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#### **VISION**

To enable the students to comprehend the nuances of the language and develop creative abilities.

#### **MISSION**

To improvise the communication skills of the students and enhance their critical perspective.

## **Highlights of the Department 2024 - 2025**

### **Readers Club**

Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man. These precious lines are uttered by a famous essayist Francis Bacon . In order to cultivate reading habit for improved comprehension and cognitive development among students , the Department of English -Major conducted Silent Reading programme on 19. 07.2024 at 12.30 p.m. to the students of BA English. This programme initiated the students to foster a love for reading as they discover the pleasure of immersing themselves in meaningful reading.



#### **Writers Club**

"A word after a word after a word is power." The words of Margaret Atwood definitely approves the power of writing. The Department of English-Major conducted the Inauguration of Writers Club "The Inklings" on 23/7/2024 at 1 pm to incorporate the writing practice for the BA English students. The event enriched the student's vocabulary and fostered the potential to exhibit their thought process on a digital platform. It also motivated the young talents to expand their horizons of creativity to hit the publishing world.



**Inauguration of Daffodils Association cum Workshop** 

The Department of English inaugurated their Daffodils Literary Association besides organized a Skill Development Programme on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 on the topic "The Role of Literature in Language Learning" which was facilitated by Dr. R. Malcolm, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English, The New College, Ch. The students were exposed to the new learning experience which broadened their horizons of knowledge and skills. The session stimulated them to acquire literary and language competence. The session proved to be rewarding and fruitful to the benefit of Students.



## **Mock Parliament**

Thiruthangal Nadar College organized the Yuvamanthon Model United Nations (MUN) Programme of UGC on July 31, 2024, centered around the theme "Lifestyle for Environment." With 02 committees of AIPPM (National level State Delegates) and COP 29(International level Country Delegates). It is a matter of pride to announce that our college is the first to organize and Our Students role- played as Delegates engaged in discussions on various topics related to the theme. Students received the Certificates of participation from UGC through online. V.Abhishek of I B.A English had the privilege of participating in this event.



# **Inter-School Contests**

The Department of English and Tamil jointly together organized the Inter-School Contests in Spell Bee (Eng.), Creative Writing(Eng.), Oratorical (Tamil), Essay writing (Tamil), on 13<sup>th</sup> Aug'2024 which received an overwhelming response from 381 participants, 36 coordinators from 33 schools. The event aimed at showcasing the latent creative cognizance of the students. The platform offered, enriched the students confidence and motivated them to hone their skills and adore the success.



## **Readers Club**

In order to cultivate reading habit to the young minds, the Department of English -Major conducted Silent Reading Revolution programme on 22<sup>nd</sup> Augu'2024 at 12.30 pm to the students of BA English. Students enthusiastically participated and got benefitted.



#### **Knowledge Enhancement Programme**

The Department of English organized a knowledge Enhancement Programme 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug'2024 on the topic "How to Improve Ourselves" Which was facilitated by Swami Satyaprabhananda, incharge of Vivekananda Institute of Human Excellence Ramakrishna math Chennai. The programme offered valuable insights to the young minds and inculcated rich virtues to be treasured throughout their lives. As part of the programme Swami Vivekananda's books were displayed as the intellectual feast.



### **Skill Enrichment Programme**

The Department of English conducted the Skill Enhancement Programme"The Inklings "-Writers Club today (27/8/2024) on the topic "Travelogue Writing". The programme enunciated the writing skills of the students of BA English to reverberate their innate thoughts into words. The Writing Club acts as the platform where budding writers can develop their Literary abilities. The significance of writing skills were also discussed in the session.



#### **Parent Teachers Association**

The Department of English conducted the Parents Teachers Association Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The parents of the I, II & III year students were met by the respective subject faculty and Head of the Department and the performance and progress in the academics were discussed in a detailed manner.



