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*We cannot do anything against the truth,
but only for the truth. - II Cor. 13:8*

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From the Editors...

“He who waters will also be watered himself.” – Proverbs 11: 25

One of the greatest gifts is the ability to share our blessings... it makes life more meaningful and contended. When our beloved founder Ms. Kaite Wilcox decided to give what she had to the society by serving innumerable young women, she left behind a legacy of selfless service. Hence we, Doakians are called to follow her footsteps by giving and in turn, growing!

This academic year 2019-20 was a fructiferous year filled with a surfeit of activities and programmes as students actively involved themselves in displaying their abilities and talents. Various events took place throughout the year which enabled our young minds to not only excel in their academic performance, but also develop their creativity and ethicality.

Palm Leaves 2020 will give you the essence of the productive experiences and accomplishments of the faculty and students of Lady Doak College community. We believe that you will take pleasure in going through our leaves.



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From the Principal's Desk...



A serene and steady stream of creative ability flows through the pages of our magazine year after year. I'm never once disappointed by expecting more. The creative impulse ignited by incidents big and small gets into ingenious moulds of inventive genre and this year again our **Palm Leaves** proves no less than promethean. The epigrammatic expression, '**Give and Grow**' forms the norm of our life and so of our writing.

Hats off to our smart students and committed colleagues (both teaching and non-teaching) who have coloured this academic year with everyday enthusiastic engagement, some of which have been captured in these pages with inspired insights!

The unruffled calm of the editors of **Palm Leaves** deserves applause. Not cowed down by the crisis caused by COVID-19 that has brought the shutters down on printing presses, our team now takes it to the world to view our display of distinctive artefacts through the World Wide Web!

Dr. Christianna Singh
Principal and Secretary

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ADIOS AMIGOS

An Exceptional Leader, Mentor and an Affectionate Colleague

Dr. Briget Mary, head of the Physics department, is an exceptional leader, a mentor and an affectionate colleague. Her incredible contribution to the Physics department for the past three decades is highly commendable and immeasurable. Through her compassionate support and caring leadership our work in the institution has become easy, enjoyable and rewarding. Through the years, Dr. Briget Mary has imparted the right skills and knowledge to her students, constantly motivating and prayer fully supporting students to overcome barriers of fear and low self-esteem. She is a hard worker and a dedicated teacher and has been an inspiration to the entire department. She has been steadfast in passing on the culture, ethos and the good work of her predecessors in the physics department – Ms. Andal, Ms. Danrita and Dr. Beulah J. M. Rajkumar. In doing so, she has ensured that the department's strong foundation keeps getting stronger while growing in innovation and creativity. By faith, Dr. Briget Mary initiated and launched the **Ms. R. Andal Endowment Lecture**. This excellent venture was even sponsored by Dr. Briget Mary when there was a lack of funds initially. It was a great blessing, when at the end of the debut lecture, Ms. Andal's brothers gifted 2 lakhs toward this endowment, a gift we believe will multiply like fishes and loaves.

As the head of the department, she cares not just for the department as a whole but every individual in the department. Affectionately called "BV Ma'am", Dr Briget Mary is a humble leader who is gracious and kind to all she interacts with. Though her hands were full with her responsibilities at work and at home and despite facing her own struggles, she always rejoices in what others achieve and also prays for and agonizes over others problems and when her prayers for others are answered she is so genuinely happy that the heavens rejoice. Secure in the love of Christ she has no atom of jealousy in her and never moans "why is this happening to me



alone?" no matter what she goes through. Her zest for life is seen in her enthusiasm to participate in singing or sports day activities, without fail, every year.

Known for starting each of her talks with the phrase "God's grace be with you", Dr. Briget Mary has been an embodiment of God's grace to many over the years. With sincere concern for the well-being of those around her, she has reached out her hands to lift up those struggling emotionally and spiritually. Dr. Briget Mary is known for being approachable, a motherly figure to students, always there to lend a listening ear to sort out

their problems and to quench their anxieties. She is a person who understands and respects others feelings, is able to see problems from the person's point of view and able to deal with issues gently without hurting others. She has cheerfully helped with the financial needs of those struggling. She is a prayer warrior who encourages the department to pray together, during good times and bad. The kindness and concern she shows towards everyone is something worth remembering, emulating and cherishing always.

A gentle and soft-spoken woman, Dr. Briget Mary with her beautiful smile is an example of being a "good and faithful servant" who has "run the race well." Under her able leadership, the Physics department has soared to new heights but even more importantly, her genuine love and concern for the people in the Physics department has taught us more than we can learn from a book – kindness, concern, prayer, faith, humility – this is what we will miss when she retires. Our prayers and blessings go with her as she goes before us, in all that she has taught us through the years, both inside and outside the classroom. May God bless her richly!

Dr. R. Nimma Elizabeth
Associate Professor of Physics

இது கவிதை அல்ல
அன்பின் ஊற்றில் பெருகும்
நீர்மை!
எங்களின் எதிர்காலத்திற்கு
விதையாக உங்களையே
அர்ப்பணித்தீர்!
எங்கள் சுகதுக்கங்களைப் பகிர்ந்து கொள்ளும்
தோழியாக உணரச்செய்தீர்!
நாங்கள் அடையும்
வெற்றிக்கும் புகழுக்கும்
உரியவர் நீர்!

உங்களின் இடத்தை
எவராலும் நிரப்ப இயலாது!
பணி நிமித்தம்தான் உங்களுடனான பிரிவு
மன நிமித்தம் அல்ல!
எங்களின் அன்னை நீங்கள்
நீண்ட நீண்ட காலம் நீடு வாழ வேண்டும்!
என வாழ்த்தும்

பா. பாண்டிஸ்வரி
அலுவலக உதவியாளர், இயற்பியல் துறை

A Person of Grit and Determination

Dr. Sarah Sathyavathi J. joined Lady Doak College in the Department of Zoology in the year 1989, as a young long haired beauty from Chennai. I was in the First year of my Post graduation at LDC, when she started teaching us Entomology. Her language, her knowledge in the subject and commitment to teaching made her an admirable teacher. She was very particular about grammar and pronunciation and told us interesting anecdotes related to animals that made her classes very interesting. It was very difficult to score full marks whether it be in the tests or writing a discussion in the record note book, for she had a high standard, which we had to reach. After my studies when I joined back as a teaching faculty, Dr. Sarah became a good friend, with whom I was able to relate well. We had a mutual hobby, reading. Talking about Alistair Mclean to James Hadley Chase or Gerald Durrell, pets, cooking, her interests in interior decoration made her an amicable friend. She even taught me the prayer song in Hindi, when I was struggling with it as a Rangering coordinator.

Dr. Sarah, a very brave person, ventures into roads less travelled. She took leave from teaching for a few years to pursue her PhD in Anna University, Chennai



and completed her Post-doctoral research too. She is a person of grit and determination. Nothing can stop her from pursuing her dream. She is a vibrant personality, who tries to motivate others to perform better, be it her colleagues or students, including her stint at teaching Hindi, by writing a Hindi word and its meaning in the faculty room. She is very straight forward and can never accept injustice. She is a disciplinarian and expects it from both faculty and students. Her aesthetic sense made her redo the exhibits in the department and a soon to be established coral park is her dream child. She is a trend setter, be it her dress

or accessories, age is just a number to her. Christmas is a time for her delicious cakes, which also became a regular much sought after snack during the carnival. She has moulded the lives of many students and has been a mentor to her colleagues. She will be greatly missed in the department of Zoology. May God grant her good health to pursue her dreams. May He shower her with blessings beyond measure and may her life be a blessing to many, especially to her family. Wishing you the best Ma'am!

Dr. Priyatharsini Rajendran
Associate Professor of Zoology

A Smart Scientist

Dr. S. Srisudha is a teacher who plants the seeds of knowledge, sprinkles them with love and patiently nurtures their growth to produce tomorrow's dreams. Our legend was born on 5th December 1961 in Kerala and completed her undergraduate and postgraduate in the University of Madras. She did her Ph.D in ICAR, as a Senior Research Fellowship in Cochin University of Science and Technology and her Post-Doctoral Research at Oberlin College, Ohio, USA (1994-95). She entered the portals of Lady Doak College in the year 1987 as a lecturer in the Department of Botany. Her thrust areas of interest are Phycology and Bioremediation. Her excellence in academics reflected in the following awards and the grants received. She was the recipient of Rashtriya Gaurav award, Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award and Best Citizen of the year award (2011). She is competent in writing proposals to the funding agencies. In her period, she had received a total grant of Rs. 2 Crores and 20 lakhs from the various funding agencies like CSIR, DBT, MoEF, DST and Indo-UK (DBT) for major research projects and from TNSCST, UGC and UBCHEA for minor research projects. She is a member of Professional bodies like Phycological Society, Indian Science Congress Association of India, Marine Biological Association, Indian Ecological Society, Society of Fishery Technology, Green Earth Foundation, Indian Journal of Environmental Science and International Society of Environmental Botanists. She has authored two books – Eco-historic Heritage of Madurai (2009) and A Scientific report on The Status of Water Quality and Microalgal Diversity (2016). Nine newly identified freshwater algal strains has been declared as a high lipid yielding strains at National level and has been deposited in the Institute of Bioresource and Sustainable development, Imphal through her research, which added a feather to her cap. She is a woman of punctuality and sincerity apart from



being friendly and considerate. She never takes any work nearer to deadline and encourages everyone of us to complete our work as early as possible. She is one of the initiators in the development of Paper Recycling unit and Algal culture unit in the department. She is specialized in the preparation of multipurpose masala, which we fondly call it as 'SS masala.' She continuously encourages the students and faculty to participate in various competitions, seminars and conferences. As a Research advisor, she is a strict military officer who insist her scholars to be punctual, hardworking and

systematic in their research work. She always insists us to come out of the comfort zone and to utilize the time effectively to achieve the best in our life. Thank you for being an amazing research advisor. She has made a lifelong impact on all of us. Her words of wisdom has guided us and given us courage to chase our dreams. Above all, she is a responsible mother who takes care of her family in an efficient manner. She is a woman of courage who had overcome various hurdles in her life and transformed all those problems with great positivity.

You started on this journey, so many years ago and now it's time to leave behind dear friends you have come to know! You sought Divine direction and a heart to do HIS will. Your work became your passion as you used your gifts and skills. You set the highest standards for yourself and others too, showing great honour, pride and dignity – they saw the best in you! Now, it's time for you to watch the seeds you have planted to grow and feel HIS peace within. I pray God to keep you safe and well, wherever you may turn, surrounded by your loved ones living out the dreams you have earned... and in the quiet of your heart, may you hear God softly say: "My good and faithful servant, I'm so proud of you this day."

Dr. P. Sakthiaswari
Assistant Professor of Botany

Such Women as Thou are Lady Doak's Boast!

Thirty five summers passed since the young woman in 'blue dress and high heels' set foot in Madurai. Little did she know that it is here, she would receive the best gift (family) and give away her best gifts (teaching). Greatest are the heaven's gifts and greater are the blessings she gave to FOLD (Family of Lady Doak).

In tranquility, I recollect my memories of 'Betty ma'am' as she is popularly called and loved. 'In tranquility' because with her I have always felt 'relaxed', 'refreshed' and 'reassured'. Her faith in God has moved mountains, her smiles have silenced storms, her hugs have healed hurting hearts, her love has lightened the loaded lives and her words of wisdom have warmed and warned weary wanderers.

Age did not wither her spirit nor did custom stale her creativity. Under her able guidance DOTS (Daughters of the Stage) staged timeless classics like *Pride and Prejudice*, *The Sound of Music*, *Sakuntala*, *Annie*, *She Stoops to Conquer* etc. Who can ever gauge her tireless efforts that transformed novices into professionals!

"If music be the food of love, play on". Yes, praise has been continually upon her lips. Even during invigilation her lips would offer soft and sweet strains of praise. With her musical voice, expressive eyes and gentle swaying of hands, she



would bring poems and poets alive in the classrooms. Whether it is Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Edgar Allan Poe or Nissim Ezekiel her students would fondly remember those magical moments even after decades. Impressed by her grace and grit some of her students have named their children after her.

Mercy droppeth as gentle rain all around her as it is enthroned in her heart. When her right hand helps, the left does not know. When we went on trips she would send us off with bags as big as her heart filled with crunchy and tasty treats to feed the whole

bus. Even while at work we would visit her table many times a day not just to discuss official matters but also to help ourselves with the biscuits, savouries, sweets and candies kept on the table. I have seen students, teaching and non-teaching faculty approaching her for financial, emotional, academic and spiritual help. Her home and heart is always open to offer godly counsel, comfort and succor. Truly, she is a woman who fears god and scatters abroad her gifts.

What a journey to remember and recollect! On a lighter note I can proudly say, Our own Betty mam, you have always kept your heels and standards high! May God bless you and keep you; make His face shine upon you and give you His peace!

"Farewell, and happy be, dear ma'am;

Such women as thou are Lady Doak's boast!"

Mrs. J. Deborah Christina
Assistant Professor of English

An Enthralling and Extraordinary Person

I am privileged to share my thoughts about our enthralling and extraordinary person Dr. Kamala Robson. Her exemplary service to Lady Doak College spans over 33 years. She has rendered her untiring service in various committees like NSS, Human Rights, Assembly, Convocation, Workload, Timetable, organizing seminars and others to quote a few. A polyglot, who has an exemplary good command over English and Tamil, is also proficient in Malayalam. She is the walking encyclopaedia of the department - go-to person for any doubt, language-related or subject-related and a pillar of self-stamina and consoling person who tries to find a solution when someone pours their heart out. Her knowledge about the prevailing economic and political scenario, which is unmatched, makes her an avid current affairs queen. Her project wards often exclaim how she makes them find their way through the project and hand holds them in completing too.

Both her colleagues and students get awestruck and listen to her spellbound. She is an expert in constructing puzzles, crosswords and her question papers are quite challenging and stimulate thinking. She is an avid critic and her arguments need to be written down for further reference. She is a passionate and dedicated teacher



who walks an extra mile whenever and wherever required. Her classes link Geography, History and Environment with Economics and gives the student a sneak-peek into the encyclopaedia that she is.

She aces sports too. She was a ball badminton player in her college days. She exemplified her sportsmanship and draws crowds to cheer by representing the department in throwball, badminton as well as ball bouncing relay. She never lets down the department when there is a need no matter what differences of opinion we might have.

Dr. Kamala Robson leaves us equally charmed with her grace and elegance, be it her sarees, her fine taste in dressing up and her eloquence that just wows people. Her hobbies include designing jewellery, crochet and embroidery. Her helping hands justifies her living of true Christian life. She stands out in a crowd, truly noble and unique. Her leaving will definitely cause a vacuum in the department, the shoes too big to fill. We will miss you Dr. Kamala Robson. Enjoy your retired life with your grandson and family. Your ever-loving colleagues wish you good health, peace and joy!

Mrs. Janaki Ganapathy
Assistant Professor of Economics

An Epitome of Elegance, Enthusiasm and Energy

Dr. Roopa Ravikumar is a person who defied all odds to prove that social constraints cannot limit a woman achiever. Married very early in life, she found herself in a new town with familial and child care responsibilities. This did not deter her from becoming a college student when her son became a pre-schooler and then she went on to conquer the academic world with her PhD and also became a serious academic. Her family, her son, her teaching, her committee responsibilities, her Church, her voluntary contributions, her extension – several balls in her constant juggle – something she did with tremendous patience and perfection.

Her degree in Social Sciences from our department strengthened her resolve that our UG course is not about Sociology or Psychology but it is Sociology AND Psychology... the interdisciplinary nature is our strength and power. Her love for her subject emanates even in regular conversations with her. She'll speak Sociology, walk Sociology and do Sociology... a person who loves spending time with students helping them understand the nuances of the discipline.



Her love for Sociology, her passion for teaching and her career as an academic – touched by her deep faith and her tenacity to withstand adversity. Over the years, she took up varied responsibilities on campus and in whatever she did; she touched people with her dazzling smile, ever ready nature to help and reach out and her attention to detail. She walked the talk – she would teach family values and Gerontology in class and was the dutiful family member to apply the very same values at home.

Her home is an open space – students, colleagues and friends have all enjoyed the hospitality and affection she showers on everyone. There is a Roopa Ma'am's touch in everything she does – small cards, special stationery, design cutlery – wherever she is, she will add beauty to the space around her.

Her retirement has created a huge void in our department. We feel we have lost that dynamic guiding force but we realise that she has left behind a legacy of team work, humility, academic acumen and love for students. We hope to be able to place our tiny feet in her Giant footprint... footprint of a legend...

Dr. Anita Christine Tiphagne
Assistant Professor of Social Sciences



ஜெயத்தின் லெட்சுமி

‘பெரிதினும் பெரிது கேள்’ என்றான் பாரதி. சமூக அறிவியல் துறைக்குக் கேட்காமலே கிடைத்த நற்கொடை, அருட்கொடை முனைவர் ம.க. ஜெயலட்சுமி அவர்கள் நிமிர்ந்த நன்னடை, நேர்கொண்ட பார்வை, புன்னகை மாறா பூமுகம், எவருக்கும் அஞ்சாத நெறி, திமிர்ந்த ஞானச்செருக்கு இவை அனைத்தும் ஒருங்கே கொண்ட மாதரசியாம் தைரியலட்சுமி எங்கள் ஜெயலட்சுமி அவர்கள். சமூக அறிவியல் துறையில் இவர் உதவிப்பேராசிரியராகக் கால்தடம் பதித்தது, 1986ஆம் ஆண்டு. அன்று முதல் தன் பணியின் இறுதி நாள் வரை சோர்வின்றி, அயர்வின்றி உழைத்த பெருந்தகையாளிவர்.



இவரின் பொறுமையைக் கண்டு பூமித்தாயே நானுறும் அளவு தைக்கமை கொண்டவர். சமூகஅறிவியல் துறையின் தலைவராக இருந்த காலத்தில் எங்கள் அனைவரையும் ஒருங்கிணைத்து வழிநடத்தியதோடு, பன்முகம் கொண்ட எங்கள் துறையின் மென்முகமாக விளங்கிய பெருமைக்குரியவர். யாருடைய தவற்றையும் முகத்திற்கு நேரே குறையாகச் சுட்டியுரைக்காது, நளினமாக எடுத்துரைத்து, தவற்றைத் திருத்திக் கொள்ள வழி செய்யும் நங்கை இவர். இதிலும் ‘முனைவர்’ பட்டம் பெற்றவரெனில் அது சாலப்பொருந்தும்.

‘குறிப்பறிய மாட்டாதவன் நன்மரம்’ என்பதற்கு ஏற்ப சமூக

அறிவியல் துறை குடிகளின் குறிப்பறிந்து, கேட்காமலே தேவைகள் அனைத்தையும் நிறைவேற்றிக் கொடுத்த சிறப்புகு தலைவர். எப்பொழுதும் இன்முகமாய் இருக்கும் திருமிகு. ஜெயலட்சுமி அவர்கள் பன்முகத்தன்மை கொண்டவர். பென்சில் ஸ்கெட்சிங், கவிதை எழுதுதல் மற்றும் வண்ணம் தீட்டுதல் மட்டுமல்லாது சமையற் கலையிலும் கைதேர்ந்தவர். இவர் கவிதை புத்தகம் வெளியிட்டால் கண்ணதாசன் பொறாமை கொள்வாரே என்று எண்ணி அச்செயலை அப்படியே கைவிட்ட சீமாட்டி இவர்.

‘ஈன்றபொழுதின் பெரிதுவக்கும் தன்மகனைச் சான்றோன் எனக்கேட்ட தாய்’ – என்ற வரிகளுக்கு ஏற்ப திருமிகு ஜெயலட்சுமியின் பெற்றோர் பெருமதிம் அடைந்தனர்.

‘ஈன்றபொழுதின் பெரிதுவக்கும் தன்மகனைச் சான்றோன் எனக்கேட்ட தாய்’ – என்ற வரிகளுக்கு ஏற்ப திருமிகு ஜெயலட்சுமியின் பெற்றோர் பெருமதிம் அடைந்தனர்.

‘தோன்றின் புகழொடு தோன்றுக அ..திலார் தோன்றலின் தோன்றாமை நன்று’ – என்ற குறளுக்கேற்ப சமூகஅறிவியல் துறை இவரின் தோன்றலினால் சிறப்படைந்தது என்பது முற்றிலும் உண்மை.

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உதவிப்பேராசிரியர், சமூகஅறிவியல் துறை

இவர் சொற்களின் மதிப்பறிந்ததினால் ஒரு சொல்லைக் கூட கூடுதலாகப் பேச விரும்பாதவர் சொந்திறம் படைத்தவர். அதே நேரத்தில் தான்சொல்ல வந்த கருத்தை அனைவருக்கும் புரியும் வகையில் சிக்கனமான சொற்களால் சுருங்கச்சொல்லி விளங்க வைப்பதில் வித்தகர். வள்ளுவனிடமிருந்து இவர் கற்றும், பெற்றும் கொண்ட பாடம் ‘பொறையுடைமை’யாகும்.

Mr. Marianathan – Simple, Friendly and Approachable

Mr. Marianathan was the first male full time Bursar of our college. When we think of our former Bursar, what comes to our mind immediately is his smiling face. He is a simple and friendly person and while in service, he was always approachable. He always motivated us saying that we are all capable of doing the work assigned to us efficiently. He was appreciative of women in particular; we used to get inspired by his remarks that women can do multitasking without compromising the quality. We got the right guidance from him whenever a change in the existing system or a new system was brought in. It was a great learning experience for us to



work under his direction when our college organised and conducted several programmes throughout his tenure. His suggestions as to how to coordinate and make an event successful were quite practical and useful. His advice was most sought after especially when the public was involved or participated in the programmes like the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Pattimandram organised by the Commerce Department, Non Teaching Staff Tournament for men and the Mega Carnival. When we made mistakes, he used to make us realize them in a gentle manner. He was soft

spoken. Mr. Marianathan will always be remembered as kind and considerate Bursar.

Bursar Office

Yonder Experiences Gender Studies for Men

The six days Trainers' Training Programme on "Gender Studies for Men" was held at the Institute of Women's Studies, St. Scholastica's College, Manila, Philippines from 2nd to 7th February, 2020. Mr. K. Silverster Bennet (Centre for Communication and Media), Mr. A. Berkman (Centre for Information Technology) and Mr. Sam Suresh Kumar (Principal's Office) participated from Lady Doak College. It was organised by our college Management and Centre for Women's Studies, first of its kind for the Non-Teaching Staff. The aim of the workshop was to train the participants in the field of Gender Studies and the participants after their return, to train the other Non-Teaching Staff of their respective colleges and those working in colleges of neighbouring cities.



Mr. K. Silverster Bennet
Technical Assistant, CCM

Our Experiences at Asian Women University, Bangladesh



It was a six day Faculty Training Programme held at Asian Women University, Bangladesh from 02.02.2019 to 01.03. 2019. It was a rare opportunity to meet people from different parts of India and Bangladesh. We learned how to be a facilitator through Activities like Dual, Panel Discussion, Brainstorming, Asking why and Story developing from News Paper Cutting. This training programme inculcated us with wholesome person education, methods of evaluation in India, transition from teacher-centered to student-centered teaching methods, develop and implement critical thinking and reflection, understand independent community-based learning including peer group learning, manage a classroom effectively, play the role of a facilitator for students, better understand the effective, ethical use of innovative educational methods and techniques and acquire the capacity to impart whole personality education. We thank God Almighty for this rare opportunity!

Ms. V. Geetha

Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Dr. J. Ananthi

Assistant Professor of Biotechnology



My Experience at ICERM



My five days workshop on "Optimization methods in Computer Vision and Image processing" organized by Institute for Computation and Experimental Research in Mathematics (ICERM), Brown University, Rhode Island, USA started on April 29th 2019. It was a cold night around 11pm when I landed at the Providence Airport with my spouse and 5 year old daughter to attend the workshop. When I applied for

this workshop, I never thought I would be invited because it was a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded program and not everyone gets a chance to enter ICERM. Being one among the 7 institutes funded by National Science Foundation (USA), ICERM had a huge gathering of around 50 renowned researchers, scientists, scholars and professors around the globe seated on the motion-sensitive chairs of the Conference hall. All the Workshop sessions were live streamed in their Website and in Youtube as well. During all the sessions, I realized that ICERM is not a just a world of Math, It is a world of research, collaboration and discussions. The optimization and State of Art techniques in Machine Learning and Deep Learning were presented by researchers from Microsoft Research, Opera Research groups and Weizmann Institute of Technology. Research at ICERM is Vibrant and Contagious. Having gained a rich experience and exposure from ICERM, I expanded my ideas and insights towards doctoral research. Moving out of the comfort zone had no regrets because it groomed me in all ways. Seated in between a French and a Chinese professor, initially it was a culture shock to me, however the environment was so supportive and I started interacting with my peers. We had welcome reception on the first day evening where all the participants were served Italian, Mexican, American, Thai and Asian cuisines. The city tour at Providence revealed many historical events that happened centuries ago and the night life was also mesmerizing. I strongly believe that it was God's perfect plan to take me through all these places. I had fun-filled and lavish memories that will always be cherished by me.

