



GAZZETTA ANGLORUM 2020-21

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It is with great pride and excitement that I write to you. The Department of English is witnessing a stellar growth trajectory. Both the teachers and students work together in tandem to make every event a grand success.

Last year, despite the difficulties caused by the COVID pandemic, the department organised several events at the international and national levels. We witnessed many erudite scholars from around the world taking lectures on various topics. The scholars from leading universities in the world such as Tisch School of Performance Art, New York; Peradeniya University, Sri Lanka; Lancaster University, London, University of Montana, Missoula; Pratt School, New York; University of Pune; and St Berchmans College, Changanacherry handled the sessions.

The initiatives taken by the department to help students with English language are commendable. The department organised various extension programmes and in-college programmes promoting English Language. The certificate course 'Open School for Better English' organised under the aegis of Rural English Literacy Programme (RELP) is one such initiative. The department organised several extra-curricular activities last year via the digital platform. The department fest saw the participation of students from across India. Literary club served as a podium for students to showcase their literary talents. Several competitions were conducted to commemorate special occasions. All of this was possible due to the dedication and hard work the students and teachers put in for all the programmes of the department.

The Department of English has a long journey ahead. I am sure that the department will be able to do more in the coming years. I congratulate them for all their efforts. I wish them success.

Dr. Jochan Joseph



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

In March 2020, as you know, we joined universities around the world in pivoting quickly to online teaching. Amidst the pandemic troubles and restrictions, it has been an eventful and exciting year in the department, with many accomplishments by faculty and students alike.

This has been a year when the department made its presence felt on campus and beyond. We have had a series of programmes and a bunch of fresh initiatives ranging from international and national webinars to online literary fest and digital magazines. The English Literary Club made tremendous efforts in fostering and strengthening the artistic and literary skills of students across the country. I would also like to acknowledge the retirement this year of one of our treasured teachers, Prof. Varghese PJ. A word of thanks to the strong team work that keeps us as dynamic as ever.

We look forward to an even more vibrant and eventful upcoming year!

Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy



FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

The global pandemic Covid-19 conquered 2020 with sweeping changes and has forever redefined human life in its entirety. Yet, the volume of resilience displayed by the human society in the face of this unprecedented global crisis has to be appreciated. We, the English fraternity of St. Aloysius College, Edathua, hope that this pandemic edition of *Gazzetta Anglorum* documents before posterity, the varied facets of the co-curricular and extracurricular activities of the department – mostly held on the virtual platform – backed by the fortitude and perseverance that we demonstrated in the midst of setbacks. Delightfully presenting before you, *Gazzetta Anglorum 2020-21!*

Dr. Gem Cherian



ENGLISH ASSOCIATION INAUGURATION

The inauguration of the English Association 20-21 was held on 27 August 2020 on Google Meet, and Dr. Gem Cherian handed over the captaincy of the

English association to Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy. Mr. Jojo Mathew, III BA English, was appointed as the Secretary of the English Association.



GAZZETTA ANGLORUM 2019-20

The department newsletter Gazzetta Anglorum was released on 25 October 2020. The activities of the department for the academic year 2019-20 were documented in the newsletter. Dr. Gem Cherian served as the chief editor of the newsletter.

Celebration of Festivals ONAM AND CHRISTMAS

The department conducted a virtual Onam celebration "Poopoli 2021" on Google Meet on 27 August 2020. The students and teachers of the department took active part in the same. The students of the department edited a musical chain video that was streamed live in the meeting.



