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We are in the cusp of modernity and tradition. Technological explosion is bursting at its seams. Curriculum is being constantly modified. The graduates need to keep updated on developments in all spheres. This is the time to rethink on student training to make them employable. As a result of their graduation they must become knowledgeable and be more responsive to the societal demands. This is the biggest challenge in teaching – learning.

The way people interacted both interpersonally and in the society has metamorphosed. The presence of the all pervading social media in our midst has closed the traditional channels and opened up new vistas. This places an obligation for the students to be abreast of the development and adopt to the ever growing, at a pace unfathomable even to the social pundits, demands of communication. This is vital for survival both in professional and social circles. Unless the students hone their human communication skills with an acceptable linguistic competence, it will be very difficult to face the issues in those arena with the lack of interpersonal adeptness.

Periyar University curriculum design and development is both nebulous and also in a state of flux. It is being tweaked and changed to suit the growing needs the primary reason for the introduction of Outcome Based Learning. This method places a premium on the objectives both micro and macro and goals to be achieved at both – course and programme levels.

A lot of thinking has gone into the designing the doctoral programmes to combat issues arising out of plagiarism crating original work, writing in acceptable research formats and the process in which the scholars are put through. This will hopefully help the Periyar University facilitate generation of quality research output that will have bearing on the social and holistic development.

NSS, RRC and YRC have marched forward with more commitment. Village adoption scheme which is unique to Periyar University has been given a fillip. Incubation centre has come up and the auditorium is given a facelift; Animal House will be a boost to the biological research with animal specimens, in strict adherence to ethics; biodiversity park houses medicinal and exotic varieties in the campus; one more science block and a ladies hostel annexe are added in the campus and the guest house can accommodate more guests. All out efforts have gone into making the campus eco-friendly. Vehicle shelters have sprung up in the campus to safe keep both two and four wheelers.

## Multidisciplinary approach in Teaching-Learning Process

As the world of teaching and learning has entered the era of super specialty domains, Dr. Sudha Seshayyan, the Vice Chancellor of the Tamilnadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai stressed the need to integrate knowledge from multiple disciplines to make learning more meaningful in specialized fields. She explained that “the models of teaching have evolved into systematization, experimentation and collaboration and it is the duty of the teachers to invoke the ability of abstraction in the student’s mind for their benefit” in the 11th Faculty Lecture Series, organized by Periyar University, Salem.

Due to systematization, too many specializations have evolved in the medical field and education has reduced the opportunity of the medical students to see the human body as a whole and this applies in other fields too. She is of the view that “unless the learners are equipped to appreciate the purpose and implications of the concept, understanding will always remain superficial”. Medical students are not taught the importance of language, even though we are convinced that without language the entire process of education will be reduced to an incoherent collection of information. In order to bridge the

technological gap with the students, it is imperative for the teachers to adapt to the ever growing needs of the environment as dictated by newer life style practices. The first step in this direction would be to understand that truth can remain submerged in all perspectives. It is the responsibility of the teacher to push the students to broaden their horizon through lateral thinking and abstraction.

She is of the view that the new education policy gives thrust to collaboration and team work and teachers should rather nourish the ability to troubleshoot the obstacles in delivering the contents, for which they need to adapt a collaborative method of teaching. Real life applications from across the disciplines can be summoned to the class rooms for better teaching-learning experience. Explaining from multiple sources will give an awakening experience. Further she acknowledged that, in the fast paced world there is hardly any time for mentoring the students. But, integrity in the minds of the students can be driven only through the life lived by the teachers with professional magnanimity and a tinge of austerity in ethics. The session concluded with a discussion.



Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor of Periyar University honored Special Invitee and Dr. V. Sangeetha, Professor and Head, Department of English, Periyar University, welcomed the gathering.



## Help to Create Wise Society and Not Just Knowledge Society

### Padma Bhushan Prof. B.M. Hegde



reward both for the teachers as well as for their institution. He advised teachers to focus more on research that refutes the existing knowledge than indulging in research that reaffirms it.

Being an Allopathic Doctor, he promotes a range of alternative medicines from Ayurveda to Naturopathy. On master health check up, he advised not to go to any doctor unless they have

Padma Bhushan Prof. B.M. Hegde advised teachers to facilitate creating wise human beings than just knowledge beings for the betterment of the society at the 10th Faculty Lecture Series on Recent trends in Teaching, Learning, and Research in Universities organized by Periyar University on 29th July, 2019. He contended that teachers are the back bone of any university and not its structures or facilities. Teachers can serve as role models to the students and motivate them by cultivating their minds through being an ultimate authority in the respective subjects.

Further, he stated that only those teachers who love their profession can involve their students in the class and be successful in life and suggested for a teacher centric learning environment. To be a head of the class, teachers are expected to update their knowledge constantly and by doing so, they can help the university to get universal recognition and it is the ultimate form of

symptoms of any illness. As there are only average criteria for diagnose and treatment, He is of the view that individuals can be labeled as patients even without illness, he lamented the situation for medical profession becoming money making business to many hospitals and doctors alike. These days, it's hard to find honest doctors providing the best treatment at minimum tests and expenses. Regarding the changing trends in food habits of our people, he sounded caution on palieo and millet based diets and suggested normal and regular Indian diet coupled with a healthy mindset for maintaining our good health. The session ended with a question and answer session on the medical awareness among the faculty members.

Earlier, Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor of Periyar University honoured Prof. B.M. Hegde while Prof. P. Kumaradhas, Head of Physics Department welcomed the gathering.





Periyar University Inter Collegiate Weight Lifting Tournament



SDAT - Inter University State Handball Tournament



Periyar University Inter Collegiate Cross Country Race

## Nanotechnology plays a big role in health and well being



A three day lecture cum workshop on Nanotechnology in Anti-Oxidant Research for Health and Human Wellness was held in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics during 24-26, July 2019.

Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor, Periyar University inaugurated the workshop. He stated that the size of the nanoparticles make it easy to handle in research and is easily adaptable. Richard Foyman found out nanoparticles in the late 1956 but research did not take off immediately.

With the advent of development in related fields, nano research has become popular these days and it is prevalent in areas like engineering and medicine particularly to combat diabetes.

Prof. Nazni welcomed the gathering while Dr. Arivuchudar, Assistant Professor proposed the vote of thanks.

Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor inaugurated another national workshop on medical nutrition therapy for cancer held during 12-13, Sep 2019. Change in food pattern and developing healthy routine in daily life can effectively postpone such occurrences among common folks.

Daphne Balan in his presidential address pointed out the wrong food habits with little or no daily physical exercise, eating non vegetarian food and sedatory life style are the reasons for increasing occurrence of cancer. Sticking on to vegetarian diet with millets and adequate water commensurate with ones height and weight may keep one healthy.

## Enrich Vocabulary and Communication skills to live a fuller life

Prof. N. Krishnaswamy and Prof. Lalitha Krishnaswamy Endowment inaugural Lecture was organised by Department of English, Periyar University, Salem on 10.07.2019.

Prof.P.Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor in his presidential address appreciated the department for organising the endowment inauguration and the first endowment lecture at the appropriate time. He further advised the students to enrich their vocabulary, communication skills and writing skills. English plays a dual role – as literature it imparts values and connects cultures across countries and as language enhances communication skills. He encouraged the students to learn as many languages as possible. Through the Language Lab, Department of English would be imparting communication skills to students from other departments, he added. He thanked Prof. N. Krishnaswamy and Prof. Lalitha Krishnaswamy for the three lakhs and fifty thousand rupees endowment created in the Department of English.

Prof. N. Krishnaswamy in his Inaugural Address insisted on how English and Communication Skills can be taught through Indian texts and culture. Prof. H. Kalpana

Rao, Head, Department of English, Pondicherry University, in her Endowment Lecture The Role of Classical Texts in World Literature focussed on the



significance of classics, their role in World Literature, how Indian epics and classics excel beyond Western perception. She drew examples from Silapaddikaram and concluded stating how the Tamil epic inculcated human and moral values.

Dr.V. Sangeetha, Professor and Head, welcomed the gathering and Dr.S. Boopathi proposed the vote of thanks.



## AIDS Awareness Day Rally



The World AIDS day Awareness Program was organized on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2019 jointly by the Youth Red Cross and Red Ribbon Club of Periyar University. The Vice Chancellor Prof.P. Kolandaivel, flagged off the AIDS Awareness rally for the teaching, non- teaching staff and students who also took pledge. About 1000 students participated. The Registrar i/c and the Controller of the Examinations i/c participated.

## First DSc from Periyar University for HIV drug research

The first Doctor of Science (D.Sc) thesis submitted to Periyar University has explored a single drug for the first time in the world to combat both TB and HIV involving 7 bioactive molecules with different biological activities, 38 different actinobacterial species including 3 identified in Indian subcontinent for the first time. This will provide relief for HIV, tuberculosis and leptospirosis infections.

First public viva voce for Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) degree of Periyar University, Salem has been completed by Dr. R. Balagurunathan, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology, Periyar University, Salem on 25.09.2019 and his thesis focused on "Rare Indian Actinobacterial Isolates for Biomedical, Environmental and Nanotechnological applications".

Microbial resources remain at the zenith in the various natural product drug discovery programmes as well as in industrial and environmental applications. Actinobacteria are the group of multi shaped structures predominantly filamentous bacteria which exist in wide range of normal and extreme environments ranging from tall mountain to deep sea. They play a vital role in the biogeochemical recycling of dead and delayed matters and recalcitrant substances. The earthy smell coming out during the first rains is due to the chemical substance called "geosmin" produced by certain members of this bacterial group.

From the pharmaceutical point of view, more than 50% of microbial bioactive products and nearly 80% drugs available in the market are produced from members of this group of bacteria notably from the genus *Streptomyces*. However, in recent years the novelty of drug discovery from actinobacteria is decreasing due to the probing of routine terrestrial ecosystems for drug producing actinobacteria. In turn, exploring extreme ecosystems leads to the isolation of new/novel actinobacteria. Such actinobacteria from rare/extreme ecosystem will in turn have the higher probability of producing novel antibiotics and other drugs. This could be as an adaptive mechanism of the microbe to survive under the extreme conditions.



Our country is bestowed with different rare ecosystems coupled with excellent eco-climatic conditions. Actinobacteria from these ecosystems are the treasure house for novel bioactive products and applications. However they are under investigated so far and needs extensive exhaustive research initiatives.

Dr. R. Balagurunathan and his team of doctoral researchers, scholars and students have investigated different rare ecosystems like desert, forest, caves, marine and mountain terrains to study the diversity and biomedical, environmental and nanotechnological potentials of actinobacteria. In the last 17 years they have isolated around 1034 actinobacterial cultures from 10 different types of samples collected from 6 different states in our country. As an outcome he has reported 7 bioactive molecules with different biological activities, 38 different including 3 novel actinobacterial species. Even he has explored actinobacteria for the first time for certain properties like metal and metal oxide nanoparticle synthesis, biohydrogen and bioelectricity production using different waste materials. He has also produced more than 13 Doctoral students and 100 post graduates in actinobacterial research. The tangible transnational outcome of his two decades of research clearly demonstrates the opportunities and challenges in actinobacterial research in India. There is colossal scope and umpteen avenues remain open for young and enthusiastic microbiologists to take up active research to explore actinobacteria from Indian rare ecosystems.



## Campus should foster academic cooperation and nurture the spirit of innovation : Justice Sathasivam

The nineteenth convocation was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019 in which the former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India and formerly Governor of Kerala, Justice P. Sathasivam delivered the convocation address. The Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of Periyar University, Shri Banwarilal Purohit, the Pro-Chancellor of Periyar University and Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Govt. of Tamilnadu Thiru K.P.Anbalagan and Mangat Ram Sharma, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu were present. Prof. P. Kolandaivel, the Vice Chancellor of Periyar University welcomed the gathering. Here is the excerpts from his convocation address;

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Chancellor and Pro Chancellor of the university to enhance the quality and status of state universities in Tamil Nadu, the Higher Education profile of the state has improved much. Tamil Nadu has become more vibrant paying more attention to implementation of welfare programmes and the wellbeing of the state.

At the outset, I thank the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Prof. P. Kolandaivel, the Vice Chancellor of this University as well as the Members of Syndicate for giving me this opportunity to deliver the 19<sup>th</sup> Convocation Address of this university.