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Report on Scranton-Ewha Leadership Program 2019

Scranton-Ewha Leadership Program 2019 (SELP 2019) was held at Ewha University, Seoul, South Korea from July 22-28, 2019. Participants were from twelve different countries. Ewha University's origin made me think about the origin of Lady Doak College. Like Katie Wilcox, Mrs. Mary Scranton, the American missionary who founded Ewha University did not give her own name to the institution and was likewise started with the motive of giving education to women. Her sacrificial service, without self-propaganda is astounding and truly serves as a role model for future leaders to follow.

The program was more of a participatory kind and gave us a platform to share our struggles and victories. I was astonished to find the similarities in women's struggles, despite belonging to different nationalities. Visiting Samsung Innovation Museum and Seoul Upcycling Plaza on the same day, was very meaningful, as they indicate the overwhelming growth of technology and a possible solution for the ill-effects of the same. Dr. Jong Nam Oh's lecture on "Seeking True Happiness" was the most inspiring session, as he spoke about the contradictory situation in South Korea with inconceivable economic growth on one hand and alarming suicide rates on the other. Apart from the coordinators of the program, I am indebted to thank my roommate and all the participants, who made the week a truly memorable one. I praise and thank God for this wonderful opportunity, without whose grace and providence, this would have been impossible!

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My “Tryst with Destiny”

Thirty five glorious years in the Department of English, Lady Doak College, that I love, enjoy and am ever thankful for, never seem to end, despite the fact that I have hung up my boots as far as this phase of life is concerned! From the young Betty, that waltzed into college in 1985, to the now ‘Wise Old Owl’ (as my friends would say) of 2020, life couldn’t have been any better for me!

Literally brought by my God to LDC, even though I flatly refused to even look beyond its name, when my brother brought me a newspaper cutting of the LDC advertisement of the post of lecturers, I can never stop thanking Him for this, my first and last job – my Calling as it turned out to be!

When I was doing my postgraduate programme in my dear Madras Christian College, my brother brought me a newspaper advertisement for the post of lecturers in English for an institution named Lady Doak College. My first reaction was, “Just look at the name; sounds like Lady Duck College! Even if they call and give me a job, I will not take it”. Oh, the folly of youth!. A year later, unbeknownst to me, my friend in MCC, now my brother-in-law, drafted an application letter, (which I blindly signed), and sent to LDC.

I had always wanted to teach little children. If I were to take up a job, I told myself, I’d be a school teacher (and this, despite the great lecturers I had at MCC!) On hind sight, this decision actually kind of summed up my confidence level at that time. But I never reckoned my God would throw a spanner in the works! The teaching post at Rishi Valley School, about the best Residential

School in AP at that time, was mine if only I had agreed to not going to Church every Sunday. But being the young idealist, I told the interview panel, “but my God comes first” to which they replied, “sorry then we can’t give you the job.” I never felt more miserable in my life than at that moment!. And when I returned and told my warden at St. Bridget’s Hostel, Pallavaram, Sr. Margret, she simply said, “Betty, you stood up for your God, now your God will stand up for you!” Never had I heard more prophetic words spoken! Four days after my Rishi Valley fiasco, I received the call letter from, hold your breath, none other than LDC! My brother-in-law’s letter reaped rich dividends: I got called for the interview!.

Talk about my folks trying to see that ‘yours truly’ went safely to this unknown place, Madurai. My brother, you know how elder brothers can be, right? He sent a telegram (yes, telegrams were very much part of life those days) to the English department worded thus: “Betty, blue blouse, blue skirt, arriving...!” Since then, I’ve never heard the last of that!

In the train to Madurai I ended up sitting opposite a pair of sisters. The older one asked me which school I was from, and was shocked when I told her I was going to attend an interview at LDC. And as if that wasn’t enough, she enquired as to which department. When I told her English, she literally squealed with delight saying, “hey, you are coming in my place. I am leaving since I got married recently.” Talking about coincidences, well, this beats them all!

Thirty five years ago all I thought of was Kindergarten teaching, if at all I took up a job. But God, knowing me, His creation, didn’t give me an option (never does). He just takes me where He needs me. And LDC it was meant to be. So here I am, all of 35 fantabulous years, eating my words (even if they call and give me a job, I will not take it), digesting them and thanking God for this wonderful institution of higher education that He brought me into.



I did not realize just how much my God would stand up for me when in the innocence of youth I said, “my God comes first”. Well, He did not stop with giving me a permanent post, He also brought my best friend, my husband Melwin to my college to ‘rise’ in love with me – together forever as one! Can you believe that? Well, no godfather or godmother to introduce us to each other; just God the Father! And, He had the crèche already there on campus for the darling sons He was giving us. Never underestimate Gods great love for any of us.

And the love, that God in His infinite mercy, bestowed upon me, through my darling students, is the best and most humbling experience any teacher can ever dream of having in her lifetime. Then there is the love of such dear friends who added value to my life, and the life of my family.

It never occurred to me to plan my life. God already had one chalked out for me and I simply had to follow - like I said, He knew me, so He didn’t leave me to my own devices! Know this, dear friends, God also upholds the

simpleton..., even if she is a little dressed up. And I am a prime example.

Being part of the FOLD (Family Of Lady Doak) meant being ready to take on responsibility. Be it coordinator of CHILD (Children’s Haven In Lady Doak) – both these acronyms my coinage – or Faculty Association Secretary with my great team for two terms (the first time ever), being Editor of the College Magazine and the prestigious Diamond and Platinum Souvenirs, to being Director of a good many annual College Plays, in charge of the Children’s Choir for many years, and even composing our department Song! Again, it was in LDC that I discovered yet another of the many wonderful God-given talents – “The Art of Announcing” as my dear friends put it. Amazing what God does with a “cracked pot” like me! Then just imagine friends, what He can do with fine folk like you! This great seat of learning, Lady Doak College, was fashioned for all of us - past, present and future - to bless and be blessed!

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Department of English



Independence Day Celebration



Pond Visit - Zoology Department



Silambam Skill Training - Fine Arts Club



Pongal Celebration - Tamil Department

Mind Art

SECRET OF BEING CONTENT

A secret by definition is a bit of knowledge not commonly known. It is something that is kept or meant to be kept unknown or unseen by others. It is a piece of information that is only known by one person or a few people and should not be told to others. It is beyond ordinary human understanding. What is contentment?

The word 'content' from Philippians 4:11 comes from a Greek word that means self sufficient or independent. It is the ability to be free from all want or needs, as chief of all virtues. Here, Paul affirms that his sufficiency is in Christ. It is an inner sense of rest or peace that comes from being right with God and knowing that He is in control of all that happens to us. It means having our focus on the kingdom of God and serving Him, not on the love of money and materials. If God grants us material comforts, we can thankfully enjoy them knowing that it all comes from His loving hands. Also, we should seek to use it for His purpose by being generous.

Contentment also means not being battered around by difficult circumstances or people, and not being wrongly seduced by prosperity, because our life is centered on a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. So, no matter what happens to us or what others do to us, we have the steady assurance that the Lord is for us and He will not forsake us.

HOW DO WE ACQUIRE CONTENTMENT?

The world goes about the quest for contentment in all the wrong ways, so we must studiously avoid its ways.



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Paul's words show...

The secret for contentment in every situation is to focus on the Lord – as the Sovereign, as the Saviour and as the sufficient one. He is the Sovereign one to whom I must submit. He is the Savoir whom I must serve: He is the sufficient One whom I must trust. If I know Him in these ways, as Paul did, I will know contentment.

Paul learned to be content in all conditions (with prosperity and with humble means). It didn't come naturally to him, and it was not an instantaneous transformation. It is a process of something that we learn from walking with God each day. Key to this process is understanding that everything, major and minor, is under God's sovereignty. He uses all our circumstances to train us in godliness if we submit to Him and trust Him. Our attitude in trials and our deliberate submission to His sovereignty in the trial is crucial.

If you live for yourself and your own pleasure, you will not know God's contentment. We mistakenly think that we will be content when we accumulate enough money in the bank and enough possessions to make us secure. The truth is, you will know contentment when you give generously to the Lord's work and also others who are in need. If you treasure in this world, your heart will be in this world, which is not the most secure environment. If your treasure is in the kingdom of God, your heart will be there and it is a secure, certain realm.

Paul says that he had learned the secret of being filled hungry and going hungry both of having abundance and suffering need (Philippians 4:12). That secret is stated in verse 13: "I can do all things in Him who continually infuses me with strength." The all, sufficient in dwelling Christ was Paul's strength and contentment. Since Christ cannot be taken from a believer, we can lean on Him in every situation, no matter how trying.

Everyday, before I go to bed I ask myself: "Was this day a fruitful day for me?" I would just spend three to five minutes to reflect on who were the people I met today, what were my conversations, whether my words comforted them or not, how did I spend my time, was it useful to me and others I met, whether I had a satisfied life through the day.

SO ASK YOURSELF: "Am I really satisfied with my life?" To lead a satisfying life, take some time to reflect on the following.

FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE:

- It's easy for anyone to get caught in the negativity trap constantly dwelling on what needs to be done, what should have been done, mistakes made etc. Rather than allowing those negative, anxious thoughts to dominate your mind, think of the good things in your life. For every negative thing that comes to mind, force yourself to find a positive thing. This will lead to a more positive outlook on life and a more positive attitude in the long run.
- Find your stress relief – Figure out what soothes you, the things that most reduce stress. You need to find a hobby that quiets your mind and gives you a sense of inner peace. Make a point to take time out of your busy schedule to practice your stress-relieving activities on a regular basis.
- Do not be afraid to take time for yourself. It is natural for people to get overwhelmed when they are busy, rather than allowing yourself to get so overwhelmed you just throw your hands up in frustration and give up, learn to recognize when you are getting close to your breaking point and then take a break. Do not be ashamed to take a personal day. Realize that your mental health is just as important as your physical health.
- Take responsibility for your actions. When you find yourself in a problem never blame others. It is not the remedy. Focus on what could have been done, take responsibility for your own actions and then examine the situation. Take a control of the things you can and let go of everything else. Make positive changes where you can. Accept the things you cannot change.
- Be more understanding one of the biggest stresses for most individuals comes from misunderstanding. Developing the ability to see from another person's perspective without bias is a gift. Only very few people possess it, but it is a much valuable trait. When conversing, listen without judgment and leave your mind open. This will allow you to make more friends. The ability to see from another perspective will allow you to learn more and think more abstractly.
- Reevaluate your relationship-one by one, considering each and every relationship you have. Think about how they affect you in your daily life. Who wants to see you succeed, who inspires you. Who makes you happy? On the other hand. Who might be

dragging you down, who might make you feel bad about yourself, who might be a toxic influence on you? Be brutally honest with yourself and distance yourself from one people you feel might be sapping your energy. Surround yourself with people who are positive influence and people who make you happy enhancing your quality of life.

- Live your best life – Only you know what truly makes you happy – Do not let other people dictate how to live your life. Walk your own path without fear of judgement. Of course, your family and friends are important and it is absolutely fine to go to them for advice when you need it, but it is ultimately your decision whether you take that advice. Every individual has just one life to live, so remember, live your life how you want to live.

CONCLUSION

The secret of being content is not a program, or a philosophy, and it has nothing to do with your material possession. The secret is Him. Philippians 4:13 says: "I can... through Him." The 'I' and the 'Him' are linked together and this is the key; the person of Jesus Christ was Paul's secret of being content. The secret to trust every circumstance is Jesus – to know His ways and to have confidence in His grace. Circumstances change, but God doesn't. Jesus will take care of His people always. Keep Him at one center of your life whether living in plenty or in want. With Jesus help you can be content in every season of life.

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BROKEN CHILD

What will you do when your loved ones commit a mistake or something that is unacceptable? You scold? Argue? Confront? Or stop speaking with them? This might happen in every bond... But what if it comes to Parenthood? When a child does something messy and it ends up somewhere that is not expected and is not easily acceptable by you...

Yeah! Though what the child did might be wrong, it should be handled better. As a parent, you scold? Fine, explode in anger? That's okay, confront? Okay, try to find the reason behind the child's mistake? Great. But what if you stop speaking with the child because of the mess they've created? Do you really think that's right? Do you really think the child deserves that? Do you really think your anger is more important than the child? Are you doing this for the child's betterment? That is, for the mistake not to be committed again.

I'm sorry, what you are doing is not going to help the child. This doesn't take the child towards a positive direction... it instead puts the child in a state of fear. Yes! it gets originated there. If your intention is to make the child realize the mistakes, the best way is to have a personal communication with him/her and to find out under what circumstances the child had to commit the wrong deed. This creates the formation of trust in the little ones. But when you stop speaking with the child, the child gets to know about the feeling of avoidance.

Few children try to talk back to their parents whereas a few may not. Few children may express their emotions



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in the form of anger or through tears... whereas few may not and the emotions get buried in their hearts. At times, few don't even know what they actually have to do in such a situation. As the child grows old, apart from parenthood, the child starts to face conflicts such as misunderstandings at schools, play spots, colleges and work places where those conflicts and misunderstandings lead to no communication between people.

Yes! both of them are different scenarios. However the feeling of avoidance is implanted within the child from home – THE PRIMARY CIRCLE. When it hits the same child may be in a different form, which he/she faces in schools or some other places, the feeling of avoidance may transform into the feeling of abandonment – which could be the intense feeling the child carries throughout his/her life.

Don't punish the child by not speaking with them, which may create a NEGATIVE SELF SCHEMA on children as they grow.

Be their support but not as their unconscious barrier - To every parent.

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DADDY, WHEN WILL YOU COME?

Whenever I asked for a chance to die,
You gave me so many reasons to live.
"Dad, I want people who would love me infinitely," I prayed,
You gave me people whom I could love unconditionally.
Whenever I asked You to teach me patience,
You taught me tolerance through acceptance.
"Dad, I want joy and smiles," I prayed,
You gave me the key to unlock people's happiness.
Whenever I asked You for more blessings in life,
You made me a blessing in others' lives.
"Dad, I want surprises and gifts," I prayed,
You gave miracles to my beloved people.
Whenever I asked You for comfort and a consoling heart,
You gave me all the verses in the Bible.
"Dad, I want good friends," I prayed,
You gave me David, Naomi and many more.
Whenever I asked for hugs and kisses,
You gave me an invisible embrace.
"Dad I am alone," I cried,
You listened to me in the darkness.
Whenever I asked for hope to proceed,
You gave me the faith to lead.
"Dad, I want success in my plans," I prayed,
You gave me the way to significance.
Whenever I wanted to be someone's Queen,
You crowned me and called me Your Princess.
"Dad, I want to possess everything," I prayed,
For which You gave me Your blood.
Whenever I wished for peace,
You gave me the star.
Dear Daddy, now I want you,
Only you, When will You come?

- Your daughter
Priya Kalimuthu
Alumna, Department of English

AN INVOCATION

Oh! Thou descending Wings of Love
Engulf me in thine embrace
Guide me in thy rejuvenating ways
And teach me thine humbleness
So to lend mine ears to the unheard
And my voice to those silenced
To feel the screams of injustice
And the ever-deepening tears of pain
To break free from the shackles of oppression
And the torment of them all
To hold those broken hearts,
Oh! Wings of Love
And to envelope them in Thine embrace.

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BE AND BECOME

She blushed gently
As she opened her eyes
He stood before her
With a bright red rose
Their eyes met
Hearts possessed
Love they say it is.
Of which I know not sure
Love it is for sure
When She holds you in her arms
Close to her chest
As she feeds you with her breast
To silence your shrill cries
Love it is for sure
When She smiles as you kick
With tiny toes and legs
Tears well up in her eyes
As you grow up big
Love it is for sure
When He carries you in his shoulders
As well as in his heart
He shows you the world
Walking beside you throughout
Love it is for sure
When He pains himself
Just to keep you smiling
He sees the world in you
In your joyful eyes.
Of these I know,
Love it is for sure
Love in it's purest form...

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INDIA FACING MORAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

India, once rich in its moral values and traditions now completely lacks it. In my opinion, both moral and economic crisis are inter connected. One rises of the other. But by majority, economic crisis plays a broad role in leading the path to moral crisis.

Our country was once the wealthiest country known in Asia, but now the economy is decreasing at an unimaginable rate. The country once where the European Giants set foot only for its rich wealth is now economically below them. Some blame the government, some pave way only to criticisms and many don't even lend their ears if someone puts forth the question to them. According to me, the problem is with the people. If corruption prevails, it won't let the country to rise in its economy for sure.

Education is the major strength to a country and the major threat also lies here. Once a graduate completes his degree in India, but with an aim of settling in other countries and serving for them, then what is the use of studying here? They go in search of jobs there because they know that the economy is far greater there. But why is it greater? They do the same work in their mother country and also in foreign countries. However, their assessment patterns, methods of proper administration, idealistic way of controlling crisis in banks (or) other financial institutions makes them unique.

The export and sale of goods from abroad finds a better market place here. A country is not something that runs only under the guidance or is controlled by the government. The essence which gives life to a country falls in the hands of the people residing there. If we take the example of eastern countries, their hard work makes the country rich. The hard work of our country men also cannot be explained in words. If so, where is the mistake? We can't just blame people because today's financial system is designed to pursue the highest rate of monetary return.

The public trading companies in India are put into constant pressure, to deliver their growing sales and growing market shares. Also, banks profit by giving loans bearing interests, which must be repaid with more loans. Politicians raise the taxes for tax revenue system because if their income is reduced, the rate of goods will automatically be increased. The growth in price of goods can be quoted as examples here because there are still people residing in India without proper employment and what can they do if there is an alarming increase in the price of goods? Half of the population has to cope up as they have no other way and the other half will be under the chief influence.

It should be taken into account that the economic crisis of a country not only depends upon money. It

depends on a lot of factors. Mainly, there are people who lack the major supplements and opportunities and the nation cannot over use the limited resources, but have to satisfy the needs of people. Their power, talent and application lies here. They must find other means to cope up with the highly dignified lifestyle to which each and every citizen of India is eligible.

Agriculture being the backbone of India prevailed as our ancient tool for economy. Now, we are the ultimate reason for uneven climatic changes, wasting agriculture lands, wasting water and lack of manpower which has finally led to the loss of resources, leading to loss in economy. Sometimes the people are forced to do certain things, for which demonitisation can be quoted as an example because it's chief aim was to eliminate or arrest the spread and publication of illegal money. To a small extent it succeeded in its aim, but not entirely. There had been a great loss in banking sectors which resulted in merging the banks. Even though there are small finance banks, they are not very successful. Real estate and corporate world has the majority of influence in the economy.

The private consumption expenditure growth rate is experiencing a huge crash these days. The problem lies everywhere, right from manufacturing sectors, dealers and sellers. There is instability everywhere but if the nation fails to support its basic needs, there is no use. Our 2020 dream? Where will it go? When will we succeed?

The implementation of new projects must be formed and aligned in a correct way. This must be done by every business man, every sector, every institution and also every citizen. This is the only way to lead our country to the status of a democratic Republic.

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BURNING DREAMS

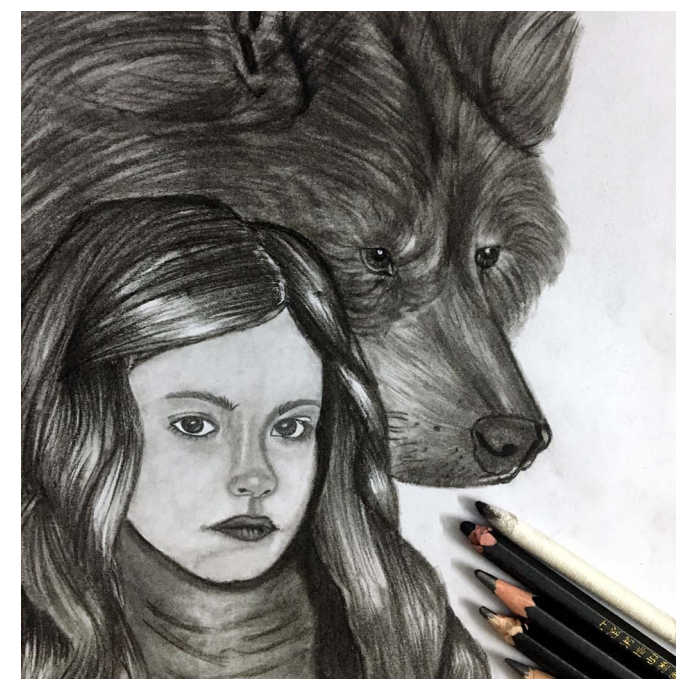
It was burning,
The dreams which were meant to
come true,
the passion of loyalty.
Yet the ocean of tears didn't numb the fire.

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IN THE MIRROR

In the mirror, I saw my reflection.
My devils look alluring;
And they have two cute little horns.
My angels look fragile and weak;
As if they were pricked with many a thorn.
My devils spoke to me in the most beautiful voices.
They showed me how to fly.
My angels spoke to me in broken whispers;
They warned me to stay grounded.
My devils showed me all the riches I could own.
My angels showed me all the virtues I should possess.
When I followed my devils,
I killed my conscience.
I betrayed my soul.
When I followed my angels,
I found my reason.
I found my purpose.

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AND THEN IT HIT ME

As I was sadly strolling all by myself on one side of the broad, cemented road in my college at 8:30 in the morning to cheer up my friends for the march past practice, I was playing with the small rocks under my feet. As I walked, to distract myself from all the gloom, I enjoyed the view of the tall, green trees on both sides of the road. As rays of sunlight penetrated through the little unoccupied spaces, thousands of branches bent in undefined shapes giving me a reason to take a brief moment to shift from stress to de-stress. I could clearly see leaves falling in a pattern. There was a fictional moment when I could hear the breeze say, "fall in the same direction" and only the yellow colored leaves followed quietly.

I could feel the aesthetic pull of the moment but somewhere I knew it was more than just the knowledge visible to the naked eye. The falling leaves reminded me of the time I failed to be a success when others could pull off. I suddenly wondered why there were still some yellow leaves in the branch when the others had drooped. 'Oh, I remember,' it's the failing perseverance I couldn't know anytime soon. The leaf eventually is going to fall.

I stumbled. 'What was I thinking?' I looked to the ground. I couldn't be happier. The yellow coloured leaves on the ground complimented the black road. Random philosophical thoughts crossed my mind. And then it hit me, falling is failing beautifully but honestly, it just adds content and meaning to your life.

I saw heaps of yellow leaves thrown away. I smiled and thought, "It's time to move on."

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WINTER MORNING

When the gelid winter dawned,
 My blanket was yet couthy
 I vaguely opened my eyes
 The room was drab and dull.
 I was still drowsy
 My leg slipped off the sheet,
 In an instant it was frozen.
 There was a steaming cup of coffee beside
 Sweet and strong
 I slid the curtains and
 Opened the shuttered windows...
 The frigid zephyr blew over my hair
 The sugar apples in the lawn were freshly ripened
 And I got its whiff intervened with the breeze
 All trees were still and the leaves were pale
 I heard no tweeting around
 The tanned clouds were prowling
 To find their hearth
 The far away hills,
 Seemed to be topped with scoops of vanilla.
 At once I caught a glimpse of the flickering
 Golden Christmas lights of the neighborhood
 And the condensed moisture over the red car...
 Oh! The joyous moment runs over my body,
 I lost myself
 Then my conscious rang the bell
 Er... I was getting late to college!

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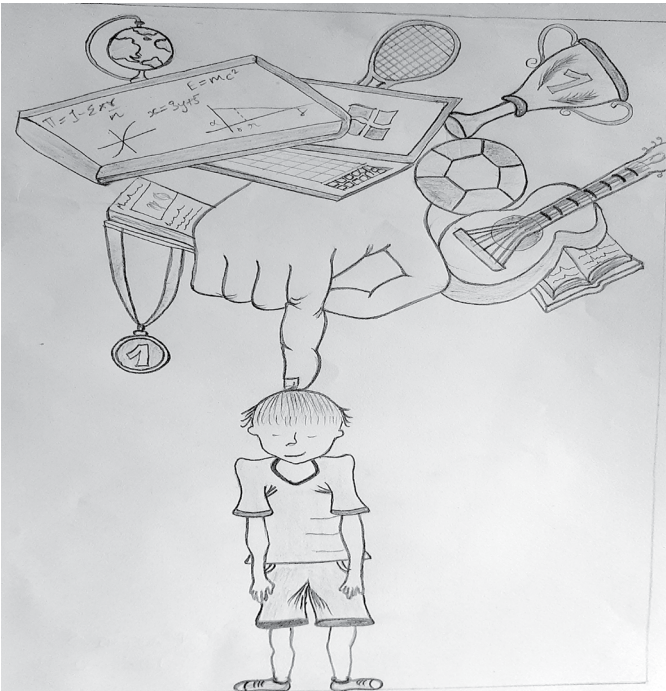


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MY MARVEL

The person who binds us together,
 Without her our family will wither.
 The person who has no wishes of her own,
 The place where our values are sown.
 The person whose scoldings are disguises of love,
 Before which I bow.
 What can I give her more than my affection?
 But she says it is her satisfaction.
 The person whose criticisms matter to me the most,
 And whose hugs are my required energy boosts.
 This person is my treasure
 That I will cherish forever.
 The sun of my small world,
 Without whom my life would become dark and cold.
 The root of my tree,
 Without which I will never be me.
 I hope I made you proud,
 But you for sure made me bold.
 She is My Mom,
 Without her my calm life and heart would be a storm.

