



PG & Research Department of English
St Joseph's College (Autonomous)
Tiruchirappalli - 620002, Tamil Nadu

Organises

One Day National Seminar
on

Societal and Altruistic
Concerns in
Asian Literature

9 January 2024

PROFILE OF THE COLLEGE

St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) is an affiliated First Grade College of Bharathidasan University. It was established in 1844 by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits). It was affiliated to the then Madras University in 1869. The College celebrated its Centenary in 1944, Sesquicentenary in 1994 and Dodransbicentenary in 2018. It acquired Five Star Status, awarded by NAAC in 2000. It was recognized by UGC as a College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) in 2004 and was reaccruited by NAAC with A+ Grade in 2006. Special Heritage Status was awarded by UGC in 2015. The College was nationally reaccruited with 'A' Grade by NAAC (III Cycle) in 2012 and A++ in 2019 (IV Cycle). The College is owned by the Society of St. Joseph, a body registered under Societies Regulation Act (1860). Pro Bono Et Vero (For the Good & the True) is the motto of the college. The college trains young men and women of ethical quality, knowledge and skills to be leaders in all walks of life, so that they may serve the people of our nation and humanity in truth, justice and love.

PROFILE OF THE DEPARTMENT

The history of the Department of English dates back to the establishment of the College at Nagapattinam in 1844. Since its inception, the Department has been striving to equip the students with English language skills required for research and employment, and to offer them holistic formation. It is the largest Department of the College, which enjoys the status of being the only Department that has contact with every student at the undergraduate level. B.A. programme in English literature was started in the year 1962, M.A. in 1965 and M.Phil in 1984. The Department has two shifts (aided and unaided) with 38 dedicated faculty members. It was recognised as a Research Department in 1999. Currently, there are nine approved PhD supervisors. The Department is marked by a wide range of activities organized by Communication Club, Bibliophile Club, Bards' Club, Drama Club, Film Appreciation Club, Debate Club, YOES and Lit-Quest, which seek to unearth and nurture the multiple talents of the students. Besides these activities, Bridge Course, Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Special Lectures, Remedial Programme, Certificate Courses in French and English, and coaching classes for NET/SET are regularly conducted.

CONCEPT NOTE

Humanitarianism is one of the universal virtues found among humans and non-humans. It is innate and inherited by all of us. All the religions are built on only one basic principle – ‘love others as you love yourself’. It is love that unites and binds all of us from our differences and diversities. As we grow up, we may tend to turn self-centric, but our hearts are always found to be the source of love, compassion and benevolence. Asia is highly valued for its religions, philosophies, cultures, art, music, literature and lifestyle. It is the largest and most populous continent with rich resources. There are fifty-one countries in Asia, each having its own unique values, cultures, beliefs, etc. Eleven major religions of the world originated from Asia. Asian literature comprises of literary works written in various vernaculars of the continent besides English. Asian literature is tinged with philosophy, spirituality and philanthropy. Since the present day world is crippled with many crises, it is good to brood upon the positive traits of human nature found in Asian literature. The focus of the seminar is to trace out the humanitarian and altruistic aspects found in the literary works of Asia.

THRUST AREAS

- Moral and spiritual value
- Caring for humanity and nature
- Economic well-being
- War free world
- Social responsibility
- Gender equality
- Migration
- Refugees and partition studies
- Hegemony and Diaspora
- Pandemic literature
- Race and ethnic studies
- Cultural diversity and multiculturalism
- Myths and folklore
- Colonial and postcolonial narratives
- Intersection of faith

(You can work on other area that fall under the broader area of the seminar topic)

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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- Co-authors have to pay the registration fee
- Papers Should be documented as per the 9th Edition of the MLA Handbook

DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission of Abstract	: 27 November 2023
Intimation of selected Abstracts	: 30 November 2023
Submission of Full Paper	: 15 December 2023
Date of the Seminar	: 09 January 2024

REGISTRATION FEE

* Staff	: Rs.1000/-
* Research Scholars	: Rs.750/-
* PG & UG Students	: Rs.500/-
Participation alone	: Rs. 400/-

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