were interested in learning and applying Vedic Mathematics techniques, and many requested similar workshops in the future.

## தமிழ் இலக்கிய மன்றம் – 2026



ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர். மா.சுகந்தி, அவர்களின் தலைமையி;ல் மார்ச் 11, 2026 அன்று தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்றத்தின் சார்பாக பல்வேறு திறன் சார்ந்த போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன.

அப்போட்டிகளைத் தொடர்ந்து சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக முனைவர். மு.சுதா, அரங்கம் மற்றும் திரைப்பட படிப்புகள் துறையின் துறைத்தலைவர் "கலை வாழ்விற்காக" என்ற தலைப்பில் உரையாற்றினார். மாணவர்களின் தமிழ் அறிவையும், சிந்தனையையும் வளர்க்க "சொல் வினையாட்டு" மற்றும் "வார்த்தை வினையாட்டு" என்ற போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றது. அப்போட்டியினைத் தொடர்ந்து மாணவர்களின் பொதுஅறிவு மற்றும் சிறப்பாக சிந்திக்கும் தன்மையை வெளிக்கொணர, "தமிழ் 3600 போட்டி" நடைபெற்றது. மேலும் அழிந்துபோன பழமொழிகளை அறியும்வண்ணம், "செயலில் பழமொழி போட்டி" நடைபெற்றது. இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு உற்சாகம் அளிக்கும் வகையில் "சொற்களைக் கண்டுபிடி போட்டி" நடைபெற்றது.

தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்றத் தலைவர் செ. ரம்னா வரவேற்புரை நல்கினார். தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்றச் செயலாளர். பா. உதயபாரதி தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்ற செயல்பாடுகள் குறித்து உரையாற்றினார். அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகக் கல்வியியல் கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் முனைவர். ஜெ.இ. மெர்லின் சசிகலா தலைமையுரை ஆற்றினார். போட்டியின் வெற்றியாளர்களுக்குப் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டது. மாணவி சி.சுபிதா நன்றியுரையை வழங்கினார்.

### “Number Fiesta' 26” Organised

The Mathematics Club of AUCE organized “Number Fiesta' 26” on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The programme was conducted under the guidance of

Dr. A. Pio Albina, Math Club Coordinator, AUCE.

Ms. L. S. Janapriya Nachiyar, President of the Club, delivered the welcome address. The presidential address was given by Dr. J. E. Merlin Sasikala. The Chief Guest Dr. R. Raja of the Ramanujan Centre for Higher Mathematics, delivered a special address on the “Importance of Numbers in Life.” His talk inspired students to appreciate the role of mathematics in everyday life.

Various activities such as Connection, Poster-Making, Mehendi, Number Pickup, Finding Out the Numbers, Card Game, Circle of Prime, Memory League, Math Corner, Quiz, and Number Rush were conducted to promote interest and enthusiasm in mathematics. The event also included cultural programmes and a group debate on “What Matters More in Learning Mathematics: Teacher Competency or Student Effort?” Mr. A. Muthusamy, Secretary of the Mathematics Club, proposed a vote of thanks.

### Women's Day Special Event

#### Quiz Competition Conducted

AUCE, Karaikudi, in collaboration with the Lions Club of Karaikudi Cosmos, organized a Women's Day Special Quiz Competition on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026. The quiz competition included various rounds covering general knowledge, current affairs, and education. M. Janani (II B.Ed.) secured the First Prize, followed by P. Samathuva Kumari (II B.Ed.) with Second Prize. M. Suriya Priya (II B.Ed.) won the Third Prize, R. Aishwarya (I B.Ed.) secured the Fourth Prize, and M. Dharshika (I B.Ed.) got the Fifth Prize.





## Voters Awareness Rally Organised



A Voters Awareness Rally was jointly organized on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 by the Centre for Women's Studies, Youth Red Cross (YRC), NSS, and AUCE. The rally aimed to create awareness among the public on the importance of voting and active participation in the democratic process.

The rally started at the Corporation Office, Karaikudi, near the New Bus Stand, with enthusiastic participation of students and faculty members and ended at the University.

The programme was graced by the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor, Tmt. K. Porkodi, I.A.S., District Collector of Sivagangai District, Thiru. A. Raja, Tahsildar of Karaikudi, Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, and Dr. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examinations.