In the short span of two decades the university has, through its performance, obtained honors from the apex educational bodies of our country. To state a few, the university was accredited with "A" grade and consistently placed below 100 in the

National Ranking Frame Work and it has bagged 68th the rank in NIRF 2019 among the universities in India.

The automation of administration, online admissions and payment of fees, introduction of value based programmes and online programmes SWAYAM and MOOC portal under MHRD, Government of India are some of the innovative ventures undertaken by this university which merit great appreciation. The Vice Chancellor after assuming office has sizably increased the utility space and constructed additional buildings for the departments, effected purchase of sophisticated equipments worth few crores for research and development, established a common computing centre with wi-fi connectivity and state of the art software and common instrumentation facility. Vocational courses on Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence are some of the major endeavours taken by this university recently. Periyar University has mobilized extensive funds from the central and state schemes and projects which will help further expansion of the university. I am sure that these things will be well utilized by all the stakeholders of the university and it may facilitate enhancement of Periyar University's status at the National and International levels in future.

Today, India has the largest number of youth in employable age. Our institutions have to concentrate on imparting skills that would help our youth to corner the emerging global opportunities. Innovation and Research should be the keywords in the higher education sector in the coming years and should remain above mere Industry requirements. The industry may offer many career openings in the software sector, but our institutions should think above those levels and concentrate on research and innovation. Innovation and research should also manifest through scholarly journals and publications with high impact factor.

Today's trend among our youth is to go in for start-up ventures for which we have developed a good ecosystem. Many youngsters are coming up with business enterprises which are driven by new technology. To motivate them, we need more active linkage between the Industry and the academia. Our banks must also be lenient to incubation and start-up ventures.

Innovation is the key to industrial and technological success. At present, programmes like "Start-up India" and "Digital India" have

installed in our youth, a greater vigor and enthusiasm to pursue innovative ideas.

I have always felt that the practice of any party particularly political party does not suit a campus atmosphere. What we need in campuses is not aggression or violence, but the spirit of academic co-operation and healthy intellectual exchanges.

Society may not ask us for help; it is for us to serve it at the time and in the way we deem suitable. And, we cannot go wrong, because the education that our society has given us has certainly equipped us with the sense to realize how and when to act. Let me wish all of you the strength and willingness to serve society without its asking.

Our universities have always been catalysts for change not only in the scientific and economic areas, but also in bringing social change. Our Constitution, through its Directive Principles, urges us to develop scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform. It is through the Universities that we should nurture the spirit of reform by using knowledge to provide scientific and technical services that people actually need. It is our social obligation, too, because the infrastructure we use for our education is provided by the society, to which we must give our share in return. For this, the Research Departments in Universities must reach out to people, because people may be hesitant to demand our services. Adoption of villages on a long term basis could be one way of reaching out to people. Remember: Better outreach builds better trust.

Universities should try to develop the Campus as self sustainable entity in the matter of energy and water conservation and waste disposal. The measures taken by Universities for Green Technologies, Solar Energy, Environment Audit and Energy Audit should be shared with each other with the objective of converting University Campus into a Model Campus.

June 21<sup>st</sup> day was proposed as Yoga Day by our Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the United Nations General Assembly in 2014, because June 21<sup>st</sup> is the longest day of the year in the



Northern Hemisphere and has special importance in many parts of the world. That this Resolution was endorsed by a record number of 175 member States, points to the universal appeal of Yoga.

The International Day of Yoga raises awareness about Yoga, which is a physical, mental and spiritual activity which helps us to cultivate a balanced attitude in life and enables us to perform our actions in a better way. Yoga brings peace to our mind, health to our body. It signifies the unity of thought and action and shows a holistic path to health and well-being. Yoga is one of the components in the Life Skills curriculum developed by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

India which is home to more young people than any other country has an advantage to drive economic growth and potential man power. The abundance of trained youths especially in information technology and scientists working in space research and other allied areas are the pride of our nation and they are exemplarily performing on a par with the developed countries.

Today is the greatest occasion in your life and the passport to fly on the wings of the knowledge is to be issued shortly; I mean the degree or the diploma you have earned through your intellectual efforts. Education is one of the components of life design. But character is the key factor which will decide your destiny. Education without character has no values. On this occasion I advice all of you to be the responsible citizens of our country and using the knowledge and potential you have gained through your mentors during the courses of study you will surely attain the goals and success in your career provided if you work with devotion and involvement. Honesty is the best policy which elevates the persons from ordinary background to greater heights.

In 1973, on my way to the High Court of Madras on the first day of my legal practice, I had determined to 'keep away

from politics, be punctual, work hard and to concentrate on court work'. My determination was strengthened by the first lesson that I received from my senior. The lesson was that court work always took priority over anything including one's lunch. The wisdom that emanated from this lesson convinced me that the essence of the legal profession should be a strong commitment to humanity and social justice. I am happy to say that this realization has guided me well during my service as a lawyer, a Judge in two High Courts (Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Haryana) and the Supreme Court, later as 40th Chief Justice of India and finally, as the Governor of the State of Kerala between 05.09.2014 and 05.09.2019 (exactly five years). In July 2019 Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai headed by our Chancellor conferred Doctor of Laws (LLD) which I received from the hands of Honorable President of India. As a person born and brought up in a village I will remember all these events for ever.

To conclude, let me remind the scholars receiving their degrees today that education does not end with a degree. In fact, a doctoral or postgraduate degree is only a milestone in your journey of learning. Let us remember that higher education has only a beginning and no end. We should also remember that the education we have received is a blessing bestowed on us by the society, which expects you to be at its service in times of need.



## Adhaar Updation camp

The NSS unit of Periyar University and the Departement of Posts – Salem West zone jointly hosted an Adhaar Updation camp for three days in the campus during Aug 19-21,2019. Opening of Savings Account with the postal department and Adhaar updation and issuance of new cards to the applicants were fecilitated during the camp.



## Periyar University is growing in tandem with technological development

Prof. P. Kolandaivel, the Vice Chancellor of Periyar University delivered the welcome address in the nineteenth convocation was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019 in the auditorium. Excerpts from the welcome address.

In order to ensure transparency and expedite the purchase process we are using the Government Electronic Marketing (GeM) portal and our purchases through GeM are more than that of the other state universities in Tamil Nadu.