Christmas was celebrated on the virtual platform on 21 December 2021. In the programme conducted online via Google meet, Prof Varghese P J, the department head, delivered the Christmas message.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL WEBINARS

NATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES 13 JULY – 21 JULY 2020

The Department of English organised a seven-day national webinar series from 13 July- 21 July 2020 on "Literary Currents of Today and Tomorrow". The following were the speakers of the sessions

- ❖ MsAjie Joseph, Assistant Professor, Stella Maris College, Chennai
Topic: Cultural and Ethical Trajectories in the Contemporary Travel Writing
- ❖ A Mangai, Feminist Activist and Theatre Person
Topic: Pushing the Boundaries of Gender Studies
- ❖ Dr Veena Mani, Assistant Professor, Stella Maris College, Chennai
Topic: Sports in Indian Society: Readings of Gender and Nationalism
- ❖ Dr Vimal Mohan John, Assistant Professor, St Berchmans College, Changanacherry
Topic: "Auteur Who?"- Cinema's Claim to an Impossible Purity
- ❖ Dr Ganesh Krishnamoorthy, Retd Faculty, MCC, Chennai
Topic: Naturalising Research: Emerging Trends in Ecostudies
- ❖ Dr Nazneen Marshall, Assistant Professor, Stella Maris College, Chennai
Topic: Venturing into Children's Literature through Picture Books



WEBINAR SERIES

 Dr Saurya George Prasad Asst. Professor, St Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Coimbatore, Malabar Diocese Address: Pottalickal, Uthiyarakulam, 8 Jan 2021, 9:00pm IST Topic: Introduction to Performance Studies	 Prof Richard Schooner Dept. School of Performance Arts 12 Jan 2021, 8:00 pm EST Topic: Q&A on Performance Studies & Environmental Theatre
 Prof Alicia Caspar The University of Minnesota, Minnesota 19 Jan 2021, 9:30 am EST Topic: Scene Design: Collaboration and Communication in the Design Process for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" From Arts: Theatre Design	 Ms Madhvi Dhanraj The University of Wisconsin, Illinois 22 Jan 2021, 1:30 pm EST Topic: Minor Actresses in Late Epigramic From Arts: Roman Theatre
 Prof May Joseph Penn Institute, New York Founder of Roman Theatre 28 Jan 2021, 7:30 pm IST Topic: Chorus, Landscape, Performance	

WEBINAR SERIES

WEBINAR ON TRANSLATION STUDIES

A webinar was organised for the Department of English students on the topic "Self-Other Dynamics in the Act of Translation." Fr. Jose Jacob, Assistant Professor, St Berchmans College, Changanacherry took a session on the various theories in translation studies.

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON TABLE TOP SHAKESPEARE

An International Webinar was organised on 19 December 2020 on the topic "Staging the Impossible: Forced Entertainment and Table Top Shake-

Dear All,

Department of English, in association with the IQAC, St Aloysius College, Edathua is organising a 5-day International Webinar Series on Performance and Theatre Studies. The intention behind the event is to promote research in Performance and Theatre Studies.

We welcome all to be part of this event.

The Very Rev Fr Mathew Chooravaddy
Manager

Dr. Richard Joseph
Principal

Prof. Varghese P.J
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INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES ON
PERFORMANCE AND THEATRE STUDIES

8-26 JANUARY 2021




speare.” Prof Timothy Etchells, Institute of Contemporary Arts, Lancaster University, UK, took the session.

Dr. Gem Cherian, Mr. Paul Jacob, and Mr. Justin J Thomas served as the webinar coordinators.

INTERNAL WEBINAR SERIES ON PERFORMANCE AND THEATRE STUDIES 8- 26 JANUARY 2021

An International Webinar Series on “Performance and Theatre Studies” was arranged by the department from 8- 26 January 2021. Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy, Dr. Gem Cherian, Mr. Paul Jacob, and Ms. Cibyna Thomas were the coordinators. The details of the sessions are as follows:

Day 1 : Fr. Dr. Sooraj George Pittappillil Ass. Professor, St Thomas Apostolic Seminary Columnist, Mathrubhumi Alumnus, Pontificia Universitas Lateranensis

Topic : “Introduction to Performance Studies”

Day 2 : Prof. Richard Schechner, Tisch School of Performance Arts, New York

Topic : “Q&A on Performance Studies & Environmental Theatre”

Day 3 : Prof. Alessia Carpoca, School of Theatre and Dance The University of Montana, Missoula, USA

Topic : “Scenic Design: Collaboration and Communication in the Design Process for “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof”

Day 4 : Ms. Muditha Dharmasiri The Department of Classical Literature The University of Peradeniya, Srilanka

Topic : “Actresses in Latin Epitaphs”

Day 5 : Prof. May Joseph, Pratt Institute, New York Department of Social Science and Cultural Studies Founder of Harmattan Theatre

Topic : “Climate, Landscape, Performance”

ENGLISH LITERARY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Several programmes were organised for the students as part of the English Literary Club of the Department of English.

