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Newsletter



Interpreting the Rules and Regulations in Volley ball



A Two day workshop on *interpretation of rules and regulations in volley ball* was held at Salem Periyar University on 4th and 5th of August.

Benny Goonge, referee of the Indian Volleyball Federation and Samitha, referee of India Federation from Salem district interacted with the participants.

On behalf of World Laughter Yoga Federation and Periyar University, Samidhas was honoured by Gopalananda with Volleyball Guard Award for developing enthusiastic Indian sportspersons for more than 30 years, promoting the sport at the state district level and being selected as an international volleyball referee.

Anandan (President), Manokaran (Chairman) and Tamilarasan (Secretary) of Salem District Volleyball Club also decored the event with their gracious presence.

Memories of Freedom Struggle



The Department of Sociology organized a one-day lecture program on *Indian and Tamilnadu freedom fighters* on 13th August 2022.

The veteran freedom fighter Thirumathi M. Sivagiammal who was a part of Netaji's Indian National Army graced the occasion.

Vice-chancellor Prof. R. Jagannathan presided over the event. In the presidential address, Prof. R. Jagannathan Vice-Chancellor told that the university is planning to identify the freedom fighters from the four districts under Periyar University jurisdiction and published a book about their contributions towards Independence.

In the event, freedom fighter, Sivagiammal sang a song that was performed before Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Further, the freedom fighter shared her experience during the freedom struggle period with students.



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Freedom Fighters' Photo Exhibition

Periyar University organized a Photo Exhibition of the various freedom fighters on 5th of August. The exhibition was inaugurated by University Vice-Chancellor Prof. R. Jagannathan. The exhibition displayed the portraits of freedom fighters like Omalur Semmalai Padayatchi, Namakkal Kavignar, Rajaji, Subramania Siva, Ramasamy, Kalinannan, Iswaran, Mohan Kumaramangalam, Subbarao, Varadarajulu Naidu, Vijayaragavachariar, Pollaan and various other soldiers who fought hard against the British regime.

Omalur Semmalai Padayachi had acted as the right hand of Theeran Chinnamalai and executed dheeran Chinnamalai's war plans. More particularly he refused to pay taxes to the British, and also took the tax money from the British and gave it back to the common people. The bravery of the Omalur Semmalai drove the British away.

In the inaugural session Prof. R. Jagannathan,



Vice-Chancellor highlighted the contributions of the freedom fighters who belong to the Salem region. Further he added that Periyar University is engaged in the task of informing the bravery of great Salem freedom fighters to the present and future generation. He also noted that the University is planning to identify more than 100 freedom fighters from the Salem district and their families to honour them.

Prof. R. Balagurunathan, Registrar (FAC) mentioned in his note that all arrangements are being made to celebrate the 76th Independence day grandly.

Anniversary tribute



Muthamizh Arignar Dr. Kalaaignar's Memorial Day was observed at the Periyar University premises. Dr. R Balagurunathan, Registrar (FAC) paid his tribute by garlanding the portrait of Kalaaignar.

Students and faculties from various Departments took part in this event to pay their respect to the veteran leader and the former five times Chief Minister of the state. The event took place at the main building. The Kalaaignar Research Centre of Periyar University organized the event.

Model Park for Non-Conventional Energy applications

The Departments of the varsity continuously register their foot prints in the sphere of research.

The Department of Geology, Periyar University had discovered, prepared and presented the required rocky particles to ISRO's Mangalyaan Mars rover research. The Departments of the University is also involved in conducting various types of research such as finding a cure for HIV, Tuberculosis etc.

The Department of Energy Studies of Periyar University is pursuing a research on the production and usage of electricity in alternative ways. Further, it is also creating awareness among the people about the production and use of non-conventional energy. Accordingly, a modern park for generating and using electricity from solar, wind, garbage, bio-



gas and waste material has been set up at the University campus.

Various new research ventures, such as irrigation of the water by solar power, water heating through the solar tree and solar light, cooking with biogas and running electric household appliances are in vogue.

Researchers from various educational institutes, school students and college students are much interested in visiting this park.

