

English Literary Association Activities- 2015- 2016

**INAUGURATION OF THE ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION- 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015  
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, TRICHY**

The English Literary Association of the Department of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy, conducted its Inauguration on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 10 a.m. in Our Lady's Hall. The Chief Guest was Dr. Sr. Rosy, Provincial, Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Province of Trichy and the Former Principal and Former Head of the Department of English, Holy Cross College. In her address, she spoke on the international status of the English language and the need for English fluency, so as to create competent and employable citizens of this globalized world. The agenda of the day included the installation of the student office bearers by Dr. Sr. Jeusin Francis, Principal, Holy Cross College, and in particular the Release of the new General English book entitled "**Enriching Communication Skills in English**". It is a new endeavour undertaken by the Department as a means to aid the process of English Language acquisition for the students of all disciplines. The objective of the book is to allow Second Language learners to gain a satisfactory ability to use English in their daily lives. The book is aimed at college-level learners, and it emphasises the four basic skills- listening, speaking, reading and writing, which encourages the holistic development of the student learners.





**Poetry Competition**  
19<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

An Intra – Departmental Poetry competition was held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015. The students of both UG and PG from the Department of English actively participated. The topic was given on the spot. The competition was held at the communication lab which commenced at 2:00 pm. The Judge of the day was Mr. Eugene D’Vaz, Retd. Professor & Former Head of the Department of English, St. Josephs College. He is a renowned poet and a painter. He has a great passion for writing.

THE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP.  
13/9/2015  
TRICHY





A One- day Workshop on Research and Writing Skills was conducted by the Department of English, Holy Cross College in collaboration with the Department of English and the Centre for Technical and Academic Writing, Bharathidasan University, on 29/9/2015 comprising of four sessions. The first session, conducted by Dr. Laura Dameris Chellajothi, on the topic 'The Language of Research' focused on the idea of the importance of "thought" in the process of Research . The second session was about 'Organizing Resources' by Dr. M. Angkayarkan Vinayaka Selvi who elaborated on the need for Organizing the Research material in accordance with the MLA format, the third session was on 'The Rhetoric of Research' by

Dr.C. Issac Jebastine and the fourth session was about 'Documenting Sources' by Dr. V. Vinoth Kumar. All the sessions served to helped the students to gain an understanding the ways of becoming a real research scholar in literature



**Report of the Interactive Session with Prof. Brenda Beck - 1/2/2016**



The PG and Research Department of English conducted an Interactive Session with Prof. Brenda Beck, Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto and President of the Sophia Hilton Foundation of Canada on 1st February, 2016 at 8 am in the Communication Lab, Department of English. Prof. Beck spoke to the audience on the invaluable folk traditions of Tamil and Kongunadu culture. She recounted her experience of researching and creating her important work The Legend of Ponnivala, an important yet sometimes forgotten Kongunadu epic narrating the Annamar Kadhai.

In her address, Prof. Beck impressed on her audience the value of the forgotten tradition of the storytellers whose contributions to the oral tradition are immense, but also now lost. She believes that the first step to this preservation rests with the 'Translation' of the old texts and songs into languages easily accessible to all. She urged the students and faculty to conduct research on Indian, especially Tamil folk traditions, so that the beauty and the importance of our cultural heritage is not lost in this globalised and Westernised world.

### ACME'16

A One-day **National Level Intercollegiate Literary Fiesta, ACME'16 on the theme Children's Literature** was conducted by the Department of English, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2016**. The Chief Guests were **Mr. Relton James, Former Principal, St. John's Vestry School, Tiruchirappalli** and **Dr. Praveen Relton (M.D.), Kavary Medical College, Tiruchirappalli**. Mr. James appreciated the initiative taken by both students and Professors and spoke on the need for an active and energetic life with determination and passion for the achievement of one's goals. He advised the students to work more and sleep less, by trying to change the changeable, accept the

unchangeable and avoid the unacceptable to do what is right. He wished the participants representing 15 colleges and declared ACME'16, the Intercollegiate Literary Fiesta, open.

Participants took part in various competitions like Thinkers' Den, Poets' Cafe, Colour Chrome, Literary Runway, BookRew, Literary Showcase, Literary Pageant, Spot and Act and Quiz. The Valediction of ACME'16 took place at 05:00 pm, with **Mr. Prabhu Solomon, Director and Producer as the Chief Guest**. In his speech, Mr. Solomon motivated the youngsters by stressing on the fact that Success is not a destiny, but a journey. He also spoke of the importance of leadership qualities in life. He believes that values are a foundation for the youth to become role models for life. He emphasised the value of Spiritual strength to meet the challenges of life. His focus on Dravidian films, tradition and culture reflects life's realities. The prizes of the competitions were distributed by Mr. Solomon. The overall winners of ACME'16 were Farookh College, Calicut and Bishop Heber College, Trichy and the Runners Up were Jamal Mohammed College, Trichy, and St. Joseph's College, Trichy (S-II) and (S-I).



The Department of English shift I and shift II together conducted a career guidance program on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 for the III UG students, Dr. Anita Raja from the School of Business, Tanjore was the resource person of the day. She enlightened and motivated the students on the various areas that can be taken up for jobs. Nearly 250 students were benefited.