August 2020 : A drawing and painting competition was organised commemorating the Hiroshima and Nagasaki days. Students from across India participated in the competition. Panchami Santhosh, Her Highness Maharani Sethu Parvathy Bai NSS Co for Women, Aryalekshmi S, Kattapanam secured the

first and second prizes.

September 2020 : Inter Departmental Poetry Writing and Drawing Competitions were organised. Ms. Ayisha A provided the best entry in the poetry writing competition, and Ms. Fousiya A secured first prize for the Drawing Competition.

October 2020 : An interdepartmental Quiz Competition on Nobel Prize in Literature was held. Ms. Merin Jacob, I BA English secured the first prize.

December 2020 : A National Level Christmas Card Competition was held: "A Poem for Your Christmas Card." Rona C Sajith and Sreenidhi Vijayan, from Christ College, Iranalikkuda, secured the first and second prizes.

February 2020 : The movie "Bright Star" was aired for the department of English students to celebrate the Bicentenary of John Keats' death.

April 2020 : A state-level webinar was organised on the topic "Humanising the Refugee: The Need for Refugee Self- Narrative." The session was handled by Ms. Elizabeth Cheria, Research Scholar, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad

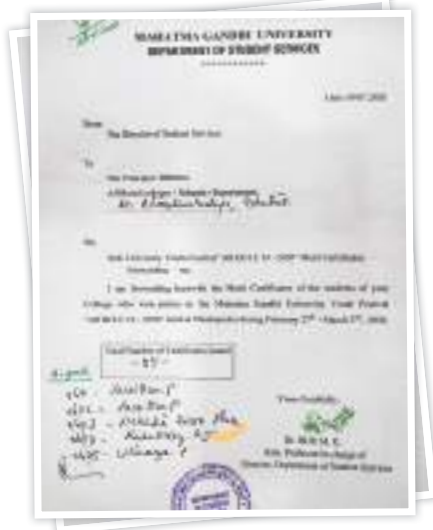
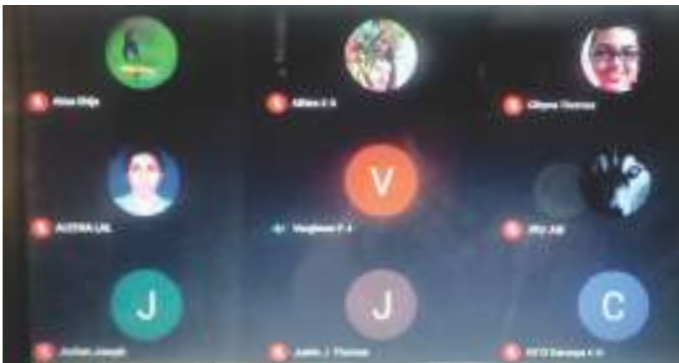


CERTIFICATE COURSE

The Certificate Course “Open School for Better English” of 30 hours was conducted fully online by the department from 12 February 2021 to 18 March 2021. 15 students enrolled for the course and successfully completed the programme, and were provided e-certificates. Dr. Gem Cherman served as the co-



ordinator of the Certificate Course. All the members of the English Faculty engaged multiple sessions for the students. The course also included an invited session by Mr. Arun Sebastian, Guest lecturer, St. Joseph’s College, Moolamattom, Idukki.



ALUMNI MEET EGOSAC 2020-21



The annual Alumni Meet, EGOSAC 20-21, was held on 24 January 2021 on the online platform. Former teachers of the department and members of the department Alumni attended the session. Dr Jochan Joseph inaugurated the programme.

