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Affiliated college teachers trained in online instructional designs

The Department of Management Studies, Periyar University conducted a ICSSR Sponsored 5-day outcome-based online faculty development programme on *the basics of MOOC course development and instructional design* from 12.07.2021 to 16.07.2021 for the teachers of Periyar University affiliated colleges.

Inaugurating the programme the Vice Chancellor of Periyar University, Prof. R.Jagannathan, stressed the importance of Technology-based education in providing quality content to the students. Praising teachers as the real service providers, the Vice Chancellor said enabling the teachers on various skills and competencies will help the student community to receive quality learning material and ensure the desired outcome. Appreciating the purpose and objectives of the faculty development programme the Vice Chancellor assured holding many such vital need-of-the-hour courses in future.

Dr. S. Balaji, Associate Professor in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi acted as the Master trainer for

this outcome-based FDP and mentored the participating teachers. The participants were provided orientation to the various elements of MOOC course in line with the standards of the SWAYAM MOOC Courses. The teachers were trained to develop the Instructional design, to create e-text, audio lectures, video lectures, graded quizzes and assignments which are the basic elements of a MOOC course. Nearly 125 teachers of affiliated colleges benefitted from this faculty development programme.

The course was part of the activities under the Institutional Collaboration for the ICSSR Major Research Project being carried out by Dr R.Subramaniya Bharathy, Project Director and Associate Professor in the Department of Management Studies.

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Professor R. Jagannathan veteran agricultural scientist assumes office as the Eighth Vice Chancellor of Periyar University



Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the Periyar University, Salem, Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit appointed Prof. R. Jagannathan, as the Eighth Vice-Chancellor of Periyar University.

Prof. R. Jagannathan assumed office on 1st July 2021 in the varsity campus. The Registrar i/c, COE i/c, Deans, faculty members, non teaching staff and students organised a warm reception.

Prof. R. Jagannathan has a rich teaching experience of 39 years decorating the academia in various capacities as the Dean, Agriculture, *Professor and Head*, Agricultural Meteorology / Agro-climatic Research Centre and Adjunct Faculty in Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore. As a well-known scientist he has vast research experience with many research papers published in indexed journals, presented papers in international events, organized

international academic / research events, and authored one book and co-authored four books. In addition, he has executed 8 research projects worth Rs.764 lakhs. He has guided 14 PhD Scholars. He has a patent in his name and two International Memoranda of Understandings to his credit. He has conceived and implemented extension and outreach programmes and social indulgence schemes like On-campus training for farmers of Tsunami affected area, 25 mass awareness programmes on new Agricultural technology and 20 automated weather-based Agro-advisory system awareness programmes for



Department of Agriculture. He was conferred the “Service for Agro Meteorology in India” award by the Association of Agro Meteorology, India (2017). He has visited 13 countries viz. USA, Australia, Spain, Germany, Norway, UK, Italy, Israel, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Tanzania for academic and research purposes.

75th Independence Day celebrations on the campus

The 75th independence day of our country was celebrated, following Covid-19 preventive measures like social distancing, wearing masks, proper sanitization, protecting vulnerable persons, and adhering to the Health Ministry's guidelines, on the 15th of August at 09:30 AM on the campus.

The Vice Chancellor hoisted the National Flag accompanied by the playing of the National Anthem. He garlanded the Thanthai Periyar statue- the fighter who crusaded for freedom from social oppression. In his Independence Day speech, the Vice Chancellor called the student community to work hard even in the dire circumstances like the freedom fighters did to get independence from colonial rule.

Later, the Vice Chancellor distributed sweets reminiscing the Independence struggles and hosted high tea for the attendees of the events.



Multipronged strategy for on-campus vaccination



Undertaking consistent vaccination drives has ensured the safety of University staff against the pandemic that has enhanced the safety on campus. The University has so far arranged a series of vaccination programmes on campus in collaboration with various NSS units. About 500 teaching and non-teaching staff have benefitted from such measures.

Apart from the on-campus vaccination, arrangements are also being made regularly, with the help of Government Primary Health Centre, Karuppur round the clock for those who desire to get vaccinated.