Our faculty lecture programme is being very successfully organized. So far, 10 lectures have been delivered by Padma awardees and eminent scholars.

Most of the administrative work in the office of the Registrar, the Controller of Examinations and the Distance Education Institute is being processed for office automation. Online system is introduced for obtaining applications, payment of fees etc.

Periyar University has approached the nearby big industries and corporates for



### New Initiatives / Innovations

We are very proud to share with this august gathering that Periyar University has bagged 68th Rank in NIRF-2019 by MHRD.

The Boards of Studies for the affiliated colleges and the university departments are being revised. We have planned to introduce the revised curriculum from the academic year 2020-2021. The university departments have introduced outcome based curricular design.

Examination reform is one of the challenging tasks of the universities and in this regard we have made reforms in the question papers pattern including space for critical thinking, reasoning and analytical skills.

establishing Science Park and Construction of Research Scholars Hostel in the university campus under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) scheme. We are expecting a positive response from the corporates.

Sophisticated analytical instruments such as Single Crystal XRD, Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM), Gas Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy (GCMS) and a few other major equipments have been purchased under the RUSA scheme and these instruments are already dedicated to the faculty and research scholars, which is one of the milestones of the university to ensure quality research publications.

Ten MoU's were signed by the Departments with the leading national and international institutes for collaborative research and exchange of students and faculty. The MCA programme of the Department Computer Science was recently accredited by the AICTE.

Media and Entertainment Skill Council which comes under National Skills Development Council has recognized the B.Voc.



programme in AR/VR offered in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication as Centre of Excellence for Skill India Mission.

### **Academic and Research Activities**

The faculty members of 27 departments of study and research are actively involved in carrying out 13 funded projects worth Rs.2.91 crores. In this academic year 537 research papers / articles were published in the peer reviewed journals. The departments have organized 76 conferences / seminars during this academic year. The faculty members have participated in national and international conferences and presented 355 papers. Further, in this academic year, 20 faculty members have visited foreign Universities to carry out collaborative research and to deliver lectures.

We have introduced Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) and Doctor of Letters (D.Lit) programmes in our university and I am happy to share that Prof. R. Balagurunathan, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology is the first candidate to be awarded D.Sc. in this convocation. Two of our senior professors have been selected for the prestigious UGC -BSR fellowship for three years.

It is proposed to invite every year five renowned Professors from foreign universities to Periyar University.

The university has instituted twelve University Post Doctoral Fellowships (UPDF) in Arts, Humanities and Science.

We are very happy to inform you that we have planted more saplings in our campus. We have also constructed a sewage treatment plant in the campus and

the output is used for watering plants and lawns. The rain water harvesting units are effectively functioning and we plan to create more rain harvesting systems in the campus.

The construction of administrative and academic buildings for the PG Extension Centre in Dharmapuri will commence soon. We are expecting financial support from the Government of Tamil Nadu for this purpose.

### **Infrastructure**

The renovation of auditorium, additional floors in the Computer Centre and Guest House has been done at a cost of Rs. 14.00 crores.

The Construction of additional floors in instrumentation centre, women centre, office of the controller of examinations are under progress and the work will be completed in a few months. The cost for the work is around Rs.9.00 crores.

The construction of Skill Development, Incubation and Entrepreneurship centre is under process and we plan to carry out renovation of the amenity centre and the construction of additional hostel rooms and dormitory hall.

### **Affiliated Colleges**

At present 106 colleges are affiliated to Periyar University and two more new colleges have applied for the same this academic year. Faculty Training Programmes for teachers of the affiliated colleges are conducted for biological sciences and the experts have given hands on training to 140 participants. We are planning to conduct two more faculty training programmes this academic year.

To enhance the quality of research, the university is planning to conduct two day workshop for the research scholars of the colleges and university departments in Arts, Science and Humanities.

The university has changed the question paper pattern of the affiliated colleges by introducing objective and analytical type questions which is expected to induce greater confidence in the students to face various competitive examinations.

### **Service to the Society**

The NSS units of Periyar University have conducted blood donation camps and 89 units of blood have been donated to the Government Hospital, Salem.

A week long residential camp at Thannithotti Village and Omalur taluk was organized by the NSS units and awareness programmes were conducted for the general public. The village is earmarked as a plastic free zone.



The NSS units conducted life skill training programme for the volunteers.

The Department of Sociology has invited sixty aged people from different old age homes in Salem to the campus for an interaction with the faculty and students. The university provided hospitality to the elderly and honored them with memento. A health camp at Kottakoundampatti was conducted by the Department of Sociology in collaboration with Kurinji Hospital, Salem.

**Library**

Our library is partially automated and 93,637 volumes of books are available in different subjects. We are providing 164 online database and 117 journals. We are uploading the Ph.D. theses in the national repository, "Shodhganga".

**Physical Education**

The Physical Education Department is very active and motivating the students to participate in the inter university and inter collegiate level athletics and tournaments. 32 events at the inter collegiate level were conducted in 2019-20. The facilities in the indoor stadium are improved to practice Yoga, Meditation, Weight lifting and other indoor games. Tamil Nadu Inter University men and women handball tournaments were conducted recently which was sponsored by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT).

**Placement**

The placement cell has conducted eight campus recruitment drives in 2019-20 and about 350 students were recruited to various positions in corporates and multinationals.

**University Gold Medals**

A Total of 95 candidates are awarded gold medals for securing University First Rank in this convocation.

**I-In Person**

Doctor of Science	01	
Doctor of Philosophy	261	262

**Gold Medalists**

Affiliated College-UG	35	
Affiliated Colleges-PG	20	
Affiliated Colleges-M.Phil.	14	
University Department-UG	02	
University Department-PG	24	95
<b>Total Number of In-Person Candidates</b>		<b>357</b>

**II-In-Absentia**

Affiliated Colleges		
UG, PG, M.Phil. Degrees, Diploma Courses	44497	
University Departments		
UG, PG, M.Phil. Degrees	1099	
Distance Education (UG, PG, M.Phil. Degrees, Diploma and Certificate Courses, University and Industry Collaborative Programme)		9831

<b>Total Number of In-Absentia Candidates</b>	<b>55,427</b>
<b>Total Number of candidates to be awarded</b>	<b>55,784</b>

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome all the gold medalists and recipients of the doctoral degree to this convocation.

