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English Association Annual Report 2024-2025

The Students Induction Programme for the academic year 2024-2025 was held from 19th June to 25th June 2024. A total of 570 students participated in the Programme. The Students Induction Programme (SIP) aims to help new students acclimate to their academic environment and prepare for their educational journey. It familiarizes students with the institution's campus, facilities, and resources while providing an overview of the academic structure, curriculum, and assessment methods. The programme focuses on enhancing essential skills like communication, time management, and study techniques, fostering personal growth through self-awareness and emotional intelligence.

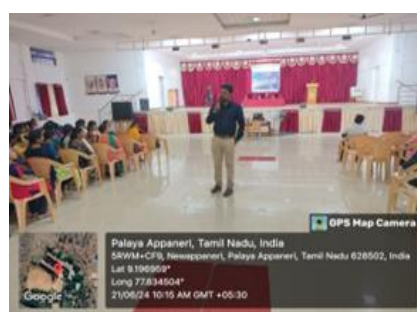
On the first day, Dr.S.D.Selvasundari, the Head of the English Department, warmly welcomed the gathering. Dr.M.Subbulakshmi, the esteemed Principal Incharge of G. Venkataswamy Naidu College, delivered an inspiring Inaugural Address. She began by providing a detailed overview of the college's rich history, highlighting its journey and milestones that have contributed to its reputation for academic excellence.



Dr. G. Venkatasalapathi, the Director of G. Venkataswamy Naidu College, delivered an inspiring Felicitation Address. Dr. B. Uma Devi, the Convenor of the Curriculum Development Cell, delivered a captivating and informative address that captivated all attendees. She began by introducing the fundamental concept of curriculum design, emphasizing its critical role in shaping the educational experience of students at G. Venkataswamy Naidu College. She elucidated the various components that constitute a curriculum, such as its objectives, content, and pedagogical approaches, illustrating how each

element contributes to the educational framework. Dr.B.Makesh Kumar, the Controller of Examinations, delivered a detailed and insightful presentation on "Autonomous Status and the Evaluation System." He highlighted how this autonomy allows institutions like ours to tailor curriculum and evaluation systems to better meet the specific needs and aspirations of our students. Mr. Muthuselvam delivered the Vote of Thanks with grace and gratitude. He began by expressing heartfelt gratitude to all.

On the second day of the Students Induction Programme, held on June 20, 2024, Dr. ArunSelvaraj, a Consultant Clinical Psychologist from Sneha Mind Care Centre, delivered a profound and informative talk on the psychological conditions of students.



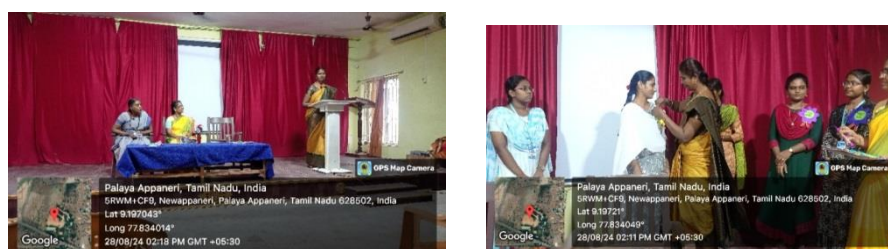
On the third day of the Students Induction Programme, Dr. S. Subash, Assistant Professor of English at Thiagarajar Engineering College, Madurai, delivered an insightful lecture on the "Importance of English." On the fourth day of the Students Induction Programme, held on June 24, 2024, students participated in an invigorating yoga session. Following the rejuvenating yoga session in the morning, the afternoon session of the fourth day of the Students Induction Programme on June 24, 2024, focused on placement details. A special ceremony was held to honor Ms.S. Jeeva Nandhini of III B.A English, who was recognized by the Department of English for the release of her book, **Aval Azhagai Paada Oru Mozhi Illaiye**. The event celebrated Ms. Nandhini's literary achievement and her contribution to the college's vibrant academic and cultural community. Thiru Thanga Mariappan Ayya; the Head of the Tamil Department, and Dr. G. Prince Rathina Singh, Assistant Professor of English, took the stage to felicitate Ms.S.Jeeva Nandhini. Following the session, students were encouraged to showcase their talents in a variety of areas, including music, dance, drama, visual arts, and more.

The Placement Training Programme was conducted from **31st July 2024 to 8th August 2024** for all final-year students of both **Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) courses**. This training aimed to prepare students for the upcoming placement drives and enhance their employability skills. Dedicated sessions provided tips on creating effective and

professional resumes. Students were guided on how to highlight their academic achievements, work experience, and extracurricular activities in a way that appeals to employers. Special attention was given to enhancing verbal and non-verbal communication. Techniques for public speaking, body language, and building rapport with interviewers were discussed and practiced.



The **inaugural function** of the English Association for the academic year 2024-2025 was a lively event which was conducted on **28.08.2024** filled with excitement and collaborative spirit. The association, which plays a vital role in fostering a love for English literature and language, presented its vision for the year ahead, aiming to engage students in various academic and cultural activities.