All of these efforts have enabled people on campus to heave a sigh of great relief to leave their anxiety and worries behind to work tirelessly even in the midst of Covid pandemic.

University athletes watch the online interaction of PM with Indian Olympic team with VC



The Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted online with Tokyo Olympics-bound Indian contingent on 14.07.2021 and later with the family members of the athletes.

The Vice Chancellor, along with the athletes and their coaches of Periyar University and its affiliated institutions watched the online interaction.

Prime Minister learnt about the preparations of the athletes and clarified their various doubts. He devoted time to every member of the team. This boosted the team morale in their preparation to face the biggest sports challenges. India was represented by 126 athletes, the largest squad ever sent. The arrangement on the campus was inspirational to the future aspirants which could be sensed by their keen observation of the PM's Speech.

Human Values in Modern Tamil Literature

Endowment Lecture in the Department of English

The Department of English organized Prof. N. Krishnaswamy and Prof. Lalitha Krishnaswamy Endowment online lecture on 18.08.2021. Prof. R. Jagannathan, the Vice-Chancellor, delivered the presidential address in the second lecture of the series.

Ponneelan delivered the endowment lecture on the topic *Human Values in Modern Tamil Literature*. He is a prolific Tamil writer and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel *Pudhiya Dharisanagal* in the year 1994. He highlighted three trends namely Romantic, Melancholic, and Realistic found in modern Tamil novels of Samuel Vedanayagam Pillai, B. R. Rajam Iyer, and A. Madhaviah respectively. He also shared his views about his novels *Pudhiya Dharisanagal*, *Karisal*, and *Marupakkam*.

Further he insisted the importance of human values like brotherhood, fraternity, and equality that are prominently reflected in his works.



The lecture was highly interactive. The students of the Department of English, Periyar University, PG Extension Centre, Dharmapuri, Shri Sakthikailash Women's College, Salem, and Vivekanandha College for Women, Tiruchengode participated. On behalf of Prof.N.Krishnaswamy and Prof.Lalitha Krishnaswamy's family, their daughter Dr. K. Revathi graced the occasion. Dr. V.Sangeetha *Professor and Head*, Department of English convened and oversaw the arrangement of the online event.

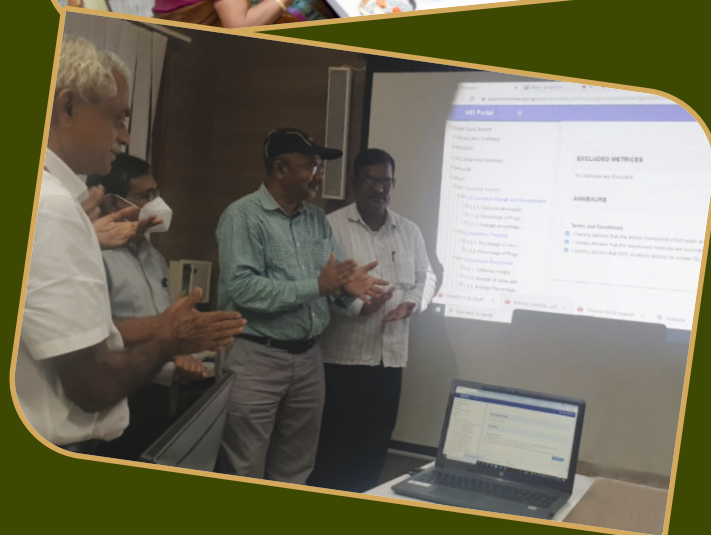
University aims to remain in the top bracket : 3rd cycle of NAAC Preparation geared up!

Periyar university is to undergo the National Assessment and Accreditation council's caveat accreditation process and is in the 3rd cycle. All the systems in the University have been working round the clock under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R.Jagannathan.

In this rigorous academic assessment, experts conversant with the procedure from the leading universities and agencies were consulted both on-campus and online. Faculty members also visited personally other universities for the preparation of reports and documents in the required format.

The accreditation will be based on the points scored on the criteria of curricular aspects; teaching-learning and evaluation; research consultancy and extension; infrastructure and learning resources; student support and progression; governance and leadership; and innovative practices.

The university successfully submitted SSR and now is in the final stage of data validation and verification.



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