Higher education officials, University Grant Committee and many others who have seen this energy park have expressed their appreciation.

Anti Drug Awareness programme

A drive against drug addiction programme was held at the Periyar University on 14th of August for the university students. Enlightening the students about the hazards of Drug usage, Salem city Police Commissioner, Najmul Hoda who participated in the programme delivered a speech adorning the event.

Prof. Balagurunathan, Registrar (FAC) welcomed the gathering. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. Jagannathan presided over the event. In his address he asked the students



to help in the creation of a prosperous future generation without drugs. Following this, City Police Commissioner Najmul Hoda administered the anti-narcotics awareness pledge in Tamil. All the students, teaching as well as non-teaching staff and the police officers took the pledge.

The city Commissioner

in his speech said, 'Students should take the drug pledge from the heart, not from the lips. If there is a sale of narcotics, it should be reported immediately to the police control room to prevent it'. More than thousand students participated in the programme.



An induction programme for the freshers of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the Periyar University was held on 22-08-2022.

Prof. S. Nandakumar, *Head of Department*, initiated the gathering with his welcome address and was inaugurated by the Registrar Dr. R. Balagurunathan who stated the importance of the course by quoting “ the social media networks are now providing more news to the people compared to the main stream media. Before confirming the authenticity of a news story, it spreads across many social groups through social media and the media should publish more

Orienting the budding Journalists

positive news to change the situation.”

Prof. J.Venkatachalam, Dean of Social Sciences adorned the occasion with his special address which was followed by an interactive session between the students and the veteran Journalists R.S. Shaktivel and S. Mohanraj, S.D. Kumaresan and G. Vijaya Kumar who decked the workshop.

The entire event was an ice breaking moment for the freshers who have recently enrolled themselves to the discipline. The students were given an opportunity to interact with the journalists after their addresses. The interactive session helped the students to know the contemporary issues in the media field.

The event was rested by Dr. R. Subramani with his Vote of Thanks, which was preceded by an interaction with the faculties of the Department viz., Dr. Maa. Thamizhparithi and Dr. M Anuradha.

Wonders of Brain

The Department of Education conducted a one day national seminar on *Perspective of Cognitive Psychology in Teaching and Learning* on 24.08.2022. In her the Inaugural Address, the Chief Guest, Prof. A. Jahitha Begum, *Professor and Head*, Department of Education, Gandigram Rural Institute talked about the wonders of Brain in teaching and learning. In his presidential address Prof. R.Jagannathan, Vice Chancellor, talked about the importance of psychology and education.

Dr. C. Murugan, *Professor and Head (i/c)* welcomed the gathering, Dr. K. Dhanalaksmi, *Professor*, Department of Education explained about the theme of the Seminar. Then, Dr. K. Nachimuthu, *Professor*, Department of Education,



delivered the Vote of thanks. More than 100 B.Ed. and M.Ed. students across different educational institutions participated in the seminar and were given participation certificates.

Psychology: Professionally emerging and evolving industry

Psychology graduates are well-placed in institutions like prison departments, colleges, and universities. 30% of the students turn into entrepreneurs by running their own psychological counseling centers. Besides, Psychology is popular on the campus through its world mental health day awareness events. World Mental Health Day is celebrated across the world on October 10 and so does the department of psychology. On that day along with Students Counseling Cell Mental Health Awareness Rally, Counseling Kiosk, Short Film Release, etc are organized to create mental health awareness programme. One of the most sought-after Supportive Courses is psychology where students across disciplines come and participate. The most required skill for a psychology graduate is the therapeutic and counseling skills and the department often organizes workshops, at least 3 a year, so as to train the students on such skills. It also has conducted National and International level events. In order to enhance the skills among the teachers, Faculty Development Programmes are also conducted.

The department is specialized in Clinical Hypnotherapy and Cognitive Behavior Therapy. Prof. S.Kadhiravan has received Beck Institute's (USA) fellowship for attending a hands-on training programme on Cognitive Behavior Therapy.