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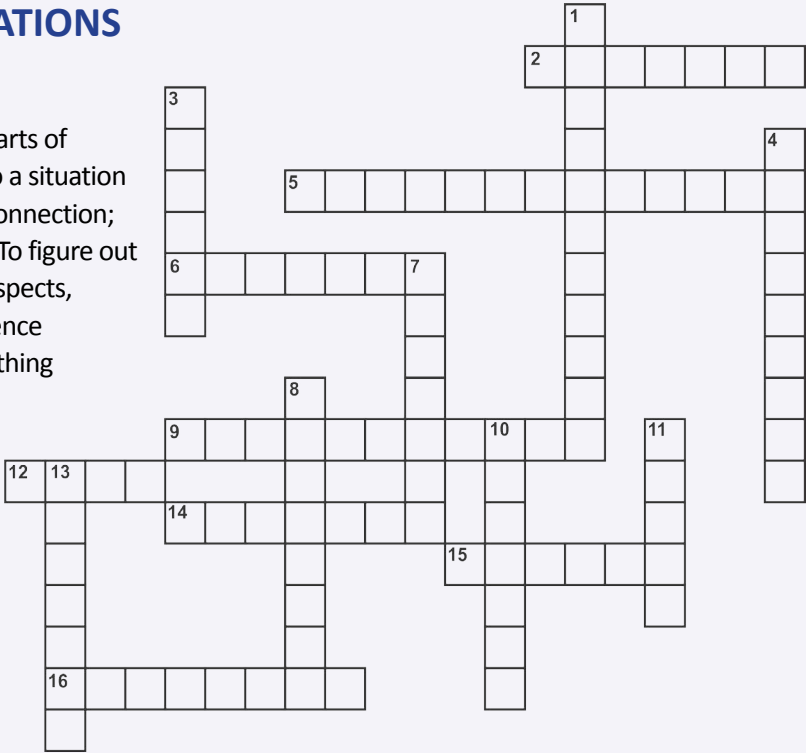
CROSSWORD PUZZLE: INVESTIGATIONS

ACROSS:

2. A question 5. Unimaginable 6. To examine all parts of something in order to understand it 9. To look into a situation (often a crime, but it can also be a mystery) 12. A connection; One part of a chain 14. To notice or to watch 15. To figure out something unknown by considering all its known aspects, and reasoning it through 16. To consider the evidence and then decide what is true/correct; To end something

DOWN:

1. Curious; Wants to understand something 3. Related to the mind 4. A person whose job is to find/recognize the hidden information needed to solve a crime 7. To look closely at something 8. Shown/made known 10. Different sides/ways of looking at something 11. To make a logical guess that something is true based on the evidence, although the evidence is not clear enough to be absolutely certain 13. To look at something carefully to find problems/specific information



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ANSWERS:
 ACROSS: 2. Inquiry, 5. Inconceivable, 6. Analyze, 9. Investigate, 12. Link, 14. Observe, 15. Deduce, 16. Conclude
 DOWN: 1. Inquisitive, 3. Mental, 4. Detective, 7. Examine, 8. Revealed, 10. Aspects, 11. Infer, 13. Inspect

THE SECRET OF PEACE

One day I walked along the brook
Wondering about my past deeds
Nothing struck my mind
Except being heedless and self-centered
I asked the LORD, "Can I make myself worthy?"
He told me a secret: "Give and Grow"
Then I gave my heart to the LORD
Gave my time and energy to my friends, family and the meek.
Gave my belongings to the needy
And then the incomparable joy of Giving
Gave me 'PEACE' in return
Oh! It is the everlasting peace of the LORD
That filled my heart.

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MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

What is the world like? Is it good or bad? I assume most of us feel that this world is bad and we don't like it this way. We wish that it could be better and I have an idea on how we can do it. First let's get to the basics: this world is made up of continents, countries, communities, groups and individuals. Individuals like you and me, we are the basic components of this world. It takes YOU to make this world a better place. It takes you, to show love and kindness to another person so that, the person who receives love and kindness can pass the same to another. As we keep forwarding love and kindness, it spreads across from individuals to groups to communities to continents to the world. The change starts with you. Yes, you can change this world with love and kindness. The question is, Will You? Remember: it starts with you.

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தமிழ்ச்சோலை

பாரதியின் 'பா'ரதம்

ஆங்கிலேயரின் ஆளுகையில் நம் இந்திய தேசம் சுதந்திர ஒளியிழந்து, அடிமை இருள் நிறைந்து சிறையிருப்பில் இருந்த காலத்தே இருளகற்றும் பகலவனாய், நம் தமிழகம் உதித்தவர் பன்மொழிப் புலவர் பாரதியார் ஆவார். அக்காலத்தே, நம் மக்களிடையே நிலவிய அறியாமை, மூடப்பழக்க வழக்கங்கள், சமத்துவமின்மை, அச்சம், அடிமைத்தனம், பிரிவினை, பிறமொழி பிறப்பண்பாட்டு மோகம், தம் திறமுணராமை, கல்வி, கல்லாமை போன்ற பல சமூக நச்சுக்களை களைய மொழியை, கவிதையைக் கருவியாய்க் கொண்டு அருந்தமிழால், தனியொருவராய்த் துணிந்து நெருப்புக்கனலாய்ச் சுழன்றவர் சுப்பிரமணிய பாரதியார். 20-ஆம் நூற்றாண்டின் 'தமிழ்ப்பேராழி' அவர். அவர் மூச்சும் பேச்சும் செந்தமிழ் நாடு, தேமதுரத் தமிழ் என்பவையே.

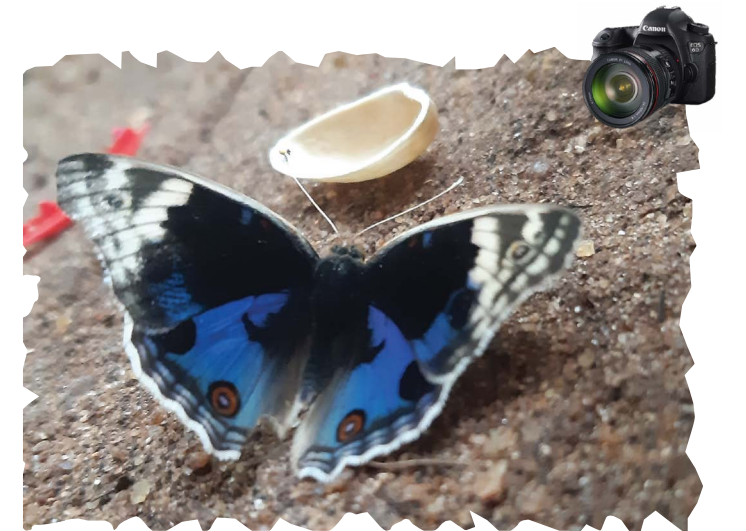
பாட்டுக்கொரு புலவனாய், பாமரரும் அறியும் வண்ணம் நம் பாரதம் பற்றிப் 'பா ரதம்' ஓட்டிய சாரதி நம் பாரதி. அவருடைய பா ரதங்கள் எதுகை, மோனை நயத்தோடு சொற்கவை, பொருட்சுவை கொண்டு பேச்சு வழக்குக் கலப்புடன் பல்வேறு தாளலயத்துடன் பண் பாடலாகப் பாடி, ஆடி மகிழக்கூடிய தன்மை நிறைந்து, சிறந்த உவம, உருவகங்களுடன் உணர்வுப் பிழம்புகளாய், உறங்குகின்றவர்களையும் தட்டி எழுப்பக்கூடிய தன்மையுடையன. அவர்தம் பா ரதங்களின் குதிரையோட்டம் இன்றும் ஓயவில்லை. குமரி முதல் காசி வரை உலவியதோடன்றிப் பார் முழுவதும் பாய்ந்துகொண்டுள்ளது.

'முப்பதுகோடி ஜனத்திற்கும் முகமொன்று' என்றும், 'செந்தமிழ் நாடென்னும் போதினிலே, இன்பத் தேன் வந்து பாயுது காதினிலே' என்றும், 'ஆனந்த சுதந்திரம் அடைந்துவிட்டோம்' என்றும், 'அக்கினிக் குஞ்சொன்று கண்டேன்' என்றும், 'ஏழையொருவனுக்குக் கல்வி' என்றும் நன்னெறிகள் வகுத்து, வஞ்சனைப் பேய்களை இனங்காட்டி மக்களின் அறியாமை அகல வேண்டுமென நம் சமூக நிலைக்கான காரணம் அறிந்து உழைப்பு, கல்வி, துணிவு போன்ற தன்னம்பிக்கைக் காரணிகளை விதைத்த விவசாயி பாரதி ஆவார். அவர் விதைத்ததன் பலனை அறுவடை செய்கிறோம் இன்று நாம்.

சுதந்திர தாகத்தை எழுப்பிய பாரதி, 'சுதந்திரப் பயிரைத் தண்ணீர் விட்டா வளர்த்தோம்?' என்று நம்மை நோக்கி வினாயெழுப்பி அதன் அவசியத்தை அனைவர் உள்ளங்களிலும் ஊட்ட, வடமொழி கலந்த தம் எழுத்து நடையில் கட்டுரைகளும் தலையங்கங்களும் படைத்து எழுதுகோலால் உழவு செய்த இதழாளர். தொலைநோக்குப் பார்வையுடைய தீர்க்கதரிசி அவர். பாஞ்சாலி சபதம் படைத்த பெண்ணியவாதி. கண்ணனின் கண்ணம்மாவும், குயில் பாட்டின் அறைகூவலும் அவரே.

ஆத்திசூடி பாடி நயம்பட உரைக்கச் சொல்லித் தந்தவர். தமிழில் வசனகவிதை படைத்து, இலக்கிய உலகில் புது மகுடம் சூடியவர். மின்னும் விண்மீன் மட்டுமல்ல; பாரத தேசத்தைத் தந்தையர் நாடாகக் கண்டு நேசம் காட்டிய பாரதத் தனயனும் கூட என்று சொல்லிக்கொண்டே போகலாம். சுட்டும் விழிச்சுடர், முண்டாசு, முரட்டு மீசை, நேர்த்தி ஆடை, ஓங்கு நடை என்ற புறத்தோற்றமும், அன்பு அகமும், உறுதி உளமும் கொண்ட நல்லதோர் வீணையே பாரதி.

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தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவம்,
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நான் அவனில்லை

- ❖ கருவிலிருக்கும் போதே எந்தப்பாலினம் இந்தக்குழந்தை என்று கவலைப்பட வைத்த - அவன் நானில்லை.
- ❖ அலுவலக வேலைப் பளுவுடனும் வலியுடனும் வேதனையுடனும் சமைக்க இயலாத தருணங்களிலும் சமைத்த உணவை இருந்த இடத்திலேயே அமர்ந்து குறைகண்டு உண்ணும் - அவன் நானில்லை
- ❖ தன்னைவிடத் தன் வாழ்க்கைத்துணை கல்வியிலோ, பதவியிலோ, ஊதியத்திலோ, ஊழியத்திலோ, ஏன் உயரத்திலோ, இம்மியளவு மிகுந்திருப்பின் அதை ஏற்க இயலாத மன நிலையுடைய - அவன் நானில்லை.
- ❖ அடிப்படைத் தேவைகளைத் தன் விருப்பப்படி பூர்த்திசெய்ய பணமிருந்தும், சுதந்திரமின்றி ஏக்கத்துடன் தன் முகத்தையே நோக்கும் தன் இணையைக் கண்டும் காணாமல் இருக்கும் - அவன் நானில்லை.
- ❖ காலையில் இன்முகத்தோடு காபி தரும் மனைவி, மாலையில் எந்தவித சோர்வுமின்றி புன்முறுவலுடன் வரவேற்கும் மனைவி எனச்சினிமா நாயகிகளை மனைவியாகக் கனவுக்காணும் - அவன் நானில்லை.
- ❖ தன் வாழ்க்கையிலும் பிள்ளைகளின் வாழ்க்கையிலும் உள்ள குறை, அக்குறைவுகளுக்கு மனைவி மற்றும் அவள் குடும்பத்தினரே முழுமுதற்காரணம். மாறாக எல்லா வெற்றிகளுக்கும் தான் மற்றும் தன் குலப்பெருமையே மூலகாரணம் எனப் பெருமிதம் கொள்ளும் - அவன் நானில்லை.
- ❖ குடும்பப் பொருளாதாரத்தை உயர்த்தும் பொருட்டு குடும்பத்தலைவி வீட்டிற்கு வெளியில் சென்று உழைத்தும் வீட்டின் உள்வேலைகளைப் பகிர்ந்து கொள்ள முற்படாத, மறுக்கும் மனமுடைய - அவன் நானில்லை.

நல்ல வேளை!!!
நான் அவன்/அவள் இல்லை!!

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நான் அவளில்லை

- ❖ தன்னுடைய தேவைகளுக்காக பிறர் மீது பாரத்தை வைத்து அழுத்தும் - அவள் நானில்லை
- ❖ பெண் என்பதால் தன்னுடைய ஆற்றலையும் சூழ்நிலையையும் தனக்குச் சாதகமாக்கிக் கொள்ள விரும்பும் - அவள் நானில்லை
- ❖ தன் குழந்தைகள் விரும்பும் படிப்பு, விளையாட்டு, வேலை ஆகியவற்றிற்குச் சமூகச்சூழ்நிலைகளைக் காரணமாகாட்டி தடையாக முன்நிற்கும் - அவள் நானில்லை
- ❖ தன் வாழ்வில் தனிமை வாழ்வைத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்க நேர்ந்தாலோ, தனிமையாக குடும்ப பாரத்தைச் சுமக்க நேர்ந்தாலோ காரணமில்லாத சமூகக்கட்டுப்பாடுகளைப் (எதிர்கொள்ள துணிவின்றி பழிகுறிக் கொள்ளும்) - அவள் நானில்லை
- ❖ குடும்பத்தைப் பராமரிக்கும் செயல் ஆண்களுக்குரியதன்று என்றும், வீட்டின் வெளியிலுள்ள அரசியல், பொருளாதார சமூகப்பொறுப்புகளை நிறைவேற்றுவது தனக்குரியது அல்லவென்றும் புறக் கணிக்கும் எண்ணம் கொண்ட - அவள் நானில்லை
- ❖ சுய உழைப்பிருந்தும் விரும்புவனவற்றிற்கோ, பெற்றோருக்கோ, உடன்பிறப்புக்கோ, செய்ய வேண்டிய கடமைகளுக்கு உரிமையும் முழுச்சுதந்திரமும் இல்லாத - அவள் நானில்லை.

எழுத்தறிவித்தவன்!

மரபணுக்களில் மனிதத்தையும் ஐம்பூதங்களில் இயற்கை அமுதையும் அன்பில் அமைதியில் அழகையும் தாய்மையில் தியாகத்தையும் தமிழில் வாழ்க்கையையும் எழுதியவன் எழுத்தறிவித்தவன்!!

முனைவர் ஜா. ஜூலி பிரதிபா
உதவிப்பேராசிரியர், தமிழ்த்துறை

எருக்கன் இலையில் ஓர் ஏரி

பொன் மாலை பொழுது!
கதிரவன் துயில் கொள்ளச் சென்றான்.
தன் தங்க நிற ஒளியில் பூமியின் மேனியைத் தங்க நிறமாக்கினான்.
துத்திப் பூக்கள் மொட்டவிழ்ந்து தங்கப்பூக்களாக மலர்ந்தன.

கதிரவன் துயில் கொள்ள சந்திரன் விழித்துக் கொண்டான்.
சந்திரனைக் கண்டதும் அல்லி மலர்கள் வெட்கத்தால் மலர்ந்தன.
இதனைக்காண கார்மேகம் புடைச்சுழ கண்ணைச் சிமிட்டியதால் மின்னல் பூமியைத் தொட்டது.

மடை திறந்த வெள்ளமென தென்றலவன் வீசத் தொடங்கினான்.

தென்றலின் மடையை யார் திறந்தது?
தென்றல் பட்ட கார்மேகம்
மெழுகு போல் உருகி பூமியில்
இசையோடு மழையாக
வைரத்துளிகளைக் கொட்டியது.

எருக்கன் இலையில் உள்ள பள்ளங்களில் மழைநீர் தேங்கியது.
ஒவ்வொரு இலை நீரிலும் சந்திரன் தன் முகத்தைக் காட்டினான்.
கடலில் நீர் இருப்பினும் சந்திரனின் முகத்தைக் காண இயலவில்லை.

எருக்கன் இலையிலுள்ள நீரில் அழகிய சந்திரன் தன்முகம் பார்த்தான். – ஆம்
எருக்கன் இலையில் ஓர் ஏரி யார் வெட்டிய ஏரி?

திரு. ரெ. பாபு
நூலக உதவியாளர், விலங்கியல் துறை

காட்டின் வளம்

சோலையில் மலரும் மலர்கள் மயக்க வைக்கும் மணம் பரப்பும்
ஒலமிடும் பறவைகளின் ஓசை உள்ளத்தை மயிலிறகாய் வருடும்
மலைகளின் கவின்கு தோற்றம் பார்ப்போர் மனதில் ஓவியம் தீட்டும்
காடும் சிறக்கட்டும் நாடும் சிறக்கட்டும்
காட்டின் வளமே நாட்டின் வளம்

சி. ர. அக்ஷயா
இளம் அறிவியல் மூன்றாம் ஆண்டு, இயற்பியல்



J. Elshina | B.A. English

உளவியலும் சமூகவியலும்!

இதோ விரிந்து வளரும் மரம்
உரத்தின் வலிமை போதுமா?
ஒளி, வெளி, காற்று, நீர் மிகை வேண்டுமா?
ஒருங்கிணைப்பின் வெற்றி தான் வலியது!!!

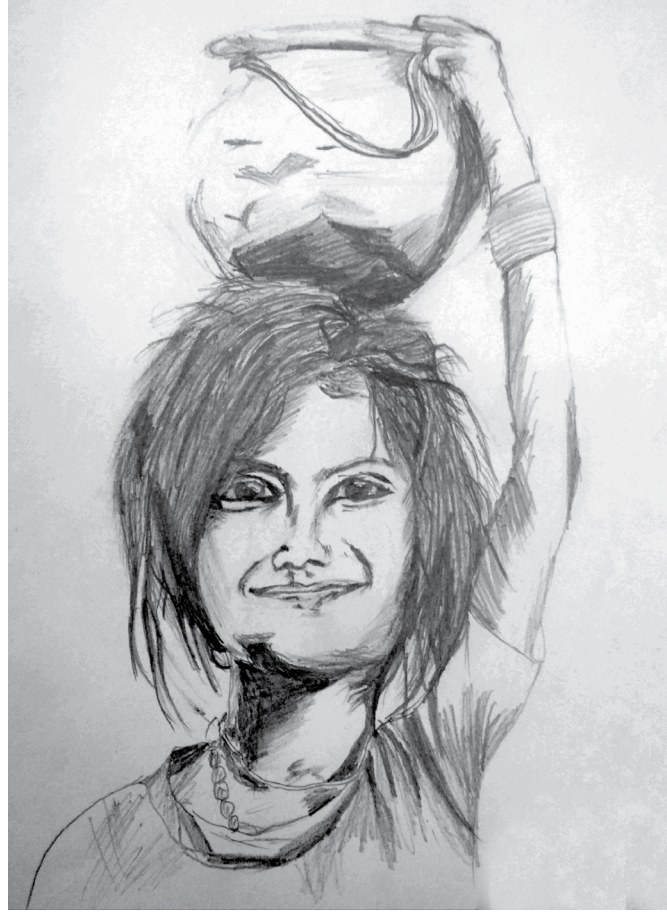
தனி மனித நலத்திற்கு உளவியல்!
சமூக நலனுக்குச் சமூகவியல்!
சிறந்தது எது? மேலானது எது?

கண்கள் இரண்டுக்கும் பேதமில்லை!
பலபடித்தான கொள்கையிலும்
நம் குறிக்கோள் ஒன்றே!

இணையும் கைகளுக்குத் தான் ஓசை அதிகம்!
இணைய முடியா எதிர் துருவங்கள் அல்ல!
இணைய முயற்சிக்காதது எண்ணங்கள் மட்டுமே!

நம்மில் ஆதிக்கம் என்பது வார்த்தைகளாய் மட்டுமே!
தொடர்பின் வழி நம் உறவை மேம்படுத்துவோம்!
முயற்சி தொடங்கும் வரை தூரம் தூரமே!
இணைவோம்! நலம் சேர்ப்போம்!
நமக்கும்! நம் துறைக்கும்!

சே. ஜென்சி கிளாரா
முதுஅறிவியல் இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு, உளவியல்



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அலைபேசியே...?

உனைத் தீண்ட வேண்டுமென்றே
இரவெல்லாம் கண்விழித்தேன்!
உன் காலை முனங்கல் சத்தம்
என் காதைத் தழுவும் போதும்
படுக்கை களைய மனமின்றி நானிருந்தேன்!
ஆசிரியர் பார்க்கா நேரம் உனைப்பார்த்து ரசித்தேன்.
என் இளமை பருவத்தை
உன்னிடமே ... உனக்காகவே கழித்தேன்!
பாசம், நேசம், கோபம், அன்பு, காமம் என
அனைத்தையும் உன்னகத்தே பகிர்ந்தளித்தேன்!
எனைப் போதை அடிமையென ஆக்கிய
அலைபேசியே!

உன் ஆயுள் தண்டனைதனில்
மனித இனத்துக்கு விடுதலை என்றோ...?

க. திவ்யதர்ஷினி

இளங்கலை முதலாம் ஆண்டு, வணிகவியல்



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ஆலவாயின் ஆளுமை மாதர்கள்

மதுரை பெண்களின் நகரம். இந்தியாவில் வேறு எந்த ஊரிலும் மதுரை போல் ஒரு பெண் முடிசூடி ஆட்சி செய்து வருவதாகத் தொன்மம் நிலவுகிறது. சங்க காலத்திலேயே மதுரையில் பெண்கள் கல்வியில் சிறந்திருந்ததைப் பெண்பாற் புலவர்களின் வாயிலாக அறியலாம். ஆண்டாளும் தம் பாடல்களில் மதுரையைப் பாடியிருக்கிறார். மதுரையின் வரலாற்றில் மக்களுக்காகச் செயல்பட்ட ஆட்சியாளர்கள், சுதந்திரப்போராட்ட தியாகிகள், பெண்கல்விக்காக உழைத்தவர்கள், கலைகளில் சிறந்து விளங்கிய பெண்களைக் குறித்தச் சிறுதொகுப்பு.

மக்களுக்காகச் சாலைகளையும் சரித்திரங்களையும் கட்டிய இராணி மங்கம்மாள் ஆட்சிப்பறிந்த பெண்களுள் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கவர். திருமலை நாயக்கரின் பெயரான சொக்கநாத நாயக்கரின் மனைவி இராணி மங்கம்மாள்.

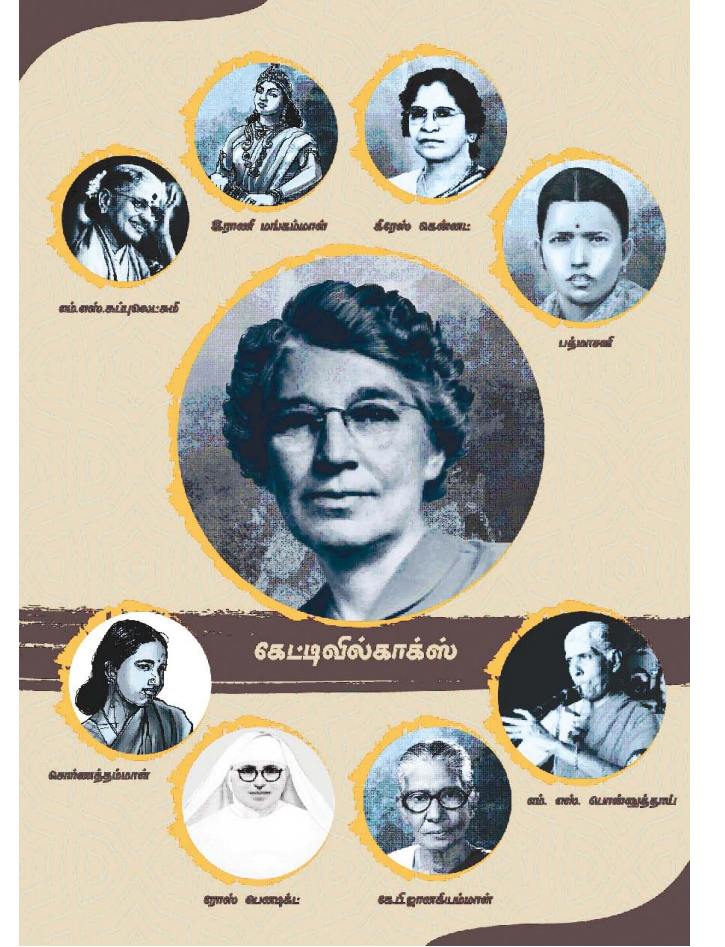
சுதந்திரப் போராட்டத்தில் ஆண்களுக்கு இணையாகப் பெண்களும் பங்கெடுத்துப் போராடினர். அவர்களுள் மதுரையில் வாழ்ந்த மும்மணிகள் மூவர்.

சுதந்திரப்போராட்டத்தில் தம் பேச்சால் பலரையும் ஈர்த்த பத்மாசனி அம்மாள் மதுரை சோழவந்தானில் பிறந்தவர். இவரது கணவர் ஸ்ரீனிவாச வரதன். பாரதியின் பாடல்களைப் போராட்டக்களத்தில் பாடியபடி மக்களைத் திரட்டியவர் பத்மாசனி.

