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From the Vice-Chancellor

It is with pride and fulfilment that we record the prestigious A+ Grade awarded to our Alagappa University by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. The 3.64 CGPA given on the 4 point scale under the new grading system has placed the Alagappa University first among the four State Universities that obtained A+ Grade during the assessment period of July 2016 to April 2017. The glad tidings came a month after, when the University Community gratefully recollected and cherished the philanthropy of Vallal Dr. Alagappan in a function organised to celebrate 108th Birth Anniversary of the Founder. The encomiums showered on Alagappa University would have certainly gladdened the heart of the Founder who would be watching with pride and pleasure from the undiscovered country the heights of glory the University is reaching day by day.

As leaders, universities are expected to be aware of different societal needs and act pragmatically and consciously paving the way to others. Global warming and the resultant havoc associated with it is an issue deliberated throughout the world today. Increasing the green cover should be the first step towards mitigating the heat wave. Growing plants requires increasing the ground water table. The experts have reiterated the importance of judicious planning of discharge and recharge of water from all water bodies to come out of bone-dry conditions. In this context, it may be mentioned, that Alagappa University in its action plan included digging of percolation ponds inside the campus to recharge aquifers. As planned, it has dug one percolation tank during the academic year 2016-2017.

The World Book Day was celebrated in all earnestness with a view to glorifying the significance of books. The thought-provoking observations made by the eminent speakers reminded one of the famous lines of Robert Southey's poem: "My days among the dead are past / Around me I behold the mighty minds of old / With whom I converse day-by-day / My never failing friends are they."

As the World Yoga Day is India's contribution to the world, Alagappa University, which is acutely conscious of this, aims at spreading the message of practising yoga by following triple mantra "Meditate, Relax, Rejuvenate" for a tension-free life. This issue of Azhagu reports on three mega Yoga Events organised by the University, which gives utmost importance to this aspect.

Prof. S. SUBBIAH
Vice-Chancellor

108th Birth Anniversary of Vallal Dr. Alagappan

The 108th Birth Anniversary of Vallal Dr. Alagappa Chettiar was celebrated on 6-4-2017 in an atmosphere of cheer and joy and in a manner that befits the occasion dedicating ourselves to the task he began and to the cause he cherished.

The grand function started with Vallal Alagappan Museum being declared open by no less a person than his one and only daughter Thirumathi Dr. Umayal Ramanathan, Life Member of the Syndicate of Alagappa University, in the presence of Thiru AL. Ramanathan, Thiru Vairavan Ramanathan and Thavathiru Kundrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar. Mr. K.R. Ramasamy, M.L.A., Mr H.Raja, former M.P and the prominent citizens of Karaikudi, graced the occasion by their presence.



The event was presided over by Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University. He said that Alagappa University has established this museum in living memory of its munificent Founder Vallal Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar, who opened the gates of learning to the rural masses living in and around Karaikudi by the establishment of a number of educational institutions.



Earlier, floral tributes were paid by Tmt. Umayal Ramanathan, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries at Vallal Alagappan Memorial.

Second Event of the Founder's Day Celebrations

The second event of the Founder's Day Celebrations was a grand function organized at L.C.T.P.L. Auditorium.

Presiding over the gala function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, gratefully recalled the yeomen service rendered by Alagappan to the cause of education in this part of the country. He described the Founder's life as a saga of hard work and humanitarian activities and said that the institutions started by him have been a perennial source of benefit to the rural youth of Tamil Nadu. He is an epitome of altruism and synonym for philanthropy. The Vice-Chancellor stated that today Alagappa University has secured a place of pride among the top 100 higher educational institutions at the national level.



Thiru Soma Valliappan, Writer and H.R. Consultant, Chennai, in his Founder's Day Oration, described Alagappan as a multi-faceted personality who could accomplish multi-farious tasks with great success, as he rightly believed in the mantra "Think Big"; indeed, he thought big and achieved big things in the field of education, industry and business. He added that philanthropy has been part of our Culture since time immemorial and the compassionate rich have helped the deserving individuals to come out of their misery and poverty but only a few like Alagappan thought of societal welfare which could elevate a community of people. He was convinced of the benefits of education and this conviction led him to establish educational edifices which today stand as a monument to his benefaction. He used all his influence for establishing educational institutions for the uplift of the society. A man with a compassionate heart, caring mind and helping

hands he did whatever he loved. The hurdles he crossed easily and the leap he made successfully in all his endeavours.

Dr. R. Dhandapani and Dr. V. Alagappan, Syndicate Members, Mr. A.K. Varadharajan, an Alumnus from Singapore, Mr. AL. Ramanathan, Mr. Vairavan Ramanathan and Mr. Muthupalaniappan offered felicitations. Dr. S. Rajaram, Mr. M. Balasubramanian and Mr. Arulsamy spoke on the occasion.

The other highlights of this year's function included the release of French and Hindi translations of Vairavan Ramanathan's book "The Beautiful Mind" an authentic biography on the life and achievements of Alagappa Chettiar. Another book titled "Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar — A Living Legend" by Dr. M.K. Ganesan was also released. This book is a historical study of Alagappan's life and contribution based on invaluable source materials henceforth unreferred to and it sheds light on the still unexplored areas in Alagappan's life history.

The translator Prof. Chinnappan and the author Dr. M.K. Ganesan were honoured on the occasion.

Dr. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., welcomed the gathering. Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabhu, Controller of Examinations, proposed a vote of thanks.

Third Event of the Celebrations

The Alagappan Alumni Park, an offspring of the alumni realized through the donation of the former students, was declared open by Prof. A. Athichapillai, in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar. A large number of alumni, prominent citizens of Karaikudi, general public and students attended the function. The alumni carried cherishing the memories of their study, stay and research under the sheltering wings of Dr. Alagappa Chettiar Educational Institutions.

Vallal Dr. Alagappan Museum



Alagappa University has established a museum in living memory of its matchless founder and munificent donor Vallal Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar, who threw open the gates of learning to the rural masses living at and around Karaikudi through the establishment of a number of educational institutions.



This museum houses different memorabilia such as artefacts of Alagappan's personal use, snapshots of his childhood memories, photographs of the members of his family and of educational institutions and industries run by him and also rare pictures of his meeting with the great personalities. The museum also depicts several charitable projects initiated by Vallal Alagappan such as hospitals, hostels and similar other institutions catering to the felt-needs of the people.



Inside the museum, there is a mini theatre with facility to screen a documentary film portraying the humanitarian measures and selfless services of Alagappan for the uplift of the people at the lower strata of the society in addition to his laudable achievements during various stages in his career graph.

The museum, with its visual and auditory highlights, leaves a long-lasting living memory in the minds of the visitors.

EXIT MEETING OF NAAC PEER TEAM

A National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team visited Alagappa University, Karaikudi, from April 10th to 12th, 2017.

An intensive scrutiny of the resources – teaching, research and extension – and progress achieved by Alagappa University during the last five years was made by the eight-member NAAC Peer Team, headed by Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani. The other members of the team were: Dr. P.S.Grover, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Prof. Dr. D.K.Maheshwari, Gurukul Kangri University, Prof. R.G. Sonkawade, Shivaji University, Dr. Dilip S. Patil, University of Mumbai, Prof. Sanjai Bhatt, University of Delhi, Prof. Asha Shukla, Barkatullah University and Dr.J.K.Tandon, University of Rajasthan.

The Exit Meeting of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team was held on 12-4-2017 at the Convocation Hall.

Prof. M. Selvam, Coordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, while introducing the members of the Committee, which consisted of eminent Vice-Chancellors and distinguished academics, said that it was the 3rd cycle of NAAC accreditation visit.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, welcomed the members of the team and said all its suggestions would be earnestly taken into account; and he sincerely hoped that everyone in the University would strive for taking the University to greater heights by their dedicated work and team spirit.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Chairperson of the NAAC Peer Team, said that he was gratified to see the involvement and attachment of the staff of this great University to their work place

and he complimented the team spirit among the workforce in the institution. He added that “though the University is located in a rural and backward region, the entire machinery of the University is striving hard to take the University to lofty heights”. He stated that the University Grants Commission insists on the enhancement of quality of education in every respect by academic accomplishments and research attainments; and this has to be borne in mind by all academicians.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., Syndicate Members Dr. P. Subas Chandra Bose, Dr. J. Jeyakanthan, Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy and Dr. K. Gurunathan, University Officials, Teaching and Administrative Staff and Students participated in the meeting.