Participants carried placards and raised slogans emphasizing the value of every vote and the responsibility of citizens in strengthening roots of democracy. The rally effectively spread the message of ethical voting and encouraged people to cast their votes without fear or influence. The initiative reflected the institution's commitment to social responsibility and civic engagement.

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Invited Lectures Organised



The Department of Education organized 4 invited lectures during the academic year 2025-26 in order to empower the students with technology in teaching and research, to create awareness on sustainable development, to apply of SPSS package in research and to develop life skills among students.

The first lecture was delivered on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 by Dr.K.Thangavel, Assistant Professor of Education, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, on the “Evolution of Educational Technology”. He explained how education has progressed from chalkboards and traditional classroom practices to AI-driven learning tools such as chatbots, personalized learning platforms, and intelligent tutoring systems.



The second lecture was delivered on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 by Dr.B.Gayathri, Associate Professor,



Department of Computer Science, Bishop Heber College (Autonomous) Trichy on “Building a Sustainable Future: The Role of Academia in Achieving the SDGs”. The resource person focused on: i) Importance of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). ii) Role of higher education institutions in sustainability. iii) Integration of technology in achieving SDGs. iv) Need for research and innovation in sustainable development.

On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Dr. N. Mahalakshmi, Director, Guru Shishya Institute of Education and Training, Chennai delivered a lecture on “Statistical Analysis and Interpretations Using SPSS”. In modern educational research, statistical tools are essential for accurate data analysis and interpretation. The programme provided practical exposure to IBM SPSS Statistics, widely used software in academic research. The programme included both theoretical and practical sessions.

The fourth lecture was delivered on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Dr.S.Raja Kumar, Assistant Professor of Education, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai, offered a lecture on “Designing Life Skills and Career Readiness in Teacher Education.” The speaker highlighted the significance of life skills such as clear communication, critical thinking, decision-making, and emotional intelligence in shaping competent teachers. He also emphasized the need for career readiness among prospective teachers, including professional ethics, adaptability, and continuous learning.

In all the events, Dr.G.Kalaiyaran, Senior Professor & Head, welcomed the gathering and Dr.M.Mahendraprabu, Organizing Secretary of the programmes, proposed the vote of thanks.

## Two-day International Conference on "Innovations Driving Education in the Age of AI"



A two-day International Conference titled "Innovations Driving Education in the Age of AI" was organized by the Department of Education. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi presided over the conference. He stated that when innovations in technology and science incorporate human cognition, it would bring about immense growth in AI development in India. A Conference Souvenir was released on the occasion. Dr.M.V.Srinivasan, Head, Publication of Books, NCERT, New Delhi, delivered the inaugural address.

Prof.Lakshman Gnawali from Kathmandu University of Nepal, in his keynote address, highlighted that AI should be channelized for the growth of intrapersonal skills. Prof.Sunitha Vithal Rao from the University of Mumbai, in her address, advised that the young generation has to improve their cognition rather than completely depend on AI. Earlier, Dr.G.Kalaiyaran, Dean, Faculty of Education, welcomed the gathering and the Organizing Secretary, Dr.A.Catherin Jayanthi delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the event.



## Two-day Skill Training Programme on Digital Content Creation & Teaching Aids Preparation Conducted



The Department of Education organized a Two-Day RUSA 2.0 Skill Training Programme on “Digital Content Creation & Teaching Aids Preparation” on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The programme aimed to enhance the digital skills of students, research scholars, and teachers in creating effective teaching materials using modern technology. In his presidential address, Prof. G. Ravi, Vice-Chancellor highlighted the role of digital technologies in transforming teaching and learning processes. The programme was inaugurated by Prof.C.Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, who asked the participants to develop innovative digital teaching materials. Prof.G.Kalaiyarasan welcomed the gathering and Prof.R.Ramnath, Organizing Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks at the inaugural session.