மதுரையில் வாழ்ந்து சுதந்திரப்போராட்டத்தில் ஈடுபட்டவர்களுள் சொர்ணத்தம்மாள் முக்கியமானவர். அந்நியதுணிகளுக்கு எதிராக கதராடை உடுத்தி போராட்டத்தில் ஈடுபட்ட பெண்களைக் காவல்துறையினர் அடித்து அவர்களை அவமானம் செய்தபோது காது கேளாமல் போன தருணத்திலும் தளராது நம்பிக்கை குன்றாமல் போராடியவர்.

பல்வேறு மேடைநாடகங்களின் வாயிலாக சுதந்திர தாகத்தை மக்களுக்கு ஏற்படுத்தியவர்களுள் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கவர் கே.பி.ஜானகியம்மாள். மேடைகளில் விடுதலைப் பாடல்களைப் பாடி பலமுறை சிறை சென்றவர். 1967இல் மதுரையிலிருந்து கம்யூனிஸ்ட் வேட்பாளராக தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டு சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினரானார். அனைத்திந்திய ஜனநாயக மாதர் சங்கத்தின் முதல் தலைவராகவும் திகழ்ந்த பெருமைக்குரியவர்.

மதுரையின் கல்வி வரலாற்றில் கேட்டி வில்காக்கின் பங்களிப்பு அளப்பரியது, இவர் அமெரிக்காவின் கனெக்டிகட் மாகாணத்திலிருந்து



அமெரிக்க மிஷனரிக்காக பணிபுரிய 1915இல் மதுரைக்கு வந்து, கேப்ரன்ஹால் பள்ளியில் ஆசிரியையாகி பின் தலைமையாசிரியர் ஆனார். மதுரையில் ஓ.சி. பி.எம். பெண்கள் மேனிலைப் பள்ளியையும் நாய்ஸ் பள்ளியையும் பெருமுயற்சியெடுத்து தொடங்கினார். 1948இல் மதுரையின் முதல் பெண்கள் கல்லூரி என்ற பெருமைக்குரிய டோக் பெருமாட்டி கல்லூரியைத் தொடங்கிய பெருந்தகையாளர் கேட்டிவில்காக்கின்.

மதுரையில் 1953இல் பாத்திமா கல்லூரியைத் தொடங்கிய அருட்சகோதரி ரோஸ் பெனடிக்ட் பிரான்ஸ் நாட்டைச் சார்ந்தவர். தூய வளனார் லியோன்ஸ் சகோதரிகள் மூலம் பெண்களின் கல்வி மற்றும் வேலைவாய்ப்பு ஆகியவற்றை முன்னேற்றும் பொருட்டு ஆரம்ப மற்றும் தொடக்கப் பள்ளியாக மட்டுமே இருந்த கல்வி நிறுவனத்தைப் பாத்திமா கல்லூரியாக தொடங்கினார். மருத்துவம், சமூகசேவை என இரண்டு தளங்களிலும் சிறப்பாக செயல்பட்ட கிரேஸ் கென்னட் மதுரையில் வாழ்ந்தவர். மருத்துவம் மூலம் கிடைத்த வருமானத்தில் குழந்தைகளைத் தத்தெடுத்தல், கல்வி

புகட்டல் போன்ற சமூக சேவைகளையும் செய்து வந்தார். செவிலியர் பயிற்சி வழங்கி பல பெண்களின் வாழ்வில் ஒளி ஏற்றியவர். ரோஸ் இளம் பெண்கள் கிறிஸ்தவ அமைப்பின் தலைவராகவும் இருந்தார்.

தம் பெயரில் முதலெழுத்தாகவே மதுரையைக் கொண்ட எம்.எஸ்.சுப்புலெட்சுமி 'பாடலரசி' என ஜவஹர்லால் நேருவால் பாராட்டும் பெற்றவர். மதுரை சண்முகவடிவு சுப்புலெட்சுமி தமது 17வது வயதில் இசை நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் பாட ஆரம்பித்தார். இந்தியாவில் பேசப்படும் பல்வேறு மொழிகளில் பாடிய பண்பாளரும் இவரே.

தமிழ்நாட்டைச் சேர்ந்த முதல் பெண் நாதசுவரக் கலைஞர் எம்.எஸ்.பொன்னுத்தாய். இவரது தாய் பாப்பம்மாள் இசைக்கலைஞர் என்பதால், அவரது வழியில் நாதஸ்வரக் கலைஞராக பொன்னுத்தாய் புகழ்பெற்று விளங்கினார். ஆண்களுக்கு நிகராக பல்வேறு நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் பங்கேற்று நாதஸ்வரம் வாசித்து வந்த இவர் கலைமாமணி உள்ளிட்ட பட்டங்களைப் பெற்றுள்ளார்.

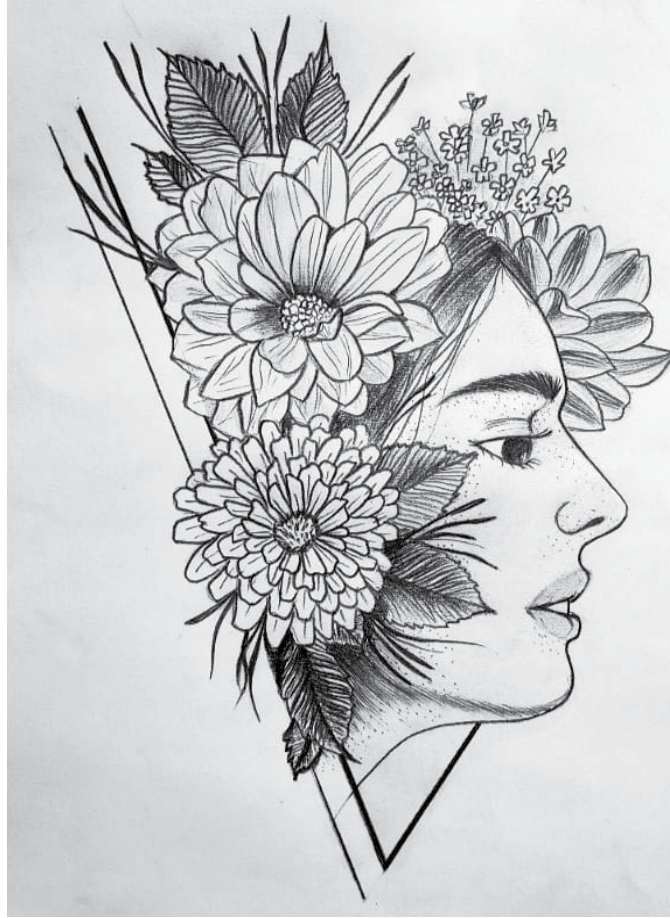
ஆலவாய் நகரின் ஆளுமைப் பெண்மீராக விளங்கிய இவர்களைப் போல நாமும் நம் நகருக்குப் பெருமை சேர்க்கும் நபராகத் திகழ்வோம். மேலே குறிப்பிட்டவர்களைப் போல இன்னும் ஏராளமான பெண் ஆளுமை மாதர்கள் இத்தொல்நகரில் வாழ்ந்திருப்பார்கள். அவர்களைத் தேடி ஆவணப்படுத்துவது நமது கடமை.

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வெகுநேரம் காத்திருந்தேன் அவளுக்காக
பணித்துளியும் மணித்துளியும் நகர்ந்தன
சூரியனைப் போல் அவள் வந்தாள்
பூக்களைப் போல் என்முகம் மலர்ந்தது
அவளை அணைக்க நினைத்தது மனம்
தள்ளி விடுவாள் என்று எச்சரித்தது மூளை
அவள் மனதினுள் புகுந்தேன்
எங்கள் பயணம் தொடங்கியது
இறக்கத்தில் துணை நின்றாள் ஏற்றத்திலும் தான்
இதயம் கனத்தது, வருந்தினேன்
நாங்கள் பிரியும் தருணம் வந்தது
உணர்ந்தேன், அவள் சமூகத்திற்கானவளென்று
வாழ்வைக் கற்றுத்தரும் பேருந்தே
உன் பயணங்கள் முடிவதில்லை!

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ஈந்து உயர்

அன்பே நீ ஈந்துயர்

ஆண்டவன் அளித்த வளத்தை

இனிமையாக தான் மட்டும் மகிழ் எனவெண்ணாது

ஈந்தளித்து உவகை கொள்வோம்;

உலக பொதுமறையில் 'ஈகை' என்றோர்
அதிகாரம் வகுத்துள்ளார்.

ஊரார் போற்றும் வள்ளுவ பெருந்தகை

எட்டுத்தொகை நூல்களுள் ஒன்றான புறநானூறும்

'ஈகையங் கழற்கால்' என்கிறது

ஏற்றம் என்பது பணத்தில் அல்ல மனதில்

ஐயம் கொள்ளாது

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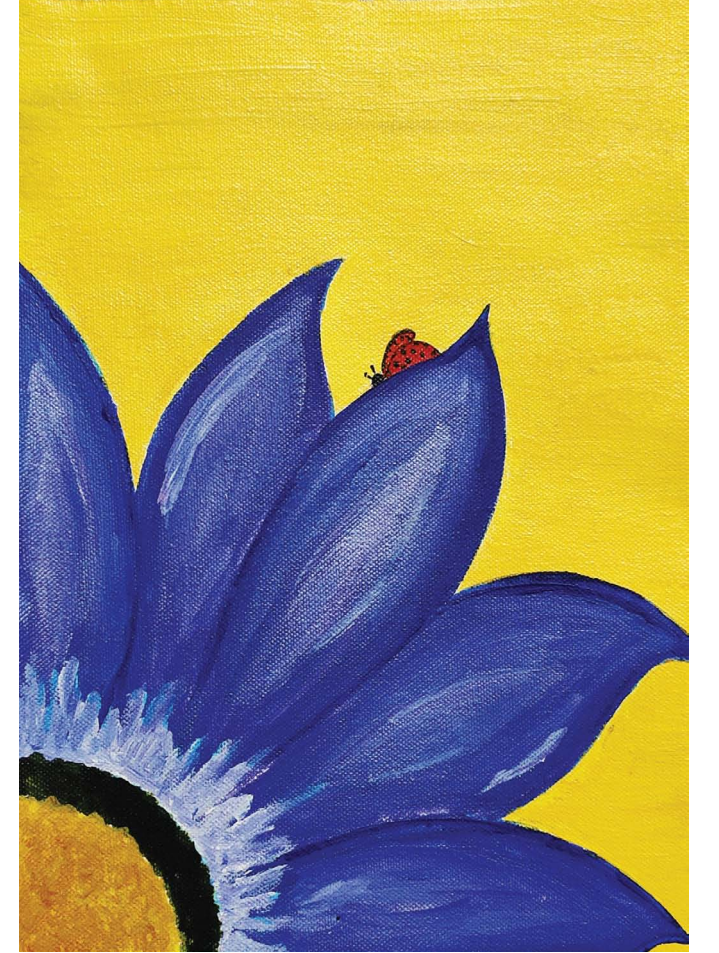
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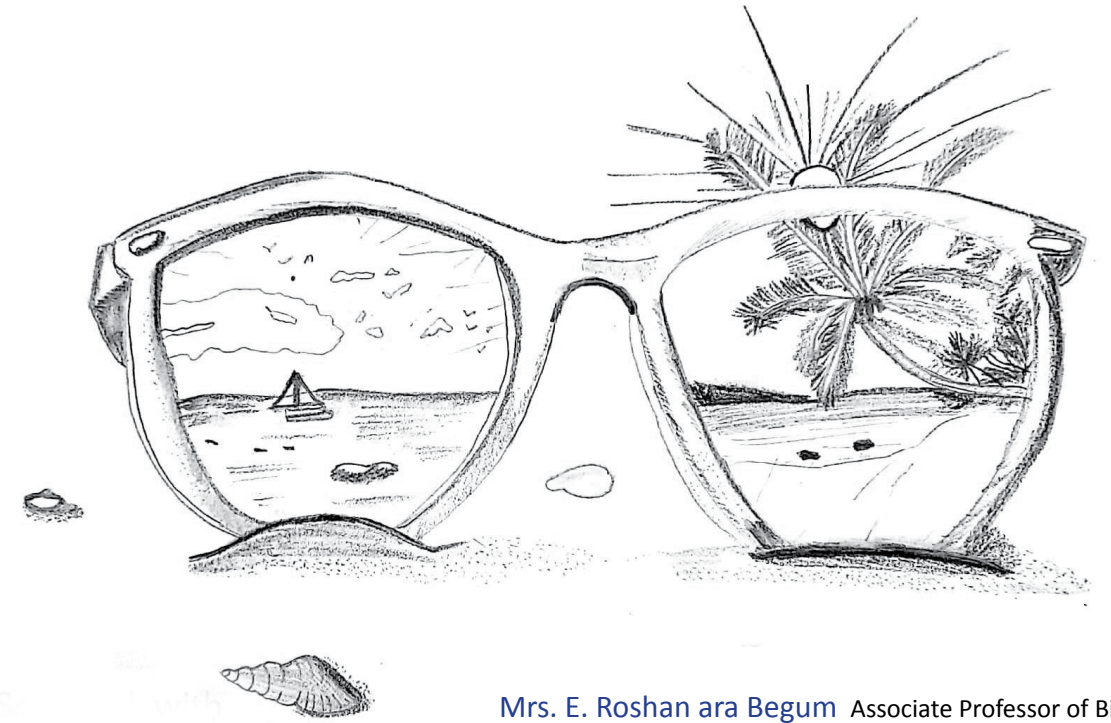
ஈவதை விலக்காது விதைத்து விருட்சமாக்குவோம்!

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गर्व है मुझे कि मैं नारी हूँ

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लाख बार कैद कर लो मुझे उस पिंजरे में
फिर भी मैं उड़ जाऊँगी उस पिंजरों को तोड़ के
गर्व है मुझे कि मैं नारी हूँ।
चाहे गिरफ्तार कर लो मुझे उस घर में
फिर भी मैं अपनी जगह बनाऊँगी उस आसमान में,
गर्व है मुझे कि मैं नारी हूँ।
कैसे भी बाँध लो मुझे उस रसम रिवाजों की जंजीरों से
फिर भी मैं बढ़ूँगी उस जंजीरों को तोड़ के
गर्व है मुझे कि मैं नारी हूँ।
अगर मैंने फैसला कर लिया तो मैं करके दिखाऊँगी
क्योंकि मैं एक नारी हूँ और
हाँ गर्व है मुझे कि मैं नारी हूँ।

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आहार

भोजन को हम जब भी करते हैं बरबाद,
क्या आती है हमें कभी भी देश की
उन लोगों की याद ?
जिनको खाना तक नहीं है नसीब में
वह अपने आप को समझते हैं-
बदनसीब - बदनसीब ।
समारोह में थाली से भोजन करते हैं
बरबाद हम बड़ी शान से,
जिनको एक वक्त का भोजन नहीं मिलता
निकल जाते हैं उनकी सोच हमारे ध्यान से ।
अन्न को मत करो यूँ बरबाद
बिना अन्न कैसे होगा भारत देश आबाद।
आओ हम सब मिलकर एक ऐसा
नियम बनाए, बचा हुआ
अन्न जरूरत मंद तक पहुँचाए ।

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जिंदगी

जिंदगी भी अजीब है,
कुछ भी सनातन नहीं
सब कुछ बदलता है,
लेकिन किसको दोष दिया जाए ?

जिंदगी एक खेल है ।
जिससे कुछ पाने के लिए कुछ खोना पड़ता है,
जिसे जीतने के लिए तुम्हें भयभीत बादलों,
का भी सामना करना पड़ता है ।

जिंदगी में उतार-चढ़ाव तो कई होंगे
कई प्यारी मुस्कुराहटें तो कई भ्रू-भंग
कई खुशियों की भावनाओं से भरी तो कई गम की
यह एक उबड़ सवारी होगी
कैसे संभालना है, यह तुम ही जानो ।

आज तुम खेलोगे, कूदोगे
कल पड़े रहोगे शमशान में
जो पैसा तुमने कमाया
वह तुम्हारे किसी काम का न आएगा ।
जो खरीदा तुमने सोना, किस काम का
जो बेचा न जाए कहीं ?

जिंदगी सचमुच एक सफ़र है
खुशियों और गम का ।
कुछ गारंटी नहीं कि तुम्हें खुशियाँ मिलें हर कल में
तो हमेशा तैयार रहे
हार और जीत के लिए
और भरोसा करना खुदा पर कि
वो हमेशा तुम्हारे संग रहे ।

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लांगकाती की यादें

मेरा भाई की परिक्षा के बाद मेरे परिवार के साथ मैं मलेशिया (Malaysia) गई थी ।
हमारी यात्रा का हिस्से के रूप में, हम लांगकावी (Lang Kawi) नामक एक द्वीप गए थे ।
लांगकावी मलेशिया के उत्तर में है। यहाँ पहुँचने के लिए कुलालंपुर (Kuala Lumpur) से लगभग
छे घंटे की सड़क यात्रा और एक घंटे की नौका सवारी करनी पड़ती है। हमारी नौका सवारी
बहुत रोमांचक थी । हम एक समुद्र तट रिजॉर्ट में रहे, जिसे मालिबेस्ट रिजॉर्ट (Malibest Resort)
कहा जाता है। हमारे कमरे की खिड़की से वह मनोहर दृश्य आँखों के लिए सिर्फ एक दावत
था। एक द्वीप में करने वाली पहली बात समुद्र तट में कूदना और तैरना है। समुद्र तट पर
बेसिंग और रेत महल बनाने से सबसे अच्छा क्या हो सकता? हमने इस अवसर का मजा
उठाया। फिर हम ईगल वर्ग (Eagle Square) का दौरा किया । जहाँ संगमरमर से बना एक
विशाल ईगल मूर्ति थी । इसके बाद हमने कोटा मसूरी (Kota Mashuri) और मसूरी महल
नामक एक जगह का दौरा किया । मसूरी लांगकावी में एक राजकुमारी थी । लोककथा के
अनुसार , उसे व्यभिचारी का आरोप लगाकर मार दिया गया था। जब उसे मारा गया, तो उसके
शरीर से सफ़ेद रक्त निकली जो उसकी शुद्धता दर्शाती थी । मसूरी अपनी आखिरी सांस के साथ
शाप दिया था कि लांगकावी की बुरी किस्मत सात पीढ़ियों तक होंगी । मसूरी की शब्दों ने
लांगकावी का बदला लिया । लांगकावी की मकबरा अत्यन्त आकर्षक एक प्रमुख पर्यटन स्थान
माना जाता है । उसके बाद हम स्कै ब्रिज (Sky Bridge) का दौरा किया । यह कई फिल्म शूटिंग
स्थल के रूप में प्रसिद्ध है । पुल तक पहुँचने के लिए केवल कार की सवारी की आवश्यकता
होती है । हम लांगकावी में भोजन के सभी व्यंजन प्राप्त कर सकते हैं । लेकिन भारतीय भोजन
अन्य भोजन से महंगा है । यह यात्रा एक सुन्दर अनुभव था। इस यात्रा के लिए योजना
बनानेवाले अपने चाचा और चाची को धन्यवाद करती हूँ। दिन बीत जाते हैं लेकिन यादें हमेशा
के लिए रह जाती हैं ।

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बचाओ ! मेरा अपहरण हो रहा है

यह घटना मेरे साथ ग्यारह साल पहले घटी थी, जब मैं सिर्फ आठ साल की थी । मैं
अपने स्कूल से मस्ती से लौट रही थी । मेरी बड़ी बहन जो उसी स्कूल में पढ़ती थी आधे ही
दिन में घर वीपिस चली गयी थी । इसलिए मुझे अब घर अकेले ही लौटना था । पर इस बात
से मुझे कोई फ़रक नहीं पड़ा । मैं बस खुशी से अपनी स्कूल गाड़ी में जाकर बैठ गई ।

एक – एक करके सब लोग गाड़ी से उतरते गए । शुरुआत में मुझे कुछ नहीं लगा क्योंकि मैंने ध्यान ही नहीं दिया पर कुछ देर बाद मैंने देखा कि मेरे सिवा गाड़ी में सिर्फ एक और लड़की बैठी थी। पर मैं तो हमेशा सबसे पहले उतरती थी। तब मुझे घबराहट होने लगी । अचानक से ड्राइवर ने एक सुनसान, कच्चे रास्ते पे गाड़ी मोड़ डाली । यह देखकर मैं बहुत भयभीत हो गई ।

मैंने ड्राइवर से डरी हुई आवाज से पूछा कि वह मुझे कहाँ ले जा रहे हैं । पर इस सवाल का जवाब ड्राइवर ने बस अपनी मुस्कुराहट से दिया । मेरी मस्ती की दुनिया उलट-पुलट हो गई और मैं डर के मारे रोने लगी । मैंने चीखना शुरू कर दिया , “मुझे बचाओ ! मेरा अपहरण हो रहा है ।” पर मेरी आवाज़ कौन सुनता ? पूरा रास्ता एक दम खाली था ।

मेरी आँखें लाल थीं और मैं थकी हारी बैठ गई । अब मुझे लगा कि कुछ नहीं हो सकता । तभी मैंने देखा कि गाड़ी रुक गई । मैंने अपना सिर ऊपर उठाया तो देखा कि मेरी माँ, मौसी और मेरी बहन मेरा इंतजार कर रहे थे । तब मुझे समझ में आया कि यह मेरी माँ का किया-धरा था । मुझे हँसी आने लगी । मैंने बिना सोचे समझे कुछ भी मान लिया ।

इस घटना से मुझे सीख मिली कि मुझे सतर्क तो रहना चाहिए पर उसके साथ-साथ बिना सोचे समझे कल्पना नहीं करनी चाहिए । आज तक मेरे पिताजी, माँ और पूरा परिवार यह घटना सुनकर हँसते हैं। जब मैं सोचती हूँ सचमें, यह घटना मेरे भी चेहरे पे एक मुस्कान ला देती है।

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मेरा बचपन

बचपन हमारे जीवन का सबसे अविस्मरणीय हिस्सा है । हर कोई अपने बचपन के दिनों को खुशी के साथ याद करता है । बचपन में कभी भी चिंता महसूस नहीं करते।

मेरा जन्म एक मध्यम वर्ग के हिंदू परिवार में हुआ था। मेरे पिता एक पर्यवेक्षक हैं । मेरी माँ एक घरेलू महिला है। मैं अपने माता-पिता की पहली और सबसे बड़ी बेटी हूँ । उन्होंने मेरी बहुत अच्छी तरह से देखभाल की। मैंने अपने माता-पिता के साथ कई बार पार्क गई थी।

जब मैं तीन साल की थी तो मेरे भाई का जन्म हुआ। फिर मैं स्कूल गयी । मुझे स्कूल में बहुत सारे दोस्त मिले। मेरे शिक्षकों ने मुझे बहुत प्यार और स्नेह देने के साथ सांसारिक और किताबी ज्ञान भी दिया । मैं अपने स्कूल की घटनाएँ कहानियों की भाँति अपने दादा-दादी, चाचा और चाचीओं को सुनाती थी । मैं बच्चों के साथ अलग-अलग खेल खेलती थी । जिससे

हमें खुशी मिलती थी। दशहरा, दिवाली, होली और अन्य त्योहारों में हम मस्ती करते थे । बचपन में हम प्रत्येक त्योहार को मनाने में रुचि लेते थे । मैं अपने स्कूल में हर कार्यक्रम में भाग लेती थी । मेरा बचपन की यादें आज भी मेरे मनोजगत में हरा हैं।

जैसे-जैसे अपना उम्र बढ़ता गया, वयस्कता में प्रवेश किया, चिंताओं और जिम्मेदारियों ने मन और शरीर को जकड़ लिया । मैंने अनुभव किया कि जो समय बीत चुका है, वह कभी वापस नहीं आएगा। बचपन मानव जीवन का पहला चरण है, यह हमेशा बहुत दिलचस्प होता है।

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छठ पूजा

छठ पूजा कार्तिक महिने के छठे दिन मनाया जाता है । इस दिन छठी मइया की पूजा की जाती है । कहा जाता है कि छठी मइया सूर्य भगवान की बहन हैं। इसलिए सब लोग जो पूजा में शामिल होना चाहते हैं, वे लोग सूर्य के उदय से पहले ही पोखर की पानी के अंदर पाव डालकर खड़े हो जाते हैं। वे ऐसे इसलिए करते हैं कि भक्त जनों की ऐसी आराधना देखकर छठी मइया प्रसन्न हो जाए । यह पूजा केवल औरतें ही करती हैं और सामान्य रूप से कहा जाए तो घर के बड़े लोग यह पूजा करती हैं । माना जाता है कि इस दिन जो भी मन्नते माँगी जाती है वह जरूर पूरी होती है। छठ पूजा की सबसे बड़ी मान्यता यह है कि जिन दम्पतिओ की सतांन नहीं होती वह संतान प्राप्ति के लिए इस दिन निजला उपवास करते हैं। यह पूजा भारत के अधिकांश क्षेत्र बिहार, उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड, झारखंड आदि में मनाया जाता है।

छठ पूजा है तो हिन्दूओं का त्योहार, मगर जब मैं छठ पूजा के अवसर पर एक बार नेपाल गयी थी तब देखा कि नेपाली भी पूरी परम्परा के साथ यह पूजा कर रहे थे । वे भी उस दिन अधिक समय सूर्य के उदय तक पानी में खड़े थे। छठ पूजा चार दिन की अवधि में मनायी जाती है । आज जब मैंने कुछ छठ पूजा की जानकारी प्राप्त करने के लिए गूगल किया, तब मैंने पढ़ा कि छठ पूजा भारत के उन उत्सवों में से एक है जो पर्यावरण को दूषित नहीं करते। छठी मइया को दुर्गा माँ का छठा रूप भी कहा जाता है। इस दिन सभी भक्त केसरी रंग के कपड़े पहनकर पूजा करते हैं। छठ पूजा के दिन इतनी स्वादिष्ट पकवान बनाए जाते हैं कि जो दिवाली के अवसर पर भी नहीं बनते । छठ पूजा के दिन मेले भी लगाए जाते हैं और बहुत सारे भक्त नदी के किनारे एक सा इकट्ठे होते हैं। वे भक्तजन छठ पूजा की महत्त्वता जतलाते हैं । इस वर्ष छठ पूजा 2 नवम्बर को मनाया जाएगा।

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புத்தொளிப்பயிற்சி: 12.06.2019 அன்று நடந்த மறுபுத்தொளிப்பயிற்சியில் இளங்கலை இரண்டாமாண்டு, மூன்றாமாண்டு, முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டைச் சேர்ந்த 74 மாணவியர்களும், 13.06.2019 அன்று நடந்த புத்தொளிப்பயிற்சியில் முதுகலை முதலாமாண்டைச் சேர்ந்த 11 மாணவியர்களும், 19.06.2019 அன்று நடந்த புத்தொளிப்பயிற்சியில் இளங்கலை முதலாமாண்டைச் சேர்ந்த 47 மாணவியர்களும் பங்கேற்றனர்.