Prof. M. Selvam, Coordinator, IQAC, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

It may be recalled that the first NAAC Peer Committee visited to the University in May 2005 and awarded “A” grade after reviewing the progress of all the Faculties and the infrastructural facilities at the University. Again, in November 2011, the second NAAC Peer Team visited and re-accredited the University with “A” grade by giving 3.21 points.

Alagappa University Accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC



Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has been awarded prestigious A+ Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the third cycle of accreditation for a further period of seven years with effect from 2.5.2017. The result was declared at the 24th meeting of the Standing Committee of the NAAC held on 2.5.2017 and the official communication was received by the University from the NAAC office.

Of the 86 Universities and Deemed Universities assessed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council after the introduction of New Grading System during the period from 1st July 2016 to April 2017, nine Universities obtained A+ grade. Among these nine Universities, four are State Universities and the other five are Deemed Universities. Alagappa University, Karaikudi, is the First State University in South India to obtain the first place with 3.64 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) on the four-point scale, among the four State Universities accredited with A+ grade in India. It is pertinent to note that Alagappa University is one of the youngest institutions to be awarded with A+ grade and to obtain the First Place in Tamilnadu.

The other three State Universities which obtained A+ grade include Savitribai Phule Pune University of Maharashtra, Utkal University of Odisha and University of Jammu of Jammu and Kashmir State, with CGPA of 3.60, 3.53 and 3.51 respectively.

While referring to overall strengths of Alagappa University, the NAAC Peer Team has pointed out five salient points, which include, (1) Sophisticated Science Laboratories (2) Experienced and Committed Faculty (3) Good Physical and IT Infrastructure (4) Eco-Friendly Environment and (5) Good Alumni Support.

Making a reference to excellent opportunities that the University provides to enhance its performance, the NAAC Peer Team reports that (1) Linkages with Local Industries (2) Augmented Placement Services and (3) Skill Training across several sectors would serve as versatile avenues.

The NAAC Peer Team assessed the performance of various departments, centres, common facilities and cells, etc. in respect of curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research, consultancy and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, placement programmes, governance and leadership, innovative practices, etc.

Taking note of the consistently high NAAC grade, namely, 'A' achieved by Alagappa University in the 1st and 2nd accreditations done earlier in 2005 and 2011, the NAAC has intimated that validity period

of the present 3rd accreditation for the University would be 7 years, instead of usual 5 years.

The steady and uninterrupted performance enhancements decisively exhibited by the University in all dimensions -- (1) Curricular Aspects (2) Teaching-Learning and Evaluation (3) Research Consultancy and Extension (4) Infrastructure and Learning Resources (5) Student Support and Progression (6) Governance Leadership and Management and (7) Innovations and Best Practices - enabled the University to stand tall amongst its peers.

The NAAC Peer Team has highlighted and commended the superior merits of Alagappa University in detail in its accreditation and assessment report on the University.

Scintillating Triple Gems in the Crown of Alagappa University

Alagappa University stands majestically in the educational map of Tamil Nadu with its dazzling crown studded with the triple scintillating gems — A+ Grade, 3.64 CGPA and First in the State Universities in Tamil Nadu. The Academic Community of Alagappa University and the Alumni can be justly proud of their total identification, committed involvement and unremitting team-spirit evidenced in every praiseworthy aspect of excellence in all endeavours and achievements.

Adapted Yoga Training Programme for Children with Special Needs



The inaugural function of the Adapted Yoga Training Programme for Children with Special Needs, organized by the Centre for Yoga Education and the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science of Alagappa University, in collaboration with Mahayogam, Kancheepuram, was held on

28.3.2017 at Alagappa University Resource School for Differently Abled in the School Campus.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, in his presidential address, appreciated Yogis and Rishis of Mahayogam who came forward to teach Yoga for the children with special needs who are considered as god's children. The history shows that students from the neighbouring countries came to the very ancient Nalanda University in India to learn the art of Yoga, Medicine, Mathematics, etc. Yoga, in-fact, has its origin in India but unfortunately people of India have neglected to enjoy the immense benefits of this great art. But, today there is a worldwide awakening about the benefits of this art of Yoga. Nalanda University was able to accommodate more than 10,000 students and 2,000 Faculties served in that University. This is an evidence for India's quality of higher education. In this aspect, the adapted yoga education for children with special needs is the first of its kind, and Alagappa University is going to offer the training programme.

Dr. Saleem, Ortho Specialist, Karaikudi, offered felicitation address. Kancheepuram Mahayogam Thiru Ramesh Rishi, delivered the inaugural address. Thiru Yogi Balaram, Advocate and Ms.K.P. Ranjana made special speeches.

Mahayogam Karaikudi Members have planned to come to the Alagappa University Resource School to train children with special needs from morning 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon daily. This training programme indeed promotes significant difference in the development within these children.

Dr. Saroja, Coordinator, Centre for Yoga Education, welcomed the gathering. Dr. J. Sujatha Malini, Head, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science and Coordinator, Alagappa University Resource School, proposed a vote of thanks.

Incredible Achievement in Yoga

Believe it or not, a 22-year-old visually impaired P. Kumaresan of Thanjavur performed 180 Yogasanas within an hour to the astonishment and admiration of the audience.

In an Awareness Programme about the "Value of Yoga in Daily Life", organized jointly by the

Yoga Centre of Alagappa University, Karaikudi and Mahayogam Foundation, Kancheepuram on 1.5.2017 at Umayal Stadium of Alagappa University College of Physical Education, the physically challenged Kumaresan created a national record, indeed a sensational record, in the presence of the Coordinators Mr. Venkatesan and Mr. Ravichandran of CECRI, Karaikudi, for inclusion in "Indian Book of Records".



In continuation of this remarkable feat, the special school children of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science of Alagappa University, performed yogasanas taught by Mahayogam Foundation.

"Zenskar Demo" -- a self-defence art -- was also demonstrated by the members of Maharishi Foundation on this occasion. They also performed a 20-minute yoga demonstration, which could be easily performed by the young and the old.

Inaugurated by Rishi Dr. K.P. Dhyanidhi of Maha Yogam Foundation, the Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University Dr. S. Subbiah delivered the Presidential Address, in which he stated that the "One and Only Solution for Perfection" is practising yoga. He congratulated the yoga master who gave intensive training to the visually impaired Kumaresan who could create a record at the national level. He added that everyone in a family should practice yoga for leading a tension-free life. He stated that the word yoga meant "integration of the body and the mind". He added that the people who have learnt the art of yoga could remain calm and cool and collected in all kinds of situations. The practice of yoga will lead to enhancement of ethical life.

Rishi Dr. K.P. Dhyanidhi of Mahamaharishi Foundation, in his felicitation, emphatically stated that homeopathy medicine and proper and

continuous practice of yoga would lead to a very healthy and happy life.

Rishi Ramesh Jayaraman, Chief Rishi, Mahayogam, Dr. M. Salim and Dr. K. Mariappan of Karaikudi, offered felicitations.

Dr. S. Saroja, Coordinator, Centre for Yoga Education, made arrangements for this mega event. Earlier, the World Yoga Champion Ms. K.P. Ranjana, welcomed the gathering and the function was rounded off with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. M. Chidambaram, Headmaster, Chidambaram Chettiar Higher Secondary School, Karaikudi.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

The International Day of Yoga - 2017 was celebrated at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 21.6.2017, as per the direction of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the University Grants Commission. The Centre for Yoga Education and NSS of Alagappa University made arrangements for a mega demonstration of "Common Yoga Protocol".



Presiding over the function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, stated that the objective of celebrating this Yoga Day is to create awareness among the youth on the significance of yoga for a happy, healthy and contented life. He added that the art of yoga had a hoary tradition of having originated 5000 years ago in India. Realizing the beneficent effects of yoga as a therapy many people from neighboring countries came to India to learn and practise this noble and ancient art.

By practising yoga properly and continuously, one can derive umpteen benefits such as keeping the body and the mind in a serene condition, overcoming outburst of anger and controlling blood pressure. The mind is the only source to control the

five senses and the yoga is the only way to control and achieve equipoise of the mind. The practice of Yogasanas, Pranayama and Meditation together gives a human being abundant energy and helps in preserving the youth and also offers the blessings of longevity. It also helps to have faith in life and acts as a big stress reliever, he added. Yoga is a part of Siddha Medicine. The art of practising Yogasanas acts as a precaution to prevent diseases and when one is afflicted with diseases, it acts as a curative.

