



PG Department of English – Department Activities 2024-2025

1. Deeksharambh: Student Induction Programme 2024-2025:

The academic year commenced with “Deeksharambh: Student Induction Programme 2024-2025”. It was a six-day programme conducted from 3rd to 10th July 2024. All faculty members of the department organized sessions giving insights on various opportunities like outreach programmes, workshops, seminars, club activities and placement offered during the academic year. The first year students were encouraged and welcomed enabling them to adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment.

2. Experiential Visit to Anna Centenary Library:

The academic year programmes for PG students began with an experiential visit to Anna Centenary Library, Chennai on 24th July, 2024. The visit was intended to encourage the students in exploring the library resources for producing quality research papers. Students accessed an extensive collection of books, and journals available in the library.

3. Seminar on Research Writing and Publication:

A “Seminar on Research Writing and Publication” was organised for PG students on 30th July, 2024. The chief guest, Dr. V. Rema, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRM University, discussed the nuances of research writing and publication. She focused on the importance of citing sources and serious repercussions of plagiarism. The students understood the significance of research writing and publication.



4. One-day Workshop on Developing Entrepreneurial Skills-Pursuit of Green Entrepreneurship:

The department conducted a one-day workshop on “Developing Entrepreneurial Skills-Pursuit of Green Entrepreneurship” on 17th September, 2024. The resource person for the



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workshop, Mr. Adarsh Sridharan, Founder - Balcony Crops, elaborated on entrepreneurship with reference to his hydroponic farm. He further trained the students to estimate financial investment and profits through any business. He ended the session with a demonstration of sample hydroponic farm setup in which students were encouraged to plant seedlings.



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5. Gender Equality:

A lecture, “Gender Equality” was organized for the B.A. students on 21st October, 2024. The resource person, Ms. N. Krithika, Assistant Professor & Deputy Dean of Languages, Guru Nanak College, highlighted the nuances of gender norms and roles in the society by engaging the students with fun activities and interactive sessions.

6. Vaishnav Social Responsibility - Outreach Programme:

The Department celebrated the Pongal festival on 9th January, 2025, with the students of Government High School, Thousand Lights, Chennai. The students of MA English volunteered for this outreach programme, engaging with the school children through cultural performances, traditional games, and storytelling sessions centered on Pongal traditions. Sustainable practices, such as using eco-friendly decorations and highlighting the importance of preserving nature, were incorporated into the celebration. The programme emphasised the importance of community engagement and collaborative efforts in promoting holistic development.



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7. Life Skill Training Programme:

A Life Skill Training Programme was conducted on 30th January, 2025. The first session, resource person Dr. Hussain Basha, a psychologist, and CEO of Master Mind International (UAE & India), trained the students on the topic “Discover Yourself”. The speaker of the second session, Mrs. Ramya Raju, a child development specialist, and counseling psychologist, talked on “Anger Management”. The session encompassed discussions on understanding the psychology behind anger and learning effective techniques to manage it constructively. The programme highlighted the importance of self-awareness and personal growth.



Life Skill Training Programme

8. Ideathon-2025:

Ideathon 2025 – “The Literary Mosaic: The Words of Winners,” held on 7th February, 2025. The event featured a panel discussion on “The Art and Craft of Writing” and writing competition. The chief guests, Ms. Padma Amarnaath, a renowned translator and global literary agent, Ms. Nallini Oli, the Chief Operating Officer of Emerald Publishers, and Dr. W. Regina Chandra, a prolific writer, translator, and librarian shared their profound insights on the nuances of writing, translation, and publishing, offering invaluable guidance to aspiring writers. The event received approximately 200 submissions, out of which the most outstanding works were selected and honored.



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9. Student Welfare Programme - Kaleidoscope

A literary exhibition, Kaleidoscope, was organised on 14th February, 2025. The event saw active participation from both UG and PG students. The students came up with various projects like, models, chart work, cosplay and many more as a part of their generic skills. The Principal, Cap. Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo inaugurated the exhibition and appreciated the students for their innovative contribution. The guests for the event were, Ms. Ajanta Das, International Artist and Art Curator and Dr. R. Malcolm, Assistant Professor, Department of English, The New College, Chennai.



Student Welfare Programme - Kaleidoscope

10. Industrial Visit:

The Department organised an “Industrial Visit to The New Indian Express” on 21st February, 2025, for MA students. The visit offered an invaluable opportunity for the students to bridge the gap between their academic knowledge and the practical application of it in the real world. It provided a platform for students to interact with senior journalists and editors and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and responsibilities associated with journalistic writing.

11. Literosody 2025: An Intercollegiate Literary Fest:

An intercollegiate literary fest, “Literosody 2025” was organized on 21st February, 2025. The annual departmental event witnessed the presence of eminent actors and performers with more than 600 student participants from colleges in and around Chennai. The chief guests of the event were Thiru. Tiruttani. S. Chandran, Dr. Mary Matilda and Mr. Magizhan Paridhi. The event had competitions both offline and online such as poetry writing, designing book cover, book review, creative writing, face painting, literary tableau, Mr & Ms Literosody, monologue, best professor and skit. The main objective of the cultural festival was to enhance the talents of the students.



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Literosody 2025

12. 2nd International Conference on Navigating Sustainability: Multidisciplinary Approaches in English Language, Literature & Society:

The Department organised the 2nd International Conference on “Navigating Sustainability: Multidisciplinary Approaches in English Language, Literature & Society” in blended mode on 28th February 2025. A total number of 450 participants including students, scholars and faculties actively took part in the event. Around 200 papers were presented in both online and offline sessions. Dr. S. Armstrong, Professor & Head, Department of English, University of Madras, Dr. Narayanan Kannan, Environmental Scientist, Malaysia, Ms. Reena Osaki, Lecturer of Happy Science, Japan, Mr. Moustafa Armnazi, English Language Lecturer, and Ms. Raya Ali, Research Fellow, Syria were the chief guests. Presenters and participants were exposed to multiple topics and research areas pertaining to sustainability. The feedback provided by the chairpersons and the question and answer session paved for fruitful discussions.



2nd International Conference

22. Alumni Meet 2025:



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The Department conducted an Alumni Meet “The Reunion Rhapsody” on 22nd February, 2025 for the former students. Alumni from the UG and PG streams attended the meeting. The session included activities which involved the students’ active participation. The alumni’s bond with the department was strengthened. They were updated about the progress of the department. They shared their progression in life and the department’s crucial role in their professional growth.