We are very grateful to the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and the Chancellor of Periyar University for presiding over the 19th convocation of our University.

We are thankful to the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education for his constant support and encouragement for the welfare of the University.

We express our profound thankfulness and gratitude to the distinguished Chief Guest Shri Justice P. Sathasivam, Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court and Former Governor of Kerala State who has graciously accepted our invitation to be the chief guest and deliver the convocation address.

## Global Warming and Climate Change

The Department of Economics organised the annual endowment lectures on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019 which is being held for more than ten years. Prof. Murugesha Boopathy, formerly vice chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University delivered a lecture on the impact of global warming in the changing climate and seasons. This can not and should not be seen in isolation as it has a significant impact on the economics of the people especially the downtrodden. Dr Janagam of the Department of Economics welcomed the gathering and Dr. Sugirtha Rani proposed the vote of thanks. The department faculty members, scholars and students participated.



## Entrepreneurship Awareness to Explore Export Opportunities

Periyar Institute of Management Studies has organized one day workshop on Entrepreneurship Awareness and Export Opportunities attended by research scholars and more than 200 students.

Prof. P.Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor, Periyar University delivered the presidential address in which he stated that though Asian countries have 50% of the world population, only the European countries export their products to them. We

manufacture and export only to the neighbours like Sri Lanka and Thailand. In 1945, Japan was affected by nuclear weapon but in few years they grew as well developed country only because of their will power which is more important than money. He wanted the participants to make use of the workshop with a great sense of purpose.

Mr.S. Senthilkumar, General Manager of Tamilnadu Grama Bank was the Chief Guest and delivered the inaugural address on the entrepreneurship development and the various facilities available with them. Government is spending close to Rs 900 million for entrepreneurship development, export promotion and marketing .



Mr.C. Sukumaran, retired municipal commissioner, Dharmapuri gave a special address about international trading. Though Abraham Lincoln lost two presidential elections, he was successful in his third attempt with his practice, perseverance and self confidence.

Dr.V.R.Palanivel, Professor and Head of PRIMS delivered welcome address and Dr. G.Yoganathan, Associate Professor proposed the vote of thanks.

## Students should acquire latest technologies as and when introduced : VC

Dr. Sameer Ashraf conducted a one day workshop on mirrorless camera of Sony for the students of Journalism and Mass Communication on Sep 05<sup>th</sup> 2019. Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor, Periyar University in his presidential address stressed the need for knowledge updation and acquisition of latest technologies by the students to be relevant and current in the field especially like journalism.



In the field of physics, research in fibre optics and quantum technology have contributed that leapfrogged developments in photography. This has concomitantly led to advances in journalism and newspapering that makes student being abreast of technology and innovation paramount to employability. Mirrorless camera workshop like ventures will go a long way to impregnating newer ideas in the minds of students.

Dr. Ashraf in his day long deliberations with the students provoked them into asking the right questions to stay in the field of journalism especially photography and combined his lecture with aesthetics and ethical commitment to the profession.

The workshop was brought together by M/s. Saravana Videos of Salem in which more than hundred students and scholars participated. Prof. V. Natarajan welcomed the gathering and Dr. S. Nandakumar proposed the vote of thanks.

## Learn to broadcast your own programmes with a cellphone

A two day workshop on radio programme production techniques was organized in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in Sep 2019.

Dr. T. Jaisakthivel, Assistant Professor in Communication, University of Madras and an expert in radio programme production conducted the workshop.

He said that the radio programme genres have undergone change with changing times and technology and journalism students need to be apprised of them. A day has come where you get paid to listen to radio and a station like Voice of America spends huge sum to monitor the radio listening habits of the people. If your radio programme is listened to by or is being followed by 50,000 people or more, you get paid handsomely.

Now we have Short Wave, Medium Wave and Frequency Modulated broadcasts with a choice of stations and programmes. Tuning in to a type of music of your choice is by just a second away and



with an app you can access 24,000 radio stations across the globe. This phenomenon has accelerated employment growth. Technology updation, wide reading and linguistic competence will help students build a career in broadcasting. A mobile phone is enough to run a full fledged radio station from anywhere. Participants from as far and wide as Tirupur and Andhra Pradesh participated.

## மலேசியத் தமிழர்களின் தனித்தன்மை



பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த் துறையில் மலேசியத் தமிழ் - தமிழர்கள் எனும் தலைப்பிலான சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு 04-09-2019 அன்று நடைபெற்றது.

இவ்விழாவிிற்கு வருகை புரிந்திருந்த அனைவரையும் பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் பேராசிரியர் தி. பெரியசாமி வரவேற்றார்.

இவ்விழாவினைத் தொடங்கி வைத்த பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் (பொ) பேராசிரியர் கு.தங்கவேல் தலைமையுரையாற்றுகையில் 'உலகச் சுற்றுலாத்துறை சமீபத்தில் வெளியிட்டுள்ள தரவரிசைப் பட்டியலில் உலக அளவில் 27ஆவது இடத்தினைத் தமிழகம் பெற்றுள்ளது. அதற்கு காரணமாக அமைவது தமிழர்களின் பண்பாடு கலாச்சாரம், தமிழ் மரபைக் காக்கவேண்டும் எனும் உணர்வின் வெளிப்பாடாகத் தோன்றிய கோவில், கட்டிடக்கலை, போன்றவைகளே முதற்காரணங்களாக உள்ளன.

இதைப் போன்று மாணவர்களின் நலனுக்காவும் ஆசிரியர்களின் நலனுக்காகவும் வெளிநாட்டுப் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களுடன் புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தங்களை மேற்கொண்டு பலநிகழ்வுகளை நடத்திடவேண்டும்' என்றார்.

இதனைக் தொடர்ந்து, பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழக ஆட்சிக்குழு உறுப்பினர் பேரா.குமாரசாமி வாழ்த்துரை, வழங்குகையில். "தமிழ்ச் சமுதாயம், ஒருகுடும்பம் என்றால் திருவள்ளுவர், இளங்கோவடிகள், கம்பர் உள்ளிட்ட கவிஞர்கள் எல்லாம் நம் பாட்டன்கள் அவர்கள் வழிவந்த நாம்

அவர்களின் பேரன்கள், இப்படியான நெடிய பாரம்பரியத் தையுடைய குடும்பத்தைச் சார்ந்தவர்கள், பலஆயிரம் ஆண்டுகள் பழமை வாய்ந்த நம் நூல்களைப் பிறமொழிகளில் மொழிப் பெயர்க்க வேண்டும். பிறமொழி அறிவைக் கொண்டு தமிழ்மொழியின் சிறப்புகளையும் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டின் உயர்வுகளையும் உலகிற்குக் கொண்டு செல்லவேண்டும்' என்று கூறித் தனது வாழ்த்துரையை நிறைவு செய்தார்.

இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து மலேசியா தமிழ் எழுத்தாளர் சங்கத்தின் தலைவர்திரு. பெ. இராஜேந்திரன் மலேசியா தமிழ் - தமிழர்கள் எனும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றுகையில், 'உலகம் முழுவதும் புலம் பெயர்ந்த தமிழர்கள் பலர் தங்களது மொழியையும் அடையாளங்களையும் இழந்துள்ளனர். ஆனால் 300 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன் காடுகளை அழிப்பதற்காக அழைத்துச் செல்லப்பட்ட மலேசியத் தமிழர்கள் எந்த அடையாளங்களையும் இழக்காமல் தனித் தன்மையோடு வாழ்ந்துவருகிறோம்' என்று கூறினார். 203 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பே தமிழ்ப் பள்ளிகளைத் தொடங்கி இன்று 530 பள்ளிகளில் 1,30,000 மாணவர்கள் தமிழ்ப் பயின்றுவருவதனையும், அவர் எடுத்துக் கூறினார். மேலும் மலேசியாவின் தமிழ் இலக்கிய வரலாற்றையும் கவனம் பெறத்தக்கப் படைப்பாளர்களையும் அடையாளப்படுத்தினார். மலேசியத் தமிழ்ச் சிறுபத்திரிகையின் பங்களிப்பையும் அவர் தமது உரையில் எடுத்துக்கூறினார்.

## வள்ளலாரின் வாழ்வும் வாக்கும் தூய்மையானது

பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறை மற்றும் சென்னை, இராமலிங்கர் பணி மன்றம் இணைந்து நடத்திய மாநில அளவிலான கலை இலக்கியப் போட்டிகளுக்கானத் தொடக்கவிழா 17-08-2019 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. அருட்செல்வர் நா. மகாலிங்கம் நினைவாக நடத்தப்படும் இப்போட்டிகள் பள்ளி மாணவர்களுக்குப் பேச்சு, மனனம், இசை ஆகிய மூன்று பிரிவுகளிலும், கல்லூரி மற்றும் பல்கலைக்கழக மாணவர்களுக்குப் பேச்சு, கட்டுரை ஆகிய இரு பிரிவுகளிலும் தனித்தனியே நடத்தப்பட்டன.



இவ்விழாவின் தொடக்கமாகப் பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவரும் பேராசிரியருமான முனைவர் தி. பெரியசாமி வரவேற்புரையாற்றினார்.

இக்கலை இலக்கியப் போட்டிகளைத் தலைமையேற்றுத் தொடங்கி வைத்த பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் பொ.குழந்தைவேல் தலைமையுரை யாற்றுகையில், 'பொள்ளாச்சி நா.மகாலிங்கம் அவர்கள் டாடா தொழில் நிறுவனர் போல் தமிழகத்தின் தலைச்சிறந்த தொழிலதிபர். அவர் தொழிலுடன் ஆன்மிகத்தையும் சேர்த்து வளர்த்தார். அதற்காகப் பல தொண்டு நிறுவனங்களையும், அறக்கட்டளைகளையும் உருவாக்கினார். அவற்றின் மூலமாகப் பல போட்டிகளையும், பயிற்சிப் பட்டறைகளையும் நடத்தித் தரமான இளம் தலைமுறையினரை உருவாக்கினார். வள்ளலாரின் வாழ்வும் வாக்கும் தூய்மையானது. அன்பு கொண்டது. அவற்றை மக்களிடம் விதைக்க வேண்டும். மகாத்மா காந்தியடிகளை விடுதலைப் பெற்று தந்தவர் என்று மட்டுமே பாராமல் தலைச்சிறந்த வழக்கறிஞராகவும், சமூக ஆர்வலராகவும், ஓர் ஆசிரியராகவும் பார்க்க

வேண்டும். காந்தியடிகளின் மொத்தப் பன்முக ஆளுமைகளையும் பார்க்கிறபோது நமக்கு வியப்பு உண்டாகிறது. காந்தியடிகளின் வாழ்வியலையும் அவரது கொள்கைகளையும் அறிந்துகொள்ள அவரது சுயசரிதையான சத்திய சோதனையை வாசிக்க வேண்டும். பல்கலைக்கழகமானது ஆய்வாளர்களுக்கும், கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கும் பள்ளி மாணக்கர்களுக்கும், பொதுமக்களுக்கும் பயனுள்ளதாக இருக்க வேண்டும்' என்றார்.

இக்கலை இலக்கியப் போட்டிகளின் பொறுப்பாளர் திரு.பாலசுப்ரமணியன் நோக்கவுரை வழங்குகையில், 'இராமலிங்கர் பணி மன்றம் காந்தி, வள்ளலார், பொள்ளாச்சி நா.மகாலிங்கம் என்ற மூன்று ஆளுமைகளின் ஆளுமைகளை மக்களிடம் கொண்டு சேர்ப்பதைப் பெரும் தொண்டாகச் செய்து வருகிறது. வள்ளலாரின் திருவருட்பா உலக சகோதரத்துவத்தையும், சமத்துவத்தையும் வலியுறுத்தக் கூடியது. மகாத்மா காந்தியடிகளின் சத்திய சோதனையை ஒவ்வொரு மாணவர்களும் கட்டாயம் படிக்க வேண்டும்'. அருட்செல்வர் நா.மகாலிங்கம் அவர்கள் தம் இரு கண்களாகக் கொண்ட காந்தியடிகளையும் வள்ளலாரையும் இக்காலத்து இளம் தலைமுறையினர் பின்பற்ற வேண்டும் என்று கூறி தனது நோக்கவுரையை நிறைவு செய்தார்.