The Guinness World Record Yoga Instructor Mrs. BL. Aarthi from Cuddalore, while offering felicitations, lauded the University for establishing a Yoga Centre, which would provide all facilities to students and the public to learn yoga. She said that learning yoga with real passion and involvement would help one to achieve success, attain inner peace and enjoy good health. She exhorted women to practice Niralamba Poorna Chakrasana at least 15 to 20 times a day, so as to increase flexibility of the spine, to overcome constipation and dyspepsia, to stimulate pancreas and to reduce obesity. She advised the students not to skip breakfast, which is very essential for complete health.

As part of the celebrations, a Special Yogasana feat was performed by the Alagappa Matriculation Hr. Secondary School students under the leadership of the International Medalist Selvi C. Kamatchi from Thassim Beevi Abdul Kader College for Women, Kilakarai, affiliated to Alagappa University.



A grand and mega yoga demonstration was conducted at the University Campus, in which 1078 students belonging to Alagappa Model Higher Secondary School, Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Sri Vidya Giri Matriculation Higher Secondary Schools, Pudukkottai and Karaikudi and Maharishi Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School

participated, under the guidance of Thiru Yogesh, the Yoga Master of Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

Dr. Senthil Kumaran, Director of Physical Education, and the NSS Programme Officers made elaborate arrangements for the event.

University Officials, Faculty Members, Non-Teaching Staff, Students and the general public enthusiastically participated in the programme. The student-participants were given certificates.

Earlier, Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., welcomed the gathering and Dr. S. Saroja, Co-ordinator, Centre for Yoga Education, proposed a vote of thanks. Dr. S. Rajaram, NSS Coordinator, was the compeer for the programme.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MUSIC

The International Day of Music-2017 was celebrated at Alagappa University on 21.6.2017 at the University Convocation Seminar Hall under the auspices of the Department of Fine Arts.



Presiding over the function, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, highlighted how music reflects the identity of an ethnic group proclaiming their tradition and culture. In Tamil civilization, music, especially folk music, is intrinsically connected with man's life from birth to death, he added. Workers since the dawn of civilization have been using music to get relief from weariness and monotony of their labour. It is indeed a big stress-reliever. He added that thoughts become literature that is nothing but poetry. Poetry is in fact musical thought which is in turn transformed into dance and drama. The tone and the tune, the mood and melody contribute to the message, glad or sad. He also referred to the role of pristine music in embellishing other allied fine arts.

The renowned Dance Researcher Prof. S. Raghuraman from Chennai, in his Special Address, emphasized the importance of documenting the origin and growth of Tamil music. Referring to the hoary tradition of Tamil Music, he said that in spite of varied cultural attacks and encounters by rulers from various regions, countries and cultures, it has not lost its pristine glory. He explained how "Panjams" like potters, weavers, blacksmiths, carpenters and cobblers and hide-traders contributed to the society not only through their avocations but also with pastoral music.

The distinguished speaker, a Visiting Faculty at Kalakshetra, emphasized the need of voice culture suiting one's natural basic tonic in blossoming into a musician of repute like the great Madurai Somu. He referred to the immense use of veena in explaining the swarasthaanas. Class rooms meant for music coaching should be free from external noise pollution. This will facilitate grasping of swaras and singing in at least two octaves. Over straining would result in cracking of vocal chords and formation of follicles, necessitating surgical corrections.

The musicologist also referred to the remarkable Pentatonic Scales in folk music of lore in Tamil Nadu. Evidences are found in classics like Silapathikaram, Thiruvasadam, etc. Ayar Kuravanchi in Silapathikaram can be cited as the finest example. Silapathikaram enumerates varied types of musical instruments the like of which is to be found nowhere. A researcher in music must be well versed in Sociology, Ethno Music, Semiotics and Anthropology to understand the nuances of music.

He pointed out that caste, religion, language and poverty are no barriers to learning music. He cited the example of a boy belonging to a fisherman's family being the topper and a gold medallist in the music examination of a famous institute offering Fine Arts in Chennai.

Earlier Dr. M.S. Sarala, Director, welcomed the gathering. Dr. R. Ravichandran introduced the Chief Guest. Selvi. R. Swetha, a student of Centre for Fine Arts, proposed a vote of thanks.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATED

The books are a fountain-head of inspiration sharpening the students' inquisitiveness to know more and more about less and less. With this end in view the 'World Book Day' was celebrated on May 22nd 2017 at Alagappa University Central Library Seminar Hall.



Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, in his presidential address, referred to the invasion and influence of various mass media on the youth of the present day and emphasized the imperative need for inculcating reading habit among the younger generation by parents and teachers. He added that the impact of printed word is far greater than generally people expect. No living beings except human beings do share and transmit their experience to their posterity. Only human beings pass on their knowledge and experience to the future generation by preserving them in books and other arts. Great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, Ambedkar, Nelson Mandela, Marx, Abraham Lincoln and Charlie Chaplin, he pointed out, were avid readers and he attributed their achievements to the impact of great books they read. He stated that nothing can be equal to the knowledge a person gains through books of great merit, he added. Reading good books will pave the way for the individual's growth as well as nation's development. He added that Alagappa University's Central Library has been



provided with RFID (Radio-Frequency Identification) facility for immediate and easy access to books.

Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy, Member of Syndicate, advised teachers, students, and researchers to select and read only quality books for all their study needs. Only quality books can whet their appetite for knowledge. Good books will be of immeasurable use in higher education, especially in carrying out research. The more and more the researcher reads, the more and more layers of research insights will emerge. Books are, indeed, treasure-pots and reading books will lead to awareness. As books impart knowledge and wisdom needed for a happy life nothing is comparable to the worth of books. He concluded his speech by saying that whatever knowledge one wants to acquire, one could obtain it through a careful and intensive reading of worthy books.

Prof. P.M. Mansoor, Former Vice-Principal, Jamal Mohamed College and Former Member of Syndicate, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, delivered the Special Address on the occasion. He traced the origin of World Book Day advocated and popularized by UNESCO. He exhorted the students to imbibe the steps suggested by Poet Bharathidasan on reading books. He recalled the words of the great poet: "Read. Read. Read by day. Read by night. Read ancient classics, Read them meticulously." He asked the University students to nurture the culture of visiting libraries, which are the real abode of wisdom. He made a plea to teachers to concentrate on inculcating the habit of spending time at libraries assiduously. Commenting on the genuineness of historical writings in India, he opined that many historical facts were not presented properly and left incomplete. He asked the social scientists to explore and provide genuine historical facts for the benefit of the society.

Dr. A. Thirunavukkarasu, University Librarian, welcomed the gathering, and Dr. C. Baskaran, Librarian, proposed a vote of thanks.

INAUGURATION OF ENTRANCE ARCH

An aesthetically appealing arch constructed at the Entrance to the B.Ed. College of Alagappa University, Karaikudi, was declared open on 6.4.2017 by Prof.



S. Mohan and Dr. R. Swaminathan, both alumni of Alagappa University, in the presence of Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University.



The arch was constructed under the sponsorship of Dr. R. Swaminathan, an alumnus of the Department of Education, Alagappa University.

Prof. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., Alagappa University, Dr. R. Dhandapani, Syndicate Member and Dr. A. Ramakrishnan, Former Special Officer, Alagappa University, were present on the occasion.

Faculty Members and Students from the Department of Education and Alagappa University College of Education also participated in the function.

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Celebration of World Poetry Day

The World Poetry Day was observed at the Department of English and Foreign Languages on 21st March 2017. The Former Professor of Tamil in Alagappa Govt. Arts College, Dr. Karmegam, was the chief guest who dwelt at length on the uniqueness and greatness of Tamil Poetry down the ages from the Sangam Age. In the beginning of his discourse, he explained the effectiveness of poetry in general. Poetry, he elaborated, is a powerful literary genre through which any idea, view, knowledge can be

conveyed in a captivating manner. He illustrated that the kernel feature of poetry is to express an idea effectively and imaginatively. It will linger forever in the mind leaving a lasting effect than any other genres. With music being the key feature of poetry, the ideas conveyed through it will become interesting and get printed on memory. Ever since the dawn of human civilization, poetry had been the earliest form of literature in all countries. Tamil poetry takes precedence over other literatures in terms of antiquity. He attributed the unexampled excellence and the undying glory of great literary works such as Tirukkural and Sangam Tamil Poetry to their flowing musical and rhythmic movements. Besides, he quoted profusely from Naladiyar and Sangam Poetry. He remarked that Naladiyar prioritizes scholarship over kingship. He added that this poem says that when there is a comparison between a learned scholar and a powerful king, the former is far superior to the latter.