இலக்கியக்கழகத் தொடக்கவிழா: 30.07.2019 அன்று நடைபெற்ற தமிழ் இலக்கியக்கழகத் தொடக்க விழாவில் சிறப்புரையாற்றிய பண்பலைத் தொகுப்பாளர் ஆத்திகுடி திருமிகு. ஜே.ஜேயராம் அவர்கள் 'ஊடகத்தமிழ்' என்ற தலைப்பில் தமிழ் இலக்கியத்தோடு கணிதம் இணைந்திருக்கும் பாங்கு, தமிழ்மக்களின் கணிதஅறிவு இரண்டையும் எடுத்துரைத்தார்.



மாணவர்களுக்கான கருத்தரங்கம்: தமிழ் உயராய்வு நடுவம் சார்பில் மாணவர்களுக்கான கருத்தரங்கம் 16.08.2019 அன்று 'எழுத்தும் சொல்லும்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் நடைபெற்றது. முனைவர் கிருங்கைசேதுபதி (துறைத்தலைவர், அரசுக்கலைக் கல்லூரி, புதுச்சேரி) அவர்கள் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். 'எழுத்தும் சொல்லும்-I' 'எழுத்தும் சொல்லும்-II' என இரு அமர்வுகளாகக் கருத்தரங்கம் நடைபெற்றது.

ஜேன்மங்களம் அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு: ஜேன்மங்களம் அறக்கட்டளைத் தொடர் சொற்பொழிவு 22.08.2019 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வில் திருமதி. ஜேன்மங்களம் அவர்களின் துணைவர் முனைவர்.



சற்குணம் ஸ்டீபன் அவர்கள் அறக்கட்டளை தொடங்கப் பட்டதன் நோக்கத்தை மாணவிகளுக்குச் சிற்றூரையாக எடுத்துரைத்தார். இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து மதுரை அமெரிக்கன் கல்லூரி தமிழ் உயராய்வு மையத்தின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர். ந.கோவிந்தராஜன் அவர்கள் "திராவிட மொழியியல் சிந்தனை உருவாக்கமும் வளர்ச்சியும்" என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்.



விருந்துரை விழா: 06.09.2019 அன்று இலக்கியக் கழகம் மற்றும் இந்தியக் குடிமையியல் பணியாளர் தேர்வாணையத் (UPSC) திறன் மேம்பாட்டுத் தளமும் இணைந்து நடத்திய விருந்துரை விழாவில், தென்சென்னை பாராளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர் கவிஞர் தமிழ்ச்சி தங்கப்பாண்டியன் அவர்கள் சிறப்புரையாளராகப் பங்கேற்று "ஆளுமை உருவாக்கத்தில் ஆசிரியம்" என்னும் பொருளில் உரையாற்றினார்.



பேராசிரியர்களுக்கான பயிலரங்கம்: 'திட்டவரைவுக் கட்டமைப்பும் நிதிநல்கை நிறுவனங்களைக் கண்டறிதலும்' என்கிற தலைப்பில் பேராசிரியர்களுக்கான பயிலரங்கம் 22.10.2019 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இப்பயிலரங்கத்திற்குத் தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் கல்வியியல் புலத்தின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் இரா.மு.தமிழ்ச்செல்வன் பயிற்றுநராக வருகைபுரிந்தார். இவரது உரை திட்டவரைவினைக் கட்டமைத்தல்,

நிதிநல்கை நிறுவனங்களைக் கண்டறிதல் என்கிற இரு நிலைகளில் அமைந்திருந்தது.

பெற்றோர் ஆசிரியர் சந்திப்புக்கூட்டம்: 09.07.2019 அன்று இளங்கலை மூன்றாமாண்டு மாணவியருக்கும் 09.01.2020 அன்று இளங்கலை முதலாமாண்டு மாணவியருக்கும் பெற்றோர் ஆசிரியர் சந்திப்புக்கூட்டம் நடந்தது.



பொங்கல் விழா: 10.01.2020 அன்று பொங்கல் விழா கோலாகலமாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. தமிழர்களுக்கே உரிய பண்பாட்டினைப் பிரதிபலிக்கும் வகையில் விளையாட்டுகள், நடனங்கள், பறை, உறியடித்தல் போன்ற நிகழ்வுகள் அனைவரும் வியக்கும் வகையில் நடைபெற்றது.



தமிழ்வனம்: தமிழ்வனம் 21.02.2020 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. தொடக்க விழாவினைக் கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் முனைவர் கிறிஸ்டியானாசிங், அவர்கள் தலைமையேற்றுச் சிறப்பு விருந்தினரை அறிமுகப்படுத்தினார். தொடக்கவிழாவில் 'வாழ்வில் இருந்து கதைகள்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் திரு.பவாசெல்லதுரை சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். தம்முடைய 'ஜெயந்தி', பால்சக்கரியாவின் தேன் போன்ற கதைகளை வாழ்வோடு இணைத்ததாக அவருடைய உரை அமைந்தது. பிறகு மாணவியருக்காக தமிழோடு விளையாடு, மௌனம் பேசியதே, நேர்படப்பேசு, ஒருசோற்றுப்பதம், பசிக்குப்பசிய உணவு, அற்றைத் திங்கள், அன்னமும் எண்ணமும் போன்ற தலைப்புகளில் போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன. நிறைவு விழாவின் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக திரு.நெல்சன் சேவியர் 'வனமே வரம்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரை ஆற்றியதோடு போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவியருக்குப் பரிசுகளும் சான்றிதழ்களும் வழங்கினார். தமிழ்வனத்திற்கான சுழற்கோப்பையை ஆங்கிலத்துறை சுயநிதிப்பிரிவு பெற்றது.

Department of English



2019-2020 was a very memorable year for the Department of English. Beginning with the Inaugural of the English Club, **Arcadia**, the department welcomed the undergrads in style. Retired Prof. Dew Laurent commemorated the year with her scintillating session on the "History of the English Language," setting the tone for a perfect bibliophile's year. Several programs were conducted for the personal and professional development of the students. Mr. Bisvajeet, Managing Director, Mercuzard, conducted a Workshop on "Leadership Skill and Placement Training" to facilitate an impressive entrance into the workplace. The club decided to go with "Victorian Age : A Revisiting" as its theme for **Arcadia 2019** and invited Dr. Lawrence, Associate Professor, Department of English, The American College as the Chief Guest. Later, Dr. Lawrence also conducted a Workshop on "Integration of Body, Mind and Voice in Communication Skills." The outgoing students, both SF and Aided, attended these sessions for personality development and learnt about body language and other soft skills.



A guest lecture on "Ethical and Social Responsibility" was conducted on February for III UG students as part of their LiFE project. Dr. Augustus Samuel Dodd from Grace Kennett Foundation Hospitals, Madurai, handled the first session. He touched upon the plight of orphaned children in and around Madurai and also sensitized the students to growing concerns like Drug Trade, Human Trafficking and the Arms Trade. In the next session,

Mrs. Glory Deborah, founder of New Creation Trust, spoke on one's social responsibility towards the afflicted and downtrodden people. She related accounts of her labour of love, which involved extending help to women affected by HIV, Tuberculosis, Leprosy and the mentally-challenged. She also related accounts of Tribes living in abject poverty and harrowing circumstances. The students benefitted greatly from both sessions.

To mark a well-spent year, the Valedictory session was held in March. The chief guest, Dr. Sarah Sathyavathi, Head, Department of Zoology, delighted her listeners with her enchanting vocabulary and outlook on life. Using an inter-disciplinary approach, she enlightened the students about the wonders of the natural world through her zoological expertise.

Department of Hindi



The Department of Hindi had a fruitful academic year 2019-2020. **Hindi Club** was inaugurated on 11th July 2019. Dr.Savithri Ramesh, Head and Assistant Professor, Department of Fashion Designing, Lady Doak College, Madurai delivered the inaugural address. **Hindi Day** was celebrated on 12th September 2019. Mr. A. Ayub Khan, AGM (Communication & Operation) Airport Authority of India, Madurai delivered the Chief guest address. To promote Hindi language in the college campus, an Inter-departmental competition was conducted on the same day. Students from various departments enthusiastically participated in literary and cultural events. Elocution competition was conducted and sponsored by the Regional office, Central Bank of India, Madurai on



“Rashtra Ki Vikas Mei Hindi Ka Mahatva.” Mr. A.Suresh, AGM, Central Bank of India, Madurai distributed the prizes and certificates to the winners.

A Guest Lecture was organized on 24th October 2019 and Dr. S.S. Kavita, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Thiagarajar College, Madurai delivered the Lecture on “Career in Media through Languages.” 72 students and the faculty of the department were benefitted.

A State-Level Intercollegiate Meet, **Pragati 2020** was organized on 7th January 2020. Dr. Shourini Benerji, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Communication, The American College delivered the chief guest address. She spoke about the opportunities of Hindi language in different area through her experience. The Overall Trophy was won by St. Joseph's College, Trichy. **Hindi Club** Valedictory was held on 20th March 2020. Dr.J.Sarah Satyavathi, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, Lady Doak College, Madurai delivered the valedictory address and distributed the prizes to the winners of Inter-departmental competitions.

Department of French



Les Jeunes Tricolores - the French Club provides a platform for the students to showcase their talents. Comprising of Part-I French students of both the Aided and Self-Financed stream, the club has taken immense efforts to hone the linguistic and creative skills of the students. The club was inaugurated on 25th July 2019 by Mr. Chinnadurai Pandian, Head, Department of French, The American College. His address enthused the students, as he shared his convincing views on successful leadership which, besides working as a representative, also has a component of aspiring people around to grow. A special orientation on “Multilingualism, DELF Courses and their Values in National and International Arena” was organized on 6th September 2019. While



Dr. Anita Tiphagne, Coordinator, International Study Centre, proposed the key insights regarding the benefits of learning French in an international perspective, Mr. Milton Powers, French and German Language expert enumerated the formal methods of learning French in order to be internationally recognized.

La Fête du Cinéma Français - French Movie Day was celebrated by our department on 3rd December 2019 and a movie titled “Les Choristes” was screened for the students. Dr. Suka Joshua, Department of English who has graciously consented to be our Chief Guest, delivered a very meaningful discourse on using movies as an important aid in learning foreign languages. The journey of the department and the Club **Les Jeunes Tricolores** continues with plans for an extravaganza in the coming year.

Department of History



The Department of History has been recognized as a Research Center since the year 2019-2020 by the Madurai Kamaraj University. The inaugural of the **Phoenix Club** was held on 01.08.2019. Dr. Sugantha Ramamoorthy delivered her talk on the topic “Importance of studying History.”

On 27th August 2019 Dr. G. J. Sudhakar, Professor and Head, Historical Research, CPR Institute of Indological Research, Chennai was invited as the resource person to train faculty in the Recent Trends in Research Methodology. Our students participated in the TATA

DHAN Academy Inter Collegiate Competitions held on 30th and 31st August 2019 and won the overall shield and cash prize of Rs.10,000 which was shared among the participants.



History Day 2019 was held on 9th October. Dr. A. Rajendran, Head and Associate Professor, Department of History, Bishop Heber College was the Chief guest. The theme was “Towards Sustainable Development.” Bishop Heber College won the overall trophy. A Guest lecture on the theme “Women in Gandhi's Mass Movement” was held on 7th February, 2020 and Dr. Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi was the guest speaker.

A One day seminar on the significance of Keeladi excavations was held on 06.03.2020. Dr. V. Vedachalam, formerly senior Epigraphist Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department Madurai and Mr. B. Asaithambi, Archaeological Officer, Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department Madurai were the resource persons. A training programme in Museology was organized for faculty and the PG students. Dr. M. Marudu Pandi, District Curator, Government Museum Madurai delivered a lecture on Conservation of Bronze idols, coins-Gold, Silver and copper and stone sculptures and historical buildings.

Mrs. Anna Abraham Endowment Lecture Series IX and thanksgiving service on the up gradation of the Department was held on 03.03.2020. The Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Alphonse Manickam S. J., Secretary and Correspondent, St. Xaviers College, Palayamkottai on “Civil rights and Citizenship in India.”

Department of Social Science

The Department of Social Sciences had a meaningful year with varied activities on different themes, organised across the year. The annual **Elizabeth George Endowment Lecture Series 2019** was held on 29th November 2019 with Dr. Starlin Vijay, Consultant



Psychiatrist, ASHA Hospitals, Hyderabad, delivering the lecture on the theme “Self and Others: Navigating the Interpersonal Space.” The department also organised various training programs for students and faculty which included a three day workshop on “Multivariate Analysis and Structural Equation Modelling” by Dr. Bharani Kanth, Department of Psychology, Pondicherry University, a two day training on “Cognitive Behavioural Therapy” by Dr. B. Ganesh Kumar, Consultant Psychologist, Raju hospital, Chennai, a five day “Counselling Skills Training” by Fr. Wilson OFM Cap, AUGRAHA, Dindigul and a one day Capacity Building Workshop on “Child Rights and Child Protection” by Mr. Devaneyan Arasu, Director, Thozhamai and an Awareness programme on “Right to Education” by Bhumi Organisation, Chennai. All these training programs were well received and it equipped both the students and faculty with the needed expertise to apply the theoretical insights.

The academic club of the department **Sophis Club** was inaugurated on September 16th 2019 with Mr. Mathivathanan, Principal, St. Michael’s School speaking on “The Relevance of Psychology and Sociology and Available Career Opportunities.” The club also organised a one-day training for the students on “Understanding Child Rights and Tools for Child Rights Protection” by Shakthi-Vidiyal. The Post graduate students of the department specially the Social Work students engaged in a number of extension activities, namely, Street Play Performances on themes like “The Importance of Transgender Education”, “Awareness on Hair Donation for Cancer Patients” and “Dengue Awareness” at Lady Doak



College campus and also on the “Importance of Reading Books” during Madurai Book Exhibition at Thamukkam Grounds, “Women Empowerment” during Madurai Symposium at Thamukkam Grounds, ‘Importance of Women’s Education’ at CSI College, Pudur and “Women Empowerment” during the International Women’s Day Programme at Madura Coats.

The UG students of the department participated in intercollegiate meets by other institutions and won prizes. The special guest lecturers arranged by the department addressed topics such as “Differential Diagnosis of Mental Disorders” by Dr. Starlin Vijay Consultant Psychiatrist, “A Home for Every Child” by Ms. Nirmala, Senior Social Worker, Grace Kenneth Foundation, “Responsible Use of Cell Phones” by Dr. Kavitha Fenn, Psychiatrist, Hannah Joseph Hospitals and “Mediation and Conflict” by Dr. Randy Zeldin Esq, USA.

The Annual Inter collegiate meet of the masters program in Social Work **Negizhchi 2020** was conducted on February 19th 2020 on the theme “Atcham Thavir” in collaboration with Thozhamai and UNICEF. The guests of honour included, Mr. Su. Venkatesan, Member of Parliament, Madurai Central, Mr. Karu Palaniappan, Actor and Director and Mr. Devaneyan Arasu, Director, Thozhamai.

Department of Economics



The Department of Economics organized a training programme on “Financial Economics” on 4th January, 2020. Dr. Rana Pratap, Assistant Professor, Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai was the Resource Person. The department organised a two-day workshop on “Multidimensional Poverty Analysis” exclusively for final year undergraduate and postgraduate students and faculty members on 24th and 25th of October 2019.

The **Oikonomia Club** is exclusively run by the students of the department. Every year, the club activities kick start with the club inaugural after which regular activities like Pictionary, dumb charades, fireless cooking, folk



dance etc are organized to provide the students with a platform to showcase their talents. The **Oikonomia Day** is conducted with great fan fare and this year, 13 colleges participated from various districts of Tamil Nadu. The American college won the overall trophy making the event a huge success. Apart from the fun activities, guest lectures are organised to kindle analytical thinking and to develop the student’s bent for learning too.

The Department of Economics organised a one-day students’ seminar on 27th August 2019 to mark the bi-centenary year of Dr. Karl Marx, a Jewish Economist, Sociologist, Philosopher and a Revolutionary whose ideas inspired the foundation of many communist regimes. Dr. P.T.R Palanivel Thiagarajan, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Madurai Central Constituency, addressed the students on the ideas of Marx and how it is relevant to today’s world. He explained the economic and philosophical ideas of Karl Marx and how philosophy, politics and economics go together. After the inauguration, various competitions were conducted for the students of Economics, Lady Doak College. 309 students benefitted from this seminar out of which, 81 students actively participated in the competitions and some of them won prizes.

Department of Commerce



The Department of Commerce offers six programmes each based on a specialisation striving to enable the students to pursue a career in Management, Banking,

Law, IT and Accounting. The Department offers CA Foundation, ACS (Foundation and Executive) and CMA Foundation/CAT classes. The **Commerce Club** conducted various programmes like Guest lectures, Symposiums, Student Seminars and competitions for the students, which has enabled them to be victorious in various ICMs conducted throughout Tamil Nadu. This year, our students have won the overall shield in 4 inter-collegiate meets.

Dr. Angel Christy Praveena, Assistant Professor of Commerce is currently undergoing Faculty Exchange Programme Abroad at Oberlin Shansi Exchange in partnership with Lady Doak College and Oberlin College, Ohio state, USA. Dr. Saral Rajamani, Assistant Professor of Commerce served as the Chairperson in the International Conference on “Current Issues in Indian Economy” on 8th January 2020 at Bishop Heber College, Trichy.

Ms. Rachel S., Assistant Professor of Commerce served as the Chairperson in the International Conference on “Transformation of Business, Management, Economy in Digital Era” on 19.10.2019 conducted by Department of Commerce, Mangayarkarasi College of Arts and Science, Madurai. Ms. Priyadharshni M. - Assistant Professor of Commerce was awarded with Appreciation Award from Indian Red Cross Society, recognising Individual contribution for Blood Donation camps & Awareness programmes which was received from Mr. Visakam, IAS, Commissioner, Madurai Corporation on 05-10-2019.



The Department organised a Symposium on “Convergence of Industry & Academia” which was held on 18th October 2019. A Regional Level Seminar on “Entrepreneurship Opportunities for Start - Ups and Challenges in Scale-Up” was conducted on 9th December 2019. A National seminar on “Risk Management and Insurance Solutions” was held on 29th January 2020. Post Budget Discussion was organised by the department on 5th February 2020 to discuss and analyse the Union Budget 2020.

Department of Mathematics



The department takes efforts to develop the mathematical maturity in students to be competent, resourceful, employable and conversant in the recent developments in the field. Three faculty members attended the National Seminar on “Recent Advancement in Mathematics,” at Sri Ramanas college of Arts and Science for women, Chidhambapuram, Aruppukottai and presented their papers. Two faculty members attended the International Conference on “Recent Advances in Pure and Applied Mathematics” at Raja Doraisingam Government Arts College, Sivagangai and presented their papers. One faculty attended the Board of Studies meeting at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur.

The department takes efforts to help the slow learners to increase the pass percentage by arranging remedial classes for them. Two students participated in “Mathematics Training and Talent Search Programme,” organized by MTTs Trust at Thiruvananthapuram. Students of our department participated in several inter collegiate competitions outside the college and won 8 overall shields and 1 runner up trophy. The Intercollegiate meet **Maths Carnival** was conducted on 6th February 2020. Fifteen colleges participated and Thiagaraja college won the overall shield.

The following programs were organised for the benefits of the students:

1. “Communications Skills for Mathematics Students” - resource person: Fr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. Joseph’s College, Trichy.
2. “Study and Career Options” - resource person: Mr. R. Gnanaprakasam, Lecturer in Mathematics, Tamil Nadu Government Polytechnic College, Madurai.
3. “Recent Development in Research” - resource person: Dr. A. Wilson Baskar, Assistant Professor, Saraswathi Narayanan college, Madurai.

Department of Physics



The inauguration of **Janus Club** and PG Association was held on 19th July 2019. Mrs. Danrita Peter Williams, Former Head, Department of Physics, Lady Doak College, Madurai was the Chief Guest and delivered a lecture on “Empathy.” Various competitions like Connection, Collage, Fun with Phyzywordz, Photography and Sudoku were conducted during the year to induce and enhance student’s learning. Faculty training on Lab Manual preparation I and II were organized by the department on 19th June and 9th July respectively. Bridge course for PG students was organized on 30.07.2019 and Dr. M.Senthilavan, Professor & Head, Department of Nonlinear Dynamics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli was the resource person.

The Department of Physics, LDC has been selected as a Nodal Agency for conducting the National Anveshika Experimental Skill Test 2019. III UG Aided and SF students won the overall shield in the intercollegiate competition **Hiphy** organized by Holy Cross College, Trichy on 17.09.2019. A lecture cum training program on “Electrical Energy Audit” was organized on 16.12.2019. Dr. S.R. Sivarasu, BEE Certified Energy Auditor & Professor, Sri Eshwar College of Engineering, Coimbatore and Shri. S. Ashok, BEE Accredited Energy Auditor, Vice President, IAEMP (Indian Association of Energy Management Professionals), Coimbatore were the resource persons. Interdepartmental Meet was organized by the club on the theme “Wonders of Physics” on 19.12.2019 and students from various departments participated and exhibited their talents.

Intercollegiate Physics Meet **Phyxplosion 2020** was conducted on 18.02.2020 and 199 students from various colleges participated enthusiastically and exhibited their talents. The S.F.R college, Sivakasi won the UG overall shield and Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai won the PG overall shield. **Ms. R. Andal Endowment Lecture 2020** on “Integrating Physics with Society” was initiated

by the department with a Thanksgiving Prayer service at Chapel. Dr. Grace C Rani Royappa (Alumna), Staff Scientist, Department of Structural Biology, St.Jude Children Research Hospital, Memphis, USA was the resource person who delivered the first endowment lecture on “Physics Beyond NMR Spectroscopy” on 24.02.2020.

Department of Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry had a very dynamic academic year, 2019-2020, through a spectrum of programs which were organized for its stake holders such as the students, teachers, parents, alumnae and nearby communities. A collaborative international quiz programme namely **Australian National Chemistry Quiz – 2019 (ANCQ 2019)** was organized in collaboration with the Royal Australian Chemical Institute on 22.08.2019 for the community of school children from grade VII – XII. Totally 201 students from 3 schools actively participated in the quiz. Entrepreneurial skill development Programme on “Towards Eco-Friendly and Reusable Sanitary Napkin Products” was conducted for III UG, I PG & II PG Students on 26th November 2019. Guest lectures were organized for M.Sc. and III B.Sc. students to develop competency to clear national level competitive examinations such as CSIR/NET, GATE, IIT-JAM and other common entrance examinations. The resource persons were Dr. D. Suresh, Assistant Professor, School of Chemical & Biotechnology, Sastra Deemed University, Thanjavur, Dr. P. Kalimuthu, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, The Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul and Dr. Gopala Krishnan, Associate Professor, D.D.G.D.Vaishnav College, Chennai. The department also organized a counseling programme for parents of I B.Sc. Chemistry on the topic “Significance of Emotional Availability” on 9.1.2020. The college counselor Mrs. Juanita was the resource person.



The academic club of the department, **Amalchem Club** was inaugurated by Ms. S. Preethi, Chemistry alumna of 2010 B.Sc. Chemistry batch, who is currently pursuing her doctoral studies at IIT Madras. She

motivated the students towards higher education in premier institutions. Dr. S. Shashikanth, Professor of Organic Chemistry, University of Mysore, motivated the students towards Science on the topic “Feel the Science” on 09.09.2019. Ms. R. Indhumathi, Assistant Manager, Indian Bank, Chennai, Chemistry alumna of 2003- 2006 B.Sc. Chemistry batch inspired the students on the topic “Towards Better Living”. Dr. Muthiah Manoharan, Senior Vice President of Drug Innovation, Scientific Advisory Board Member, Distinguished Research Scientist at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA delivered a special guest lecture on the topic “Making Drugs For Undruggable Targets Using Nucleic Acids.” Dr. Ramesh Appadurai and Dr. Jeyaprakash of Syngene International Ltd Bengaluru oriented the postgraduate and final year graduate students on “Career Opportunities in Pharmaceutical Industries for Chemistry Students.”



