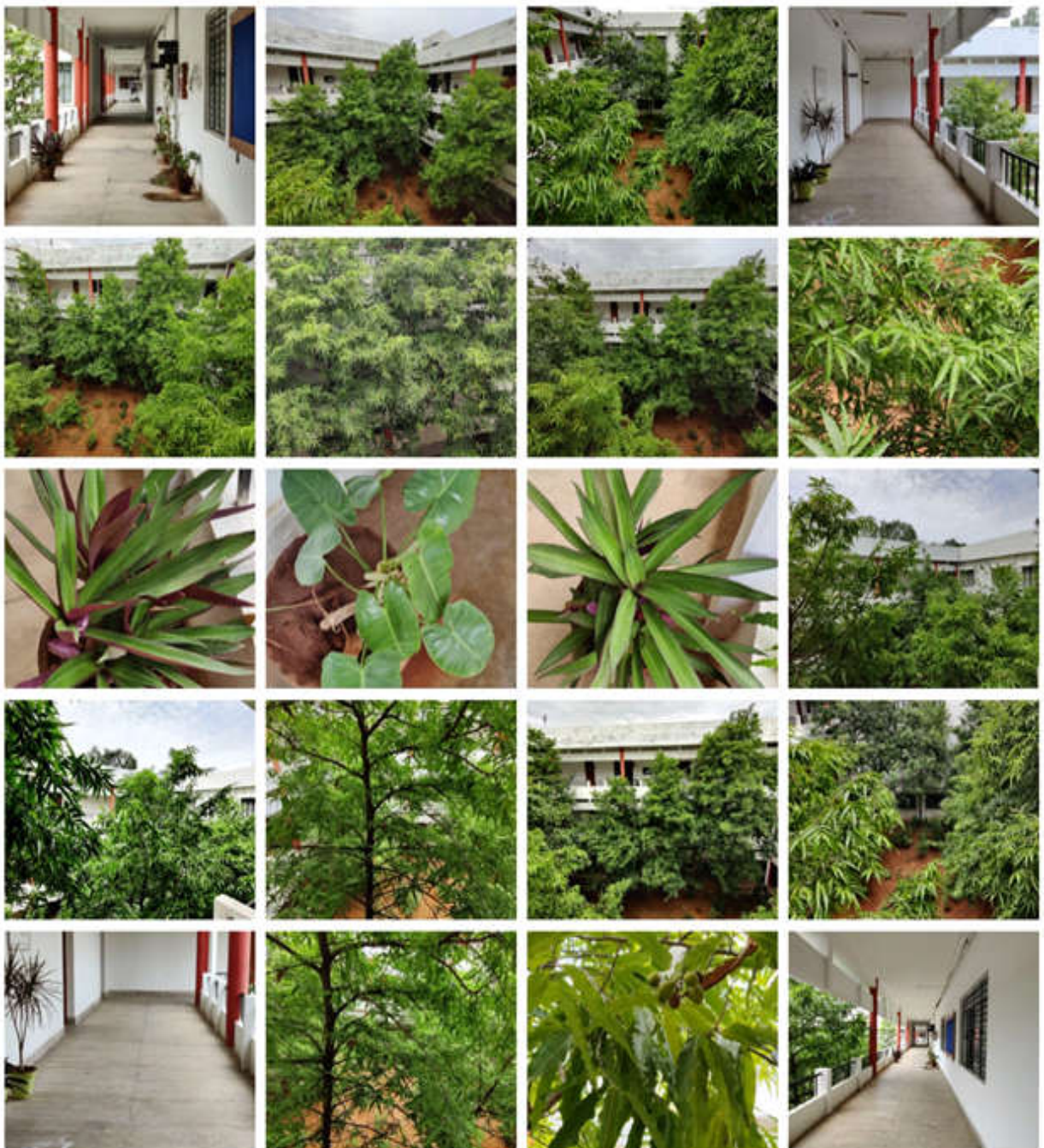


ENGLISH MAHILA

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Department of English

The faculty, scholars and students wish everyone a very happy new year. We are very delighted to release the tenth issue of our newsletter of *English Mahila* and the first one in 2024. This period has been both a very refreshing one with freshers joining the department and an emotional period too with the final years departing with heavy hearts and great moments.