Then, the renowned speaker made a reference to a poem in Sangam Literature which advocates universal harmony, universal brotherhood and unity. He said that even two millenniums ago our ancient Tamils emphasized the importance of eradicating narrow concepts such as loathsome regionalism, religious fanaticism and communal hatred to achieve a harmonious world with harmonious development. Our forefathers had the rich culture of treating even people from other nations as their brothers. In addition to that, Prof. Karmegam remarked that the world has been taught the great maxim "Good and Evil none will bring" that has been highlighted in Sangam Tamil Poetry. These poems bear testimony to the highly cultivated habits and civilized minds of our ancestors. Over and above, the guest speaker noted that Tirukkural remains as a treasure-house of knowledge, benefiting humanity with its rich and abundant source of knowledge. Then, he cited purple passages from Bharathiyar and Bharathidasan and unravelled the beauty and brevity of thoughts contained in their masterpieces. He said that their writings infused greater amount of optimism and self-confidence in the readers.

Earlier, Dr.PMadhan, Associate Professor of English, in his welcome address, traced the evolution of English poetry from Old English period

to post Modern Age. He quoted from leading poets of English Literature such as Shelley, Keats, Wordsworth and T.S. Eliot. In the end, Dr. Kanimozhi, Assistant Professor of English, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

Placement Programme

The Department of English and Foreign Languages conducted campus interview on 17th May 2017 for the benefit of M.A and M. Phil students of the department. Many leading colleges, like Sri Raja Raajan College of Engineering and Technology, Dr.Umayal Ramanathan College, Karaikudi, Koviloor Andavar Arts and Science College, Sri Saradha Niketan College of Arts and Science, Amaravathipudur, Sri Idhaya College for Women, Sarugani, Sri Vidhyagiri College, Puduvayal, sent Heads of Department of their Colleges for conducting the interview. For the seventh consecutive year, the placement programme was organized. As usual, a majority of M. Phil students and many P.G. students got selected in the interview. At the end of the interview, all of them were given appointment orders. Students expressed their happiness on their selection to these colleges and thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his constant encouragement, support and help. The department staff made the arrangements for the Placement Programme.

CENTRE FOR TAMIL CULTURE

Nomination to the Academic Committee

Dr. S. Senthamizh Pavai, Professor of Tamil, Department of Tamil and Director, Centre for Tamil Culture, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, has been nominated as a member of the Academic Committee of Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, by the Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor for a period of three years from 08.03.2017.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

Ten-Day Workshop on Research Methodology

A Ten-Day Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences was inaugurated on 24th April 2017 at Alagappa University, Karaikudi. The programme, scheduled from 24th April to 3rd May 2017, was organized by the Department of Women's Studies,

Alagappa University under the aegis of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. 30 Ph.D Researchers from Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Kerala, Andhra, Telengana, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Delhi attended the Workshop.

Prof.K.Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Director of the Workshop, in her welcome address, stated that the objective of the Methodology Course is to focus on modern methods of formulating questions and hypotheses, field-work techniques, factor analysis and regression analysis. She added that a hands-on training will be provided on the use of Statistical Package on Social Sciences (SPSS) and R-Statistical Software. Training will also be given on effective presentation of research findings and dissertation writing.



Presiding over the inaugural session Prof.S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, exhorted the scholars to take up serious research useful to society. An in-depth surveying by way of review of earlier researches is a must for finding out the research "gaps" to arrive at innovative topics and explore areas relevant to the times. Mastering sampling methods, surveying methods, statistical strategy, and identifying the data by careful analysis and proper interpretation are other significant components of social science research, which the scholars have to concentrate assiduously. He said that Alagappa University provides modern



facilities such as good ambience and excellent library facilities with easy access to research journals so as to help researchers to pursue good research in different fields of study. He hoped that this 10-Day Workshop would be highly useful in motivating and enlightening the young scholars to bring out quality research.

Prof.K.Baskar, Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaiam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, in his keynote address, highlighted the importance of research in developing nations. He said that serious research in the field of science and technology is needed for industrial development of a nation whereas the research in social sciences paves the way for a society's progress and development. All research endeavours should address societal needs and offer pragmatic solutions for solving problems confronted by the society at large. Identifying appropriate issues that are region-specific is very important in social science research for the contribution to the development of the society concerned. Literature survey is a very important component while undertaking research. Focusing on "serious thinking process" will result in finding out solutions for the research problems identified. He briefed the importance of publishing the new explorations of the researchers in International Journals instead of letting them lie in cold storage. He appealed to the young participants to involve themselves in serious research programmes that should be highly useful to the society. He insisted that "Unless we produce more number of good researches in social studies we cannot transform the society". Social Scientists should sensitize people about various problems confronted by the present generation.

Dr.N.K.Bhuvaneshwari, Project Associate, Centre for Women's Studies, proposed a vote of thanks.

The first session of the course was engaged by Prof.K.Manimekalai, Dean, Faculty of Arts who introduced the participants to the basic aspects of research, its importance and its characteristics. She also highlighted the overview of the Course with core aims, objectives, design and areas. She explained the design of the programme to all the participants and assured them of a learning experience provided in this course through both theory and practical

sessions to carry out successful research works and overcome potential challenges.



Prof.T.R.Gurumoorthy, Dean-Research, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Dr. D. Ramani, Dept of Commerce, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, Prof. P. Siva kumar, Dean, School of Education, Alagappa university, Prof.V.Manickavasakam, Dean, School of Management, Alagappa University, Dr. S. Iyyampillai, Senior Professor, Dept of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, Dr. C. Yogalakshmi, Bank Management, Alagappa University, Prof. S. Rajmohan, Alagappa Institute of Management, Alagappa University, Dr. M. Kannan, Former Principal, Madurai Institute of Social Science, Madurai, Prof. S. Thanuskodi, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, Dr. M. Selvam, Professor and Head, International Business, Alagappa University, Dr. Pushparaj, Dept. of Econometrics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Dr.S.Duraisamy, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, Chennai, Dr.N.Kalaitasan, Former Visiting Professor of English, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, Dr.S.Manivel, Professor, Department of Cooperation, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindugal, Prof. B. Regina Papa, Founder & Director, Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Dr.A.Narayanamoorthy, Professor, Department of Economics and Rural Development, AlagappaUniversity, Dr.K.Alamelu, Professor, Department of Bank Management, Alagappa University, were some of the distinguished scholars who handled various sessions in the 10-Day Programme on Research Methodology

Valedictory Function

The valediction of the 10-day Research Methodology Course for Ph. D. Students in Social Sciences was conducted on the afternoon session of 3rd May 2017. Prof.K.Manimekalai, Dean,

Faculty of Arts, Alagappa University presented a report of the 10-day methodology course. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Prof.V.Balachandran, Registrar i/c, Alagappa University who delivered the valedictory address. He highlighted the importance of research in teaching career and appreciated the Department of Women's Studies for organizing the Research Methodology Course. The participants expressed their satisfaction about the way in which the course was conducted and referred to the effective overall coordination of the Faculties of the department. The course certificates were presented to all the participants by the esteemed dignitaries. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr.N.K.Bhuvanewari. The programme ended on a happy note with everyone expressing their immense satisfaction.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Articles Published:

Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy and R. Suresh published an article titled, "Does Urbanisation Affect Tank Irrigation Development in Tamil Nadu?: A Macro-Level Analysis", In Review of Development Change, Vol. 21, No. 2, July-December, pp. 11-34. Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy also published the article, "தண்ணீர் பஞ்சத்தைத் தவிர்க்க முடியுமா?", in The Hindu Tamil on May 16, (p. 8)

Two articles titled "More Farm Credit is Meaningless" and "The Water Scene is Worse than Bad", by Narayanamoorthy. A and P. Alli were published in THE HINDU Business Line, dated May 3, (p. 9) and March 22, (p. 8) respectively. Their article "Is Farm Profitability Declining in India?: The Case of Sugarcane Crop" is included in the book titled Revising Agricultural Policies in the Light of Globalisation Experience: The Indian Context, edited by D. Marothia; Will Martin; A. Janaiah and C.L. Dadhich and published by the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, Mumbai, India, pp.145-159.

