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PG Department of English – MA English Department Activities 2025-2026

Student Induction Program, 25th June 2025

Deeksharambh 2025, the Student Induction Programme, was conducted on 25th June 2025 by the department. The programme was graced by Chief Guest Kalaimamani Marabin Maindan M. Muthaiah, Editor of Namadhu Nambikkai. The event marked the formal induction and welcome of the new postgraduate students.

Life Skills and Literature, 25th July 2025

The PG Department of English at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College hosted an insightful seminar on “Life Skills and Literature” on 25th July 2025, featuring Dr. R. Elangovan as the esteemed resource person.

Edubridge – Connecting Classrooms and Communities, 3rd September 2025

On 3rd September 2025, “Edubridge – Connecting Classrooms and Communities” was organised at Pragathi Alt School. Postgraduate students conducted an awareness session on gadget addiction and healthy food habits for children with special needs.



Seminars on Literary Criticism, 8th September 2025

Seminars on Literary Criticism was organised for MA students on 8th September 2025, featuring a book release by Principal Capt. Dr. S. Santhosh Baboo and expert lectures by distinguished chief guests, Dr. C. Vairavan, Associate Professor and Head, Academy of Maritime Education and Training, and Mr. S. Ashwin Parameshwar, Assistant Professor, Loyola College.



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Library Visit to U.S. Consulate, 19th September, 2025

A library visit to the U.S. Consulate General Chennai was organised on 19th September, 2025 with 50 students under the guidance of Mrs. Nandhini Praveen, Assistant Professor. The session introduced resources, U.S. education opportunities, and promoted self-learning.



Health Hustle: Hygiene & Cancer Awareness Drive, 22th September 2025

The workshop “Health Hustle: Hygiene & Cancer Awareness Drive” was organised on 22th September 2025 to promote preventive healthcare and holistic well-being among students and faculty. The workshop encouraged active participation and meaningful discussion, creating awareness about health, hygiene, early detection, and cancer prevention. The programme featured Dr. Sandhya Kalidas, who spoke on hygiene practices and holistic health; Mr. Santhosh Lakshmanan, who demonstrated practical strategies for a healthy lifestyle through balanced nutrition and physical activity; and Ms. Snehal S., who addressed the importance of psychological support for cancer patients and caregivers.



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Martial Arts for Mindfulness: Self-Defense through Silambam, 14th October 2025

The event was organised on 14th October 2025, in association with the Kol Kondaan Silambam Federation, to mark the International Day of the Girl Child. The session was conducted by Mr. A. Latheef, Mr. Krishna Kumar A, and Mr. E. Arun Kumar, who trained students in Silambam techniques, promoting self-defense, confidence, and women empowerment.



Journey towards Good Health and Quality Education, 9th January 2026

An outreach programme titled “Journey towards Good Health and Quality Education” was organised on 9th January 2026 under the guidance of Dr. J. Praveen Prabhu, Head of the Department, at the Government Primary School in Annai Sivakami Nagar. The programme included cultural performances, engaging activities, and a sapling plantation drive, encouraging cultural bonding, teamwork, and environmental responsibility among both students and faculty members.

3rd International Conference on Multiculturalism, Hybridity & Transnational Narratives in English Language and Literature, 27th January 2026



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The conference workshop, themed “Translating Across Cultures: Meaning Beyond Words,” was convened under the guidance of Dr. J. Praveen Prabhu, Head of the Department. The event brought together diverse ideas, cultures, and conversations that transcended borders, fostering meaningful academic exchange and global perspectives.



Gender Sensitization: Theory, Discourse, and Application, 30th January 2026

A seminar titled “Gender Sensitization: Theory, Discourse, and Application” was organised on 30th January 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Helen Pringle from the University of New South Wales. The seminar introduced students to key concepts in gender theory and examined how gender discourse operates within society and literature. Emphasis was placed on the practical application of gender awareness in academic and social contexts. The session encouraged critical thinking, challenged stereotypes, and promoted inclusive perspectives, helping students develop a deeper understanding of gender sensitivity and social responsibility.



Bricolage: Layers of Literary Thought, 30th January 2026

The student welfare programme showcased students’ creativity through models and chart presentations representing different states of America, which they explained to audiences



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from various departments and schools. The programme was interactive and informative, featuring games and activities that enhanced learning, encouraged participation, and deepened students' knowledge of literature, culture, and geography. Additionally, it fostered teamwork and collaboration among students.

Seminar on Tamil Mass Media and Their Significance for Tamil Identity and Language Development – 21st February, 2026

Professor Dr. Dagmar Hellmann Rajanayagam, Germany delivered an insightful lecture titled “Tamil Mass Media and Their Significance for Tamil Identity and Language Development,” highlighting the role of the media in preserving language, shaping cultural identity, and promoting linguistic development among students.



Chennai International Book Fair, 15th to 18th January 2026

Students participated in a three-day volunteering programme at the Chennai International Book Fair in Chennai from 15th January to 18th January 2026. They assisted over 100 international delegates involved in translation agreements between countries. The experience offered valuable cultural exposure and hands-on learning.





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Parent's Teachers Meeting, 30th August 2025 and 5th February 2026

Parents-Teachers Meetings were organised on 30th August 2025 for the First Semester and 5th February 2026 for the Second Semester. Parents were briefed on their ward's academic progress, classroom performance, attendance, and overall development. Faculty members also addressed parents' concerns and offered guidance for academic improvement and personal growth. The sessions helped foster a supportive academic environment by strengthening parent-teacher communication. Such collaborative efforts contributed positively to students' motivation, discipline, and continuous academic development.

International Book Giving Day, 19th February 2026

In association with the Litjamboree, Reading Club organised an invited talk on 19th February 2026 at the BBA Lab to commemorate International Book Giving Day. The session featured Dr. Malabika Mitra, an accomplished author, who shared her valuable insights on the significance of reading and the transformative power of literature. Dr. Malabika emphasised how consistent reading nurtures imagination and critical thinking. The programme was conducted under the guidance of the Head of the Department and coordinated by Mrs. Nandhini Praveen. The interactive session inspired students to develop lifelong reading habits and an appreciation for literary culture.