The event featured an inspiring keynote speech delivered by **Mrs. Premalatha, the Head of the Department of English at S.S.D.M College**. Her speech emphasized the importance of English literature in both personal and professional spheres, shedding light on how literature enhances critical thinking, empathy, and cultural understanding.

A **Yoga Training Programme** was held on **30.08.2024** with the collaboration of Mathematics Department. The programme was designed with the goal of promoting both mental and physical well-being among students. In light of the increasing academic pressures that students face, the programme aimed to equip them with tools to manage stress and anxiety effectively.



Yoga was introduced as a holistic practice to not only improve physical health but also enhance concentration, mindfulness, and relaxation.

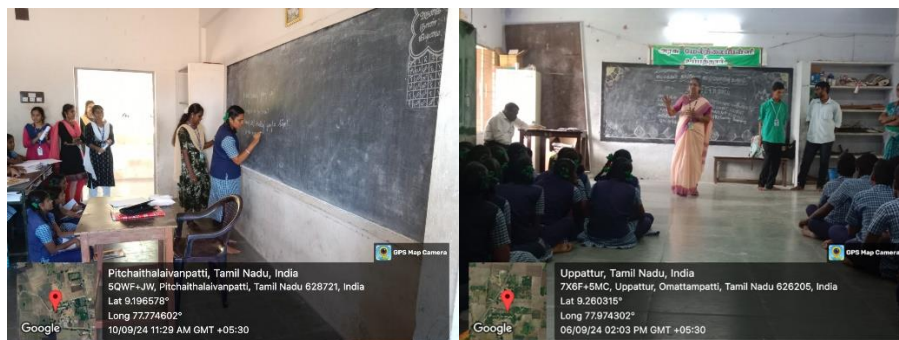
A **guest lecture** was organized by the Department of English on **31.08.2024**. Mr. Suresh Annasamy delivered an engaging and thought-provoking lecture on the relevance of English literature in the modern world. He explored how literature mirrors societal changes, challenges norms, and offers alternative perspectives that help in understanding complex global issues.



On the **13th of September, 2024**, the Department of English had the honor of hosting a guest lecture by **Mrs. S.D. Satheeswari, Former IT Director at IBM INC, USA**. The lecture, titled “Cultural Sensitivity in a Globalized World,” was aimed at enhancing students’ understanding of cultural diversity and preparing them to interact respectfully and effectively with people from different backgrounds.

Mrs. Satheeswari shared insights from her extensive experience working across various countries and collaborating with diverse teams. She began by defining cultural sensitivity, emphasizing its importance in today’s interconnected world. Ms. Satheeswari highlighted that understanding and respecting cultural differences is essential not only in professional environments but also in everyday interactions. She discussed topics such as avoiding stereotypes, recognizing non-verbal communication cues, and the importance of empathy in cross-cultural exchanges.

As part of our continuous effort to reach out to neighbouring schools and promote language development, the Department of English organized an **Outreach Programme** at **Uppattur School on the 6th of September, 2024** and at **Pillaiyarnatham Government Higher Secondary School on 10th September, 2024**. In addition to language activities, the Department students introduced students to literary concepts relevant to the school students studies. Using stories and excerpts, they encouraged students to think critically, share their interpretations, and connect themes to their own lives.



The Outreach Programme proved to be a fruitful initiative, fostering knowledge exchange and camaraderie between the schools. This session successfully inspired the students and laid a foundation for future collaborations aimed at enriching their educational experience



A one-day workshop titled "**Effective English: The Career Booster**" was conducted on the **20th of September, 2024**, at G.Venkataswamy Naidu College. The event was organized with the goal of emphasizing the importance of English language proficiency in boosting career opportunities across various fields. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and professionals from different institutions. The workshop aimed to enhance communication skills and soft skills among participants. It also highlights the role of English in academic and professional excellence. Keynote Address was delivered by **Mrs. G. Pongal Punitha, Principal, AAA International School** and MD, The Infini Leaders Academy. Mrs.G.Pongal Punitha, in her keynote address, focused on the theme "Effective English - The Career Booster." She provided insightful advice on how mastering

English can boost confidence, improve interpersonal communication, and increase employability. She shared her own experiences in the education sector and the corporate world, demonstrating the tangible benefits of strong English skills in various industries.

A **one-day workshop** on “**Fundamentals of Research Aptitude**” was conducted on **26th December 2024**. The session was conducted by **Dr.S.D.Subadra, Guest Faculty, Department of Education, University of Madras**. The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr.S.D.Selvasundari, who emphasized the importance of research aptitude in academic and professional growth. Dr.S.D.Subadra then delivered an insightful session, covering essential aspects of research methodology, problem identification, data collection, and analysis.