During the technical session, Dr.K.Selvakumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Applications, NIT, Trichy. provided a comprehensive overview of various web tools used in Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and explained its significance in modern digital learning environments. He also demonstrated how these tools could be effectively used for creating, managing, and delivering online courses. Further,

he discussed the features of different platforms that supported interactive learning, collaboration, and easy access to educational resources for learners across the world. Dr.M.Parthasarathy, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Technology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, explained the concept and significance of SCORM (Sharable Content Object Reference Model) in the development of digital learning materials. He described how SCORM-based content is widely used in e-learning platforms and Learning Management Systems (LMS) to organize, manage, and deliver online courses effectively. He also discussed the various advantages of SCORM content, such as easy accessibility, standardization of digital learning materials, and the ability to track learners' progress in online learning environments. In the final technical session, Mr.G.Munnadiyappan from Sparkle Academy, Pondicherry, demonstrated practical methods for creating improvised teaching aids using simple materials for effective classroom teaching. Prof.M.Jothi Basu, Controller of Exams, presided over the valedictory function, Prof.C.Vethirajan, Member of the Syndicate, offered felicitation.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES

### National Workshop on “Merging Yoga with Contemporary Sports Technology” Organised



The Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences organized a National Workshop on “Merging Yoga with Contemporary Sports Technology” on March 17, 2026, at its premises. The workshop aimed to explore the integration of traditional yogic practices with modern sports technology to enhance athletic performance, rehabilitation, and overall well-being.

The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. K. Usha Rani, Professor and Head of the Department, who highlighted the importance of combining yoga with scientific and technological advancements in sports. The event was presided over by Dr. S. Rajaram, Syndicate Member, who appreciated the initiative to connect traditional knowledge with modern science.

Delivering the special address, Dr. K. Chandrasekaran emphasized the scientific value of yoga in sports training. He explained that yoga improves flexibility, strength, balance, and mental focus, which are essential for athletes. He also highlighted the role of pranayama in enhancing endurance and recovery, and discussed how yoga helps in injury prevention and rehabilitation by correcting postural imbalances and promoting muscular balance. He further noted that meditation improves concentration, emotional control, and decision-making under pressure. The speaker also stressed the importance of modern sports technology, including wearable devices, motion analysis tools, and performance tracking systems, in measuring the benefits of yoga scientifically. He encouraged the adoption of such technologies to design effective and evidence-based training programmes.

In the second technical session, Dr. A. Mahaboobjan spoke on the role of data-driven

training in modern sports. He explained how tools such as heart rate monitors, GPS trackers, and performance analytics software help in monitoring athletes' physiological and biomechanical parameters. He linked these advancements with yoga practices, stating that yoga positively influences many measurable factors such as respiratory efficiency, flexibility, and mental stability. He emphasized that combining yoga with technology can lead to improved performance, better recovery, and reduced risk of injuries.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory address highlighting the future potential of integrating yoga with advanced sports technologies for holistic development of athletes.

## Visit to Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Meenakshi Ashram



As part of the academic curriculum, the M.Sc. Yoga students and faculty of the Department of Physical Education and Health Sciences, Alagappa University, undertook a field visit to the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Meenakshi Ashram, Madurai, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The visit was organized to provide experiential learning and deeper exposure to the traditional yogic lifestyle and practices in an authentic ashram environment.

The Centre-in-Charge, Mr. Anoop, and the ashram staff conducted practical sessions in the spacious meditation hall, where the students



actively learnt asanas under expert guidance. The instructors provided clear demonstrations and made individual corrections, making the session highly beneficial and rejuvenating for both body and mind.

A healthy and nourishing brunch was served, reflecting the ashram's emphasis on holistic well-being through yogic diet and discipline. The students were allowed to explore the activities at the Ashram and that provided valuable insight into the ashram's routine work, philosophy, and disciplined way of life rooted in yogic principles. An interactive outdoor session was also held where students listened to explanations about the principles of yoga, meditation practices, and the importance of integrating yogic values into daily life. The visit became a transformative experience to the students and it left an enriching and memorable learning experience on the students and faculty.

## **Two-Day Training Programme on “Innovation in Holistic Healing and Reformative Training” Conducted**



A two-day training programme on “Innovation in Holistic Healing and Reformative Training” was conducted, bringing yoga experts to highlight the importance of yoga, physical education, and holistic health practices in modern life.

The programme began with a talk by Dr. K.

Chandrasekaran, who dwelt on traditional Indian yoga techniques and their role in achieving overall well-being. He emphasized the value of asanas, pranayama, and meditation in maintaining physical health, mental clarity, and emotional balance, while also explaining their relevance in preventing lifestyle-related diseases.

