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TIME MACHINE

The Official Newsletter of
The Post Graduate Department of English

Art is Life

The art that I love

keeps me young

none can stop me from pursuing it

solicitude over my dreams

i have no doubts

when I do what I love

For I follow my passion

that's where my heart lies

i do it for me and myself

to keep my mind

keenly alive and highly vivacious

forevermore...

till I hit six feet under the ground

there I lie with love for my passion

as my legacy

bid adieu

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EVENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT – ACADEMIC

PUBLIC GUEST LECTURE



Students and Faculty of the Department took part in an interactive lecture – ‘Seeds of Freedom’ by Vandana Shiva, noted ecofeminist and social activist on 3 August 2023 at BVB, Chennai hosted by the Prakriti Foundation. She reflected on issues of food sovereignty, the battle against chemically dependent monoculture, nurturing and protecting indigenous seeds. Vandana Shiva addressed the queries from students on a range of related issues ranging from the corporatization of food resources to the role of multinational seed companies.

THE MEDIUM AND THE MESSAGE: FILM AND LITERATURE



The Department organized a seminar on *The Medium and the Message: Film and Literature* on 22 September 2023.

Dr. Kamala Kannan, Assistant Professor, Presidency College delivered the keynote address. He elucidated the various techniques in filmmaking including montages, shots, and angles.

Ms. Janaki Sabesh, Actor and Chief Fun Officer, Golpo - Tales Unlimited spoke from her perspective as an actor and storyteller. She elaborated on how films and literature need to keep the audience engaged and involved.

The seminar was rounded off with a student presentation- *An adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's 'Little Women'*.

Performed as a period piece, the script, the sets, the decor, and the costumes were reminiscent of Civil War times.

WE THE ACTING



The English Drama Club of the Department organized a theatre workshop titled *We the Acting* on 10 October. The workshop was conducted by Dr. K. Ganesh, Former Head of the Department of English, at Madras Christian College. Dr. K. Ganesh introduced the audience to concepts related to Western drama, right from the classical Greek theatre to the avant-garde Epic Theatre. Following the address, students were given scripts from famous plays for performance. Hamlet, Doll's House and Look Back In Anger. Dr. Ganesh shared critical comments and feedback on the student's enactment.

EVENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT (CO-CURRICULAR)

SCREENING OF DOCUMENTARY



The Department of English in association with the Prakriti Foundation organized a screening of a documentary on the life work of renowned environmental activist, Vandana Shiva titled 'The Seeds of Vandana Shiva' on 24th July 2023 at the college premises. The documentary focused on her work with farming communities across the world to foster soil-sustainable agricultural practices. This was followed by a discussion on issues of organic farming and GMO crops.

SCRAMBLE SCRABBLE



A workshop on competitive Scrabble was organized on the 14th August 2023 in association with the Madras Scrabble Foundation. Mr. Ranganathan Chakravarthy, Founding- secretary presented the basic techniques of the game. Each pair of participants was given a scrabble board and the letters bag and the winners were judged based on their scores. The session saw students enthusiastically check their word power and quick thinking.

EVENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT (CO-CURRICULAR)



EURIPIDES' MEDEA: A PERFORMANCE

The II P.G students of the department through Arena, the English Drama Club performed an adaptation of the Greek Classic *Medea* as part of their internal assessment for the extra-disciplinary paper- Theatre for Communication. The play was staged on the 17th October in the Conference Hall. The play was well appreciated by the audience for its scripting, scenography, and the convincing performance of the actors.

VISUAL VERSES 23



The Department inaugurated its Literary Discussion and Debating Forum – Ambrosia with the conduct of a Visual Poetry competition titled “Visual Verses 23: Collide Art and Poetry!” on 4th August 2023. Students analyzed the verse and explored the meaning by creating a poem through pictures. The quality of the images reflected their understanding and analysis of the poem. Students identified specific words and visualized the meaning and intent of the poem through lines and sketches.



PERFORMANCE ON TRADITIONAL DAY

Students of II BA English performed a graceful and mesmerizing Odissi dance on Traditional Day which was celebrated on the 28th of August in the college.

ALUMNI ADDRESS



Vidya Bhardwaj of 2019 batch, presently working as a Data Analyst at Caratlane, Tanishq, addressed the students. She delivered an erudite session about choosing a career wisely. As a graduate of English Literature, she challenged the conventional system by venturing into the corporate field. She added that her strong analytical skills, communication, and critical thinking were acquired through the study of literature.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY



The Investiture Ceremony of the student council and the various club coordinators of the Department, Virtuoso League, for the year 2023 - 2024 was held on 19th September 2023. The Chief Guest of the day Ms. Thirupurasundari Sevel, an architect-planner, author, and historian shared her experience of choosing to be a leader and taking up responsibilities. The elected council members and the club coordinators were given the badges by the chief guest, the Vice Principal, and the Head of the Department.

TRIP TO MYSORE



The students went on a four-day educational trip to Mysore from 25th October 2023 to 28th October 2023. The students had the opportunity to explore the rich heritage and culture of the cities while enjoying their trip. During their visit, they visited notable attractions such as the Mysore Palace, St Philomena's Cathedral Church, and Brindavan garden.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Ilakiya Rani M of II MA has published articles covering a variety of topics in the daily journal Indian Express.



Breaking Barriers, Fashioning Equality



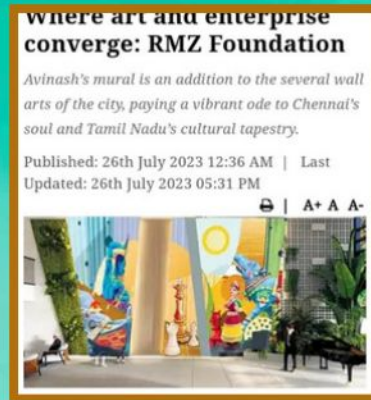
A Silent Crusader



Harvesting the thought of Earth Democracy



A Divine Photography



Where Art and Enterprise Converge : RMZ Foundation.

Janvidarshana. N of II MA has published content for the following anthologies of Poetic Essence Publications



The Silent Poetic Soul



Lost and Found and Rain



Romance (Feelings and Memories)



Confession of Silent Minds

LOUD AND PROUD



Annai Violet College of Arts and Science



Asan Memorial College



Don Bosco Arts and Science College



Stella Maris College



Anna Adarsh College for Women



**NCC member
Bowshiya R.K, I BA English**



**World Heart Day
Poetry Writing Competition 2023**

BOOK NOOK



What's the Purpose?

Constructive ideas disguised as chaos

What's the purpose if I can see nothing, just stand aloof

Unexpressed love for the success I crave

Stands right before me, I try not to go insane

I might as well be writing this before an exam

Instead of studying my head out, for once venting out how I feel.

When I see myself in the next few minutes makes me feel banal

My anxiety races, I could just succumb to my former self,

When I could at least shove my anxiety to my hearts content

Suppressive thoughts overcome in vain

Only to be tagged as a rank

What's the purpose, when exam is just an emotion that makes you crank

- Serene Soundarya R J C

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