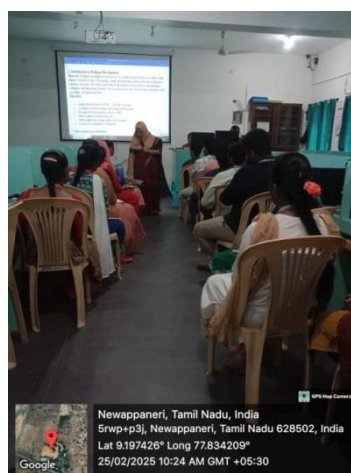
The workshop was interactive, allowing participants to engage in discussions and clarify doubts regarding research practices. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs. Jayalakshmi, Assistant Professor of English, who expressed gratitude to the resource person, faculty members, and participants for making the event a success. The workshop proved to be highly beneficial for students and faculty members, enhancing their understanding of research fundamentals and encouraging them to pursue academic excellence.

The Literary Jamboree 2025, an Intra-Department Fest, was successfully organized by the II M.A. English students on **23rd and 24th January 2025**. The event aimed to provide a platform for students to showcase their literary and creative talents through a series of engaging competitions. A total of 10 events were conducted, offering participants an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in various literary and artistic domains. The competitions witnessed enthusiastic participation, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie among students.



After two days of vibrant performances and intense contests, the Overall Championship was secured by the I M.A. students, while the II B.A. students emerged as the Runners-up, lifting the Runners Trophy. The entire fest was meticulously planned and efficiently coordinated by the II M.A. students, ensuring smooth execution and an enjoyable experience for all. The event proved to be a great success, celebrating literature, creativity, and teamwork.

A **one-day workshop on "Technology in Teaching English"** was conducted on **25th February 2025**. The workshop aimed to explore the role of technology in enhancing English language teaching and learning. The event began with a welcome address by Ms. Varanasri of I M.A. English, who warmly greeted the gathering. This was followed by an insightful introduction of the Chief Guest by Ms. Naziru Nisha Begam of I M.A. English. The Chief Guest, **Dr.J.Naskath, M.E., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Computer Science, National Engineering College**, Kovilpatti, delivered an enlightening session on the integration of digital tools, AI-driven learning platforms, and innovative teaching methodologies in English language education. His address highlighted the significance of technology in making English learning more interactive and effective.



The workshop provided valuable insights to students and faculty members, emphasizing the necessity of adapting to modern teaching techniques. The session concluded

with an engaging discussion, where participants shared their thoughts and queries on the evolving role of technology in education.

A **MoU Signing Ceremony and Guest Lecture** were organized on **7th March 2025** to foster academic collaboration and enrich students' knowledge of English language and literature. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. S. D. Selvasundari, Head and Assistant Professor of English, who extended a warm greeting to the dignitaries and participants. This was followed by the Presidential Address by Dr. M. Subbulakshmi, Principal, who emphasized the significance of inter-institutional collaboration in enhancing academic excellence. The Chief Guest Address was delivered by **Mr. R. Sellaraj Manuneethi, Head (Aided), Pope's College, and Dr.S.Micheal Jeyabalan, Head (SF), Pope's College**, who highlighted the importance of literary studies and interdisciplinary partnerships in higher education. The highlight of the event was a Guest Lecture on "The Importance of English" by Dr. J.Christopher Raja, Assistant Professor, Pope's College, Sawyerpuram. His insightful lecture shed light on the global relevance of English and its role in academic, professional, and social contexts.



Following the lecture, a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was formally signed between the Departments of English of both colleges, marking the beginning of a fruitful academic collaboration. The event was a significant milestone in fostering knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and student engagement between the institutions.

An **International Seminar** was successfully organized on "**Revelation of Hope and Chaos: Dystopian and Revolutionary Perspectives in American Literature**" on **24th March 2025**. The seminar aimed to explore the themes of dystopia, revolution, and hope in American literature, providing a platform for scholars, researchers, and students to engage in intellectual discussions. The event commenced with a Welcome Address by Mr. Marichamy, Assistant Professor of English, who warmly greeted the esteemed guests and participants. This

was followed by the Presidential Address delivered by Dr. M. Subbulakshmi, Principal, G.V.N. College, who emphasized the significance of literary discourse in understanding societal transformations.

The Chief Guest Address was delivered by a distinguished panel of international and State scholars:

- **Mrs. Rachel Feldstein, Chief Operating Officer, A Community of Friends, Los Angeles, California**, who provided insights into the socio-political dimensions of dystopian literature.
- **Mr. Mark Schaefer, Permission Specialist at McGraw Hill Education, Los Angeles, California**, who discussed the evolution of American literature in the context of revolution and resistance.
- **Dr. Meena Devi, Research Supervisor & Associate Professor, V.H.N.S.N. College, Virudhunagar**, who analyzed dystopian narratives in contemporary American fiction.
- **Lt. Dr. Ajantha, Research Supervisor & Assistant Professor of English, S.R.N.M. College, Sattur**, who explored the role of literature in shaping revolutionary thought.



The seminar concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. R.Mahalakshmi, who expressed gratitude to the resource persons, faculty, and participants for their contributions in making the event a success. The seminar provided valuable perspectives on dystopian and revolutionary themes in American literature, inspiring further research and discussion in the field.