Our students brought laurels to the department by participating in several academic programmes at regional, state, national and international levels. Our students won the overall trophy during the intercollegiate competition held at Jayaraj Annapackiam College, Periyakulam, The American College, Madurai, Bishop Heber College, Trichy, and Kalasalingam University, Krishnankovil.

Department of Botany



The Department of Botany conducted various programmes during the academic year 2019-2020. The **Orchid Club** commenced with its inaugural by Ms. Hannah Preethi S., college counsellor who inaugurated

the club activities and motivated the students to boost their self-esteem. Her talk emphasized on the importance of staying together. Our III B.Sc. Botany & II M.Sc. Botany students won the overall championship trophy in the Intercollegiate competition **Microfiesta-2020** organised by the Department of Microbiology, The American College, Madurai on 11th February 2020.

The Department of Botany organised a field trip to **Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden, Palode, Kerala** on 21st and 22nd August, 2019 for our final year B.Sc. Botany and M.Sc. Botany students. Students had an opportunity to observe the Orchid garden, Bamboo forest, Medicinal plant garden, aromatic plant garden and Zingiberaceae plant garden. Following this they had a visit to Veli beach and Zoological Park, Trivandrum. **Fragrenzia 2019**, a state level intercollegiate meet was conducted in October 2019. Students from 5 different Colleges participated in various competitions with great enthusiasm. The Department of Biotechnology, ANJA College won the winner's trophy & the Department of Botany, ANJA College bagged the runner up trophy.

A one-day National Seminar on **Innovations in Plant Science, Soil Health and Agriculture** sponsored by UGC Autonomy Grant and **Orchid Endowment Lecture** was organised by the Department of Botany & Microbiology. Dr. V. R. Prabavathy, Principal Scientist – Microbiology Lab, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai and Dr. R. Nagarajan, Senior Scientist, GIS and Remote Sensing Lab, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai gave a talk on “Microbes: a significant resource for boosting crop yield and soil health” and the use of remotesensingdataproducsandGeographicInformation Systems to make better decisions in agriculture, land development, environmental protection and restoration. Scientific research papers were presented in various areas such as plant breeding, crop improvement and plant biotechnology. Dr. S. Chandrasekaran, Professor and Head, Department of Plant Morphology and Algology, School of Biological Sciences, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai delivered the Valedictory address on “Role of Artificial Intelligence-Innovations in Plant Science Research”. About 127 participants from various colleges and universities participated in the seminar.

Department of Zoology

A regional seminar on “IPR and Patents: Prospects and Challenges – 2019” was conducted on 30th July 2019 by



the department. Dr. M. Kantha Babu, Director for Centre for IPR, Anna University, Chennai and Dr. R. Bhanumathi, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, Chennai were the speakers who enlightened our enthusiastic audience.

The **Oikos Club** inauguration for the academic year 2019-2020 was on 8th July 2019 Dr. Somasundaram, Food safety officer, Madurai delivered the inaugural address under the title “Right to Right Healthy Nutrition for Healthy Transition from Adolescence to Adults.” On 20th of August 2019, Mrs. K. R. Thangarajeshwari, Relationship Manager, Dream Zone, Madurai delivered a guest lecture on “e Marketing.” **Wildlife Week** was celebrated by the Department of Zoology in the first week of October. A special lecture on “Legal Protection of Wildlife Resources” was organized on 3rd of October 2019. The guest speaker was Mr. M. Mahaboob Faazil, advocate, High Court Madurai. The inter-collegiate meet **Faunae 19'** was organized by the department on 10th of October 2019. The American College, Madurai won the overall shield and Thiagaraja College, Madurai were the runners.

A guest lecture entitled “Industrial Revolution, Endocrine Disruptors and Irrevocable Damage to the Planet and Human Offspring” was delivered on 19th July 2019 by Dr. Sakhila Banu, Associate Professor, Endocrine Toxicology, Department of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University, USA. Mrs. A.S. Merlyn Diana, Research Scholar, Dept. of Zoology, LDC delivered a guest lecture on “Tips and Tricks to



Crack CSIR- An Interactive Session” on 13th August 2019. Dr. Akshaya Murugesan, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Lady Doak College, Senior Scientist and ICMR-DHR Fellow, Molecular Signalling Lab, Faculty of Medicine and Health Technology, Tampere University, Tampere, Finland delivered a guest lecture on “Glioblastoma Research from Bench to Bedside - A Multidisciplinary Approach at Molecular Signaling Lab, Tampere University” on 13.12.2019.

The PG and Research Department of Zoology, Lady Doak College and Tamil Nadu Science Forum (TNSF) organized **Darwin Day 2020** on February 17th 2020 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Charles Darwin and his significant contributions in the field of science and humanity. This programme was initiated to popularize Darwin and his findings to inspire young minds.

Department of Biotechnology



The Department of Biotechnology strives to provide a wholesome education to students in order to develop them as scientifically well-informed and socially responsible individuals. As part of this motive, the department has organized a plethora of activities during the academic year 2019 – 2020 to accommodate the students' scientific, social and personal needs.

The odd semester started with one of the most laudable activities of the department – “Arivom Arivial” held on 19th July 2019. As part of this program, about 45 students from class X of Malaipatti Government High School were given an opportunity to understand the various scientific concepts mentioned in their curriculum using scientific models and experiments.

On 22nd August 2019, The Department of Biotechnology and Zoology organized **Prof. Whitin Endowment Lecture Series** on “Insights on Women's Health and Wellbeing.” Dr.Sudha Dheep (Consultant Obstetrics, Taj hospital) and Dr. Sasi Devi (Associate Professor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural College) enlightened



the crowd about menstrual hygiene and about the importance of a balanced diet for women. Dr.Kavitha Fenn Arunkumar and Dr. Helen Jebasingh dicussed about the psychological well being of women. A medical camp was also organized on the same day in collaboration with Apollo pharmacy to cater to the medical needs of non- teaching staff members of LDC.

On 31st August, the **WEBS & SIBS Academic Club** was inaugurated. The event was presided by Dr. Srinivasan Raghavendran from J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland. Intercollegiate Meet – **Bio Utsav '19** was organized on 9th September 2019. The Department of Immunology and Microbiology of The American College won the overall shield.

The Department of Biotechnology along with the UPSC Study Circle organized “Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Awareness Programme” in association with the Global IAS Academy and Centre for Instruction in Life Support, Chennai on 09th October 2019. Mr. Anand, Certified Instructor from American Heart Association trained the students on the use of CPR technique in case of a medical emergency. The department organized a lecture on “Stress Relief and Time Management” by Dr. Aasha, Counsellor, Zen Counselling centre on 28th January 2020. With the purpose of nurturing the passion for research and also to provide guidance to the students about the future prospects available for research, a guest lecture by Dr. Arockiasamy Arulandu, Group Leader, Membrane Biology group, International Institute of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi was organized on 4th February 2020. On 24th February 2020, the department organized a one-day workshop on “Microtomy - an Experiential Learning for Life Science Faculty,” wherein Dr. S Prabhu, Assistant Professor (Nematology), Department of Spices & Plantation Crops, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam and his team trained the faculty in processing and sectioning of samples for microtomy.

A video conferencing on “Genomic Insights to Improve our Health and Well-being” was organized on 3rd March, 2020 for the outgoing students of the department with Dr. Abirami Veluchamy, an alumna of the Department of Biotechnology from the 2004-2007 batch. A webinar on “DBT’s Initiatives from Waste to Value” was organized on 13th March 2020. In this webinar, Dr. AK Rawat, Adviser, DBT, Dr.Sangita Kasture, Scientist-F, DBT, Dr. DK Tuli, DBT-IOC Centre for Advanced Bio-Energy Research and Dr. Syed Shams Yazdani, ICGEB, New Delhi discussed on the various initiatives taken by DBT for waste management and bioremediation. A one day in-house student training program was organized by the DBT-BIF centre on “Introduction to Bioinformatics” on 16th March 2020.

Department of Business Administration



The **Vitta Club** of the department organised an Inter Departmental Meet on the topic “Financial Disaster 2k19” on 23rd October 2019 and arranged a guest lecture on “Financial Management and Investment” by Mr. M.Karthikeyan (Director of Centrio groups, Madurai) on 24th January 2020. The **Vrithik Club** of the department conducted various programmes and competitions such as logo designing, poster making, best manager, debate, mime, essay writing, business proposal, pencil sketching, quiz, treasure hunt, ad act, collage, and comic strips for students. In order to expose students to social responsibility, the **Vrithik Club** also conducted an awareness programme on Business for Blind People on 25th October 2019.

An Alumnae executive meet was organised on 06th December, 2019 where two distinguished alumnae of BBA viz Anuradha Pandey (2003-06 batch) Assistant manager and campus recruiter for Deloitte, US India and Meera Kothari (2002-05 batch) LEAD Talent acquisition in Alten Calsoft Labs, Bangalore, spoke on industry

expectations from freshers and strategies to utilise opportunities for development while studying at Lady Doak College.

The Department organised a National conference on “Sustainable Development and Social Innovation” on 31st January 2020. The guest of honours were Dr. Sureshpaulantony, Professor, Marketing, IIM Trichy, Mr. M.P Vasimalai, Founder of DHAN Foundation and Dr. Christianna Singh, Principal and Secretary, Lady Doak College. Faculty and industrialists from the states of Karnataka, Andra Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu participated in the conference and an ISBN book containing 45 research and conceptual papers was released on that day.

A Two days student training programme on “Life Skills” was conducted on 18th and 19th of February 2020. The students got enriched with communication and public speaking skills. The Intercollegiate meet **FOFA 2020** was organised on 25th February 2020. 151 students from 15 colleges from all over Tamil Nadu participated in the event. The overall winners and runners were The American College, Madurai and St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai respectively. The students of our department also participated in various intercollegiate competitions conducted by other colleges and won many prizes and overall shields.

Department of Computer Science



The Department of Computer Science organized a plethora of activities for faculty members and students throughout the academic year 2019-2020 to enhance knowledge in latest IT trends. Two-day faculty workshop was conducted for faculty members on “IoT Applications using TI CC3200 ARM Processor” on 23rd and 24th August 2019. Through this program, faculty members got a very good exposure of Internet enabled systems with applications like battery powered sensor

signal acquisition, processing and connectivity to the Cloud. FDP on “Python Programming” was conducted in collaboration with ICT Academy from 26th August to 30th August 2019. Faculty members from various colleges participated and had hands on experience in analyzing data using Python. Our Students won the runner up shield in Inter Collegiate Meets conducted by Sermathai Vasan college for women on 9th August 2019 and Fatima College on 7th September 2019. Students won cash prizes in the events **Intuit 2019** and **Dreams 2019** conducted by KLN college of Engineering and IT, Pottapalayam on 19th and 20th September 2019.

Cloud Literacy Day was organized for cross major students of our college on 23rd October 2019 which enabled students to learn cloud technology skills through self-instructed videos and exercises. A special lecture on “Introduction to Robotics” was arranged for students by **Jupito Club** on 8th January 2020. Ms. Divya Ramesh, Research Scholar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA delivered the lecture and students gained knowledge on various types of robots and its uses in various fields. Video conferencing was conducted in our college premises for I PG students on “Software Testing” on 6th February 2020. Ms. Vidhya Murugan (Alumna, 2007 batch), Software Integration Specialist, IBM, California delivered the lecture through Skype.

Industry-Institute International Delegates Meet was conducted on 18th February 2020 to give awareness for the students to identify the current need of industry. The delegates from Coats, London, UK, Ms. Angela Berkowitz, Head, Project Management office, Digital & Technology, Ms. Cara Priest, Head, HR, Digital & Technology and Mr. J Shelton Samson Vetharaj, Head of Global Software Application Support elaborated about the industry expectations.

Department of Fashion Designing

The Department of Fashion Designing aims for a creative and qualitative education in Fashion and Textiles through various program organized by the club. The year started with the Inaugural of **ELAN Club** on 11th July 2019. Mr. J.S. Prathapraj (Retd. Deputy Superintendent of Police) was the Chief Guest for the programme. The Faculty Workshop on “ESSDi” Software in pattern making and grading was held on 20th July 2019 and the resource



person Mr. Selvam from ESSDi, Tirupur made the session interesting. On 7th August 2019 the **ELAN Club** celebrated Handloom Day. It was an awareness program for the students regarding hand-woven fabrics. A Workshop was conducted on “Fashion Illustration” by Mr. Basker from Ragahva Design Studio, Perambur, Chennai. The department organized a Training Program on “Screen Printing” on 20th Sep 2019. The resource person was Mr. Rajvel from Raj Screen Printing Company. Dr. Daisy Gohain (Assistant Professor, Department of English, Lady Doak College) and Ms. Sarulatha (Fashion Designer, M/s. Ramyam Creations, Madurai) delivered a Guest Lecture on “Fashion Blogging” and “Future Opportunities In Fashion Industry” on 4th December 2019.

CELESTIA '2019, an Inter Collegiate Meet was a successful event. The event was inaugurated on 16th December 2019 at 10.00 am by the Chief Guest Ms. Babita Jaishankar, Designer/Stylist and Ms. Anukriti Saraswat, Miss. North India 2017. 11 Colleges participated in various competitions organized by the department. Mr. Celestia'2019 was won by Mr. Chocoroy, Hindustan College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore and Miss. Celestia'2019 was won by Ms. N. Abirami, Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College for Women, Sivakasi. Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore won the Over All Trophy for the third consecutive year. The year ended with “Portfolio Presentation” by the final year students on 16th March 2020.



Versatile Centres Centre For Environmental Studies (CES)



The Centre for Environmental Studies believes that Environmental education equips learners with the knowledge, skills, and motivation to address complex environmental challenges in the 21st Century. 'Beat Air pollution' is the theme of the academic year 2019-2020. The objectives of our centre are to educate and create awareness among the public and students to reduce air pollution and inculcate the knowledge of recycling wastes as a social responsibility. 'Sapling planting drive' (Neem plantation) was organized at Satellite campus, Velichanatham village by LDC Eco-Brigade, NSS Unit-I with the support extended by LDC satellite committee on July 24th, 2019. The LEB students of Lady Doak College participated in a Rally on Child Abuse, organized by the members in the District Collector's office, Madurai on 3rd August 2019.

The activities involved by the student's towards "Green Campus" are

- survey on number of trees in the college campus
- napkin waste generation in hostels of LDC
- cloth bag replacement for the collection of plastic pens for recycling
- collection of data for waste audit
- charts with slogans and images related to environmental protection
- group discussion for the plantation of herbal plants inside the campus

Dr. Priya Rao, Chairman – Pelican foundation highlighted the importance of zero waste campus with the help of student group as green champions and green warriors in our college campus on 5th September 2019, in relation to promote good environmental practices.

Students enthusiastically participated in Research Paper and Article Presentation, Poster and Model Presentation, Photo Story Competition & Plenary Discussion in Madurai Symposium 2019 on the topic "Water Security: A Women Empowerment Tool" on 18th September 2019 organized by the DHAN Foundation.

To promote the conservation of energy, Electricity Reduction Day was observed for one hour/per semester on 18.9.2019 & 26.02.2020. To control the air pollution and to create awareness among the students, Reduce Vehicle Emission Day was observed for one day/per semester on 16.7.2019 & 24.01.2020.

The Center for Environmental Studies, Lady Doak College organized an exhibition on "Water Conservation" on the 23rd October 2019. The Chief Guest, Mr. C. P. Mohan Kumar, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department, Madurai delivered the keynote address in which he explained the historical significance of water conservation, traditions followed and the importance of starting at the individual level to make a difference. Mr. Lokesh, Environmental Engineer, DHAN Foundation addressed the gathering during the valedictory session in which he explained about the virtual water. He mentioned in one glass of tea, there are 200 liters of virtual water.

Nearly 700 Students from various schools in and around Madurai participated and displayed models as well as charts relevant to the theme. Top 3 models displayed by students of Masathiyar Corporation School, Munichalai Corporation School and Thiagarajar Model Higher Secondary School on the topics Bioenzymes, Sewage treatment and Sensors were selected.

The centre, in collaboration with ITES has involved in creating awareness on e-waste management to our college students on 16.03.2020. Activities such as collection of used pens, data collection of dust bins used in college, calculation of dried leaves accumulation in college, water quality analysis, CO2 monitoring in various places of college and GIS Analysis of green vegetation in campus were performed during this academic year by the members of Centre for Environmental Studies.

**Dr. P. Sakthieaswari &
Ms. M. Lakshmi**
Coordinators (CES)

Human Rights Education Centre (HREC)

The purpose of education, apart from the process of delivering knowledge, is also to enable people understand and embrace the principles of human equality, dignity and the commitment to respect and protect the rights of all people. The Human Rights Education Centre (HREC) aims to provide students with an understanding of human rights issues and equip them with the skills to articulate their rights. The center aims to involve all the students to become more sensitive to human related issues and to become more responsible citizens and committed professionals in advancement of human rights. It strives to develop skills among students to prevent and confront discrimination and bullying behaviours. It also aims to equip them to be empowered in order to create and sustain environment that exemplify respect, diversity, fairness and equity. The course content has been designed to provide the students a deep insight into the following aspects such as

- Knowledge of the range of contemporary declarations, conventions, and covenants
- Understanding of the basic conceptions of human rights
- Appreciations of one's own prejudices and the development of tolerance
- Sympathy for those who are denied rights
- Intellectual skills for collecting and analyzing information

All these above aspects are being taught through role plays, group discussions, critical examinations of films and documentaries, games, field learning (OSS), guest lectures and similar other interactive teaching techniques.

**Mrs. B. Shanthy
Dr. A. Margaret Divya**
Convenors (HREC)

Center For Communication And Multimedia (CCM)

Center for Communication and Multimedia has organized an exhibition of products like Interactive Projectors, Printers, Laptop, Interactive Touch Panel, Smart Board, Digital Podium by EPSON, HP and Educorp Technologies. Techno-sharing sessions on e-Filing of Income Tax Returns, QR Code for education, Demonstration of Google Scholar, Scopus, Research Gate and ORCID, NearPod, Digital Library Access in Lady

Doak College Portal, Augmented Reality for education, Formative Web Application, You tube channel creation, Sketchware, MindMup were organized for the faculty and research scholars of the college to equip them with ICT enabled teaching, learning and research. One lecture has been captured for the Department of Hindi and one experiment demonstration was captured for the Department of Zoology.

**Ms. M. Praveena Kirubabai &
Ms. D. Hema**
Coordinators (CCM)

Audio-Visual Club:



28 Students of the Audio-Visual Club has participated in an online competition on the theme "Nature" to celebrate the world Photography day. Training programme on 'Live Sound Reinforcement' was organized for AV Club Students. The resource person, Mr. Prashanth (Sound engineer) trained the students to handle the newly installed Audio system in G. J. Auditorium and College Quadrangle. Dr. Christianna Singh, Ms. Chandita Mukherjee (Short film Director, Mumbai) and Mr. Amuthan (Festival Director) inaugurated the 21st Madurai International Documentary and Short Film Festival 2019, an independent, international and inclusive annual event screening documentary, short films, animation films and music videos organised by Marupakkam, a media activist group that was co-hosted by the Audio-Visual Club of Lady Doak College. "Displacement and Resilience: Women Live for a New Day," "Relationships (Rishte)," "After the Beep," "Clown" and "Unexpected" were some of the short films that were screened for the students of Lady Doak College and from other states. The Audio-Visual Club organized a Photo Walk OSS for 44 students to the Therthangal Bird Sanctuary, Dhanushkoodi, Pamban Bridge, Valinokkam and Melaselvanur Bird Sanctuary of Ramanathapuram.

**Mrs. E. Sheeba Sugantharani &
Mrs. V. Meenakshi**
Coordinators (Audio-Visual Club)

Christian Study Centre (CSE)



The academic year 2019-2020 abounds with distinctive Christian activities besides the regular worship services and retreats that are organized every year. A three day Haggai seminar conducted on campus brought vibrant facilitators trained by Haggai International and their challenging messages invigorated the participants. We had the rare privilege of listening to Dr. John Boss, a world renowned musician from the USA.

Yet another remarkable event was the musical play - Joseph and His Dream coat -performed by The Musical Theatre Club of Keswick School. The grace, skill and virtuosity of the young performers were just astounding. The Faraday Lecture by Dr Denis Alexander, Biologist, University of Cambridge and the visit of a few other scientists and theologians were some of the striking events of the year.

The idea of an Intercollegiate Meet to conduct Bible based competitions which was conceived by Dr Jessie, the SCM coordinator, has its second successful gathering at Lady Doak College. The monthly competitions organized for students and the yearly ones for the Non-teaching staff kept the Christian activity Centre buzzing with life. Thanks to Dr Jessie's creativity and commitment.

The Chaplaincy Training Programme that was jointly organized by Lady Doak College and the United Board had its final phase this year. Participants gained basic theological knowledge and training to make their services relevant to today's demands and challenges.

Dr. Maher Spurgeon's initiative and Dr Christianna Singh's involvement and the team work of the organisers are highly applauded.

There is the power of prayer that brought down the blessings of God in and through various fruitful events. Thanks to Ms. Daphne's efforts in bringing together people in prayer, and for the Bible study that is conducted through the year. Kudos to our devout Principal, Dr. Christianna Singh, and all glory to God.

Dr. Suka Joshua
Chaplain

Centre For Entrepreneurship Development (CED)



About the Center:

The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED), Lady Doak College aims to promote entrepreneurship amongst the students by creating a conducive ecosystem for the students to develop their creative ideas into brilliant business plans such that they are motivated to come up with their own Start-ups. The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Lady Doak College offered 20 vocational courses (17 Short-term & 3 Semester Long Programs) from 17th June to 5th July 2019 to all II UG students both Aided & SF. To name a few crash courses offered were Bag Designing, Tailoring, Paper Quilling, Baking, PC Hardware, etc. Some courses like Kitchen Gardening, Paper Recycling, Vermiculture and Textile Dyeing were offered by Departments of Botany and Zoology respectively. Totally 600 Aided and 640 SF Students had registered for these courses. Items done by the students were displayed in the GJ Auditorium on the last day.

Dr. Rajkumari Jeevagan, Founder of Waalai Group of Hotels was invited as the Chief Guest for handling the concept of Entrepreneurship.

- The Market Hymn Competition was conducted by the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development on 19th August 2019. Most of the products made were eco-friendly. Some products were made from waste materials like single used plastic water bottles, old bangles etc. There were also many innovative products like photo frames, wall hangings, home decorative.



- Logo Design and Slogan Contest were conducted by CED for both SF and Aided students on 20th August 2019.
- CED celebrated "World Entrepreneurship Development Day" on August 21st 2019 by organizing an Entrepreneurial Talk & Hands on Training session on "Self Grooming." Beauty tips were shared by the resource person Ms. Sandhaya (Owner – Glamzo Beauty Studio).
- The **Mishmash Club** is a part of Entrepreneurship Development Centre. Its aim is to encourage students to develop their entrepreneurial skill. The inaugural for the club was conducted on 16th December, 2019. The Guest of Honour for the first session was Ms.Chitra Ganapathy, the Managing Director of Kadambavan Resorts Madurai. She talked about Tamil Culture and its history as the resort is based on heritage of Tamil Nadu. The Guest of Honour for the second session was Dr.Jegan Mohan, the Coordinator of Maditssia. He talked about various schemes offered by Maditssia.

VAPS and CED organised an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program for SF students from 10th February to 13th February 2020 on various topics regarding entrepreneurship.

Ms. S. Nita Popli &
Dr. C. Angel Christy Praveena
Coordinators (CED)

The Centre For Music (CFM)

The Centre for Music is the fulcrum of all musical activities in the college campus. It recognizes the musical talents, skills and interests of the students and offers a platform to nurture and exhibit them.

The Centre is equipped with qualified tutors to teach western and classical music. In this academic year, 97 students have enrolled in the music classes. Mr. Christopher Sherwood teaches Piano and Western Vocal classes, Mr. Philip Devadoss Pandian teaches Guitar, Mr. Jayakumar teaches Violin and Mrs. Subbulakshmi teaches Veena and Carnatic vocal. The Theory, Practical tests and a Public Recital were also held by the Centre. Students who have satisfied the minimum requirements were awarded with the Long Term Co-curricular Certificate.



During this academic year, we received many invitations to sing in various places for different occasions. The CFM students were invited to sing in Shalom Gardens, a home for the elderly, where our students brought joy in their hearts through their singing. Our students got opportunities to lead Christmas carols services at Madurai Meenakshi Mission Hospital.



The CFM students conduct sing-song services in the Wilcox Chapel twice a month. Our students have sung prayer songs for all college programmes such

as the Founder's Day, Alumnae Day, Independence Day, Intercollegiate Meet, Republic Day, Sports Day, Women's Day and so on. The students were also invited by other departments and centres to sing prayer songs. The Centre for Music has participated in more than 20 activities during this academic year.

Apart from their regular activities at the College, they had also participated in several competitions like JOMUZERT conducted by St. John's College at Palayamkottai and won 3rd prize with a Cash award of Rs. 5000/- and in the State Level United Christmas Carols conducted by The American College and won 3rd prize with a Cash award of Rs. 5000/-. Blizz 2020, a singing and instrumental competition was conducted on 21st February 2020. Students of various departments showed their active participation and exhibited their tremendous talents.