Dr. C. Ramesh referred to the growing health challenges faced in the digital era, such as stress, poor posture, and reduced physical activity. He demonstrated simple yoga practices to overcome digital fatigue, encouraging participants to integrate yoga into their daily routines for better health and focus.

Dr. S. Sankaranarayanan presented an engaging session linking classical yogic texts with modern scientific perspectives. Through practical demonstrations and interactive sessions, he explained how holistic healing involves balancing the body, mind, and spirit.

Dr. A. Praveen highlighted the role of physical education as preventive medicine, stressing its importance in combating lifestyle diseases like diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. He also introduced the use of Artificial Intelligence in fitness assessment, injury prevention, and personalized training programmes.

On the second day, Dr. Elangovan focused on the therapeutic applications of yoga in managing conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and stress disorders. His session included practical demonstrations and highlighted the integration of modern technology, including AI, in health monitoring and yoga practice.

Dr. P. Anbalagan delivered a motivational talk on holistic healing as a pathway to happiness,

underlining the importance of physical activity, positive lifestyle habits, and emotional well-being in leading a meaningful life.

The programme concluded with an interactive discussion led by Dr. Mahaboobjan, who mentioned the causes of lifestyle diseases and provided practical guidance on prevention through balanced nutrition, regular exercise, and stress management. Participants actively engaged themselves in the discussion, making it a meaningful and insightful session. Overall, the programme encouraged participants to adopt holistic methods for maintaining lifelong wellness.

## **ALAGAPPA INSTITUTE OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Towards Self-reliance**

#### **Skill Training to Self-Help Group Members**



Alagappa Institute of Skill Development (AISD) in collaboration with the Department of Women's Studies organized a Two-day Hands-on Skill Training Programme on the Production of Agarbatti, Soap-oil, Phenyl, Detergent Powder, Sanitary Napkin, Paper Plate as part of RUSA 2.0 Scheme in the University Campus at Small Industries Service Unit (SISU) to provide practical knowledge and entrepreneurship skills to Self Help Group Members and AISD students.

The event was inaugurated and presided over by the Controller of Examinations Prof. M.

Jothi Basu, who emphasized the significance of self-reliance for individuals and referred to enormous economic opportunities available in the small-scale industries sector. He urged the students to make use of the acquired skills for personal empowerment and societal growth. Prof. R Balamurugan, RUSA Coordinator and Head of the Department of Biotechnology, Dr.P.Veeramani, Head i/c, Department of Women's Studies and Dr.A. Nixon Azariah, Placement Consultant, offered felicitations at the inaugural session.

The participants were welcomed by Dr. V.Dharuman, Director, AISD. Dr. K. Sathyamoorthi, Adjunct Faculty, proposed a vote of thanks at the end of the inaugural session. Mr. I. Julius Infant and Mrs. Arokiya Sahaya Arul gave training on products. Around 100 participants were the beneficiaries. The valedictory function was presided over by Prof.S.Rajaram, Member of the Syndicate.

#### **Two -Day Skill Training Workshop on TUKA CAD in Fashion Designing**



AISD organized a Two-day Skill Training Workshop on TUKA CAD in Fashion Designing as part of RUSA 2.0 Scheme in the University on 26.02.26 and 27.02.26. The event was inaugurated and presided over by Registrar Prof. A. Senthilrajan, who highlighted the significance of Skill Training Workshop on TUKA CAD in Fashion Designing. He echoed the government's

motto, "A Skill for Everyone and AI for All," emphasizing the importance of conducting skill development programmes in emerging technologies. Member of the Syndicate Prof. C. Vethirajan, in his felicitation address, referred to the learning of application of TUKA CAD in Fashion Technology for increasing market potential.

Earlier, the gathering was welcomed by Dr. V.Dharuman, Director, AISD, Dr. A. Nixon Azariah, Placement Consultant, proposed a formal vote of thanks. The workshop focused on emerging technologies in skill-building sessions conducted for the benefit of students. Mr S.Sathiyaraj, TUKA CAD Trainer, Cube Technologies, gave training to 200 student-participants of this training programme.

The valedictory function was presided over by Dr.E.Kannapiran, Director, CDOE, Dr.A.Padmapriya, Special Officer (Planning & Development) offered felicitation. The Director, AISD, the placement Consultant and Ms.P.Suruthi, Teaching Assistant, Fashion Technology, spoke at the event.