The sixth Veena Noble Dass Endowment lecture certainly unfolded the minds of students, research scholars and teachers across the departments to explore new dimensions in the area of Literature & Cultural Studies, through an analysis of the classical and popular works of the times. We profusely thank Prof. Chitra Panikkar for her insightful endowment lecture.

The farewell party organized by the first year students was not only fun-filled but exhibited their creative talent too. Appreciations & congratulations are due to the outgoing students who won different awards given by the department through voting. Appreciation is also due to students who won prizes in the competitions conducted in the University.

I am very much thankful to Prof. Visweswara Rao, former Vice- chancellor of Vikrama Simhapuri University for his encouraging and constructive feedback about our *English Mahila*. The feedback on the ninth issue is an additional attraction to this issue and a great motivation to us all.

Best of luck for the forthcoming examinations.

Editor

Faculty



Prof . T. Bharathi

Warden

Prof. Y. S. Sharada

Director, Centre for Consultancy & Allied Services

Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

Prof. M. Neeraja

Prof. V. Nirmala

Head & Chairperson, BoS



Dr. K. Revathi
Academic Consultant

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K. Kotamma
Clerk



C. Rukmini
Attendant

Departmental Activities...

Prof. Veena Noble Dass Endowment Lecture -6

The Department organized **Prof. Veena Noble Dass 6th Endowment Lecture** on “**Literature and Cultural Studies**” delivered by *Prof. Chitra Panikkar*, University of Bangalore on 8th December 2023.



Faculty Activities...

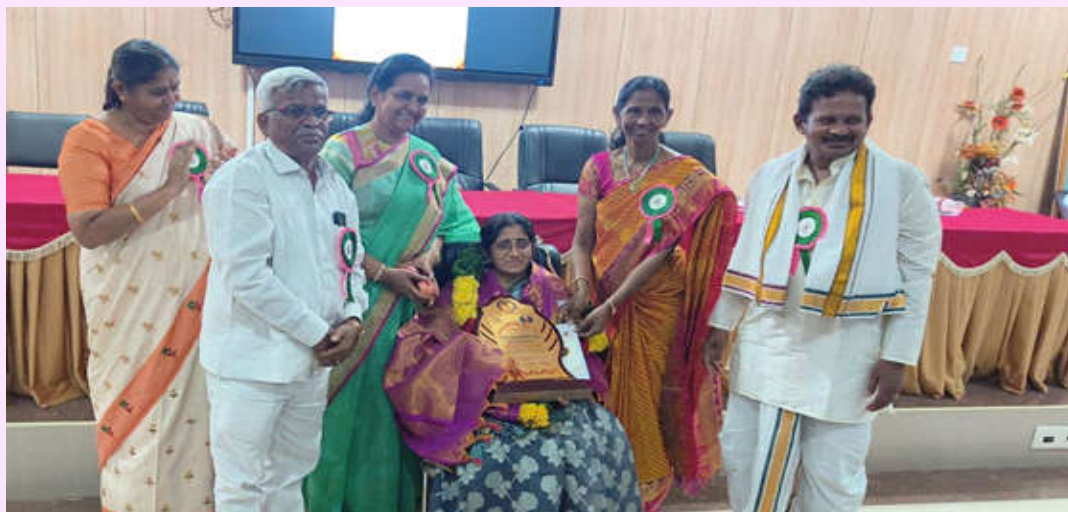
Prof. T. Bharathi

- Attended online BoS Meeting in Narayana Engineering College, Gudur on 19.09.2023.
- As an External Examiner, conducted a Ph.D. Viva-Voce Examination in Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur on 20.11.2023.
- Ph. D. Degree has been awarded to Ms. V. Chandini Banu under her guidance for the thesis titled “Socio-Political Perspective in Select Novels of Kamila Naheed Shamsie: A Critical Study” on 15.12.2023.
- Co-authored with the research scholar J. Mohanaballi, published a research article titled “Exploring Gender Diversity and Women’s Power in Native American Literature: A Focus on Zitkala Sa’s works” with special focus on Jeffery Archer’s ‘A Prison Diary’ in the **Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research (JETIR)**, an International Open Access, Peer-reviewed, Refereed Journal, Volume 10, Issue 12, December 2023, ISSN: 2349-5162.

