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## 7 days SKILLZ workshop by the Textiles and Apparel Design

The Department of Textiles and Apparel Design, Periyar University organized a 'SKILLZ' workshop for 7 days from 21.02.2022. Beginners Sewing, Computer-Aided Design, and Art for Children were conducted. The workshop was started in the presence of Prof. R. Jagannathan, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Periyar University, and he distributed the workshop kit to the Participants. Participants from various sectors like Educational Institutions, Entrepreneurs, Home Makers, M.Phil. and Ph.D. scholars, office staff, school children, and working professionals took part in the workshop.

Participants felt that the series were useful and updated skills and knowledge in their field of study and business. Learning Computer-Aided Design would be beneficial for their projects,



Brochure Design and book write-ups, paper presentations, and so on. One of the participants gave her business perspective on recruiting clients by producing invitations and Brochures on her own. Beginners Sewing workshop participants opined that the workshop was both effective and commercial for their start-up. The childrens' basic skills were strengthened through the Art for Children series.

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## DST- SERB sponsored Training Program on GC-MS for Periyar University Researchers

Department of Zoology, Periyar University, conducted a DST-SERB sponsored Training Program on GC-MS for Periyar University Researchers on 25.02.2022. Head of the Department of Zoology Prof. S. Kannan welcomed the audience. Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. Jagannathan inaugurated the program and in his inaugural address, he encouraged research scholars to use the GC-MS facility and learn techniques to enhance their research publications. In addition, he encouraged research scholars to learn many new techniques and gain employment opportunities during their research. Further, he added that researchers from other educational and research institutions also can use the GC-MS facility. Finally, Dr. R. Maheswaran, Organizing Secretary and Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, thanked the gathering.



## Innovation and Entrepreneurship Training : Fund distribution for select Colleges

Under the guidance of the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute, Government of Tamilnadu, the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Training Coordination Center of Periyar University conducted a funding ceremony for selected Arts and Science Colleges on 18.02.2022 to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in the affiliated colleges of the University. Prof. V.R. Palanivelu, Coordinator, Periyar University Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Training Coordination Center, welcomed the gathering of the program. Prof. R. Jagannathan, the Vice-Chancellor, allotted a sum of Rs.10,000/- as a token of encouragement to the selected colleges namely, Government Arts College Dharmapuri, Sri Sarada College for Women, Salem, Vivekanandha College of Arts and Science for Women, Tiruchengode, Adhiyaman Arts & Science College for women, Uthangarai, Shri Sakthikailash Women's College, Salem, Kailash Women's College, Nangavalli



and Trinity College of Arts and Sciences, Namakkal. Distributing a sum of Rs.7000/- as the first installment from the allocation, he advised that this should encourage and create awareness about entrepreneurship and innovation in the college campuses. He further added that Periyar University has been recognized as a nodal institution by the Govt. of Tamilnadu for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Training Coordination.



## Awareness & Prevention Program on Stroke

The NSS Units of Periyar University jointly organized a need-of-the-hour event called Awareness program on stroke and how to protect ourselves from it with assistance from the city-based popular Neuro Foundation.

Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. R. Jagannathan inaugurated the event on 20.02.2022 and spoke on the effects of paralysis. Dr. R. Natarajan, Managing Director and Chairman, Neuro Foundation Hospital spoke on the need to seek medical advice on how we can approach a doctor and seek immediate medical attention after suffering a stroke. He highlighted the alarming statistics about the prevalence and incidence of the disease that 20 million people worldwide are affected by stroke and 1.5 million people in India are affected, currently 4,000 to 5,000 per day.

Further a team of doctors, namely, Dr.C. Prabakaran, Dr. T.Nisha Mol, Dr. J.A. Vasanthakumar, and Dr.S.Palanivel Rajan said that people are now aware



of the myocardial infarction and even if it is normal heart pain they go to the hospital and consult a doctor to protect themselves from the heart attack. But awareness about stroke is not high among the people and so they talked about what causes stroke and how to protect ourselves from it. NSS Coordinator Dr. P.Prakash welcomed the gathering and NSS Program Officer (Unit 1) Dr. M.Sukuna thanked them. More than 300 people including professors, administrative staff, and students participated in the seminar.

## Skill training programme in the campus

Skill training project under Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Government of India was organised in Periyar University on 09.02.2022. The inaugural function of the second batch of DDUGKY presided over by Prof. R.Jagannathan, Vice Chancellor of Periyar University.

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that the first batch (UI developer) students had successfully completed their training program in Periyar university campus and they have been sent for On Job Training(OJT) program.



The second batch students will be trained in Artificial Intelligence (Data Scientist) program. Prof. K.Thangavel, the Registrar and the Chief Executive Officer of DDUGKY-Periyar University, Head, and Department of Computer Science felicitated the gathering. Mr.Sasikumar Sadasivan, Project Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks.

## Civil service training in the varsity

A Civil Services Mentoring & Guiding Centre has been established in the Periyar University campus. Through this centre, training and proper guidance is provided for the students who are interested to appear for Civil Services Exams. The centre with NTC training academy – ISTEM foundation, jointly organised a programme to promote mentoring services of professors to constantly encourage and coach students.



Prof. R. Jagannathan Vice- Chancellor, Periyar University presided over the inaugural function. In his presidential address he highlighted the significance of creating an effective educational environment in which students can attain a variety of goals with continuous and constant efforts and commitment. He also admonished that aspirants shall acquire practical knowledge and develops critical thinking through this coaching atmosphere.

Mr. P. Muthusamy, IRS, Former Commissioner of Customs, delivered a special address. He elaborated the scope of the program towards shaping individual destinies. He interacted with mentors and students regarding the structure and system of civil service exams.

Dr. R. Kavitha, Coordinator of Civil Services Mentoring & Guiding Centre delivered vote of thanks. More than thirty Periyar University Professors attended the program. The Prof. D.Gopi, Director, Civil Services Mentoring & Guiding Centre organized the event.

## World Mother Language Day celebration







## National Science Day celebrated : Students of all levels exhibited their Science Projects

National Science Day was celebrated on 28.02.2022 at the University. Prof. C. Selvaraj, DEAN, Science welcomed the audience. Presiding over the program Prof. R. Jagannathan, Vice Chancellor, told the audience that initiatives are being taken on behalf of Periyar University to identify and encourage the school students' scientific ability so as to tap the scientific temperament at the early stage itself. Excerpts from his speech: Periyar University stands first at the state level and second at the National level. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council have given A++ status to Periyar University for its high scores in the research area due to the high level of scientific research conducted at the University. 146 research projects worth Rs. 23.41 crore has been undertaken at Periyar University. The results of these studies have been forwarded to the Central and State Governments for policy level consideration.

Former Director of Annamalai University K. Kathiresan speaking on the occasion said "Tamil Nadu has brought scientific discoveries to the world in all fields. Our natural eating habits and traditional practices are world-renowned for



being scientifically based. Teachers need to create an environment where students can enjoy learning science". Mr. R. Murugan, Chief Educational Officer, Salem District, Prof. Thirunavukarasu, District Chairman, Tamil Nadu Science Forum, Prof. R. Balagurunathan, DEAN-Research, Prof. T. Poongodi Vijayakumar, Prof. S. Kannan, and many others participated in the event. On the occasion of National Science Day, a science exhibition was also held with the participation of school, college, and university students. More than 50 projects were exhibited by the students in this exhibition. Students from more than a hundred schools across Salem visited the science fair. Prizes were awarded to the best scientific works displayed in the exhibition.



Anna Memorial Day



Panel Discussion on Union Budget 2022