## **Skill Training Workshops on Artificial Intelligence, Apparel Design and Development Conducted**



The AISD organized a Three-day Skill Training Workshops on "Recent Trends in Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things, and

Apparel Design and Development from 23-02-2026 to 25.02.2026, as part of RUSA 2.0 Scheme. The workshop focused on emerging technologies in Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things and Apparel Design and Development providing skill-building sessions for students.

The event was inaugurated and presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G.Ravi, who emphasized the significance of AI, IOT, and apparel design and development and urged students to upskill themselves to fulfill the job market requirements and focus on entrepreneurship rather than job-seeking.

Trainers from GMS Drones Enterprise, Karaikudi, ROZA Solutions, Karaikudi, Rural Training Centre, Amaravathipudhur, Sai Grace Art and Crafts, Madurai, provided training on AI, IOT and apparel design. 200 students were benefitted by the Programme.

At the inaugural event Dr. V.Dharuman, Director, AISD, welcomed the participants. Dr.A. Nixon Azariah, Placement Consultant, proposed a vote of thanks.

The valedictory function was presided over by Prof. M. Jothi Basu, Controller of Examination, and felicitation was given by Prof. J. Jeyakanthan, Member of the Syndicate.

## **DIRECTORATE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

### **Two-Day Skill Training for Developing Core Components of Physical Fitness Organised**

A Workshop on Skill Training for Developing the Core Components of Physical Fitness was sponsored under RUSA 2.0 Scheme at Alagappa University College of Physical Education (AUCPE). It was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> &





20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. Prof. C.Chandramohan, Finance Officer (i/c), who presided over the inaugural event, mentioned the significance of core components of physical fitness training. Dr.M.Annavi, an International Athlete, delivered the keynote address on the importance of health-related fitness components in achieving success in various sports events. The resource person Dr.V.Murugu Valavan, Professor-cum-Medical Officer, Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University, Chennai, highlighted the importance of health nutrition for good performance. Mr.A.Praveen, Director of Physical Education, Kannur University and Dr.P. Anabalagan, Professor & Director, Department of Physical Education, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore spoke about using Artificial Intelligence in teaching and fitness improvement and they also referred to various aspects of physical fitness. Messrs. T.R. Sakthivel and R.Manikandan, skill trainers in boxing and throwing events in athletics gave coaching to faculty members, scholars and students of the AUCPE.

Prof. A.Senthilrajan, Registrar, presided over the valedictory ceremony and appreciated the involvement of beneficiaries for their participation; and he distributed certificates. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr.S.Nagarajan, Directorate of Physical Education.

## **FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT** **DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL** **BUSINESS**

### **Industrial Visit**

The Department of International Business organized an industrial visit from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026, to New Mangalore Port, Coorg Tea Estate, and Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), Bangalore. The visit provided students with practical exposure to port operations, cargo handling, safety measures, and logistics management. The tea estate visit offered insights into plantation practices and production processes, while the CONCOR visit enabled students to understand container handling, warehouse management, and rail transport systems. The programme significantly enhanced students' practical knowledge of international trade and logistics.

### **Special Lecture on Stock Market Fundamental Analysis**



The Department of International Business organized a special lecture on “Stock Market Fundamental Analysis” on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2026. The session was handled by R. Rajesh Babu, a SEBI SMART Trainer, who provided valuable insights into stock market basics, investment strategies, and financial decision-making. It enabled students to understand practical aspects of financial markets. The programme was coordinated by Dr. A. Muthusamy.

## **Programme on Social Justice and Empowerment Organized**



The Equal Opportunity Cell of Alagappa University, in collaboration with the Department of International Business, organized a programme titled “Social Justice and Empowerment in India” on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2026. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi highlighted the importance of equality of all and offering empowerment to marginalized communities for nation's progress. The programme created awareness among students about the social responsibility and inclusive development.

## **DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP**

### **Two-day International Conference on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Ethical Governance and Sustainable Corporate Growth**



The Department of Corporate Secretaryship organized a two-day International Conference on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence

for Ethical Governance and Sustainable Corporate Growth (ICAISCG – 2026) on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. Dr. C. Vethirajan, Senior Professor and Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering at the inaugural ceremony. Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi delivered the presidential address. He stated that AI is no longer a distant technological frontier, but a transformative force reshaping governance systems, corporate landscapes, and societal structures across the world. He encouraged students to develop their AI skills to promote entrepreneurship. The Vice-Chancellor also released the conference souvenir and placement brochure.