Prof. Y. S. Sharada

- Attended online Research Review Meeting of JNTUA on 02.09.2023.
- Took charge as Director, Centre for Consultancy and Allied Services on 13.09.2023.
- Acted as judge for essay writing competition held on 15.09.2023 in connection with college day celebrations.
 - Attended online BoS meeting of JNTUA on 17.09.2023 and Special BoS Meeting on 22.09.2023.
 - Attended an online BoS meeting of GATES Institute of Technology, Gooty on 23.09.2023.

- Received Best Teacher Award from Vidya Parirakshana Samithi, Tirupati on 03.09.2023.



**Honoured with Best Teacher Award by Vidya Parirakshana Samithi,
Tirupati on 03-09-2023**

- Nominated as member of the Department of Humanities & Basic Sciences of Rayalaseema University College of Engineering, Kurnool and attended an online meeting on 25.09.2023.
- Presented a paper on “Poetry as Discourse: A Study of Earle Birney’s ‘ The Bear on the Delhi Road’ and “Bushed”” and Chaired a technical session on Marginal Discourses in the two-day **International Seminar on Literature as Discourse** organized by the Dept. of English, Pondicherry University held on 5th and 6th October 2023.
- Attended an online BoS meeting of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, Proddutur on October 14, 2023 from 11 am to 12 pm regarding approval of syllabus.
- Attended an online BoS meeting of Rayalaseema University on October 14, 2023 from 12 – 1.30 pm and 5 – 6.30 pm respectively regarding the guidelines to be framed for recruitment of Assistant Professors.

- Participated in a National Level Faculty Development Program on “NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Procedures and Processes” organized by A.C.T. Academy, Tamil Nadu from 18.10.2023 to 24.10.2023.
- Invited as resource person to deliver a lecture on “Value-based Education for Holistic Development” in AICTE – ATAL FDP on “NEP 2020: Education for Sustainability” on 31.10.2023.
- Nominated as expert member to attend the open seminar of Ph. D. candidate in the faculty of English, JNTUA, Anantapur on 07.11.2023.
- Acted as the judge in the screening of literary events on 14th November 2023 for the youth festival .
- Attended a one week long international Webinar cum Faculty Development Programme on “Recent Advances – Future Trends in Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security” from 14th to 20th November 2023 organized by the department of Computer Science, JMJ College for Women (Autonomous), Tenali.
- As Chairperson, BoS of the Dept. of English, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore, attended a Viva-Voce examination on 17.11.2023.
- Attended the online BoS meeting of Rayalaseema University College of Engineering on the forenoon and afternoon of 22.11.2023 to finalize the guidelines to be framed for recruitment of Assistant Professors.
- In collaboration with the research scholar published a research article titled “Cory Taylor’s ‘Dying’ - Illuminating the Positive Aspects of Death” in the **International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts (IJCRT)** an International Open Access, Peer-reviewed Refereed Journal, Volume - 11, Issue -11, November 2023, ISSN - 2320-2882.
- Attended ‘Popuri Subbarao Endowment Lectures’ organised by the Telugu Department of SPMVV, Tirupati on 27-11-2023.

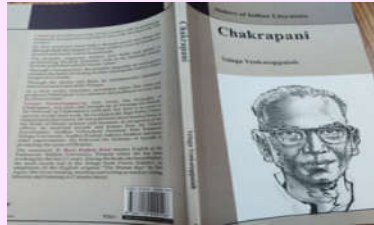
- Attended DRC meeting online as chairperson, BoS, Department of English, Vikrama Simhapurui University on 02.12.2023 from 10.30am - 1.30 pm to finalize the research topics of the newly admitted Research Scholars.
- Conducted Viva-voce online at Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore on 07.12.2023.
- Chaired a session at the two-day National Seminar on “Health and Well being of Women - Universal Agenda of 2030” held on 29 - 30 December 2023 at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati jointly organized by National Commission for Women and Department of Law and Women’s Studies, SPMVV.
- Presented a Paper “Reflections of Infertility and Surrogacy in Contemporary Cinema - A Study of Select Films” in the two-day National Seminar on “Health and Well being of Women - Universal Agenda of 2030” held on 29 - 30 December 2023 at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati jointly organized by National Commission for Women and Department of Law and Women’s Studies, SPMVV.
- Attended 8th BoS meeting of the Department of English, SIETK & SISTK, Puttur online on 30.12.2023.