## **National Conference**

The Departments of Tamil, English, BSW and Criminology organized the 3rd National Conference, on the Confluence of knowledge: Exploring discourses and Beyond in Literature, Social Work and Criminal studies.NCCKLLSC-2024, on 20th Sep'2024.The Conference commenced with the welcome note rendered by our Vice Principal Dr. K. C. Lalithambika and the Special address was delivered by our Principal Dr.V.Devi mam. The inaugural session started with the lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest Thiru V.Mariappan, Poet ,Journalist Former Senoir Editor,"The Hindu" .The chief Guest instilled the audience with his thought provoking speech on the importance of Journalism and Literature. Dr Balu.M Assistant Professor(Senior Grade)Dept of Tamil SIVET college enlightened the awareness of ancient research in Tamil Studies. The Secretary & Correspondent, Thiru. A, Narayana Murthy in his Presidential address applauded the participants and organizers for their fruitful effort. The Valedictory session began with magnificent knowledge on the need of the Multidisciplinary Culture by our Chief Guest Dr.S.Latha Director I/C Center for Cyber Forensics & Information SecurityDepartment of Criminology University of Madras. Dr.G.V.Williams Executive Director& Chief Functionary Myrtle Social Welfare Network addressed the audience with his scintillating and intellectual speech on the nobility of Social Work at times of disaster Management and he also created awareness on Health as it remains as the need of the day .The Principal Dr. V. Devi madam, announced the best paper awards pertaining to Multidisciplinary fields. total number papers published -97. Total number of registration -150. The conference proved to be a resounding success.



## **Talent Exploration by Daffodils Association**

The Daffodils Association of English Department organized talent Exploration by Daffodils Association TEDA 2024 on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep'2024 to bring out the latent talents of the students to the forefront. The contest received an overwhelming response from the students wherein nearly 100 contestants took part in the Written Quiz and 8 participants in Face Painting. The event proved to be an enjoyable experience for the students exploring their talents.





# Final Year -Internship

The Final Year students of the Department of English attended an internship as a part of the Subject English Language Teaching at Sri Padma Saraswathi Nursery & Primary School Perambur from 24<sup>th</sup> Oct' to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024. The Internship honed their Teaching skills besides provided them with an opportunity to apply their varied methodologies of Teaching.



#### **Celebration of Gratitude**

Thiruthangal Nadar College celebrated the cheerful Pongal celebrations in its campus on 10 th Jan' 2025 to thank God for all His goodness and look forward to a prosperous year. The event was organized by the Dept. of English under the guidance and support of the Principal and the Vice Principal. The Faculty and Students together in traditional attire added colour to the day. The celebrations commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the esteemed Management members, Principal & Faculty. The campus was buzzing with activities such as the delicious pongal preparation & presentation by varied Depts., Rangoli contest & 'Uri adithal'. Sixteen pots of Pongal were made by the faculty and students of all disciplines and the delicious pongal was chosen by the Management members. It was an ambience filled with revelry, music, dance and joyful faces with reverberated with big smiles. The celebrations were spiced with cultural extravaganza which enticed the audience spell bound. As a part of the celebrations the winners of varied events were felicitated. The vibrant crowd dispersed relishing the sweet pongal and cherishing the sweet memories of yet another joyous celebrations of Thiruthangal Nadar College.



#### **Writers Club The Inklings**

The Department of English conducted the Skill Enhancement Programme "The Inklings" of the Writer's Club today the 29th of January,2025. The Head of the department Mrs. Pamme NesaKumari proposed the welcome address and the special address was delivered by our Vice Principal Dr. Lalithambika mam. She motivated the students to develop their writing skills which is in high demand in the job market. Weaving a story activity was accomplished by the students of Department of English in the event. They advocated the creative skill of building a story on their own.



#### Readers' Club

Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary – Jim Rohn

Reading is one of the most fundamental abilities students need to master to succeed. It is also a method to appreciate imaginative, educational, and inspirational literary works that enrich students lives. In order to cultivate reading habit to the young minds, the Department of English conducted Silent Reading Revolution programme on 30.01.2025 to the students of BA English. The students participated enthusiastically and were benefitted.