The inaugural address was delivered by Prof. V. Manickavasagam, Former Registrar, Alagappa University, who discussed the Linear Model of AI. In his keynote address, Prof. Desti Kannaiah of Curtin University, Singapore, highlighted the role of predictive governance, intelligent public services, climate modelling, financial analytics, and sustainable supply chains, emphasizing that AI is reshaping every dimension of human progress. Prof. D. Chennappa, Senior Professor and Dean, Osmania University, Hyderabad, delivered the special address.

The felicitation address was delivered by CA. Vinoth Chandran, CEO and Founder, Mylogic Business Management School Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru. He emphasized the need to utilize AI in a world increasingly shaped by robotics and intelligent automation, and stressed the importance of upgrading professional skills and qualifications.

Prof. C. Yogalakshmi, Dean, Faculty of Management, delivered a felicitation address and advised students to adopt AI tools carefully for

research purposes. Dr. A. Morarji, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, proposed the vote of thanks.

## Plenary Session I

“Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for Social Equality and Sustainable Development in India”. The session was delivered by Dr. S. Vanitha, Professor and Head, Department of Commerce and Financial Studies, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, and chaired by Dr. A. Morarji, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University. The speaker highlighted the importance of the India AI Mission in strengthening the nation's AI ecosystem and expanding digital infrastructure for social equality and sustainable development.

## Plenary Session II

“AI-Driven Financial Inclusion: Bridging India's Digital Payment Revolution”. Dr. M. Subramanian, Director, RL Institute of Management Studies, Madurai, delivered the session under the chairmanship of Dr. S.P. Mathiraj, Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University. The session focused on the role of Digital India initiatives in promoting cashless transactions and banking access in rural and underserved communities. The speaker also explained the applications of AI in fraud detection, credit assessment, customer service, cybersecurity, and digital literacy.

## Plenary Session III

“People, Purpose and Principles: The Real Drivers of Sustainable Growth”. The session was handled by Dr. P. Kannadasan, Dean and Head, Department of Management Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, and chaired by Dr. U. Arumugam, Assistant Professor, Department of

Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University. The speaker emphasized that empowering people, encouraging teamwork, and maintaining transparency are essential for achieving sustainable growth.

## Plenary Session IV

“Ethical Compliance in the AI Era: An Interactive Exploration of Company Law”. CS. A.N.S. Vijay, Company Secretary and Lawyer, Sivakasi, delivered the session under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Chandrasekar, Assistant Professor, PG and Research Department of Commerce, Madura College, Madurai. The session explained how AI is transforming corporate activities and decision-making processes, while emphasizing the importance of ethical practices, transparency, accountability, and data protection in organizations using AI technologies.

## Technical Session – I : Paper Presentation

The session was chaired by Dr. G. Nedumaran, Professor, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, and co-chaired by Dr. S. Sudhamathi, Associate Professor, Alagappa Institute of Management, Alagappa University. Research papers were presented on topics including AI-driven ethical compliance, corporate governance in the digital era, sustainable financial systems, responsible innovation, and technology-enabled rural empowerment.

## Plenary Session V

“AI and Ethical Governance in Banks”. Dr. K. Alamelu, IQAC Director and Senior Professor, Department of Banking Management, Alagappa University, delivered the session under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Ganesamurthy, Assistant



Professor, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. The session discussed the increasing use of AI in banks for fraud detection, credit scoring, risk management, and customer service enhancement.

## Plenary Session VI

“AI-Based Corporate Governance: A Road to Sustainable Development”. The session was delivered by CS. Yuvaraj Saravanan, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer, Hannah Joseph Hospital Ltd., Madurai, and chaired by Dr. A. Anbazhagan, Faculty Member, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University. The speaker explained how AI-based corporate governance improves transparency, accountability, compliance monitoring, fraud detection, and ethical decision-making in organizations.

## Plenary Session VII

“AI, Blockchain and Governance Synergy”. Mr. S. Rahamathullah, Director and Software Solution Architect, Unisys India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, delivered the session under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Selvarani, Faculty Member, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, Alagappa University. The session highlighted how the integration of AI and blockchain technologies strengthens governance systems through improved transparency, security, data analysis, and risk management.