Delivering lecture at AICTE - ATAL FDP on NEP 2020: Education for Sustainability at JNTUA on 31.10.2023.

Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

- Published the monograph *Chakrapani*, an English translation of the Telugu version with the same title by Velaga Venkatappayya. Sahithya Akademi: Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-19499-10-6.



Prof. D. Bharathi, Vice-Chancellor and Prof. N. Rajani, Registrar
releasing the book on 02.09.2023.



- Attended as a JNTU nominee and external member, the BOS meeting of the English department, Rise Krishna Sai Prakasam Group of Institutions, Ongole on 16-09-23.
- Attended as a JNTU nominee and external member, the BOS meeting of QUIS College of Engineering and Technology, Ongole on 20-09-23.
- Attended, as an external member, the BOS meeting of the English department of P B Siddhardha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada on 21-09-23.

- Attended, as an external member, the BOS meeting of the Department of English, Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry on 22-09-23.
- Published the paper ‘*Malathi Chandur- Navala Parichayalu*’ in **Missimi**. November 2023. ISSN: 2454-4329.
- Participated in *Dikshithar’s Day* Celebrations conducted by the Music department of SPMVV on 08.11.2023.
- Attended the lecture on *Lineages of Indian Environmentalism* by Prof. Rama Chandra Guha at IIT , Tirupati on 08-11-23
- Attended the virtual panel discussion on *Feminist Entanglements: Methods in Education and Beyond* organised by CESI (Comparative Education Society of India) on 17-11-23.
- Attended ‘*Popuri Subbarao Endowment Lectures*’ organised by the Telugu Department of SPMVV, Tirupati on 27-11-2023.
- Published the paper "*Numerous Qualities Worthy of Emulation*" in the book *Leading by Example- A Tribute to Sudhakar Marathe*.
- Delivered an invited talk on “*Gender Discrimination*” at S G Government Degree College, Pileru on 20-12-23.



- Chaired a session at the Two day National seminar on Health and Wellbeing of Women- Universal Agenda of 2030 held on 29-30 Dec 2023, at Sri Padmavati Mahila University jointly organised by National Commission for Women and SPMVV, Tirupati.
- Presented the paper “*Literary Perspectives of the Violence of Beauty and its Impact on Women*” at the Two day National seminar on Health and Wellbeing of Women-Agenda of 2030, jointly organised by National Commission for Women and SPMVV on 29-30 December 2023.

Prof. M. Neeraja

- Published a paper entitled “Devastating Effects and Repercussions of War: A Study of Easterine Kire’s Novels” in an **International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts** - ISSN 2320-2882, Vol II , issue – UGC Approved Journal.
- Presented a joint paper on “Men in the Select Novels of Manju Kapur” at the two-day International Seminar on **Literature as Discourse** held on 5th and 6th October 2023, organized by the department of English, Pondicherry University.
- Participated in a National Level Faculty Development Program online on “NAAC Assessment and Accreditation Procedures and Processes” organized by A.C.T. Academy, Tamil Nadu from 18.10.2023 to 24.10.2023.
- Participated in one week international webinar - cum - Faculty Development Programme on Recent Advances-Future Trends in Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security from 14th November to 20th Nov 2023 organized by JMJ College for Women, Tenali, A.P.
- Participated in One Week National Level (Virtual) Faculty Development Programme on “Advanced Research Methodology” from 22-11-2023 to 30-11-2023 organized by A.C.T Academy, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.