**Dr. D. Joy Marjorie Annal &
Ms. C. Esther Elizabeth Grace**
Convenors (CFM)

Centre For Women's Studies (CWS)

The Centre for Women's Studies, Lady Doak College, had yet another year of rich experiential learning! Our work of building bridges of empathy and dignity between young girls and boys, and channeling aspirations and dreams of young girls continues to expand and it enters into new pathways.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day celebrated on 5th March 2020 was a collaborative event with the Transgender Resource Centre, Madurai and a breathtaking ensemble of 100 women who overcame challenges in diverse professions to make an impact in the lives of people around them. Around one thousand students who attended the gathering became ecstatic as the women from varied professions such as police force, journalism, media, and food services, doctors, walked onto the stage. Dr. Anne Vijaya IPS, DIG Madurai Range, presided over the illustrious gathering and along with Principal Dr. Christianna Singh, released a picture profile of the 100 women!



Gender Education for Men staff members of Lady Doak College

The struggle for gender equity is a shoulder to shoulder walk with our men. Three men staff members of our college – Mr. Samson Sureshkumar, Principal's Office, Mr. K. Silverster Bennet of the Centre for Communication and Multimedia and Mr. Berkman of the Centre for Information Technology enthusiastically participated in a Trainers' Training (TrTr) on Gender Studies for Men, conducted by the Institute of Women's Studies, St. Scholastica's College, Manila, Philippines, from 2nd February to 7th February, 2020, at the Women and Ecology Wholeness Farm, Mendez, Cavite, Philippines. The men returned with unshakeable commitment to turn the HIStory into a HERStory! This event has opened new pathways to our united struggle for gender equality and our men will take their learnings to men and women of other higher educational institutions and organizations, while also catalyzing changes within our campus.



Moving towards Gender Equality as a lived reality - Interaction with Sr. Mary John Manenza

It was a unique opportunity for the Centre for Women's Studies staff and faculty team to interact with Sr. Mary John Manenza, esteemed Superior of Manila Community, Member of Priory Council and Former President of St. Scholastica's College Philippines. Sr. Mary John demonstrated the power of transformational

spirituality among women to achieve her dreams. There were deep conversations and sharing of the pains, joys experienced in overcoming our challenges. Prof. Arche Ligo, Professor, Women's Studies, St. Scholastica College, Philippines spoke on gender and its intersections.

Collaborations with the Singapore University Social Sciences

Faculty members and students of Singapore University of Social Sciences, participated in a staging of a street play and choreo performance at the Madura College, Madurai in January 2020. One hundred women men students of the Madura College engaged in a thought provoking interaction with the CWS team on how we will challenge unequal structures between women and men, at our individual level, and with family and peers.



16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence: 25th November - 10th December

This annual campaign is a space for us to magnify voices, express solidarity and explore avenues of interventions. This year our campaign on "Gender Equality Stands against Rape" engaged with men students of Madura College, Madurai to participate in a street theatre workshop and make public presentations. The street play showcased how men interrogated the origins of violence from their childhood interactions with family, peers and teachers in schools.



Addressing Discrimination

To highlight the increasing threat of honour killings, students shared their thoughts and reactions on the young boys and girls who were victims of honour killings, and survivors of sexual abuse. There were hash tag campaigns such as #HearMeToo #HearMeTooInLDC #LeavenoOneBehind in social media. In collaboration with the NGO Evidence, the department of Women's Studies, Bharatidasan University, and Centre for Women's Studies, Lady Doak College, held a one day interaction with families of the victims of honour killings.

Media Education

Our annual Summer Internship on Short Film Making was held on the theme "Invisible Women Leaders." At the end of the workshop students produced two films on: 1. Good Governance of a former Woman Panchayat leader, Mrs. Chandra Pitchai of Tirali Panchayat and 2. Female infanticide based on the story of a mother with four daughters. This internship helped the students to visit communities and understand the lives of rural people.

Centre for Women's Studies
Lady Doak College

International Study Centre (ISC)



ISC Club

The International Study Centre had a plethora of activities in the academic year 2019-2020. The ISC club conducted more than forty events that educated and entertained students, providing insight into international cultures, and widening their interests in global issues such as Art Workshop, Debate, IELTS Info Session and Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch. People and Places is a course offered by Kate Little on nature and the environment. At the Model United Nations conference, ISC members

represented their assigned country in debate on topics such as human rights and international policy. The ISC interns started a Korean Crash Course to help the student community in learning the Korean language. Safe Space, an open platform for students to discuss taboo topics in Indian Society was continued this year as well.

International Programmes

A number of students received the opportunity to represent Lady Doak College internationally at various institutions in cultural experience and academic exchange programmes.



Prathiksha Veera Anumantha Sekar of III BA Psychology and Sociology participated in the Community College Initiative Programme 2019-2020 at Scottsdale Community College, Arizona, USA, July 2019 - May 2020



Sesha Nivedhitha. M of III B.Sc. Chemistry participated in the ACUCA SMS programme at Hongkong Baptist University from August 2019 - December 2020.

Pratheeba M. of III BA Economics spent the Fall semester at International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan from August 2019– November 2019.

Vasavi A. of II BA History and Nagadharshiny V. of II BA English are currently spending a semester in Mary Baldwin University, USA from January to May 2020.

International Service-Learning Programme provides opportunities for students from partner institutions

to participate in service-learning. Five students from International Christian University and Fu Jen Catholic University participated in the International Service-Learning Programme this year from July 2019 to August 2019.



International Connections

The ISC had many International guests from various partner institutions this year – Dr. Hildrun Kessler from Protestant University of Berlin, Germany, Dr. Ted Samuel, Assistant Director from Oberlin Shansi, USA, Prof. Hitomi Yokote from International Christian University, Japan, Professor Yeolay and Professor Cynthia from Singapore University of Social Sciences and Dr. Randy Zeldi, an attorney from Florida, USA spent two weeks at Lady Doak College tutoring English and giving lectures on various topics to the student community.



Ms. Anita Croos' Tamil Nadu Foundation Young Adult Internship began on 10th February and ended on 28th February 2020. During this period, she conducted various workshops for Lady Doak College students. One of her goals during this period was to find ways in which LDC and TNF can collaborate in the future. The International Study Centre will continue to expand its reach and extend its International ties to provide global opportunities to Doakians in the years to come.

**Mrs. Hannah Sophia Samuel &
Dr. Anita Christine Tiphagne**
Coordinators (ISC)

Career Guidance And Placement Cell (CGPC)

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell (CGPC) was started in the year 1994 to assist students in their placement and to enhance their employability skills. The Centre acts as a resource centre to help students to develop their aptitude and soft skills by engaging them in placement support training programmes and library services. CGPC offers career guidance counseling to students who approach the centre and also plan and organize campus recruitment drives. The following gives a brief about the training programmes organized to students and the number of placements made through CGPC.

Campus Interview Details

S.No	Company Visited	Date on Campus Drive	Eligible Students	No. of Students Participated	No. of Students Placed/ Offered
1	Kids Talk, Chinnachokkikulam, Madurai	23.07.2019	Fashion Designing	1	1
2	Shadows, Thirunagar	27.08.2019	Passed out (UG & PG)	14	8
3	Madura Coats, Madurai	27.08.2019	Passed out (UG & PG)	14	6 Shortlisted
4	Madura Coats, Madurai	04.09.2019	Passed out (UG & PG)	3 Shortlisted	2 Global Role – Jr. Sys. Ops Engineer
5	ZIFO RnD Solutions: Global BioPharma R & D Services (Off Campus Drive)	12.10.2019	Final Year UG & PG Science	21	2 Shortlisted
6	Shore Point Systems, Madurai	04.10.2019	Final year Comp. Sci.	25	3
7	Sri Mookambiga Info Solutions, Virudhunagar	13.12.2019	Final year PG Comp. Sci.	36	2
8	Seven Hills Cloud Pvt Ltd.,	20.12.2019	Final year (UG & PG)	155	10
9	NagasivaVidhyalaya (CBSE), Madurai	28.01.2020	Final year (UG & PG)	53	18
10	Crotser Consultancy, Coimbatore	29.01.2020	Final Year (UG)	36	22
11	The Karadi Path -Education Company	31.01.2020	Final Year (UG)	39	6 (Shortlisted)
12	Institute of Language Management (ILM), Bangalore	10.02.2020	Final Year (UG & PG)	40	25
13	St. Michael's Academy, Ooty	11.02.2020	Final Year (UG & PG)	27	17
14	The English Academy, Chennai	13.02.2020	Final Year (UG & PG)	34	29
15	Aviation, My Sky Fly Institute of Management, Madurai	05.03.2020	Final Year (UG)	112	37
16	Abserve Tech, Madurai	06.03.2020	Final Year (UG & PG) Comp. Sci.	16	3
17	Shore Point Systems, Madurai	06.03.2020	(UG & PG) Comp. Sci. BBA & Commerce Dept.	35	7
Total				661	198

Special Programmes organized by CGPC

1. An interactive session on 'Job Opportunities and Awareness' and mock test was held on 4th September 2019 by the National Institute of Banking, Madurai.

2. Career Talk on 'Job Opportunities and Trainings' was held on 3rd October 2019 by the T.I.M.E Institute, Madurai.
3. 11 UG and PG Students of History department were deputed to attend an Intercollegiate seminar on 'Tourism and Jobs' on 27th September 2019 at Hotel Fortune Pandian organized by Travel Club, Madurai.
4. Angela Berkowitz, Head of PMO (Digital & Technology), Cara Priest – Head of HR (Digital & Technology) & J. Shelton Samson Vetharaj, Head of Global Software Application Support Digital and Technology, the Senior Managers in Madura Coats U.K. Office (London) along with our 2 Alumnae who is working at Madura Coats visited us for Career motivational Talk on 18th February 2020.
5. Career Guidance and Placement Cell organized a seminar on 'Growing Aviation Future –Takes Your Dreams to Newer Heights' on 5th March 2020 by Mr. T.J. Venkaresh and Mr. Premkumar, Directors, MYSKYFLY Institute of Management, Madurai.
6. The CGPC and Dept. of Computer Science jointly organized a demo of 'GYAN Cast-Live Interactive Webinar Series on Machine Learning' – GYANAMITE to the Computer Science Students by Ms. Vanessa J and Mr. Joy on 6th March 2020.

Dr. Lt. S. Sangaranachiar
Placement Officer

Annual Sports Day



Part-V Extension Programmes

Special Programmes

- 130 NSS students participated in the celebration of **International Day of Yoga** organized by Dr. Lt. Shantha Meena T., Director of Physical Education, LDC, and Lt. Col. Surender Singh, NCC group officer, Madurai on 21st June, 2019.
- 62 NSS students participated in the **Mega Tree Plantation Programme** at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on 1st July, 2019.
- 53 NSS and LEB students participated in the **Tree Plantation Programme** at Lady Doak College Satellite Campus, Velichanatham organized by Part V and Satellite committee of Lady Doak College on 24th July, 2019.
- 125 NSS volunteers were involved in **Swachh Bharat Activities** at Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai on 31st July, 2019.
- 59 NSS students participated in **Child Abuse Rally** from Ulaga Tamil Sangam building – Dr. Thangaraj road – Tallakulam to Madurai collector office organised by Collectorate of Madurai on 3rd August, 2019.
- 60 NSS students participated in the **Mega Tree Plantation Programme** at Malaipatti Govt. Hr.Sec. School, Malaipatti village on 15th August, 2019.



- 1500 Part V Students participated in **Fit India Movement Pledge** for the launch of **Fit India Movement** by the Government of India on 29th August, 2019.
- 13 YRC students participated in the **Preparedness YRC Meeting** at Ulaga Tamil Sangam Building, Madurai organized by Red Cross Society, Madurai on 27th September, 2019.
- 700 Part V students participated in **Ban Plastic Awareness Programme** organized by Commissioner of Madurai Corporation on 1st October, 2019.

- 50 Part V students participated in mega exhibition on **Water Conservation & Single Use Plastic** organized by Centre for Environmental Studies, LDC on 23rd October, 2019.



- 1000 Part V Students participated in **Lady Doak College Walks 10,000 Steps to Support Fit India Movement** on 23rd October, 2019.
- 4 NSS students participated in **Polio Vaccination Program** at Thanakankulam primary school, Thirumangalam Bus stand and Perungudi main road on 19th January, 2020.

Achievements and Awards

- **Lady Doak College** received the award for the **Best Culture Performance** during Independence Day Celebration at Armed Reserve Force Ground, by Honorable Collector of Madurai, Rajasekar T. S., I.A.S. on 15th August, 2019.
- **Suseema Devi K.R. (19BBAE069)**, YRC volunteer won **I prize in 70th Geneva Convention Day - District Level English Elocution Competition** organized by Indian Red Cross Society, Tamilnadu & Youth Red Cross, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai at Vivekananda College, Tiruvedakam West on 28th August, 2019.
- **Lady Doak College** received an award on **National Blood Donation Day** for being the Blood Donors Institution recognized by Indian Red Cross Society at Collectorate office, Madurai on 1st October, 2019.
- **Pavithra B. (19COM040)**, LSP volunteer won **I prize** in State Level Essay Competition on **150th Birthday celebration of Mahatma Gandhi**, organized by All India Mahatma Gandhi Social welfare Council, Karaikudi, Pudhukottai on 2nd October, 2019.
- **Vasu Bharathi S. (18BTYE042)**, NSS volunteer attended **Pre - RD Parade Camp** at National College, Tiruchirapalli from 16th October to 25th October, 2019,

organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, NSS Regional Directorate, Chennai.

- **Dharani M. (18MAT008)**, NSS volunteer attended **23rd National Youth Festival** organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 12th to 16th January, 2020.
- **Vasu Bharathi S. (18BTYE042)**, NSS volunteer attended **State Republic Day Parade Camp** at Marina organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India conducted at World University Service Centre, Chetpet, Chennai from 17th to 26th January, 2020. She was honored by Mr. K. A. Sengottaiyan, Minister of Education, Tamilnadu.
- **Joslin Priya T. N. (18BBAE016)**, NSS volunteer attended **Ek Bharat Shresta Bharat National Integration camp 2020** organized by Bangalore University at Bangalore University, NSS Bhavan, Jnanabharathi Campus, Bangalore from 24th to 30th January, 2020.

Medical Camps, Veterinary Camps and Blood Donation Camp



- **Blood Donation Camp** was organized by NSS, YRC and RRC volunteers on 18th September, 2019 in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society and Govt. Rajaji hospital Madurai. 40 eligible donors donated 40 units of blood.
- **Eye and Diabetes Medical Camp** was organized at Alathur by NSS volunteers during seven day special



Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Birthday Celebration



College Band

camp on 31st January, 2020 in collaboration with MMHRC Hospital, Madurai.

- **General Medical Camp** was organized at Malaipatti village by NSS volunteers during seven day special camp on 31st January, 2020 in collaboration with Devadoss Multispeciality Hospital, Madurai.
- **Medical Camp** was organized at Achampatti, by NSS volunteers during seven day special camp on 2nd February, 2020 in collaboration with St. Antony Hospital, Madurai.
- **Veterinary Camps** were organized at Achampatti, Alathur & Malaipatti on 4th February, 2020 by NSS volunteers during seven day special camp.

Special Camps

- **A Two Day Special camp** was organized for Ranging students at Oliva Garden, Poigaikaraipatti, Alagar Kovil, Madurai on 30th and 31st January, 2020. The students had their trekking to Alagar Koil on 31st January, 2020.
- **A Seven Day NSS Special Camp** was organized at 12 different camp sites viz., Achampatti, Pannaikudi, Mettupatti, Vavidamaruthur, Alathur, Alathur Colony, Chichiluppai, Indra Nagar, Malaipatti, Salwarpatti, Poolampatti, and Velichanatham villages from 30th January to 5th February 2020.

Dr. J. S. Jemima Jeyapriya &
Dr. Anitha Selvaraj
Part V Coordinators

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Digital Library Awareness video is prepared and sent to all users for easy access of the Digital Resources. UGC N_LIST Membership and URKUND Plagiarism tool Membership is created for the new faculty. Faculty members were provided with guidance and awareness lecture to access E-Resources. Students were provided with the series of lecture on "Types of Sources, Importance and Methods of Citation, How to Avoid Plagiarism and How to be an e Expert."

E mail alert service is introduced and remote access of library collections is made possible through the Digital Library portal. NPTEL Local Guru Software was installed and mapped in the Digital Library. NPTEL Videos lecture series was opened to the faculty for retrieval.

Archives support the college community by providing photographs and documents with historical values. PG history students have done projects using Archival Records focusing the History of the College.

Guest Lectures

- On 24/07/2019, N. M. Perumal (1974 UPSC cleared), Rtd. Government Director and Ms. T Shahambere,

Young India Fellowship Representative delivered Guest Lecture to our aspirants.

- On 06/09/2019, Dr. Tamilachi Thangapandiyan delivered a Guest Lecture on "Aalumai Uruvakkathil Aasiriyam" to our upsc study circle aspirants and Tamil Department.
- On 09/09/2019, Dr. Anand conducted an Awareness Programme on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation to UPSC Study Circle & Biotechnology students.

Friends of the library were facilitated with Book Review, Quiz Preparation and Participation, Newspaper reading and discussions and Competitive Exams Paper Review. We started Quiz and Current Affairs club for this academic year 2019 - 20. We conducted many activities such as analyzing news given in the newspaper and conducting various tasks based learning. Inter-departmental meet Victorina'19 was organized on 02/12/2019 in which 48 teams from various departments participated. The Department of Commerce won the overall rolling trophy. Valedictory and Inter College Quiz Competition was conducted on 18/03/2020 in collaborated with Vanakkam India & MALA Madurai chapter (Madras Academic Library Association).

Funds Received

A gift of \$2000 has been received from Mr. Arun Palaniappan towards the purchase of books recommended in the Academic Council. "Thousands of miles away, he has a heart to go beyond & Reach the need of our college. He worked all through the summer to generate a sizeable amount to buy books for our college Library." 1030 books have been received from 43 donors. Through the generous support from the good souls, the library collections are strengthened.

Dr. Lt. S. Sangaranachiar
Librarian





Our Pride



ThinkEdu Award



Cloud Literate Campus Award

Fine Arts Club

The Fine Arts Club conducted **Silambam Skill Training** for Aided students from various departments. The purpose of the Silambam skill training was to make the students aware of the Indian martial art, Silambam, especially of the Tamil culture. Silambam art is also part of the defense, which would help young girls to protect themselves from danger. The trainers for the Silambam class were Ms. Bhuvaneshwari, alumna of the department of Tamil, Lady Doak College, and her trainer, Mr. Ram Kumar, General Secretary, Silambam Shadows, Madurai. 49 students participated in the class. They were very enthusiastic in learning the art of Silambam, and in a few classes they learnt a lot of Silambam techniques.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

“Winning means you are willing to go longer, work harder, and give more than anyone else.”

- Vince Lombardi

The excellence of Lady Doak College in the field of sports and games has always been glorious. Our students have the determination and the will to succeed with ardent practice and agility. Physical Education is one of the Part V activities for the Undergraduate students; Part V activities are an integral part of Lady Doak College curriculum, it is a requirement for the students to complete their respective degree. A theory examination is conducted at the end of their second year to evaluate the students. The college sports and games are represented every academic year by the **Games Captain** and **Vice-Captain** who are elected by the students of the college. **A. Aarthi of III B. Com** and **M.Deepika of II B.A History** were elected as Games Captain and Vice-Captain respectively for the academic year 2019-2020.

The performances of our college have been outstanding in sports and games history in and around Madurai. Our college has participated in the Madurai Kamaraj University Inter Collegiate Tournaments Athletics, Badminton, Ball-badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Handball, Hockey, Table Tennis, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Football, Swimming, Volleyball, Judo, Fencing and Weight Lifting. Our college has won many laurels during the academic year 2019-2020. We have retained the **Madurai Kamaraj University Aggregate Team Championship Trophy** for team games for the **last 28 years** donated by **Thangabasbam Kalaikavalar M.A. Marimuthu** with **70 points** by emerging **Winners** during the year 2018-2019 in **Badminton, Ballbadminton, Basketball, Kabaaddi and Kho Kho**, and **Runners-Up** in **Football, Table Tennis, Handball and Volleyball**.



Ballbadminton Team won the Championship Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament



Football team won the Championship Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament

The College has retained the **University Blues Championship Trophy** from the year of inception except the academic year 2003-2004 for contributing a maximum number of **45 players** to represent Madurai Kamaraj University in the All India Inter University Tournaments and Sports meet for the academic year 2018-2019. Our College won the **Mother Annociate Memorial Rolling Trophy** with a total of **136 points** consecutively for the **15th year** in the **54th Madurai Kamaraj University Inter - Collegiate Athletic Meet for Women** which was conducted at Dr. MGR Stadium, Madurai on 17th & 18th October 2019. Our college won the **M.Mariappan Devasirvatham Memorial Rolling Trophy** donated by **S.Tamilarasi**, Former Director of Physical Education (SF), Lady Doak College for **Overall Championship in Individual game events** with a total of **50 points** by emerging winners in Boxing, Judo, Chess, Swimming and Weight Lifting for the year 2018-2019.

Our college has won the **Championship Trophy** in team games during this academic year 2019-2020 in **Badminton, Ball badminton, Football, Table Tennis** and **Runners-Up Trophy** in **Basketball, Volleyball and Kabaddi** and has also won the **Championship Trophy**



Hema Lakshmi of II M.Com won the Championship Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Chess Tournament



Table Tennis Team won the Championship Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament

for Individual Game Events for this year 2019-2020 in Boxing, Judo, Chess, Swimming and Weight Lifting.

The Department of Physical Education had organized **Madurai Kamaraj University Inter Collegiate Women's Volleyball Tournament** on 18th September, 2019 and 19th September, 2019 at Floodlit Volleyball Court, Lady Doak College. Dr. V.Jeyaveerapandiyan, Director of Physical Education, Madurai Kamaraj University distributed the prizes.

The college conducts its **Annual Sports Meet** in a grand manner and it was held on 14th February, 2020. Mr.J.RanjithKumar, International Para Athlete, National Awardee, Athletic Coach, SDAT, Madurai accepted the salute, declared the sports meet open and delivered the Chief Guest's address. Mr. V.V.R.Raj Satyen, Advisor - Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, President – TNBA, TNRFU and Dr. Godwin Vedanayagam Rajkumar, Physical Education Teacher and NCC Officer, Govt. Hr.Sec.School, Alanganalur delivered special address and distributed the prizes. Besides sports events, there were other fitness and eye stealing spectacles to behold, like the mass demonstration of Pot Dance, Aerobic Dance, Sports student's Display, Gymnastics, NCC High Command Drill and Flash Mob.



Weight Lifting Team won the Championship Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament



Boxing Team won the Championship Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament

The Department of Physical Education had organized the **2nd State Level Non-Teaching Staff (Men) Volleyball Tournament** on 13th March and 14th March, 2020 at Floodlit Volleyball Court, Lady Doak College. Mr. Baskaran, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Madurai City and Mr. Selvarajan, Managing Director, Theni Anantham Silks and Readymade, Madurai inaugurated the Tournament, Mr.Justin Prabakaran, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch, Madurai City and Mr.C.Ashok, Principal, Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi distributed the prizes.

The Department of Physical Education organized the **Fit India Movement Pledge** for the launch of **Fit India Movement** by the Government of India on 29th August, 2019. Under the Fit India Movement, a Seminar titled "Effects of Accupressure on Stress Management" was organized. The chief guest addresses were delivered by Dr. G.Saravanan and Dr.S.Rajareega, Varma & Accupuncture Clinic, Madurai on 4th September, 2019. A Fitness Rally was conducted by Lady Doak College with a notion – 'Madurai walks 10,000 steps' to support Fit India movement on 23rd October, 2019. It was inaugurated by Mr. V.P. Bharathi, Joint secretary; Madurai District Football



Football Team participated in All India Inter University Football Tournament and won the Bronze Medal in South Zone Inter University Women's Football Tournament.



Volleyball Team won the Runners Up Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament

Association. A total of 1000 students participated in this rally.

An **Aerobic Dance Demo** at Lady Doak College, Madurai was conducted to support 'Fit India movement' on 20th & 21st December, 2019. The dance demo was inaugurated by Mr. Latha and Ms. Priya, Proprietor, WFit, Madurai. The Department of Physical Education organized **Youva Kendra Block Level Tournament** at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 16th March, 2020 and won the Championship Trophy in Volleyball, Khokho, Kabaddi and Athletics Events. 150 sports students participated in the **UTHIRAM' 19** Marathon conducted by Dr. K. Vanitha, M.D., DCH., Dean, UTHIRAM'19 Blood Donors Club Madurai Medical College & Blood Bank, Govt. Rajaji Hospital, Madurai and Mr. S. Davidson Devasirvatham, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Madurai distributed the prizes on 14th September, 2019.

The college has international honours, our Table Tennis Player R. Bhuvaneshwari of I BBA got selected to participate in the International Table Tennis Tournament to be held at Goa in the month of August, 2020.