The department has student diversity and students from Kerala, Karnataka, Kolkata, New Delhi, etc. apply and join. In terms of service to society the faculty members, research scholars and students provide counseling services for needy people. The department is running a psychological counseling center on its premises where prison inmates, people from the general public, students from institutions, admin staff, etc., get their wellness enhanced. Psychological Assessments of the referrals by the Juvenile Justice Board are also done. Further students and faculty members visit Tribal hamlets in Rasipuram and offered counseling

services and guidance to their high and middle schools. During COVID-19 lockdown online/ mobile counseling sessions were offered.

The department has signed Memorandums of Understanding between 5 mental health institutes where mutual services are shared. Thus, Post-graduate students get the opportunity to do their internship. Students undergo internships and get practical exposure to Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Mental Illness (Psychotic & Neurotic), Neurological Disorders, Rehabilitation of Children with intellectual and Behavioural issues. The department has well equipped Psychological Lab with apparatuses, measurements, tests, inventories, questionnaires, etc. The department also has a well-stocked library with standard textbooks that are an essential requirement for higher learning.

Students are offered peer coaching for NET & SLET. Every year at least one student pass in the NET/SLET exams and students secure UGC-JRF, UGC RGF, ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship, and NCERT Doctoral Fellowship. The Green Club of the department plants and maintains saplings.

Dr. S. Kadhiravan has received research grants recently from the Dept of Social Welfare, Govt of Tamilnadu to execute a project on "The causes of early child marriages in Dharmapuri District". As for as the research output is concerned, various psychological tools (about 11) and counseling modules are developed and applied. Thus the department of Psychological offers various services to the individual, academia, society at large, and to the general body of knowledge.

Besides, Dr. D. V. Nithyanandan and Dr. J. Parameswari are part of a major state level police well being programme that offers counselling services for police officers and their family members. It is a first of its kind programme in our country run by the government of Tamilnadu and National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Science (NIMHANS).

76th Independence Day in the Varsity

The 76th Independence Day of Mother India was celebrated with great joy and patriotic fervour across the campus involving many departments. We got independence because many Freedom Fighters and Leaders took marches across the length and breadth of the Country to sensitize commoners about its importance. In order to commemorate such endeavors and feel the pain of such efforts the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. R.Jagannathan took a travel about 210 kms. to meet the surviving freedom fighters' families.

Various events were also organized on the campus. The security guards (former soldiers), and NSS volunteers gave the Guard of Honour to the Vice Chancellor. Accepting it Prof. R.Jagannathan hoisted the national flag.



Excerpts from his 76th Independence Day speech: Periyar University always ranks one among the 100 best universities in the National Institutional Ranking Framework where in the recent ranking it has moved up from 73 to 63. It has also secured A++ in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council's assessment and stood second at the all India level among other Government universities.

Periyar University always develops fine infrastructure facilities to make teaching-learning

comfortable for students and in future the welfare of teachers and staff will be enhanced.

Later, he honored the family members of the Freedom Fighters by awarding them the certificates. He also distributed prizes for the winners of the competitions, namely, Elocution, Essay Writing, and Poetry and of various cultural events to commemorate the 76th Independence day and the diamond jubilee year of Indian Independence Day (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav).

Prof. R. Balagurunathan, Registrar (FAC), Prof. S. Kadhiravan, CoE (FAC), Deans, Professors, Scholars and Students participated in the celebrations.

Later, led by Prof. R.Jagannathan, Vice Chancellor, a delegation visited the families at their houses located in Chennagiri near Attayam Patty, Konda-laampatty, Thillai Nagar, Pachchapatty, Ayothiyya Pattanam of Salem District. He honoured them with a Shield, National Flag, Fruit Bowl, and Memento.

Besides he also visited and honored 95 year old freedom Fighter M.R. Sreenivasan in Irula Patty village of Dharmapuri District.

7 spouses of the martyrs who participated in the freedom struggle are living in various parts of Salem District and to commemorate the 76th Independence day and diamond jubilee year of Indian Independence celebration the Vice Chancellor visited all the 7 noble souls and honoured them in person travelling about 210 kms.