Prof. V. Nirmala

- Attended a Five day International Workshop on Ashtanga Yoga from 25th to 29th September 2023, organized by RGUKT, Nuziveedu. A.P.
- Acted as a judge for the cultural competitions for Annual Day celebrations in September 2023.
- Participated and presented a paper titled “Dalit Literature: A Discourse through Deconstruction” in the International Seminar on *Literature as Discourse* during 5th and 6th October 2023, organized by the department of English, Pondicherry University, Tamil Nadu.
- Chaired a technical session on “Gender Discourses ” in the two-day International Seminar on *Literature as Discourse* organized by the department of English, Pondicherry University held on 5th and 6th October 2023.
- Participated in the Board of Studies Meeting of Vemu Institute of Technology, P.Kothakota, Chittoor District on 18.10.2023.
- Published a chapter , titled, ‘Social Consciousness in the Novels of Amitav Ghosh: A few Observations” in the book, **A Salvo Scrutiny of Amitav Ghosh Novels** , pp7-13, 2023,Ed.by Ms.N.Vasanthi,SGK Govt Degree College, Vinukonda, A.P. ISBN: 978-93-100-0107-5.
- Published a research article in collaboration with the Research scholar on “Women in Environmental Protection, A Perusal of Vandana Shiva’s Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Development” in B.Aadhar’, International Peer-Reviewed Indexed Research Journal. Impact Factor – (SJIF)-8.632, Issue NO. (CDXXXVI) 436-D. ISSN: 2278-9308, November 2023.
- Participated and presented the paper entitled “ Role of Women in Environmental Protection” in the one day International Multidisciplinary Conference on “Eco Feminism” held on 4th November 2023, by Departments of Languages, Smt. Radhadevi Goenka College for Women, Akola, Maharashtra, India.

- Participated in the Board of Studies Meeting in the department of English, Dravidian University, Kuppam on 9th November 2023.
- Acted as the judge in the screening of literary events on 9th November 2023 for the youth festival .
- Participated in one week international webinar- cum- Faculty Development Programme on Recent Advances-Future Trends in Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security from 14th November to 20th Nov 2023 organized by JMJ College for Women, Tenali, A.P.
- Participated in One Week National Level (Virtual) Faculty Development Programme on “Advanced Research Methodology” from 22-11-2023 to 30-11-2023 organized by A.C.T Academy, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.
- Attended ‘Popuri Subbarao Endowment Lectures’ organised by the Telugu Department of SPMVV, Tirupati on 27-11-2023.
- Participated in one week National Faculty Development Programme on “Management Development and Academic Leadership” from 1.12.2023 to 07.12.2023 organized by ACT Academy, Tamil Nadu, India.
- Delivered a guest lecture on “Importance of Communicative Skills in English” for the students of Andhra Pradesh State Institute of Hotel Management, Tirupati on 23.12.2023.
- Published a joint paper (along with the research scholar as the second author) titled “Prison literature – A Discourse on Incarceration with Special Focus on Jeffrey Archer’s ‘A Prison Diary’”, in the **International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts (IJCRT)**, An International Open Access, Peer-reviewed, Refereed Journal, Volume 11, Issue 12, December 2023, ISSN :2320-2882.
- Participated in the National Seminar on “Health and Well-being of Women: Universal Agenda of 2030”, organized by the Dept. of Women Studies & Law and National Commission for Women on 29th and 30th December 2023 and presented a paper titled “Infertility and the Psychological Trauma: Impact of Culture and Society on Women”.
- Chaired a Technical session in the National Seminar on “Health and Well-being of Women: Universal Agenda of 2030” on 29.12.2023.

Dr. K. Revathi

- Presented a paper on **Digital Literature in Post-humanism: An Overview** in Virtual International Conference on “Future Human: Digital Frontiers in Posthumanist Discourse” conducted by All India Forum for English Students, Scholars, and Trainers (AIFEST) on 1st and 2nd October 2023.
- Deputed for Spot Valuation of LLB 3/5 year course Semester-I papers at Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa on 27th October 2023.
- Acted as an external examiner to conduct oral examination for Sastri/B.A/ B.Sc/Yoga III and V Semester students on 23rd and 24th November, 2023 in National Sanskrit University, Tirupati.
- Attended Six Day Faculty Development Program on “Empowering Faculty for Students Excellence in Changing the Industrial Landscape” by RK College of Engineering, Vijayawada from 18th to 23rd December 2023 organized by IQAC and RKCE (online).
- Participated in the National Seminar on “Health and Well-being of Women: Universal Agenda of 2030”, organized by the Dept. of Women Studies & Law and National Commission for Women on 29th and 30th December 2023 and presented a paper titled “Soft Skills are Excellent Navigators for Successful Women”.

Scholars' Activities...