Athletic Team won the Mother Associate Memorial Rolling Trophy with a total of 136 points consecutively for the 15th year in the 54th Madurai Kamaraj University Inter - Collegiate Athletic Meet



Basketball Team won the Runners Up Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament

ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY LEVEL

Our students represented **Madurai Kamaraj University** & won **Bronze Medal** in **South zone Inter University Football Tournament** held at Christ University, Bangalore from 30th October to 1st November, 2019 and also participated in **All India Inter University football Tournament** held at Odisha from 9th to 13th January 2020.

NATIONAL LEVEL

R. Arulbala of I BBA won the **Silver Medal** in the Khello India National Badminton Doubles Tournament held at Assam from 18th January to 21st January, 2020.

Our Football team won **Silver Medal** in the Kello India National Football Tournament held at Assam from 12th January to 22nd January, 2020 and also won the **Bronze Medal** in Seniors National Football Tournament held Arunachal Pradesh from 20th August to 23rd September 2019.

G. Sumathi of III B.A Tamil participated and won the **Seventh Place** in **National Level Judo Tournament** held at IG Stadium, Delhi from 12th to 16th December 2019



Kabaddi Team won the Runners Up Trophy in Madurai Kamaraj University Intercollegiate Tournament



Basket Ball Team won the Third Place in Open Basket Ball Championship Trophy



Volley Ball Team won the First Place in Open Volley Ball Tournament



Swimming Team

STATE LEVEL

Our badminton players won the **Gold Medal** in the Tamil Nadu State Level Inter University Badminton Tournament held at VIT, Vellore on 28th & 29th November, 2019. 10 Football players of our college won **Silver Medal** in the Tamil Nadu State Level Inter University Football Tournament held at Karaikudi from 13th to 16th October 2019.

'Winners never quit and quitters never win,' and Lady Doak College has always paved the golden road to give



Gayathri. K won the Third Position in Junior State Level Competition



Akshaya Arumurugan won the Championship trophy in Tamilnadu Badminton State Senior Championship



Badminton Team

ample opportunities to the budding talents. The college strives to achieve the dreams of the sports and games stars through efficient training and streamlined guidance. The glory of the college and the honour of sports will forever fly high with the efforts of the Department of Physical Education of Lady Doak College.

Capt. Dr. T. Shantha Meena
Director of Physical Education

&
Dr. M. Hemalatha
Director of Physical Education (SF)

National Cadet Corps (NCC)

The 2/2 NCC Coy (army wing) of Lady Doak College has achieved a lot in many camps in district and state levels in the year of 2019 – 2020. The enrollment in NCC for the academic year 2019-2020 was carried out for the aided students of the college. The formal inauguration of the NCC was conducted Capt.Rahena Parveen, Administrative Officer, 2TN Girls BN NCC, Madurai on 10th July 2019.

International Yoga Day Celebration

48 cadets participated in the celebration of **International Day of Yoga** organized by Lt. Col. Surender Singh, Training Officer, NCC Group Headquarters, Madurai and Capt. Dr. Shantha Meena T, NCC Officer, Lady Doak College on 21st June, 2019.

Fit India Movement

- 95 cadets participated in **Fit India Movement Pledge** for the launch of **Fit India Movement** by the Government of India on 29th August, 2019.

- 85 cadets participated in **Lady Doak College Walks 10,000 Steps** to support **Fit India Movement** on 23rd October, 2019.

- 90 cadets participated in **Aerobic Dance Demo** to support **Fit India Movement** on 20th December, 2019.

Swachh Bharat Activity

- 85 cadets participated in the **Swachh Bharat Activity** conducted at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 14th August, 2019.

- 75 cadets participated in the **Swachhpakhwada – Open Defecation Awareness Rally** at Sellur, Madurai on 11th December 2019.

- 75 cadets participated in the **Swachhpakhwada – Plogging** at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 14th December, 2019.

Thalsainik Camp, New Delhi

SGT Elakkia. I of II B.A His, SGT Geerthana. R of II B.A His, SGT Vasavi. A of II B.A His and SGT Joshika of II B.A Soc participated in the **All India Thalsainik Camp** at New Delhi from 16th September, 2019 to 27th September, 2019.

Special National Integration Camp

CUO Meenakumari. S of III B.A Eng participated in the Special National Integration Camp at Port Blair from 18th November, 2019 to 29th November, 2019.

Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat Camp

Capt.Dr.T.Shantha Meena, NCC Officer, Lady Doak College participated in the **Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat Camp** at Periyar Maniyammai University, Tanjore from 11th November, 2019 to 22nd November, 2019.

Advanced Leadership Camp

SGT Jenifer Priscilla.S of III B.Sc Maths participated in the **Advanced Leadership Camp** at Agra from 13th July, 2019 to 29th July, 2019.

Army Attachment Camp:

SGT Tanya. Sof III B.A English participated in the **Army Attachment Camp** at Secunderabad from 30th September, 2019 to 10th October, 2019.



National Shooting Competition

SUO J.Subhashini – III B.A Soc participated in the **National Shooting Competition** at Bhopal from 7th December 2019 to 4th January 2020.

Marina Republic Day Camp, Chennai:

SGT. Aishwarya Meenakshi.M of III B.A Eco participated in the **MRDC** at Chennai from 18th January, 2020 to 27th January, 2020.

Basic Leadership Camp:

CPL Athira. A.K of II B.A SOC and L/CPL Princiga. M of II B.A SOC participated in the **Basic Leadership Camp** at Coimbatore from 1st September, 2019 to 10th September, 2019.

Seminars and Training Program:

- 72 Cadets participated in a special lecture on “Leadership Training” – Mr.Vishwa Jeeth & Ms.Akeela Jeelan - Mercuzard Training and Service, Madurai on 31st July 2019 at Lady Doak College, Madurai.

- 50 Cadets participated in a special lecture on “Effects of Accupressure on Stress Management” - Dr.G.Saravanan and Dr.S.Rajareega, Varma & Accupuncture Clinic, Madurai on 4th September 2019 at Lady Doak College, Madurai.

- Capt.Dr.T.Shantha Meena, NCC Officer, Lady Doak College and 75 cadets participated in Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Project Program conducted by Madurai Kamaraj University on 3rd March 2020.

Independence Day Parade, Madurai

30 cadets participated in the Independence Day Parade at Reserve line ground, Madurai on 15th August, 2019.

RDC and Thalsainik Training Camp:

- 7 Cadets participated in the Thalsainik Camp - Inter Unit competition from 17th June, 2019 to 26th June, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyappatti, Madurai.

- 6 Cadets participated in the Thalsainik Camp - IGC training from 29th June, 2019 to 8th July, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyappatti, Madurai.

- 6 Cadets participated in the Thalsainik Camp - Inter group competition from 9th July, 2019 to 18th July, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyappatti, Madurai.

- 4 Cadets participated in the Thalsainik Directorate training Camp (I) from 1st August, 2019 to 10th August, 2019 and Directorate training camp (2) from 23rd August to 1st September at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyappatti, Madurai.

- 4 Cadets participated in the Pre-Delhi Thalsainik Camp from 4th September, 2019 to 13th September, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyappatti, Madurai.

- 8 Cadets participated in the Republic Day Camp - Inter Unit Competition from 21st July, 2019 to 30th July, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyapatti, Madurai.

- 5 Cadets participated in the Republic Day Camp - IGC Training (I) from 12th August, 2019 to 21st August, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyapatti, Madurai.

- 5 Cadets participated in the Republic Day Camp - IGC Training (II) from 16th September, 2019 to 25th September, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyapatti, Madurai.





- 4 Cadets participated in the Republic Day Camp - IGC Training (III) from 1st October, 2019 to 10th October, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idayapatti, Madurai.
- 2 Cadets participated in the Republic Day Camp - Inter Group Competition from 11th October, 2019 to 20th October, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idayapatti, Madurai.
- 1 Cadet participated in the Republic Day Directorate training Camp (I) from 31st October, 2019 to 9th November, 2019 at Vel Tech Institute, Chennai.

Combined Annual Training Camp:

- 31 Cadets participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp from 5th June, 2019 to 14th June, 2019 at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyappatti, Madurai.
- 24 Cadets participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp from 2nd January, 20- to 11th January, 2020- at NCC Training Academy, Idaiyappatti, Madurai.

State Level Intercollegiate Drill and Cultural Competition:

29 cadets participated in the **Heroes' Day State Level Intercollegiate NCC Drill** and Cultural Competition at Bishop Heber College, Trichy on 7th

March, 2020 and Cdt K. Priyanka of I B.Com won the Gold Medal in Best Cadet Competition.

Certificate Examination:

- 24 Cadets appeared for the 'B' Certificate Examination at Meenakshi Govt College, Madurai on 10th February, 2020 and 11th February, 2020.
- 33 Cadets appeared for the 'C' Certificate Examination at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 29th February, 2020 and 1st March, 2020.

Blood Donation Awareness Marathon:

30 Cadets participated in **Uthiram - 2019** Blood Donation Awareness Marathon on 14th September, 2019 at Madurai Medical College, Madurai.

Honours and awards:

- SUO J. Subhashini of III B.A SOC and CUO R. Ramajeyam of III B.A Eco received **Tamil Nadu Government Scholarship** for outstanding NCC Cadets from NCC Directorate, Chennai on 12th March, 2020.
- SUO J.Subhashini of III B.A SOC and SUO Shareen Ibrahim Mohamed of III B.A Engreceived **DG Commendation Award** from Delhi Directorate, Delhi on 6th March, 2020.

Capt. Dr. T. Shantha Meena
Associate NCC Officer

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THE CABINET FAMILY

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave; just as the Son of God did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" -Mathew 20:26-28

This verse from the Bible is so true of the Student Cabinet 2019-2020. As leaders, we learnt that the way to achieve good leadership skills is by serving the institution and not by being served by others. As the President, I constantly emphasized that “Leadership is action and not just position” and all of us practiced this throughout this academic year. It was a wonderful journey with all the bitter and sweet experiences on our road to success and leadership. The election procedure was not very easy and after many trials, we the 37 members were chosen to be one family to guide other students. We were recognized as student leaders by the inauguration of the Student Cabinet by Dr. Beulah Jeyaseeli.

We were 37 members in all, and the meetings that we conducted from time to time helped us to put together our strength and work on our weaknesses for the welfare and betterment of the college. As the cabinet family, we were happy that we were able to motivate the students towards certain goals and we taught them how to achieve them in action and reality. This year we provided a great platform for cultural activities and conducted many cultural events within the college and also between other colleges from different parts of Tamilnadu. The first program that we conducted was The UG orientation programme. We conducted an Inter-collegiate Meet, Eeghai'19 on August 29, 2019 with the theme Eethuuyar - Give and Grow. For the first time, Lady Doak College witnessed a gathering of 873 participants from 35 different colleges in Tamilnadu. It was indeed a very

proud moment for each and every Cabinet member as all our hard work paid off on that day. We constantly worked on the theme "Give and Grow" this year as proposed by our Principal Dr. Christianna Singh, to understand life is not all about getting, but it is about giving. Next we conducted Teacher's Day Celebrations for all the teachers who have always been with us constantly to guide and support us as a token of our gratitude to them. We also celebrated Ethnic Day, where the students were asked to come in ethnic clothes to embrace tradition. We conducted Interdepartmental Cultural Festival Eeghai 2.0 on February 26, 2020. It was an amazing day where all the departments got to showcase their talents and it was a great time for all the Doakians to come together and celebrate. Once again, the hard work of the Student Cabinet paid off. We conducted discipline and cleanliness errands from time to time to ensure that the decorum of the college is maintained constantly. We also had regular out-reach activities to reach out to the unreached. We had regular visits to Birds Nest. It gave us immense joy to bring smiles in others lives. We visited Atchaya trust, Pedcrat and we created an online portal for collecting funds for flood relief and and the Joy of Giving Week was celebrated in December. The flood relief fund was given to Cherangode village in the Nilgiris. It truly showed and taught the true and real purpose of life. We helped the college to conduct Carnival '19, by rendering all the service work that we could, to ensure that everybody had a fun day, but with some meaning.



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We always wanted to listen to the students and inspire them to become better people and to join hands to shape the college. As the President of the Student Cabinet, I can proudly say that because of the good leadership qualities that we learnt and developed from our alma-mater, Lady Doak, we have inspired other students to aim high and make a difference and be inspired to become Members of the Cabinet in the future. The Student Cabinet helped us to build our self confidence, responsibility, courage, empathy, integrity and perseverance by conducting cultural programmes, debates, work-shops and open forums to voice everybody's thoughts and talents.

Eco-Friendly and Reusable Sanitary Napkin Products



At present, India is facing the problem of managing solid wastes – the majority of which are plastic wastes. Among the plastic wastes, the menstrual wastes generated by women and adolescent girls are enormous and hence there is an urgent need for managing the waste. Realizing this issue, the Department of Chemistry, Lady Doak College, Madurai organized an Entrepreneurial Skill Development Programme on the theme "Towards Eco-Friendly and Reusable Sanitary Napkin Products" on 26.11.2019 for the undergraduate and postgraduate students of Chemistry as part of their Amalchem Club activities. Mrs. N. Mathangi, Assistant Professor, Department of Costume Designing and Fashion Technology, Ambiga College of Arts and Science for Women, Madurai was the resource person for the hands-on training session.

The major objectives of the training programme were:

- ☐ to create awareness regarding
- ☐ chemicals used in the manufacture of commercially available non-biodegradable sanitary napkin products
- ☐ health hazards associated with these products

"United we stand and divided we fall" is very true when it comes to the Student Cabinet 2019-2020. It is only by the grace of the Almighty that we were successful in all our new expeditions this year. We took decisions as a team and each one got a role to play which increased our sense of individual worth and commitment to the college. We learnt to be high achievers and understood that the key to everything is good listening. I can proudly say that by the end of this academic year, we sorted our differences and became one good family that can never be replaced.

Jerusha Ann Thomas

III B.Sc. Zoology
President, Student Cabinet



- ☐ environmental impact on the disposal of menstrual waste
- ☐ need for the management of menstrual waste
- ☐ to offer training to students to design and prepare ecofriendly sanitary napkin products
- ☐ to develop entrepreneurial skill among the students

More than 40 students were trained in preparing the eco-friendly disposable as well as reusable and cost-effective sanitary napkin products. The students have expressed that they would like to switch to eco-friendly sanitary napkin products as it is the need of the hour. They assured to contribute to the society through minimization of plastic waste, since they have realized that discarding one napkin is equivalent to four polythene bags. Such a training programme provided an opportunity for the students to not only prepare eco-friendly and reusable sanitary napkin products for their own use but also to develop entrepreneurial skill among them.

Mrs. G. Jayanthi Kalaivani

Assistant Professor of Chemistry

An Interview with Our Beloved Betty Ma'am



Anthea: How would you describe your journey with literature and teaching through these years?

Betty Ma'am: An amazing amalgamation of life in all its hues: that simple sound of music that made me stoop to conquer my pride and prejudice, that, be they Shakuntala or Annie, all of us should realize the importance of being earnest! And, as I near the fulfilling lifespan of my career, I thank God that my calling continues.

Anthea: What does being a professor mean to you?

Betty Ma'am : Transferring my God-given joy of living and learning, and transforming the mind to make me and my darling children look life in the eye and say, "Bring it on, I'm ready for you!" That way, teaching and learning, hard work and achievement become one graceful, engrossing dance!

Anthea: Can you name anyone of your professors who inspired you to be one?

Betty Ma'am: Not one, but everyone! I thank God for the Great teachers I've had the privilege to know. Their exceptional intelligence and knowledge never stopped them from being extraordinary human beings. How can I ever forget this brilliant, large-hearted encyclopaedia Dr. Vishnu Bhat, who fed us with his inexhaustible storehouse of knowledge and also offered us food when we went to his home (even after bunking his class)! Then there was another all-time favourite of mine, Prof. GKM- George Kurien Mathew, whose wit and wisdom and dramatic prowess inspired me. Prof. Jeyaraman, our almost blind lecturer, showed me how to trust in the face of adversity. There was this other fantastic lecturer, Prof.

VSV, Venkatraman, whose simple, telling methodology had me hooked on to poetry! These, and all my other professors back home in Madras Christian College (MCC), made manifest through their life and teaching what it meant to be a simple soul filled with the passion and joy of living and learning!

Anthea: What would you have become if not a teacher?

Betty Ma'am: "Home is where the heart is" - a Mother is a teacher-facilitator, right? Well, then, a Joyful Housewife! Right now I enjoy the best of both worlds - Class Work and Home Work!

Anthea: Any quality you think that you have inherited from your students.

Betty Ma'am: "Child is father of the man" - can anyone have put it any better than Wordsworth! The pristine love and respect bestowed upon me by every one of my Darling Students is my panacea. They show me everyday what unconditional love, trust and joy is all about. What more can I say but, that being amidst them is part of my 'heaven on earth'!

Anthea: "Present teens often suffer from anxiety and depression." Have you ever experienced them as a student or teacher? What did you do to overcome it?

Betty Ma'am: I come from a large family of seven children. And from as far back as I can remember, my parents always showed us how important Prayer is in our life! Their simple words, "A family that prays together, stays together", remains our family's heirloom that each of us has sown into our respective families. We had one another, a good group of friends, and God by our side. And yes, those were the days when a whack or two did the trick! And yours truly, being that mischievous brat, often heard and experienced my darling mother's mantra of never "spare the rod and spoil the child!" Depression never existed in our dictionary: even today, it doesn't. When you share a close relationship with God and your family, you can overcome anything!

Anthea: "I love English" For its language or literature? Why?

Betty Ma'am: Definitely Literature! I am in love with literature! It makes me want to be a better person. But, oh yes, I enjoy teaching and learning right pronunciation. I am excellent at phonetics. But as for grammar... well, the less said, the better! I guess, because English is my mother tongue, the grammatical structures came by default!

Anthea: Your hobbies?

Betty Ma'am. Dabbling in creative writing, enjoy reading, music, cooking, tending my garden, and spending time with the elderly.

Anthea: Favourite Novel. Why?

Betty Ma'am: Probably "Pride and Prejudice". I am a die-hard romantic at heart! So there - anything with a dash of romance makes my day!

Anthea: Romance (or) Drama

Betty Ma'am: What is romance without drama! What is drama sans romance! The twain are entwined!

Anthea: Movies (or) Books

Betty Ma'am: Books and movies, depending on my mood and the time available.

Anthea: If you had to switch your bodies with one of your colleague, who would it be and why?

Betty Ma'am: Why, isn't mine good enough??

Anthea: What's next? Any specific plans or vacations?

Betty Ma'am: What's next? Enjoy spending time with

my Best Friend for Life, my Darling Husband, our darling sons and their families, our dear friends and others who need me. What vacation are you talking about? My life so far has been one long vacation because I basically enjoy whatever I do. "Storms never last, do they, baby?" is a song my BF, my husband, often sings to me, and together we've experienced the joys of sailing through life's rough waters with God as our guide, and are none the worse for it. Life can be a vacation if we let it. It's our attitude that works wonders. I have NEVER planned my life! My God just put me where He wanted me. He gave me no option. I've had no godmother / godfather; only God the Father!

Anthea: Your advice to your colleague.

Betty Ma'am: A quote from Ruskin Bond that speaks volumes: "Never take from another man his song!"

Anthea: A word to our readers.

Betty Ma'am: Be naughty but nice, funny and kind, and, keep the Faith!

Anthea Isaac

I M.A. English

Blossoms



B.A. Tamil



M.A. Tamil



B.A. English Aided



B.A. English SF



M.A. English



B.B.A.



Carnival 2019



Rally - NSS



Street Play - NSS

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M.Sc. Computer Science



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B.A. Economics (EM)



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B.Sc. Information Technology and Management (B)



B.A. History



M.A. History



M.Sc. Information Technology



M.A. Economics



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M.Sc. Mathematics



B.Sc. Mathematics with Computer Applications (A)



B.Sc. Physics with Computer Applications



B.Sc. Zoology (Spl. in Biotechnology)



M.Sc. Zoology (Spl. in Biotechnology)



M.Sc. Physics



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In Memoriam

Role-Model for a Life-Long Learner

Dr. Mrs. Krishna Ponnuswamy (6 Nov 1934 - 20 May 2020) was the perfect role-model for a life-long learner. Equipped with a B.A. from Lady Doak College and a Praveen Uttarardh in Hindi, she started her career as a Hindi lecturer at Lady Doak College. Her quest for learning coupled with her zest for self-development soon saw her completing her B.T., M.A., Dip. in Linguistics and Ph.D. alongside of several computer diplomas with a concurrent upward mobility in her career. In addition to the admirable trait of commitment to goal achievement, she always went the extra mile when she was working on a project. For her PhD in "Comparative Literature on Rabindranath Tagore and William Butler Yeats," she learnt Bengali language to be able to appreciate Tagore's poetry in his mother tongue.

Her illustrious career spanned almost four decades. She held many inspiring positions in various schools and colleges, including that of Professor of English at Meenakshi College, Madurai. Her leadership position as Principal (Dean) of SAC Women's College was the final feather to adorn her cap, when she chose to retire at the age of 62. However, her search for knowledge

did not stop then. Like Alfred Tennyson's Ulysses, whose motto was "to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield," at age 62, she enthusiastically embarked on her post-doctoral research comparing the social status of the Indian Dalit Women and Afro-American Women, and completed her thesis at the age of 66.

Right from the start as the first-generation woman in her community to get a college degree and go to work, until she breathed her last, she was an inspiration not only to her family and community, but also generations of students, colleagues and acquaintances. She will be remembered as a greater teacher and an even greater learner.

Dr. Mrs. Gitarani Ponnuchamy
(Daughter of Dr. Krishna)

Alumna and Former Faculty of English, LDC



A Dauntless Alumna of LDC

Ms. Rajalakshmi - A dauntless alumna of Lady Doak College from the department of History, who worked as the Administrative Assistant in various offices from 1985, has left the earthly abode leaving behind a mosaic of memories. She worked with tremendous zeal and an unmatched conviviality for 33 years. She retired from active service in 2018.

She was a woman with dedication and commitment. Resolute and well-informed that she was, we could approach her any time for any help. She was very focused and determined that she would do even the seemingly difficult task with ease. She was a great teacher, an excellent colleague, the best mom, a wonderful wife and of course an affectionate daughter brimming with love and affection throughout her lifetime. She cared for us like a mother and always tried to do something to relieve us when we fell sick.

Her influence extended beyond the office walls. She was instrumental in initiating the Non-teaching Staff Childrens' Scholarship, the fee subsidy for the children of NTS studying in Lady Doak College (even though she did not have a girl child) and the initiation of CHILD. She was forthright in her views and was quick to voice the concerns of her colleagues in all the NTS meetings.

Her affable and easy going nature drew us to her as she related spontaneously with us. She stood by her convictions and had the rare courage to present the right stance even with the higher authorities. She had a zest for life and a deep seated love for travel. Picturesque falls and ponds were her favourite spots. Tours and picnics will never be the same, as we relished watching her enjoy the fullest.

I have had the privilege of being closely associated with her for more than a decade and I am still wrestling to come to terms with her demise. Grief over her loss is personal and irreparable, I seek the Almighty's solace and blessings on her husband, her two sons and her daughter-in-law. The void left by our radiant and resplendent Rajika can be filled only by recollections of her warmth and vitality.

With lots of love, remembrance and prayers,

Mrs. J. Sarah Jemimah
Vice-Principal's Office


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கனிவான காமராஜ்

எளிமையின் உறைவிடம். யாரிடமும் எளிதில் பழகும் நற்குணம். பணிவின் இருப்பிடம் எனப்பல அரியபண்புகளுக்குச் சொந்தக்காரர் திரு. கே. காமராஜ். இவர் 1993 ஆம் ஆண்டில் தனது தந்தையின் மறைவிற்குப் பின் வாரிசு நியமன அடிப்படையில் முதல்வர் அலுவலகத்தில் பணியில் இணைந்தவர்.

அன்னாருக்கு எங்களின் நினைவலைகள் பின்னோக்கி நகர நினைவில் நின்றவை:

எளிமையின் திருவுருவம்
அன்பின் பிறப்பிடம்
பக்திமிக்க பண்பாளர்!
உவகையுடன் உதவும் பேருள்ளம்
மென்நகையில் முதலிடம்
இந்நகையின் இருப்பிடம்
நடப்பியலைப் பேசும் எதார்த்தவாதி!
காலம் கருதாது கணக்கின்றி
உழைத்த உழைப்பாளர் இவர்!

பேச்சாற்றலால் காரியம்
சாதித்தவித்தவர் இவர்!
கல்லூரியின்
முன்னேற்றத்திற்குக்
கருத்துடனே பணியாற்றிய
கருமவீரர்!
பல்கலையில் பலர்
இருப்பினும்
இவர் பெயர் அறியாதோர்
எவர் உள்?
என வியக்கவைத்த பெருந்தகையாளர்!
இறைவன் வழங்கியப் பணியைக்
குறையேனுமின்றி நிறைவுடன் செய்தசான்றோர்!
சுறுசுறுப்பாக செயலாற்றிய செம்மல்!
முதல்வர் அலுவலகத்தில் முத்தாய்ப் பணியாற்றிய
இவருக்கு உண்டுதனியிடம்
இவரது நினைவுகள் எப்போதும்
எம்மன உறைவிடம்!!

முதல்வர் அலுவலக ஊழியர்கள்



Independence Day Celebration



Cushion Making



Teacher's Day Celebration



State Level NTS Volleyball Tournament 2019-2020

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*We cannot do anything against the truth,
but only for the truth. - II Cor. 13:8*



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