Special Lecture:

Dr. S. Iyyampillai, Senior Professor, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, delivered a special lecture on "Current Development in Indian Economy" at the Department on May 6, 2017.

Lectures Delivered:

Prof. A. Narayanamoorthy delivered a lecture on the topic "Publish to Get Prominence" at ICSSR sponsored Ten-Day Research Methodology Course for Ph.D., Students in Social Sciences, organised by the Department of Women's Studies, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on May 2, 2017. He also delivered a special lecture on "Farm Income in India" arranged in honour of Prof. S. Iyyampillai by the Economic Forum, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli, on April 28, 2017.

Extension Activities

As a part of Extension Activities, Alagappa University organised on 07.04.2017 an event of distribution of things to improve basic amenities in schools, at Adopted Villages by the Dept of Economics and Rural Development and Centre on Swachh Bharath and Swasth Bharath. The amenities provided included Wall Clock, Sports Materials, Library Books, Bureau, Thirukural Lables, White Board and Computer System. These were supplied to the schools at Vadakudi, Yenathipatti, Tiruvelangudi, Siravayal/Maruthangudi, Gandhinagar, K.Atthangudi Nemam. Prof.V.Balachandran, Registrar i/c, Dr.S. Rajamohan, Dean, College Development Council, Dr.S.Rajaram, Co-ordinator NSS and Dr.S.Vasimalai Raja, Associate Professor DDE participated and distributed the above materials to schools. This Programme was co-ordinated by Dr.R.Rajan Associate Professor and Co-ordinator, Centre on Swachh Bharath and Swasth Bharath. Dr.N.Johnson, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Lifelong Learning, Dr.Suresh, Assistant Professor, Dept of Economics and all the students of MJMC programme made excellent arrangements of this Programme.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Summer Sequential Programme

Summer Sequential Programme in M.Phil (History) was successfully conducted by the Department of History in the very first year of its inception. 158 M.Phil. Scholars pursued this research programme. Of them, 71 were female students. The scholars were from Government, Aided, Private and Matriculation Schools and were

from all districts of Tamil Nadu. Classes were conducted for 30 days from April last week to 30th May 2017 at the A/C Seminar Hall of Central Library. Classes were handled by the experienced faculty members of Alagappa University, Madurai Kamaraj University, Bharathidasan University, Tamil University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and Tamil Nadu Open University. As a part of the M.Phil programme, a 3- day tour was arranged by the Department and the students were taken to places of renowned historical monuments and sites located in Thanjavur, Kangai Konda Cholapuram and Madurai.

As a token of appreciation, students arranged a farewell function on the last day of their course work. They honored Vice-Chancellor Dr.S.Subbiah and thanked him for the chance given to them to pursue a research programme in the prestigious Alagappa University which secured A+ Grade at the NAAC assessment. They appreciated the efforts of Dr.K.Krishnamoorthy, Head i/c and Dr.G.Paranthaman, Assistant Professor, for their meticulous arrangements and effective conduct of the programme.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY

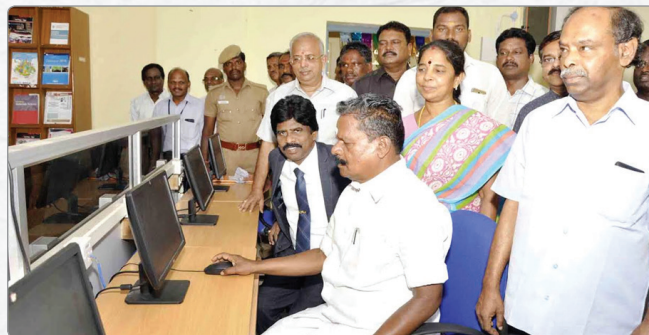
Inauguration of New Buildings



In a brief and grand function held at Alagappa University, Karaikudi, the Hon'ble Minister for Khadi and Village Industries Board, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Thiru G. Baskaran declared open two buildings on 3.6.2017 constructed at a total cost of Rs.42.70 lakhs under the UGC XII Plan Development Assistance Grant.

The buildings are 1) Extension of First Floor Class Room Building at the Department of Industrial Chemistry constructed at a total cost of Rs.22.70 lakhs with a plinth area of 2432.41 sq.ft and 2) A

Storage Hall for Controller of Examination Section constructed at a total cost of Rs.20.00 lakhs with a plinth area of 2582.40 sq.ft.



The Minister also visited the Central Library which has been provided with RFID facilities and recently inaugurated Vallal Alagappan Museum and Centre for Tamil Culture that has been initiated with the help and financial assistance of Tamil Nadu Government.

Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, Thiru Ilango, District Revenue Officer, Mrs. Karpagam Ilango, Ex-Chairperson, Karaikudi Municipality, Dr. R. Dhandapani, Dr. A. Narayanamoorthy and Dr. K. Gurunathan, Syndicate Members, Dr. V. Balachandran, Registrar i/c., Dr. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Controller of Examinations, Officials, Administrative Staff and prominent citizens of Karaikudi were also present on the occasion.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

National Conference on Emerging Trends in Computing – 2017

A Two-day National Conference on "Emerging Trends in Computing" (NCETC 2017) was organized by the Department of Computer Science, Alagappa University, Karaikudi during 13-14 March 2017.

Dr. E. Ramaraj, Professor & Head i/c, Department of Computer Science, welcomed the gathering. Dr.P.Subash Chandra Bose, Syndicate Member,



Alagappa University, inaugurated the conference and delivered an inspiring speech motivating the young researchers in problem solving. He elaborated on emerging technology and the demand for architects to solve problems. He released a monograph on the conference proceedings and a CD containing soft copies of all the papers.

Dr.SS.Dhenakaran, Professor, Department of Computer Science, delivered the thematic address referring to existing and emerging trends in technologies. He expatiated on the recent developments in solar energy inventions and achievements of IIT students. External Experts Mr. Harish C.N, Associate Director, Product Engineering, Algorics Pvt Ltd., Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address enlightening the participants in problem solving and G. Avinash, Associate Solution Architect, Tata Consultancy Services, Chennai, delivered the special address motivating the participants in design and solution evolving.

Mr. Harish C.N, in his expert lecture in the forenoon session, explored the software engineering models and agile techniques followed by Amazon and Google and their success stories. His lecture motivated the students to pursue research in Software Engineering domain. Mr. G. Avinash, in his expert lecture on IoT (Internet of Things) pointed out all the benefits of IoT in revenue growth, customer convenience, disaster management such as roadside assistance, traffic violations, pay for use, artificial intelligence, device connections and outlined the future trends.



Totally 135 papers were submitted by participants to the conference. The paper abstracts printed in a well-formatted colorful proceedings book and soft copy in CD were distributed to all the participants. All the participants presented their technical papers

in three parallel technical sessions. 30 participants made poster presentations.

Dr.A.Narayanamoorthy, Member of Syndicate, Professor & Head, Department of Economics and Rural Development,, delivered a lecture on Computer Applications in Economic Analysis. He explained the economic parameters that indicate the growth of a country. He also illustrated the SPSS package (tool for Statistical Analysis) with Agricultural data. He outlined the economic position of India and the factors influencing it.

Dr. T.R. Sivaramakrishnan, former Director, Indian Meteorology Department, Pune and former Dean of Research, SASTRA University delivered a lecture on data mining trends in atmospheric study. He explored the atmospheric data and how data mining techniques can be applied over it for weather prediction and related issues. All the sessions were interactive and the participants posed queries to experts and were able to get clarifications. Industry Expert Mr.A.Thasil Mohemmed, delivered a special talk on "Ubiquitous Computing ", and interacted with students.

Dr.K Gurunathan, Member of Syndicate, Professor & Head, Department of Nano Science and Technology, delivered the valedictory address. Being a nanotechnology expert, he emphasized the need for future computing trends Nano computing and quantum computing. Dr.T.Meyyappan, Professor presented the Conference Report and the Conference Coordinator Dr.S.Santhosh Kumar proposed a vote of thanks. Faculty Members and Research Scholars made elaborate arrangements for the Conference.