P.S.P. Ratna Manjusha (Full time Scholar)

- Presented a paper titled, “Prison Literature - a discourse on Incarceration with special focus on Jeffrey Archer’s ‘A Prison Diary’” in the international seminar conducted by Pondicherry University - “Literature as Discourse” and later published it in the journal IJCRT - **International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts** bearing the ISSN: 2320 – 2882.
- Presented a paper titled “The Journey of the ‘I’ in the search of Self and Strength” in the national seminar hosted by Women Studies department of Sri Padmavati Mahila Visva Vidyalayam.

K.T.L. Haritha (Full time Scholar)

- Presented a paper titled “Voice to the Voiceless: Analysis of Meena Kandasamy’s Writing as a tool of Discourse” in the international seminar conducted by Pondicherry University namely - Literature as Discourse.
- Presented a paper at the National Seminar conducted by the department of Women’s Studies, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam titled “Women: The Psychological Militants as Portrayed by Meena Kandasamy in her select poems”.

G. Bhargavi (Full time Scholar)

- Presented a paper titled, “Cory Taylor’s Dying : Illuminating the Positive Aspects of Death” in an International Seminar, “Literature as Discourse” organised by the Department of English, Pondicherry University and published it in the journal IJCRT- **International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts** bearing the ISSN: 2320-2882.
- Presented a paper titled, “Social Media as a Tool of Discourse - Divulging Women’s Well-being” in a two day National Seminar, organised by the Department of Women’s Studies and Law, SPMVV, Tirupati.

T. Sireesha (Full time Scholar)

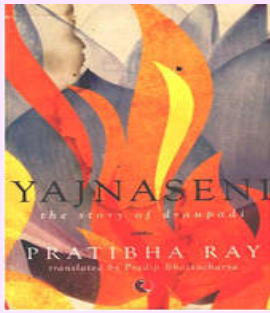
- Presented a joint paper entitled “Men in the Select Novels of Manju Kapur: A Study” in the month of October 2023 in a two-day (5th & 6th) International Seminar on “Literature as Discourse” organised by the Department of English, Pondicherry University.
- Presented a paper on “Mirroring the Nulliparity of Women in the Select works of Manju Kapur” on 29th & 30th December- 2023, in a two day National seminar, organised by the Departments of Women Studies & Law, SPMVV, and Tirupati.

Students’ Achievements...

- V. Pavithra, M.A. English Final year student got first prize in Debate competition, first prize in poetry recitation and Second prize in Quiz competition.



Book Review



G. Bhargavi
Research Scholar



The most belittled, misapprehended figure in the epic Mahabharata is Draupadi. She was constantly schlepped the blame for marrying five, for bringing a massive war despite facing humiliation to a great extent. As the time lapses, the perspective of the authors also does barter, consequently, innumerable retellings of epics transpired. One such retelling of Mahabharata featuring Draupadi's voices is *Yajnaseni* written by Pratibha Ray, translated by Pradip Bhattacharya. Through the voice of Draupadi, the writer chronicles all of her pains and pleasures from conception to death. Ray's *Yajnaseni*, makes the reader revisit the epic and rethink about Draupadi and view her from a better lens.

Yajnaseni, jotted by Pratibha Ray is actually a letter by Krishnaa (Draupadi) to her dear sakha Krishna. The Mahabharata's men were lustfully drawn to Draupadi, who embodies the pinnacle of natural beauty. An intriguing feature of the book is the bond between Krishna and Krishnaa. She always thought of him as her shield against all challenges. Panchali had a deep love for Arjun, the powerful warrior, but she married the Pandavas on the instructions of her mother-in-law. She suffered as a wife of five, adjusting to the disparate perspectives of her husbands. Though she never received credit, everyone referred to her as the goddess. Like most women, Draupadi was envious of her co-wives and covetous of jewels. Rather than feeling resentment, Draupadi chose to bear the pain that the Kauravas, Karna, and occasionally her husbands inflicted upon her. Forgiveness and tolerance came naturally to Draupadi. She never harboured resentment toward those who insulted her and was willing to forgive them. Rather than diverging with husbands, she accepted the exile and endured all the taunts as a maid during incognito. It is evident that Draupadi was a progressive figure from laying roads and erasing the barriers between Aryans and Non – Aryans. She was deeply saddened, particularly after her sons perished in the Kurukshetra War. Her agony increased with the passing of her beloved sakha Krishna. She accepted her own death and feels it as an opportunity to reunite with her sakha, Lord Krishna.