TWIN LAURELS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy and Dr. Gem Cherman were awarded the Ph.D degree in English Language and Literature from the M. G. University, Kottayam in November 2020 and July 2020 respectively. Congratulations to our dear teachers!



M.G. UNIVERSITY B.A English Language and Literature Model 2 Teaching

5th Rank



Kavya Balan
Dept.of.English



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Congratulations

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms. KavyaBalan (2017-20 batch) secured the 5th rank in the M. G. University B.A. Degree CBCS examinations

Ms. Rosemary K. J. (2018-21 batch) secured ‘A’ grade in Malayalam story writing in the M. G. University Youth Festival.

STUDENTS' MANUSCRIPT AND DIGITAL MAGAZINE



▶▶ The Department manuscript magazine, Finesse File- Issue 1, was released in November, 2020. Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy was the editor and Ms. Cibyna Thomas was the sub-editor of the digital magazine. Jopy George Sunny (III BA English) and Jitty Joseph (II BA English) served



as the student editors.

▶▶ First year students of the department released the photo journal To Nature's Lap on January 2021. Blaze K. Binu and Akash U. were the student editors. Photos with the theme of 'nature' were included in the journal.

ALL-INDIA INTERCOLLEGIATE ONLINE LITERARY FEST : RHAPSODIA 2021

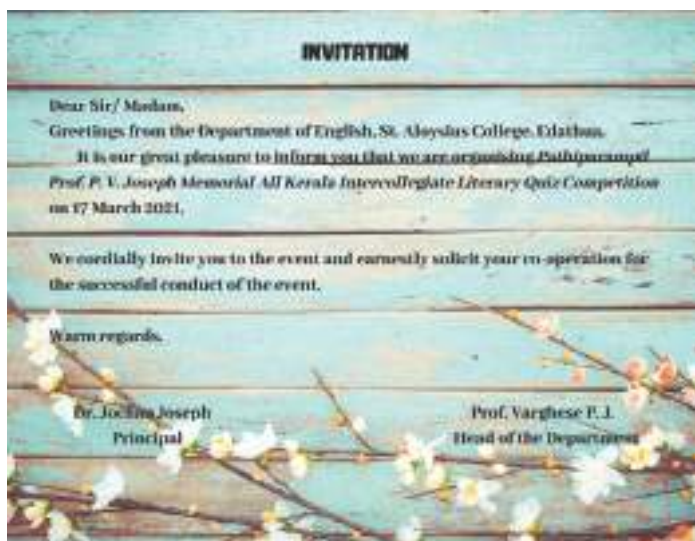
On 27 February 2021, the Department of English, St. Aloysius College, Edathua organised an All-India Intercollegiate Online Literary Fest in memory of its great former teachers Prof. Oommen Mathew and Prof. Sebastian Joseph. Mr. Paul Jacob (Assistant

Professor) and Mr. Justin J. Thomas (Guest Lecturer) were in charge of the event. Mr. Jopy George Sunny (III BA English) and Mr. Jaiby Joseph Abraham (II BA English) served as student coordinators.

LITERARY QUIZ COMPETITION RAPIDE LITTERARIA 2021

Pathiparambil Prof P V Joseph Memorial Intercollegiate Literary Quiz Competition was held on 17 March 2021. Students from across India participated in the Quiz Competition. One hundred fifty-seven participants registered for the programme. The winners of the competition are; First Prize: S

Neelanjana- All Saint's College, Trivandrum Second Prize: Sneha Kumari- Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi Third Prize: Gouri- MCC, Chennai. Ms. Cibyna Thomas and Ms. Anita Mary Varghese served as the coordinators of the event.



FAREWELL TO MR. VARGHESE P. J., THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

THE LEGEND HAS RETIRED



WELCOME FOR FRESHERS AND FAREWELL TO THE OUTGOING STUDENTS

The students of the 2021-23 batch were given an official welcome and the outgoing students of the 18-21 batch were bid farewell on 25 March 2021.