## Varsity to mobilize student participation in water management campaign



‘About 20,000 students of Periyar University will take active role in raising the awareness level of the people in water management campaign throughout the four districts in the university jurisdiction’, declared Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor of the university.

The Jal Sakthi Abhiyaan, an NGO active in this field organised a three day workshop cum performance during July 24-26, 2019, of the students and faculty of affiliated colleges, in the Food Courts of the university which culminated in the public performance at the old bus stand of Salem.

The performance highlighted the need for Dengue awareness and the significance of rain water harvesting by the public at micro levels.

Mr. Sathish, Commissioner of Salem Corporation and the Vice Chancellor participated in the public awareness campaign.



## Mental Health Awareness Rally

The Student Welfare Centre and the Department of Psychology conducted various events to observe the World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2019 with an aim to creating mental health awareness among students and general public.

Every year on October 10 the world mental health day is celebrated the world over. From 2017 onwards the Student Welfare Centre of the university also organizes various events to mark the day. The rally with mental health promotion slogans and banners, was flagged off by the Vice Chancellor.

The Department of Psychology also arranged mental health exhibition in which eleven stalls were displayed. Separate counselling settings were arranged for those in need. Students and general public were given psychological guidance and counselling on mental health and strategies on stress management. About 600 students, faculty and general public visited the stalls.



## Fine Arts Club Inaugurated in the campus



The fine arts club of Periyar University was formally inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Aug 2019. Prof. Pramila Gurumurthy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University delivered the keynote address. Music, artefacts and folk arts have been intertwined with the culture of the people and knowledge about them will provide the framework to

contextualize our tradition. Dr. R. Vasanthamalai is the coordinator of the club to which a budget provision is being made specifically to promote art and culture among students. Cultural events marked the inauguration of the club which was keenly watched by the Vice Chancellors.



## Entrepreneurial skills workshop

A workshop was conducted in August 2019 for Pharma Job Aspirants and to hone the Entrepreneur skills among microbiologists. Dr. Florida Tilton, Chairperson and Managing Director, Biozone Research Technologies, Pvt Ltd, Chennai outlined the steps that are important to become a successful entrepreneur. Mr. B. Gaure Senior Manager, Quality Control, Medreich Ltd Bangalore highlighted the importance of interviews and the ways and means to prepare the interview board. Prof. R. Balagurunathan, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology felicitated.

## Tamil Nadu tops in protecting consumer rights

'The state of Tamil Nadu stands first in the implementation of consumer rights and judgements delivered by consumer fora in the country', said Justice Tamilvanan, the state chairman of the consumer dispute redressal commission. Department of Commerce organised the awareness camp on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019 in the campus.

In his inaugural address he stated that the impact of globalisation is felt in all walks of life which is both positive and negative and it is our responsibility to convert the downsides into our advantages. Consumer rights is the key theme in any discussion in the public sphere. Not only in sales, the rights will have to be ensured in the services sector

too. The redressal mechanisms are put in place at all levels starting from the district, state, zonal upto the national levels. It becomes our bounden duty to seek redressal by appealing to the appropriate fora.

Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor, Periyar University delivered the presidential address while Prof. A. Elangovan, Department of Commerce proposed the vote of thanks.



## Hands on training on equipment handling

A two day workshop on equipment handling was organized by the Department of Microbiology during 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 in the campus. Representatives from Shimatzu provided two day training on how to handle the equipment to perform high pressure liquid chromatography and gas chromatography and mass spectroscopy. One day workshop on medical bioinformatics was also held in the Department in Nov 2019.



## Endowment Lecture Series

Prof. N. Krishnaswamy and Prof. Lalitha Krishnaswamy inaugurated Endowment Lecture was organised on July 10, 2019 in the Department of English.

Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor, Periyar University delivered the presidential address in which he stressed the need to pick up as many languages as possible within the age of 20 and complete reading atleast a hundred books to become a complete human being.

Formerly Professor of EFLU, Hyderabad, Prof. N. Krishnaswamy must be exposed to classic literature in order to understand the culture and ethos of the country. Unless one knows about the

history and value system of ones own people, it wont be possible to transmit the same to the younger generation. Prof. V. Sangeetha, Professor and Head welcomed the gathering and Dr. K. Sindhu, Assistant Professor proposed the vote of thanks.



## Periyar adhered strictly to the socio cultural ethos

The 141<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of the revolutionary par excellence, Thanthai Periyar was commemorated with pomp and vigour in the premises on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sep 2019 in the campus.

Prof. P. Kolandaivel, Vice Chancellor delivered the presidential address in which he stressed more on people's liberation than that of the country's. He cut the palm trees in his own land in order to join the

on ban toddy to set an example for others to emulate. He cared less for his position and relinquished them for his struggle.

Renowned advocate and orator, Mr. Rajaram delivered the key note address

Though Periyar was known for his vociferous and vehement stand in opposing social evils, little do we know that he never violated any socio cultural traditions of his people, friends or guests.

To fight for justice to women he brought his own wife and sister to the struggle. He was the subject matter for Bharathiar and the famous revolutionary comedian N. S. Krishnan. Prof. K. Thangavel, Registrar i/c welcomed the gathering.



## தமிழ் அழகியல் உரையரங்கு



தொண்டால்தான் சிறப்புப்பெற்றார்கள். அறிஞர்களை இந்த தலைமுறை மட்டும் அல்லாது எல்லாத் தலைமுறைகளும் கொண்டாடும். வறுமையிலேயே தன் வாழ்நாளெல்லாம் வாழ்ந்த பாரதி தன் படைப்பினி வழியே “எத்தனை கோடி இன்பம் வைத்தாய் இறவை” என்று பாடினார். இவர்களைப்

சேலம் பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறையும் சாகித்ய அகாடெமியும் இணைந்து நடத்தும் “தமிழ் அழகியல்” எனும் தலைப்பிலான உரையரங்கின் தொடக்கவிழா 06-11-2019 அன்று பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழக ஆட்சிப்பேரவைக் கூடத்தில் நடைபெற்றது.

விழாவின் தொடக்கமாக தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் பேராசிரியர் தி.பெரியசாமி வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார்.