## Plenary Session VIII

“AI in Building a Resilient Workforce for Viable Growth”. The session was handled by Dr. A. Nixon Azariah, Placement Consultant, Alagappa University, and chaired by Dr. K. Banupriya, Assistant Professor and Dean, Department of Business Administration, Ananda College, Devakottai. The speaker explained the

role of AI in workforce development through skill enhancement, performance management, and workforce planning for sustainable organizational growth.

## Technical Session – II : Paper Presentation

The session was chaired by Dr. G. Vinayagamorthy, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Alagappa University, and co-chaired by Dr. S. Kalidoss, Associate Professor, Arumugam Pillai Seethai Ammal College, Tiruppattur. Research papers were presented on AI-driven ethical compliance, sustainable financial systems, responsible innovation, digital governance, and rural empowerment through technology. The session encouraged academic discussions and provided participants with valuable feedback and expert guidance.

## DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT

### Proud Achievements of Students



A team of students from the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Alagappa University, secured the third position in the Everest Better Kitchen Culinary Challenge – Season 7 held on 02<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2026 at SRM Institute of Hotel Management, Chennai. The competition witnessed active participation from multiple institutions,

where students demonstrated technical expertise, creativity, composure, and coordination under pressure, reflecting the high standards of professional training imparted by the department; the participating student-teams included R. Hari Priyan & Sanjeev (prize winners), N. R. Ramakrishnan & H. Fouzika, C. Jegadeesan & S. Mahalakshmi, M. Harrish & C. Dharshan, A. Santhosh & A. Levin, and S. Aarthi & M. Yasothini, all of whom contributed to this collective success through their dedication and performance. This achievement highlights the department's commitment to nurturing industry-ready hospitality professionals by blending theoretical knowledge with practical exposure and competitive experience and it stands as a testament to the students' hard work, innovation, and passion for culinary arts, bringing pride and recognition to the institution.

## **Destination Tour to Karnataka**



The Department organized an educational tour to Karnataka covering Dandeli, Gokarna, Honnavar and Murdeshwar from 03.02.2026 to 07.02.2026, with 52 students and 3 staff members aiming to provide MBA Tourism students with practical exposure to adventure, eco, coastal, heritage, and religious tourism, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world tourism practices.

## **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference**

### **TTS – 2026 : Tourism Transformation for Sustainability Organised**



The Department organized the 4<sup>th</sup> Two-Day International Conference on the theme “TTS – 2026: Tourism Transformation for Sustainability” on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026. The conference brought together academicians, industry experts, and professionals from the tourism sector to discuss sustainable development and technological advancements in tourism. At the inaugural session, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. P. Rajan Chinna, Head (i/c), Department of Tourism and Hotel Management. The Presidential Address was delivered by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Ravi, who highlighted the importance of sustainable tourism and the global expansion of tourism industry. The conference featured distinguished resource persons: Prof. Athula Gnanapala from Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Dr. Ankathi Raghu, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, Dr. C. Balakrishnan, Christ University, Bengaluru, Dr. R. Kannan, Former Director i/c, Centre of Tourism and Hotel Management, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

They shared valuable insights on sustainable tourism, innovation, and emerging trends in the tourism industry. The highlight of the event was the release of the Conference Book titled “TTS – 2026:





Tourism Transformation for Sustainability” by the Vice-Chancellor. The conference served as a platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and discussions on sustainable and technology-driven tourism practices. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr.K.P.Karthilingam, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management.

At the Valedictory Session of the conference Mr. K.P. Karthilingam delivered the welcome address. Prof. A. Senthilrajan, Registrar, presided over the session. Prof. M. Senthil, Head, Department of Management Studies, Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, delivered the valedictory address. Prof. C. Sekar, Member of the Syndicate, offered felicitation. Dr. P. Rajan Chinna, Head (i/c), proposed a vote of thanks.

## **Green Culinary Sustainability: A Journey from Farm to Fork**



The Department of Tourism and Hotel Management organized a two-day workshop titled “Green Culinary Sustainability: A Journey from Farm to Fork” on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 at the Basic Training Kitchen Lab under RUSA 2.0 Scheme and EIC-Hub-ALU, with the objective of creating awareness among the students about sustainable culinary practices, eco-friendly food production and responsible consumption, while emphasizing the integration of sustainability into modern gastronomy and hospitality. The workshop commenced with an inaugural session presided over by Prof. A. Senthilrajan, who highlighted the importance of sustainability in the hospitality industry, The welcome address was given by Dr. P. Rajan Chinna and felicitation was offered by Dr. M. Jothi Basu.