An intriguing, thought-provoking, and worthwhile read, Ray's *Yajnaseni*, elicits empathy for Draupadi. Through her cogent writing style, Ray delineates Krishnaa, as a daughter, as a wife, as a queen, as a mother but never seems to appreciate her role. Rather than domineering she is submissive, rather than rejecting she espouses everything, rather than expressing indignation over her insults she grants amnesty, rather than inculcating others she accepts her fate. This book is a great resource to exhibit Draupadi's attributes, more as a typical house wife than as a dictatorial queen.

Literary Association Activities



Activity: - **Literary Quiz competition** - 02.09.2023.

conducted by Prof. V. Nirmala

Literary Association activities conducted on 28.11.2023



Literary Association activities conducted by the students on 19.12.2023



Half yearly presentations by Scholars on 28.10.2023



Creative Corner



A UNIVERSE IN EVERY 'SHE'

In her eyes, a universe unfurls,
A myriad of secrets, a tapestry of pearls.
She is a symphony of colours untamed,
A gentle breeze that cannot be named.
She weaves compassion into every thread,
Embracing the wounded, soothing what's bled.
In her presence, shadows dissolve,
As she nurtures the broken, helps them evolve.
She is the embodiment of hope and dreams, a tapestry woven with courage it seems.
She is a masterpiece painted in her own name.
So let us celebrate this beautiful soul,
Whose spirit radiates, making us whole.
She is reminder of the strength we all bear,
In every she, a universe to share.

**Poem by
V. Roopa Varshini (2021-2023 batch)**

A solace to the eldest

I know I know dear firstling
Your life remained a trial for your sibling
Sorrows and sufferings in your life
Are the life lessons for your siblings to escape
Nothing is left for them to encounter
Because sufferings chose you as their first
customer
Not a LITTLE ONE anymore when you are two
years old
Because the title loved your sibling without
being told
Twenty two, thirty two ,forty two
Still they are considered the little one between
you two
One cry can take all your burgers,cakes and
candies
One look can take all your barbies
You made your emotions hardly hide
When your parents take your sibling's side
I can see your dreams falling
While your sibling is in the path of excelling
Your eyes hid a great ocean in them
And lips learnt to fake a smile as voice failed to
condemn
But believe me there is nothing to grieve and
worry
As this is not the end of your story
Go go my firstling with a belief that you're a best
thing
And fly high though you re given only one wing
Your heart mastered in giving and caring
And such heart will never fail from winning
One who learnt to understand in every pain
Will never let their talent go in vain
I know I know dear firstling
On one day world will describe you as the best
being

**Poem by
S. Sai Sushma (2021-2023 batch)**

Congratulations to the Recipients of the Best Outgoing Student Awards from the Department!

1. Most Hardworking and Sincere Student

Princy Varghese



2. Most Creative Student

P. Swathi

3. Most Friendly Student

V. Roopa Varshini



4. Most Widely Read Students

Princy Varghese & M. Sahithi

Feedback *from the Readers* on the *eighth issue* of English Mahila

How alive a Department is to contemporary quests and concerns is known by an assessment of the profile of its staff for their diversified activities. I am happy that your staff are all active in interdisciplinary seminars, digital lesson production and archival, professional development programmes, and lectures on topics that stir the social conscience. These show that the staff are not the “rust unburnished” kind. Some of the poems make interesting reading for their felicity with phrasing and for the images they create. You may hold a poetry writing workshop for the budding poets to help them hone their skills. The book review is interesting for presenting a tale of courage, strength, endurance, and reconciliation. “I want to be all that I am capable of becoming” - the caption for the sketch ought to be the governing motto of every student. My hearty congratulations to your student who has cleared the NET. It is a good idea to have a column on alumni accomplishments. A digital newsletter going into the ninth issue is no easy matter, and it speaks in favour of the firmness of the resolve of the Department and its united endeavour. Hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Prof. C.R. Visweswara Rao

Former Vice Chancellor
Vikrama Simhapuri University
Nellore



Staff with outgoing students...