இவ்விழாவினைத் தொடங்கி வைத்த பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் பொ. குழந்தைவேல் தொடக்க வரையாற்றுகையில், சிற்பி பாலசுப்பிரமணியம், முனைவர் இ. சுந்தரமூர்த்தி முதலிய சான்றோர் பெருமக்களைக் காண்பதே மிகப்பெரிய பேறு. புலமையுடையவர்கள், அறிஞர்கள், சான்றோர்கள் என்பவர்கள் எந்நிலையிலும் தன்நிலை தவறாதவர்கள். மிகப்பெரிய பதவிகள் எல்லாம் வெறும் மாயை. பதவிகளால் ஒருவன் சிறப்புப் பெற்றுவிட முடியாது. அவர்கள் செய்யும் செயல்களால்தான் பெருமை பெற முடியும். தெ.பொ.மி., மு.வ. போன்ற அறிஞர்கள் துணைவேந்தர்களாகப் பதவி வகித்திருந்த போதிலும், அவர்கள் தமிழுக்காற்றிய

போன்ற படைப்பாளர்களைத்தான் நாம் படிக்கின்றோமே தவிர அவர்கள் கால பணக்காரர்களை நாம் படிப்பதில்லை. இவர்களைப் போன்ற முன்னோர்களைக் கொண்டாடுவது மட்டும் அல்லமால் நாம் அவர்களுக்கு அருகிலாவது இருக்கும் அளவிற்குச் சிறந்த செயல்களைச் செய்திட வேண்டும் என்றார்.

கவிஞரும் சாகித்ய அகாடெமியிடன ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளருமான பேராசிரியர் சிற்பி பாலசுப்பிரமணியம் தலைமையுரையாற்றுகையில், தந்தை பெரியார் அவர்கள் மிகச் சிறந்த பண்பாளர். தம்மைவிட வயதில் சிறியவர்களையும், அரசியல் கருத்துக்களில் முரண்பட்டவர்களையும் மதித்த மாண்பாளர். தன்னுடைய தள்ளாத வயதிலும் தேசியக் கீதம் இசைக்கப்படும் போது எழுந்த நின்று மரியாதை செலுத்தியவர். தந்தை பெரியாரிடமிருந்து நாம் எதைக் கற்றுக்கொள்கிறோமோ இல்லையோ பெரியாரின் உயர்ந்த பண்பாட்டைக் கற்றுக்கொள்ளவேண்டும். அவரது பெயர் தாங்கிய இப்பல்கலைக்கழகமும் துணைவேந்தர் உள்ளிட்டோரும் உரியவர்களாக உள்ளது உள்ளபடியே மகிழ்ச்சியளிக்கிறது.

உலகிலுள்ள ஒவ்வொரு இனத்திற்கும், மொழிக்கும், பண்பாட்டிற்கும் ஒவ்வொரு அழகியல் இருக்கும். அழகியல் என்ற சொல்லை உருவாக்கித் தந்தவர் இலக்கிய கவலை விமர்சகர் இந்திரன். தமிழ் அழகியல் குறித்து நூல எழுதியவர்கள் கவிஞர் இந்திரனும், பேராசிரியர் தி.சு, நடராசனும் ஆவர். அழகை விளக்கிக் கூற முடியாது. அழகு என்பது பொருளின் மட்டுமல்ல பார்ப்பவர்களின் கண்களிலும் உள்ளது. அழகை ஒரு கோட்பாடாக மாற்றியதுதான் அழகியல். அழகு என்பது ஒரு கோட்பாடாகவும், தத்துவமாகவும், குறியீடாகவும் பரிணமித்துள்ளது. அழகு குறியீட்டு வடிவம் பெறுவதை “நிலத்திலும் பெரிதே” என்றும் சங்கப் பாடலின் வழியாகக் காணமுடிகிறது என்றதோடு பாரதியாரின் பல கவிதைகளிலும், பாவேந்தரின் அழகின் சிரிப்பிலும் அழகியல் அமைந்திருப்பதைச் சுட்டிக்காட்டினார்.

கவிருரும் கலை இலக்கிய விமர்சகருமான திரு இந்திரன் அவர்கள் மையக்கருத்துரை வழங்குகையில், இன்றைய கல்வி என்பது மருத்துவத்தை கற்றுக்கொடுக்கிறதே தவிர மனசாட்சியைக் கற்றுக்கொடுப்பதில்லை. சட்டத்தை

கற்றுக் கொடுக்கிறதே தவிர நீதியைக் கற்றுக் கொடுப்பதில்லை. தமிழ் அடையாளங்களுக்கும் பிம்பங்களுக்கும் அச்சுறுத்தல்கள் இருக்கும். இந்த வேளையில்தான் தமிழ்மொழியின் மீதும் தமிழ் இலக்கியத்தின் மீதும், தமிழ் கோட்பாடுகளின் மீதும் நாம் கவனம் செலுத்த வேண்டிய தேவை உள்ளது. அழகு என்றால் என்ன என்ற வினாவிற்கு இன்னதுதான் அழகு என்று பதில் கூற முடியாது. அழகு என்பது பற்றிய ஆய்வுதான் அழகியல் ஆகும். தொடக்கக் காலத்தில் சமஸ்கிருதத்தில்தான் அழகியல் இருந்தது என்று நம்பியகாலம் இருந்தது. இன்றும் அவ்வாறு நம்புவர் உண்டு. ஆனால் தமிழில் அழகியல் கருத்தாக்கங்களை முன்வைத்த பல கருத்தாக்கங்கள் இருந்துள்ளன. தமிழ் அழகியல் ஆரம்பகால கட்டத்தில் மெய்யியலுடனும் தத்துவவியலுடனும் இணைந்தே வளர்ந்துள்ளது என்று கூறி விழாவின் மையக்கருத்துரையை நிறைவு செய்தார்.

பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகப் பதிவாளர் பேராசிரியர் கு. தங்கவேல் விழாவிிற்கான வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்.



## Helmet Awareness Rally

Helmet awareness rally to commemorate the golden jubilee celebrations of the NSS, a rally to create awareness among two wheeler riders and the general public was held in the campus on the 24th Sep 2019. The rally was flagged off by Prof K Thangavel, Registrar i/c of the university. Many students including police officials of the Salem region participated. The rally with about 200 riders wearing helmet drove upto Omalur.



Workshop on Energy Auditing



National workshop on current affairs in Sociology



Festival to revive traditional cuisines



National conference on food for health



Free Medical camps in the varsity