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON CAREER PROSPECTS AND DEVELOPMENTS

The Department of Computer Science organized a Two-day Workshop on Career Prospects and Developments in Computer Science. The function was conducted in collaboration with University Business Centre. Prof. E.Ramaraj, Head of the Department, welcomed the gathering and appealed to the participants to utilise the golden opportunity to develop their skills.



Presiding over the inaugural session, Dr.V.Balachandran, Registrar i/c, stated that the Workshops of these kinds are beyond the prescription of the curriculum and thanked the Vice-chancellor for encouraging the Departments of Study to organize these pragmatic and innovative programmes. He hoped that this new training programme would be of immense utility to students and help them understand career prospects and opportunities and also to excel in their avocation. He added that the number of Universities in India today is more than 700 and lakhs and lakhs of students are coming out of the portals of these institutions year after year and all of them cannot be provided with jobs. Besides concentrating on self-employment, it becomes imperative for students to gain more knowledge and talent by honing their skills in order to get good placements in this highly competitive world. Since all possible activities are being computerized and automated, the Computer Science graduates have abundant opportunities for gaining employment provided they acquire skills expected of them, he quipped.

In his inaugural address, Mr.Karthik Venkatraman, Lead Applications Architect, Algorics Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore, referred to the bright job opportunities available for the computer science students in various domains, unlike the other engineering

graduates who could get jobs mostly in the concerned disciplines.

Dr.B.Vaseeharan, Director, University Business Collaboration Centre, in his felicitation address, highlighted the vital role of computer in drug design which led to 100 % precision today.

All the Staff Members, Research Scholars and Students of the Department of Computer Science attended the inaugural function. Dr.K.Kuppusamy, Professor, Department of Computer Science, proposed a vote of thanks.

A Hands-on Training Session

Mr.Karthik Venkatraman, Lead Applications Architect, Algorics Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, delivered an expert lecture on the topic “Data Visualization Tools” and interacted with the students. Mr.R.Sivakumar, Software Engineer, Accel Frontline Ltd, Chennai, spoke on the topic “Web Application Development Templates” and provided a hands-on training to the participants. Mr. T.Michael Raj, Associate Software Developer, Banca Sella, Chennai, delivered an invited talk on “Emerging trends in JAVA”.

The Valedictory Function was held on 28-02-2017, Dr.J.Jeyakanthan, Member-Syndicate, Professor & Head, Department of Bioinformatics, presided over the function and delivered the Valedictory Address. Certificates and Merit Certificate for the Toppers were distributed at the event.



Workshop on Public Key Cryptography and Key Distribution

The Department of Computer Science organized a Workshop on “Public Key Cryptography and Key Distribution”, at the Modernized Computer Lab, in Science Campus on 16-02-2017. 100 Students of M.Sc and M.Phil programmes and Research Scholars participated.

At the Inaugural function Dr.E.Ramaraj, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science, welcomed the gathering. Prof.S.R.Subramanya, National University, San Diego, California, USA acted as resource person for the workshop. He demonstrated the working procedure of key exchange algorithms and pointed out the importance of public key algorithms in cryptography. A very useful hands-on training was also provided to the participants.



Students & Research Scholars actively interacted with the expert. Faculty members of the Department of Computer Science made elaborate arrangements for the successful conduct of the Workshop.

Invited Talk

The Department of Computer Science organized an Invited Talk on “IT Trends and Job Opportunities” on 10-03-2017. Mr. S.Muthukarupan, Senior Consultant, Infosys, Chennai, delivered the talk and interacted with the students.



Extension Activities

1. Eight I M.Sc Students participated in the M-Fest 2K17, Symposium organized by the Department of Computer Applications (MCA Association) at Alagappa Chettiar College of Engineering and Technology, Karaikudi, and won cash awards.

2. I M.Sc Students of Computer Science participated in the INTERFACE 2K17, organized by the Association for Computer Excellence at Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed University, Dindigul, and won the First Prize in Paper Presentation.

Lecture on IT Trends and Career Skills

1. Dr.K.Kuppusamy, Professor, Department of Computer Science delivered the key note address in the National Conference on Novel Trends in Computer Science (Techsa – 2017), organized by the Post Graduate Department of Computer Science, Government Arts College for Women, Ramanathapuram on 04-03-2017.
2. Dr.T.Meyyappan, Professor, Department of Computer Science delivered a Lecture on “Green Computing” in the IT Skill Show & International Conference on Advancements in Computing Resources, organized by Alagappa Institute of Skill Development & Computer Centre, Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 16-02-2017.
3. Dr.S.S.Dhenakaran, Professor, Department of Computer Science, delivered the inaugural address at the Symposium conducted by Department of EEE, Department of ECE and Department of CSE, Sri Raaja Raajan College of Engineering and Technology, Amaravathipudur, Karaikudi on 04-03-2017.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

1. Dr. T. Sathiamoorthi, Assistant Professor, submitted a major Research Proposal for seeking fund from MoEF, New Delhi, Government of India (Rs. 26,75,000).
2. Dr. A. Arun, Associate Professor and Head (i/c) and Dr. G. Selvakumar, Assistant Professor, published research papers in reputed journals.
3. Dr. T. Kavitha, Assistant Professor and Women’s Club Coordinator, organized a Fancy Dress show at the Department.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Three-Day Workshop on Developing Proposal for Qualitative Research

The inaugural function of a three-day Workshop on “Developing Proposal for Qualitative Research” was organized under the joint auspices of the

Department of Education, Alagappa University, Karaikudi and the State Educational Research and Training Institute (SCERT), Chennai, on 13.06.2017 at the Seminar Hall of the Central Library of Alagappa University.



Inaugurating the Workshop, Prof. S. Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, said that a teacher should not remain merely as a teacher but should also be a good administrator involving himself in research activities. A teacher must develop interest in studying human behavior, in order to find out the interest, enthusiasm and innate abilities of his students. If teachers possess administrative abilities coupled with research tendencies, the institutions in which they work will certainly develop and progress. He exhorted the teachers to be good educationists to contribute to human welfare. Further he said that research is a careful, scientific, diligent inquiry in order to explore uncovered areas and generate new knowledge useful to the society. Elaborating the two terms he said the quantitative research is based on the measurement of quantity and qualitative research is concerned with the phenomena relating to quality. He emphasized the significance of both. He added that a keen observation, collection of relevant data, identification, analysis and interpretation go into the making of a good and serious research, which should be a well planned procedure and a step-by-step exploration.

Dr. Thirugnanasambandam, Principal, District Institute of Educational Training (DIET), Kalaiyarkoil, delivered the keynote address in which he highlighted the importance of Case Studies of the individual students to find out their abilities so as to guide them properly to develop their potential. All research done by the teachers should concentrate on developing skills in students for a nation's progress.

Dr. P. Sivakumar, Dean, Faculty of Education, Alagappa University; and Dr. Chelladurai, Principal, DIET, Pudukkottai offered felicitations. Mr. Inbaraj, Reader, SCERT, delivered the thematic address.

100 Educationists from various districts of Tamil Nadu participated in the Workshop. Dr. G. Kalaiyaran, Professor and Head i/c., Department of Education, welcomed the gathering. Dr. R. Ramnath, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, proposed a vote of thanks.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE

Annual Day Celebrations

The Annual Day Celebration was organized in the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Science. Students and Staff of the Department and Alagappa University Resource School for the Differently Abled participated in the celebrations. Dr. Sivakumar, Dean, was the Chief Guest for the programme.



Educational Visit

A Field Visit was organized for the students pursuing Special Education Programmes. The learners visited the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities and National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities, Chennai, for three days (4.5.17 to 6.5.17) to know about various intervention

strategies for children with visual impairment. Both B.Ed and M.Ed Special Education I and II year students found the educational visit very valuable as they could gain knowledge on the concept of multiple disabilities, and the ways and means to intervene the students with multiple disabilities.



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக துறைகளுக்கு இடையேயான வருடாந்திர விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகள் பல்கலைக்கழக வளாகத்தில் கடந்த ஒரு மாதமாக நடைபெற்றது. விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகளை நடத்துவதற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை பல்கலைக்கழக உடற்கல்வி இயக்குநர் இரா. செந்தில்குமரன் தலைமையிலான குழுவினர் சிறப்பாக செய்திருந்தனர்.



போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுக்கு பரிசளிப்பு விழா 26-4-2017 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. பல்கலைக்கழக துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கலந்து கொண்டு போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவ மாணவியர்களுக்கு வெற்றி கோப்பை, கேடயம் மற்றும் சான்றிதழ்கள் வழங்கி பாராட்டினார். ஒட்டு மொத்த சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தை ஆங்கிலம் மற்றும் அயல்நாட்டு மொழிகள் துறை பெற்றது. துறைத்தலைவர் (பொ.) பேரா. மதன், உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் எம். நடராசன் ஆகியோருடன் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவ-மாணவிகள் ஒட்டு மொத்த சாம்பியன் பட்டத்தை துணைவேந்தர் அவர்களிடமிருந்து பெற்றுக் கொண்டனர்.

பரிசளிப்பு விழாவில் கலந்து கொண்ட அனைவரையும் கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் (பொ.) முனைவர். அ. பாலு வரவேற்றார். பல்கலைக்கழக உடற்கல்வி இயக்குநர் இரா. செந்தில்குமரன் ஆண்டு அறிக்கை வாசித்து அனைவருக்கும் நன்றி தெரிவித்தார்.

INSTITUTE OF CATERING SCIENCE AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT

5-Day Training Programme on Chettinad Cuisine Preparation

The Institute of Catering Science & Hotel Management, Alagappa University, conducted a five-day training programme for House Wives on "Chettinad Cuisine" preparation from 20.03.17 to 24.03.17.

Prof. S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, presided over the inaugural function. In his presidential address, he referred to the relationship between the Chettinad Culture and its food varieties. He added that the Chettinad food items have all along been very popular all over the world.

Prof. V. Manikavasagam, Dean, Faculty of Management, Alagappa University, delivered the inaugural address. Dr.A.Narayamoorthy, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, offered felicitation.

The practical session was handled by Food Production staff Mr.G.Suresh Kumar, Mr.V.Ramachandran along with Chettinad cuisine famous chef Mr.Nedungudi Manikandan and his team.

The students from Chettinad Public School, Mr.Kittiphon Saiwaew (Thailand), Mr. Roberta Fornarino (Italy) visited the department and interacted with Chef Mr.Nedungudi Manikandan to know about the nuances of preparing the Chettinad food items.

On the 5th day, a cooking competition was conducted for the participants. The participants were divided into four groups. A team of 6 staff members from the Directorate of Distance Education, Alagappa University acted as judges and selected the winner-team after tasting various items prepared by different teams. The result was announced at the valedictory function.

In the valedictory function Prof.V.Balachandran, Registrar (i/c), Alagappa University, delivered the valedictory address. Prof.K.Gurunathan, Member of the Syndicate, Alagappa University, offered felicitations.

The Registrar distributed the Certificates and Prizes to the participants, and winners of the cooking competition. Nedungudi Mr. Manikandan offered silver coins to all the participants.

Prof. R. Ganapathy, Head (i/c), Institute of Catering Science & Hotel Management, welcomed the gathering. Mr.K.P.Karthilingam, Assistant Professor, Institute of Catering Science & Hotel Management, Alagappa University, proposed a vote of thanks.

Differently Abled Students Win Medals in National Games

Differently Abled Students of Alagappa University Resource School, Karaikudi, bagged the Silver and Bronze Medals in the National Games conducted for students with all disabilities by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India and Sports Authority of India, New Delhi. The National Games were held from 5.6.17 to 10.6.17 in Pandit Deenadayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Students from 19 States participated in the National Games. Around 900 athletes participated in a number of events.

42 Differently Abled Students from Tamil Nadu took part in the competitions, out of which 23 participants were from Sivagangai District. Among the 23 students four were from Alagappa University Resource School. Under the Mental Retardation Category, Ms. Divya Bharathi from Alagappa University Resource School received Silver Medal in 100 metre Dash and Bronze Medal in Soft Ball Throw. Under Deaf Category Mr. C. Arunkumar of the same Resource School received Silver Medal in Unified Football. Mr. Karthick, Special Olympic Bharat Tamilnadu Co-ordinator and Ms. Selvinal, Special Educator, accompanied the team.

Prof. S.Subbiah, Vice-Chancellor, congratulated the medal winners on their achievements and also appreciated Ms. Preethi and Mr. Dinesh Kumar on their participation. He had a word of praise for Alagappa University Resource School Coordinator Dr. J. Sujathamalini and Dr. Gunasekaran for their efforts to initiate these differently abled children to participate in the national level sports competitions.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CENTRE FOR HIGHER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

News from the Centre : “I am with Nature” – Programme

“I am with Nature” programme was organised by Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, as part of the celebrations of World Environment Day at Govt. Higher Secondary School, S.S.Kottai, Sivagangai District. The Head Master of the school welcomed the gathering. Ms Chellam, Co-ordinator, Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, in her special address, said that the aim of this programme was to create awareness among the students to appreciate Nature’s beauty, benevolence, her grandeur and importance and also to make them understand the significance of protecting the environment and saving the world from global warming.



She said that Swami Vivekananda implored the people to love Nature and he said having communion with Nature would help them to realise the presence of god whose dwelling, is Nature -- the setting sun, the round ocean, the blue sky and the living air”. Every year June 5th is celebrated as World Environment Day with a new theme. This year the theme is “Connecting People to Nature in the city and on the lands, from the poles to the equator”.



The students led by the Eco-club Co-ordinator, took a pledge that "I am with nature and I will strive to bring harmony between humanity and nature".

World Environment Day Celebrations

Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, Alagappa University, organised World Environment Day Celebrations at Govt. (Boys) Higher Secondary School, Thiruppuvanam, Sivagangai District on 16.06.2017. The Head Master welcomed the gathering. Saplings were planted on the World Environment Day.



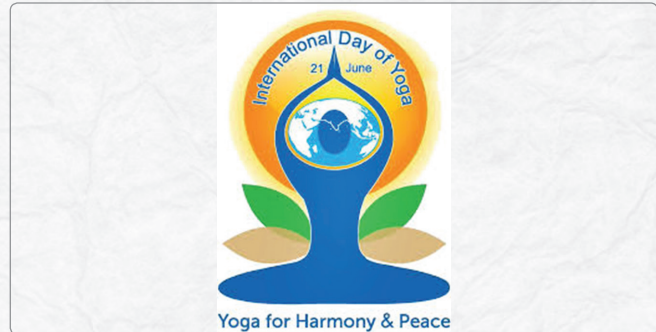
Ms.Chellam, Co-ordinator of Swami Vivekananda Centre, delivered a special lecture on the role of students in protecting the flora and fauna of the earth and making our beautiful planet pollution-free. Referring to Swami Vivekananda's love for Nature, she said, as a monk, he wandered through the thick forests, snowy mountains, swam the deep seas, appreciating the majesty of the bounty of God, Nature.

She added that World Environment Day is a day for everyone and everywhere. Let us strive all together to "Connecting People to Nature". Let all the people and the nations of the world understand the platitude "All for one and one for all".

The programme ended with an interactive session with the students in which Ms.Chellam clarified doubts raised by the students.



International Yoga Day



The International Yoga Day was celebrated at A.C. Higher Secondary School, Pallathur, Sivagangai District, in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Centre for Higher Research and Education, Alagappa University, Karaikudi. After the Head Master's welcome speech, the boys of the school demonstrated various kinds of Yogasanas. Ms. Chellam, Co-ordinator of Swami Vivekananda Centre, gave a special talk on the topic "Yoga for Harmony and Peace."



The theme of this year is 'Yoga for health.' This theme gains added importance as it highlights the many benefits of yoga that leads to the mental and physical well-being. Yoga is a science that dates back to 5,000 years and all the practices involved in it aim at creating a proper balance between the mind and the body.

Swami Vivekananda encouraged young men and women to practise Yoga and Meditation to achieve their goals in life and attain Universal Brotherhood.



DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION



Paper Presented at the International Forum

Prof. P. Sivakumar, Director i/c, DDE and Dean Faculty of Education, attended the International Leadership Forum for Visionary Leadership for Digital Transformation: Higher Education for the Sustainable World We Want held on 24th May, 2017 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. Dr. Sivakumar presented a paper with the title "UYOT Initiative and Managing Technological Adaptation among Teachers." His participation was by invitation. The event was organized by D-Transform and ICDE and it was hosted by UNESCO and attended by more than hundred international delegates. Participants were mainly key persons in Government, Rectors, Presidents and Deans from Higher Education Institutions, Private Sector Actors and Partner Organisations. A call for action on the key opportunities and issues for fostering and implementing good governance and visionary leadership for digital transformation in Higher Education was made at the event. The event issued a clear and succinct message for visionary leadership for digital transformation.

STAFF RECREATION CLUB

சிரிப்போம் சிந்திப்போம்

காரைக்குடி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழக ஆசிரியர் அலுவலர் மனமகிழ் மற்றும் சார்பாக "சிரிப்போம் சிந்திப்போம்" என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு 26.4.2017 அன்று லெ.சித.லெ. பழனியப்பச் செட்டியார் நினைவரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது.

அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேரா. சொ. சுப்பையா அவர்கள் தலைமையுரையாற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில், ஆசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் அலுவலர்களின் மனமகிழ்ச்சிக்காக மனமகிழ் மன்றத்தின் சார்பில் தொடர்ந்து பல்வேறு

நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டு வருவது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது என்றார். பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் வளர்ச்சிக்காக தொடர்ந்து பணியாற்றிக் கொண்டிருக்கும் ஆசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் அலுவலர்களின் மனமகிழ்விற்காகவும், தங்களது பணிகளை மன அழுத்தமின்றி சிறப்பாக செய்வதற்கும் பயனளிக்கும் வகையில் இச்சொற்பொழிவு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது எனத் தெரிவித்தார்.



மதுரை தியாகராசர் கல்லூரி தகைசால் பேராசிரியர் கலைமாமணி முனைவர் கு. ஞானசம்பந்தன் அவர்கள் "சிரிப்போம் சிந்திப்போம்" என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில், அன்றாட வேலைகளை நாம் திட்டமிட்டு செயல்படுத்தினால், மனஅழுத்தமின்றி சிறப்பாக செய்யமுடியும் என்பதனை பல்வேறு உதாரணங்களுடன் எடுத்துரைத்தார். பழைய திரைப்படங்களில் இடம்பெற்றுள்ள பாடல் வரிகளை எடுத்துக்கூறி, அந்த பாடல்கள் மனித வாழ்வை செம்மைப்படுத்துவதற்கு எவ்வாறெல்லாம் இன்றுவரை தொடர்ந்து பயன்படுகிறது என்பதை சுட்டிக்காட்டினார். பெண்கள் பணிபுரியும் இடங்களிலும், தங்களது குடும்பத்திலும் சந்திக்கும் அன்றாட பிரச்சனைகள் குறித்தும், அவற்றிலிருந்து விடுபட்டு மனஅழுத்தமின்றி வாழ எவ்வாறெல்லாம் செயல்படவேண்டும் என்பதற்கு சிரிப்போடு கலந்த பல செய்திகளை உதாரணங்களுடன் குறிப்பிட்டுப் பேசினார்.

பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ.) முனைவர் வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். ஆசிரியர் அலுவலர் மனமகிழ் மன்றத்தின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் பேரா. கு.ரா. முருகன் நன்றி கூறினார். பல்கலைக்கழக ஆசிரியர்களும், அலுவலர்களும் இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் திரளாக கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

National Service Scheme

இந்திய அரசின் இளைஞர் நலன் மற்றும் விளையாட்டுகள் அமைச்சகம், நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட மண்டல இயக்குநரகம், சென்னையின் சார்பில் 2015-16 ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான தேசிய இளந்தலைவர்கள் திட்ட



விருது வழங்கும் நிகழ்ச்சி அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகப் பட்டமளிப்பு விழாக் கலையரங்கில் 27-4-2017 அன்று நடைபெற்றது.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சிக்குத் தலைமை தாங்கிய பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ.) பேரா. வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் தம் உரையில், தேசிய இளந்தலைவர்கள் திட்ட விருது வழங்கப்படுவதன் மூலம் இந்தியாவில் வாழும் இளைஞர்கள் ஊக்கப்படுத்தப்படுகின்றனர் என்று கூறினார். இந்தியாவில் இளைஞர்கள் அதிக அளவில் இருப்பதால் இவ்விருது மிகவும் பொருத்தமானது என்றும் கூறினார். நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்டம் “எனக்காக அல்ல உங்களுக்காக” என்னும் பொதுநலத் தொண்டை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டது என்றும் கூறினார். மேலும், நாட்டு நலப்பணித் திட்டம் இளைஞர்களிடையே மற்றவர்களுக்குச் சேவை செய்ய வேண்டியதன் அவசியத்தையும், சேவை செய்வதற்கான பல்வேறு வழிமுறைகளையும், மனதில் உயர்ந்த எண்ணங்களையும் உருவாக்குவதில் பெரும்பங்கு வகிக்கின்றது. உயர்ந்த எண்ணங்களையும், சமுதாயத்திற்குச் சேவைபுரிய வேண்டும் என்ற குறிக்கோளையும், ஒவ்வொரு தன்னார்வத் தொண்டர்களும் வளர்த்துக் கொள்வதன் மூலம் பிற்காலத்தில் அவர்கள் மிகச் சிறந்த தலைவர்களாக உருவாக முடியும் என்பதில் எந்தவித ஐயமும் இல்லை என்று கூறினார்.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் சிறப்புரையாற்றிய சென்னை, நாட்டு நலப்பணித் திட்ட மண்டல இயக்குநர் திரு. சாமுவேல் செல்லையா மனிதனை மனிதனாக மாறச் செய்வது நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்டம் என்றும், நல்லதைப் பேசுவது, நல்லதைச் செய்வது நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்டம் என்றும் தன்னலமற்ற தொண்டின் மூலம் அனைவரும் மகிழ்ச்சியை அடையலாம் என்றும் கூறினார். மாணவ-மாணவிகள் அனைவரும் பிறருக்கு உதவும் நல்லெண்ணத்தை வளர்த்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும் எனவும் கேட்டுக் கொண்டார்.

இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து பதிவாளர் பேரா. வி. பாலச்சந்திரன் தேர்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட கல்வி நிறுவனம் மற்றும் திட்ட அலுவலர்களுக்குத் தேசிய இளந்தலைவர்கள்



திட்ட விருதுகளை வழங்கிச் சிறப்பித்தார். முதற் பரிசாக ரூ.35,000.- க்கான வரைவுக் காசோலையும் சான்றிதழும் திரு. ஏ.எஸ். அருள்சாமி, திட்ட அலுவலர், ஸ்ரீ சேவுகன் அண்ணாமலை கல்லூரி, தேவகோட்டை அவர்களுக்கும், இரண்டாம் பரிசாக ரூ.30,000.- க்கான வரைவுக் காசோலையும் சான்றிதழும் முனைவர் பி. சீனிவாசன், திட்ட அலுவலர், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகம், காரைக்குடி அவர்களுக்கும், மூன்றாம் பரிசாக ரூ.25,000.- க்கான வரைவுக் காசோலையும் சான்றிதழும் திருமதி ஆர். சிவகாமி, திட்ட அலுவலர், டாக்டர் உமையாள் இராமநாதன் பெண்கள் கல்லூரி, காரைக்குடி அவர்களுக்கும் வழங்கப்பட்டன. அவற்றை விருது பெற்ற கல்லூரிகளின் முதல்வர்கள், நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் தொண்டர்கள் பெற்றுக் கொண்டனர். நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட அலுவலர்களின் மேம்பாட்டுக்கு ரொக்கப் பரிசுத் தொகையைப் பயன்படுத்தும் வகையில் வரைவுக் காசோலைகள் அந்தந்தக் கல்வி நிறுவன முதல்வர் பதிவாளர் பெயரில் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் பல்கலைக்கழகத் துறைத் தலைவர்கள், கல்லூரி முதல்வர்கள், நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் தொண்டர்கள் திரளாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர். முன்னதாக, நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் சு. இராசாராம் அனைவரையும் வரவேற்றார். நாட்டு நலப்பணித்திட்ட அலுவலர் முனைவர் ஜே. விமலா நன்றி கூறினார்.

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