# **Outreach Programme**

As a part of UBA project, the Department of English organized an outreach Programme on 19th Feb' 2025 to the Panchayat Union Middle School at Thirunilai village Redhills. English Department students (19) along with two faculty, educated the primary students on health, hygiene, and the value of education besides they donated 30 plastic chairs for their classroom. The school students exhibited their talents through singing rhymes, reading phonetic sounds and a dazzling dance performance. They also entertained the school students with the outdoor games and rewarded them with gifts. The event was a resounding success leaving a memorable and impactful experience to all the participants.



# **One Day Trip**

The Department of English staff and students went on a one Day Trip to MGM Theme Park Chennai on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 which served as a refreshing experience.



## **All India Badminton Tournament**

Surya of II B.A participated in the All India Badmintion Tournament for Colleges



## **Chennai Chess Tournament**



Abhishek of I B.A English participated in the Chennai Chess Tournament on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## **Knowledge Enhancement Programme**

The Department of English organized a knowledge Enhancement Programme entitled "The Impact of AI on the English Language" on 3rd March 2025 wherein Mrs .A.Yogameena, Associate Professor, Head & Department of CS with AI served as the resource person. The Event began with the invocation and the gathering was welcomed by Ms.Gaddam Gayathri of III B.A English. The Resource person was introduced to the gathering by Mrs.K.Pamme Nesakumari, Asso. Prof & Head Dept. of English followed by the felicitation of the Resource person by the Vice-Principal Dr.K.C.Lalithambika. The Session was interactive and informative wherein 50 students gained valuable insights into the impact of AI and learnt to use AI tools to enhance English Language Skills. The session came to an end with the vote of thanks rendered by Ms.Akshaya of II B.A.English followed by the National Anthem.



## **Skill Enhancement Programme**

Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility."-William Wordsworth.

The Department of English celebrated World Poetry Day on March 5th 2025 with great enthusiasm, bringing together all the students of BA English, faculty, and poetry lovers, recognizing the beauty of poetic expression and its impact on literature and society, to honor the beauty and power of verse. The event organized by the Department of English commenced with a silent prayer the audience were warmly welcomed by Ms.Ahamed Aathiha, of I B.A English, the resource person was introduced by the head of the Dept. Mrs.K.Pamme & was felicitated by the Vice-Principal Dr.K.C.Lalithambika. The event featured an inspiring session with our Chief Guest Dr.E.Amudha, Assistant Professor of English, who captivated the audience with her deep insights into the essence of poetry. She spoke about poetry's ability to transcend time, cultures and emotions, emphasizing its role in self-expression and social change. As an interesting part of the event the students exhibited their skills in the art of writing poetry. The students of BA English witnessed the poetry's timeless beauty and got inspired. The session was concluded with the vote of thanks rendered by Ms.Dhanusiya of II B.A.English and the National Anthem.



#### **Alumni Guest Lecture**

The Department of English organized the Alumni Guest Lecture entitled" The Importance of English in choosing careers" today the 6th March 2025. Ms.Sri Ranjani Magesh Quality Analyst, Vcare Corporate and the Alumni of TNC conducted a thought provoking lecture based on the various scopes and opportunities of the excellence of Language Skills. The BA English students were highly inspired by the eloquent speech which highlighted the key points on career development and personality enrichment associated with efficient communicative skills.



## A Visit to the Storehouse of Knowledge

"Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library "Walter Landor.

The Department of English organized a Field Visit to the Anna Centenary Library, Chennai today, 12th March 2025, wherein 33 students were benefitted under the guidance of two faculty from the Dept. of English. The visit to the Anna Centenary Library was a resounding success, offering our English Literature students a unique opportunity to explore one of Asia's the largest and the most renowned libraries which fuelled their imagination and inspired them to improvise the reading practice



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