

## **Kongunadu Arts & Science College (Autonomous)**

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### **Inaugural Function of Papyrus- Reading and Drama Club of**

The inauguration of the activities of Papyrus-Reading and Drama Club for the academic year 2018-19 commenced with a prayer song by Ms.Dhanya Menon at 11.15 am on 25 September 2018 in the Seminar Hall. Dr.V.Chinnusamy, Chief Executive Officer presided over the function. Prof.S.Nagaraja, HoD of English (Aided) and Dr.Diwakar Thomas, Associate Professor of English offered felicitations. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Ms.Prema Rangachary, freelance writer and Secretary & Director, Vidya Vanam School. The office bearers were introduced and honoured with badges by the Chief Guest. In her inaugural address, Ms.Prema Rangachari, who had previously taught at Ethiraj College, Chennai, stressed the importance of the reading habit and its impact on life. She also shared with the members her experiences as a student in Oxford University and information about Vidya Vanam, which is a school for tribal children at Anaikkatty. The event came to an end at 12.15 pm with the National Anthem.



Ms.Prema Rangachary, Secretary & Director, Vidya Vanam School, Anaikkatty, delivering the Inaugural Address of Papyrus-Reading and Drama Club on 25.09.2018.

**PAPYRUS- READING AND DRAMA CLUB**

### **Literary Competitions:**

1. Script writing competitions for students was held on 13.02.2019. Two topics were given “Volunteers at a Flood Relief Camp” and “Students doing a research project visit a scientist living in a forest.” S.R.Shanmathi of II B.A. English won the I Prize.

2. Play reading competitions for students was held on 14.02.2019. . Students were asked to participate in teams of 2-5 members each and read out from a play of their choice for 10 minutes, wearing costume if so desired. The team consisting of S.Agalya and S.Nandini of II M.Sc.Mathematics won the I Prize.



### **Competitions and Performances**

Papyrus members took part in various inter-collegiate competitions, notably at Avinashilingam University and SNR College, in which they won the overall championship.

The Papyrus members also staged scenes from Christopher Marlowe’s Doctor Faustus on College Day.

They staged Vijay Tendulkar’s play, *Bobby’s Story* for the children of Vidya Vanam School, Anaikatti and performed street plays at Sri Dhanalakshmiapuram and at Anaikatti on environmental issues.

### **Valediction:**

The Valediction of Papyrus was held on 11.03.2019 In Seminar Hall G 5. The Principal, Dr.GV.Balasubramaniam presided over the function. The Chief Guest was Dr.R.Senthilkumar

Librarian (SG) & Head (Research).Department of Library and Information Science. KASC. The Special Invitee.Mr. S.Vidhyanath, Assistant Professor, Department of English (UA), delivered a lecture on “ Drama and Life ” and distributed the certificates to the participants and prize-winners.



### **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES OF PAPYRUS**

The members of Papyrus-Reading and Drama Club are highly conscious of their obligations to society and do their utmost to utilise their talents for the benefit of society.

#### **STREET PLAYS**

In connection with the mission and vision of the Club, the members staged two street plays on environmental issues as well as distributing handouts on environmental issues. One street play was staged at Sri Dhanalakshmiipuram village near Vazhukkuparai on 13.03.2019.

Water scarcity, pollution, problems faced by agriculturists, the dangers of plastic use, over-

population, wasteful use of resources, the pitfalls of modern living-these were some of the issues dealt with in the street play. The script was in Tamil and penned by Mr.G.Vigneswaran (171EL009) of II B.A. English Literature.

There was enthusiastic response from the local people. Some of them stopped their vehicles to watch the performance. Children clapped and repeated the lines which were extremely catchy. In fact, since the crowd increased once people started to come back from work, they wanted an encore. The students performed the play once again to the delight of the audience.



After the success of the street play in Tamil on environmental issues at Sri Dhanalakshmiapuram, the same set of 10 students gave a repeat performance in a street near Vidya Vanam School (close to the Anaikatti Bus Stand) on 15.03.2019. They also performed for the children of Vidya Vanam School, Anaikatty.

### **ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN**

The members of Papyrus organised an entertainment programme for the students of Vidya Vanam, a school for tribal children at Anaikatti. A puppet show, “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves,” which is a well-known fairy tale for children. The hand puppets and the backdrops were entirely prepared by the students themselves. Ms.Deepika Menon of I B.A. wrote the script for the show and directed it. A children’s play by Vijay Tendulkar, named “Bobby’s Story ” was successfully adapted by Mr.Rene Godson of III B.A. who wrote the script and directed it. The aim of the skit was to show the power of positive motivation. Characters like Cinderella, The Witch, The Bufoon, The Monkey, the Teacher, Chhota Bhim and Baahubali enraptured the audience. Mr.G.Vigneswaran of II B.A. in the guise of “The Mad Clown” related humorously the tale behind the death of the donkey in the children’s rhyme, “Inky, Pinky, Ponky.” He made it a point to stress the dangers of eating unhygienic food.





### **EDUTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN**

Members of Papyrus visited Ashraya Charitable Society (home for orphaned children) , Bommanampalayam, near Bharathiar University on 21.03.2019 to conduct a teaching- CUM-entertainment programme for the children there. The one-hour programme by the students began with a story session and a rhyme session followed, Basic grammar was also taught. Biscuit packets and other snacks were distributed to the children, numbering Grammar and Readers were also donated to the home.