VALEDICTORY SESSION

FAREWELL TO THE OUTGOING STUDENTS BA ENGLISH (2018 - 21)



On 27 March 2021, a farewell ceremony was organised by the faculty of the Department of English and the students to bid adieu to the retiring Head of the Department Mr. Varghese P J, who actively served the college for 2 decades and led the department for three years as the HoD. We extend our gratitude to him for his services and offer our felicitations for a peaceful retired life.

The formal activities of the English association came to a close with the valedictory session held on 13 April 2021.

FACULTY IN-SERVICE COURSES

DR. NEETHU MARY TOMY

- ❖ Faculty Development Programme (12 to 25 Jan 2021) on 'Media and Art in Teaching and Learning' by Bishop More College, Mavelikkara and Guru AngadDev Teaching Learning Centre, New Delhi
- ❖ Topper (1%) in NPTEL certified course on Effective Writing conducted by IIT Roorkee

DR. GEM CHERIAN

- ❖ Attended Online Subject Refresher Course in English from 12/01/2021-25/02/2021 conducted by the UGC HRDC, Aligarh Muslim University
- ❖ Attended One Week online Short Term Faculty Development Programme (Interdisciplinary) on "Towards a Digital Era of Teaching and Learning" delivered as MOOC in four quadrants, organized by UGC-HRDC, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram and KSMDB College, Sasthamkotta from August 12-18, 2020.

PAUL JACOB

- ❖ Online Refresher Course in English, UGC HRDC, Pondicherry University (6th January 2021-19th January 2021)
- ❖ Online Faculty Development Programme on 'Digital Tools in Teaching' organized by Guru AngadDev Teaching Learning Centre, New Delhi (23rd Nov 2020-27th November 2020)
- ❖ 3 day Online Faculty Development Programme on Citation Styles and Reference Lists (21st June 2021 – 23rd June 2021) conducted by the Department of Data Sciences, Siva Sivani Institute of Management, Telengana, India

CIBYNA THOMAS

- ❖ Completed Online MOOC Course "Feminism and Social Justice" organised by University of California in association with Coursera on 18 May 2020.
- ❖ Attended five-day academic writing workshop organised by Literariness.org in association with Singualrities Journal from 18-22 May, 2021.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

DR. GEM CHERIAN

- ❖ Research paper titled "Prejudices, Misogyny and Injustice: A Feminist Reading of Pink" published in Changing Paradigms: Media, Culture and Literature (ISBN 978-1-63745-704-7), December 2020
- ❖ Editor, Carnival of Ideas (Edit Academic Publishers, ISBN 978-1-63781-772-8), December 2020

PAUL JACOB

- ❖ "The Correlation between Literature, History and Culture in Select Novels of Olga Nawoja Tokarczuk: A Cultural Materialist Reading" in Annals of R.S.C.B ISSN:1583-6258, Vol 25, Issue 5, 2021
- ❖ "An Interdisciplinary Peregrination from Hermeneutic to Epistemic Truth: A Pragmatic Study of Gun Island as a Cli-Fi Paradigm" in ShodhSarita: Journal of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences ISSN 2348-2397

CIBYNA THOMAS

- ❖ "Politics of Racism and Prejudice in the works of Post-Colonial Theoreticians." RJELAL. Volume 8. Issue 4, Oct-Dec 2020. ISSN: 2395-2636.
- ❖ "Analysis of the English Translation of Basheer's "Muchittu kalikkarante Makal." JETIR. Volume 7 Issue 12, Dec 2020. ISSN:2349-5162
- ❖ "Xenophobic Colonisers in the Works of Harper Lee." RJELAL. Volume 8. Issue 4. Oct- Dec, 2020. ISSN:2395-2636.

JUSTIN J THOMAS

- ❖ Published a book chapter titled "Philosophical Lovers, Sexuality and Prohibition: Politics of Queer Love in Neil Gaiman's and Douglas Mackinnon's Good Omens" in the book Carnival of Ideas (ISBN: 9781637817728) in December 2020.

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