The technical sessions on Day 1 were conducted by Chef G. Jenifa, who provided hands-on training in fruits and vegetable carving, enabling students to develop artistic presentation skills. On Day 2, sessions were led by Chef A. Sundarapandi, focusing on Mediterranean food production and food and beverage service skills, thereby offering exposure to international cuisine, kitchen techniques and professional service standards. The workshop resulted in significant learning outcomes, including a deeper understanding of sustainable culinary practices, knowledge of farm-to-fork concepts, enhanced skills in food carving, exposure to global cuisine and service techniques, and the development of creativity, presentation and professional competencies; and it concluded as an informative and practical learning experience that effectively combined theory with hands-on training, preparing students for future careers in the hospitality and tourism industry.



## In Recognition of Quality Education

### **Best Institution Award Given to the Department**

The Department received the Best Institution Award in Sivagangai District on 27.02.2026 in recognition of its outstanding performance in academics, research, and overall development. This achievement reflects the consistent efforts of the faculty members, students, and management in maintaining high standards of education and promoting excellence. The department has actively contributed to academic innovation, skill development, and community engagement, which played a significant role in earning this honour.



### **Proud Achievements of Students**



The students of the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management participated in KIMFESTO 2K26 organized by the Department of MBA at Karaikudi Institute of Technology & Karaikudi Institute of Management. The

intercollegiate management festival featured a variety of intellectually stimulating and creative events, and the students won prizes in the following competitions. Buzz Words (Quiz), The Boss (Best Manager) – 2nd Prize, Drawing Board Idiom - 3rd Prize, Imitator (Mime) – 3rd Prize, Flamenco (Dance) – 1st Prize, Mad Show (Adzap) - 3rd Prize. In all these events students showcased exceptional talent, teamwork, leadership and creativity bagging multiple prizes across both solo and group events.

### **Ten-Day Travel and Tourist Guide Training Programme Conducted**



A Ten-Day Training Programme was conducted for the benefit of the students of the Department Tourism & Hotel Management by the Canara Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute (CBRSET), Karaikudi from 02.03.2026 to 12.03.2026. This intensive training programme aimed at equipping students with practical knowledge, industry-relevant skills and entrepreneurial insights in the field of tourism and rural development. The programme was offered free of cost and students were provided with certificates upon completion, adding significant value to the students' academic and professional profiles. Students actively participated in sessions focusing on key areas such as Sustainable Tourism, Eco-Tourism, Rural Tourism and Rural

Entrepreneurship. The training emphasized the importance of responsible tourism practices, environmental conservation and the development of rural economies through tourism initiatives. Expert trainers and resource persons from CBRSET conducted interactive sessions, workshops and case studies that enabled students to understand real-world applications. The exposure to grassroots-level entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities helped students gain clarity on how tourism can be a powerful tool for community development.

## One - Day Educational Trip



A one-day educational trip was organized on 16.03.2026 to nearby heritage spots; and the students of the department visited Chidambara Vilas, Arimalam, where they observed the unique Chettinad architecture. This was followed by a visit to AR Mansion, to learn about traditional village lifestyle and to see antique collections. The group then explored the Chettinad Handloom Weaving Centre to understand the handloom weaving process. They also visited the Athangudi Tiles Workshop, where artisans demonstrated the traditional tile-making techniques. The trip concluded with a visit to Athangudi Palace, known for its architectural splendour. The visit provided valuable insights into heritage tourism, traditional crafts and cultural preservation.

## Passport Seva Camp Organised in the Campus



The Department of Tourism & Hotel Management organized a Passport Seva Camp from 24.03.2026 to 26.03.2026 at Alagappa University Campus in collaboration with the Madurai Regional Passport Office.

This initiative, conducted under the theme “Campus to Global”, aimed at facilitating students and faculty members in obtaining passports through a seamless and efficient on-campus process.

The camp witnessed an overwhelming response, with more than 150 students and faculty members benefiting from the service. The presence of officials from the Regional Passport Office ensured accuracy, guidance and quick processing of applications.







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