

**PG Department of English and Centre for Research
Activity Report (2023-2024)**

The PG Department of English and Centre for Research activities are charted with the objective of moving towards intellectual growth, creative exploration, and academic achievement. The academic and creative initiatives of the department are conducted by the two bodies Literary Forum and the Research Forum. Its activities covered such areas as skill development, career guidance, academic enrichment, research and literature, cultural and social awareness, student welfare, recognizing student achievements and celebrating festivals and important days. The following activities were conducted during the period 2023-2024.

Literary Forum

Literary Forum is a semi-academic body of UG tutors and UG students meant to enhance the scope of classroom learning, with the objective of making the teaching learning process more interactive and creative. Apart from observance of days and celebration of festivals the following activities were also made a part of the under graduate programme.

- In an attempt to make the learners understand the difficulties faced by the totally hearing impaired cross section of the society and to learn to communicate to them in their sign language, a class on sign language was held in the language lab of the department on 24/01/2024. Ms. Miby Miriam Jacob, Assistant Professor of the department, handled the session with ease.
- Following requests from the teachers of the Econometrics department, a session on informal discourses was conducted in the First year B A Econometrics class on 06.02.2024. The primary reluctance of the learners to write in English and the diffidence in expressing their emotions was addressed in the session. Ms. Preetha P.V, Assistant Professor of the Dept. of English managed the session.
- Directing the final year students to decide on the career paths of their choice is a task that is managed by the Career Guidance cell of the college. Together with the CGCC cell, the literary forum of the department organized a session on career planning on 21.02.2024. All the final year students of the department participated in the programme. The session was taken by Ms. Aparna Vijayan, Talent Executive Curator, K-DISC.
- The first and second year BA FE students under the guidance received from the literary forum of the department organized a farewell party for their seniors on 26.02.2024.
- As part of the International Women's Day celebration week, the literary forum of the department together with the Women's cell of the college, organized a



talk on Gender Equity & Financial Independence on 13.03.2024. The speaker of the day was Ms. Anjali Chandran, Founder of Impresa.

- The inauguration of the activities of the English Association was held on 21.03.2024 at the Seminar Hall of the college. Sri. Thulasi Das B, Assistant Professor of English, CKG Govt. College Perambra delivered the inaugural address. He spoke on 'Decoding Dhvani in Malayalam Film Songs'.
- With the new Four Year Under Graduate Programme commencing from June 2024 onwards an online interactive session on CUFYUGP was conducted on 21st May 2024. Sr. Aswin Vijayan, Assistant Professor of English, Zamorin's Guruvayoorappan College, Kozhikode was the resource person of the day.
- A one day workshop on content writing was organized for the final year degree BA FE students on 19.07.2023. Sri. Likesh M V a notable content developer handled the sessions for our students.
- The literary forum together with the Jeevani Counselling Centre of the college conducted a mentoring session for all the degree students of the department on 16/10/2023 in the Seminar Hall of the college. The session was handled by a team of expert counselors led by Ms. Nafla, Counsellor of the college.
- The students of the department participated in a yoga session handled in the recreation room adjacent to the Physical Education department of our college on 05/12/2023. Simple yoga postures were taught to the students so as to initiate them further to the world of yoga practices.
- A literary quiz for the first years was held on 12/12/2023. The quiz master of the day was Ms. Aiswarya K P, faculty of the Department of English.

Research Forum

Research Forum, a semi-academic body that consists of PG tutors and students was formed to orient the post graduates more towards research oriented programs. The body hosts research paper presentations by the PG students, and critically judges the progressions of research dissertations. Invited lectures and interactive sessions are arranged for the benefit of the students. The Forum conducts activities addressing the Post Graduate students and research scholars.

- The Department of English organised an online lecture on eco consciousness and contemporary living on 11/10/23 at 6.30 pm. Renowned environmentalist and author, Professor Sudhakar Solomonraj from Wilson College Mumbai, delivered a lecture titled *Hill Ecology and Development: The Greener Solutions*. The session centred on the importance of sustainable development and emphasized the critical need to cultivate ecological awareness and establish profound connections with our environment.
- The Research Forum of the Department of English offers significant opportunities for fostering academic exchange among students and scholars.



Presenting research papers allows the students to enhance their communication skills and receive constructive feedback from their mentors. The first presentation session was held on 25/ 10/ 2023. Selected students from second year MA English presented research papers on diverse topics. Research scholars and post graduate students of the dept. attended the session. Ms. Preetha P V, Asst Professor, Dept of English chaired the session. The details of the presentations are -

1. Aswathy S- An Amalgamation of Feminist and Anti- feminist Approach in Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls*
2. Anagha Chandran- Postmodern elements in Italo Calvino's *If on a Winter's Night, a Traveller*
3. Anupriya E- Subjugation of Women in *Ladies Coupe*
4. Reshma C- Multiculturalism and Problems of Immigrants: Zadie Smith's *White Teeth*

- Lecture on *Research Methodology for Cultural Studies* was delivered by Ms. Preetha P V on 25/10/23. The lecture was attended by I year and II year MA English students.

- Two Day National Seminar on Global Media & Its Discontents was held on 08 th and 09 th November, 2023. The seminar was attended by over 80 participants on both days. A total of 60 PG students from colleges adjacent to our college attended the seminar. About 24 research scholars and English faculties from other colleges made the seminar engaging with fruitful discussions. The sessions really helped participants to have varied perspectives on the global media which has by now become the single most reality that shapes contemporary sensibilities. The inaugural address was given by Sri.C Dawood, Managing Editor of Media One. The key note address of the seminar was rendered by Dr. Punnya Rajendran, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English Studies, Central University of Tamil Nadu. She spoke on the topic 'Forms of Technostalgia: Understanding Cultures of the Obsolete'. The other resource persons include Dr. Lal C A, Professor, Institute of English, University of Kerala, Dr. Priya K Nair, Assistant Professor, St. Theresa's College, Ernakulam. Dr. Priya, Sri. KT Dinesh, former Research Officer, SCERT Kerala. Selected paper presentations were scheduled for the evening session of the second day of the seminar. Following the paper presentations, a valedictory session was convened and certificates of presentations and participation were given to the participants.

- The second session of research paper presentations was held on 08/12/2023. The details of the presentations are as follows.

1. Shikha P- Feminist Representation in Gustav Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*
2. Anusree K- Construction of Identity in Zadie Smith's *White Teeth*



3. Krishnendu M - Kingsley Amis's *Lucky Jim*: A Parody on Changing Social Order in Post War England.
4. Devika P S- Existentialism in Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*
 - Ten students from II year MA English class attended the National Seminar *Navigating the Blue: Exploring the Depths of Blue Humanities* held at Govt College Nadapuram on 11-12-2-23 and 12-12-2023.
 - Ms Bindya Raveendran, Assistant Professor, Dept of English delivered a lecture on *Research Ethics* on 15-01-2024. I year and II year MA students attended the lecture.

