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Dr. M. Mary Jayanthi is an Associate Professor of English and the Dean of International Affairs, Holy Cross College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli. She is also a leadership trainer, teacher-mentor, creative writer and public speaker. She was the former Vice-Principal and Dean of Students of Holy Cross College. She was also the member of the Centenary Core-Organizing Team of the college for the centenary celebrations and directed HCC's 100-year journey titled Yathumaagi Nindra Nee- A spectacular light and sound show. She is also the Editor of the Centennial Souvenir of Holy Cross College. As the Language Lab Coordinator from 2017 onwards she organizes and conducts training workshops on Effective and Conscious Communication for Students, Teachers and Novices. She was the NEXUS coordinator of AIACHE- Think-Tank, Delhi for 2021-2023.

Dr. Jayanthi has a joyful teaching-career of 20 years and loves to work for first-generation learners and regionally backward students. Her subjects of interests include Canadian Literature, Creative Writing, Indian Writing in English, Voices of Women in Literature, Communicative English- Inter-Personal and Intra-Personal Communication, Group Dynamics and Personality Development.

As a researcher in English and Literature, Dr. Jayanthi has 37 Research Articles published in National, International Refereed and UGC approved journals, SCOPUS and Web of Science. She has guided 6 Ph.D. candidates and presently guiding 4 more.

Dr. Jayanthi has published 2 books- A critical non-fiction **Mordecai Richler: Texts and Contexts: A New-Historicist Approach** by Author Press, Delhi, 2022 and an anthology of poems **titled Sketches: From the pages of my diary**, Reliance Publishing House Delhi, 2008. She was also the Co-Author of the Workbook - 'Resilience During Pandemic' Towards New-Beginning and Well-Being – An Open Source- Workable Self-Learning Resource brought out through All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE), New Delhi July 2021. This was implemented and freely used by AIACHE's Member Institutions. Dr. Jayanthi led the Content Creation team for the project Soft-skill training to strengthen police performance-initiated Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi in 2020.

Education:

- Completed Ph.D. valued 'Highly Commended' in Canadian Literature, Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli
- Cleared the State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) for Lectureship in Universities/ Colleges in Tamilnadu
- Topper in M.Phil. English, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli
- Gold Medalist in M.A. English, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli

- II Rank holder in B.A. English, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli

Leadership Profile

- Dean of International Affairs 2022 onwards
- Vice Principal from 2019 to 2022
- Coordinator of Language Lab from 2018 onwards
- Dean of Students Affairs from 2015 to 2018
- Member of the Steering Committee of HCC during the NAAC Peer team visit IV cycle in Feb 2020
- Coordinator of International Affairs from 2018-2019
- Coordinator of Student Support and Progression NAAC Parameter V from 2016 -2020. The college scored 3.93 in SSP in the IV Cycle of NAAC
- Fine Arts Coordinator from 2013 to 2016
- Editor of the College Magazine HOLY ROOD from 2006-2011

Student Leadership Profile:

- 1999 – 2000 – President, Student Council – Holy Cross College, Trichy
- 1997 – 1998 – Overall General Secretary of Fine Arts – Holy Cross College, Trichy

Other Responsibilities

- Coordinator of Bridge Course in English 2019 & 2023
- M.Phil. Programme Coordinator in English from 2012-2016
- Vice- President, Staff club – Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli 2008-2009
- Editor of the Alumni Magazine – IN TOUCH 2004-2005

Dr. Jayanthi's select awards include

1. Received thrice Dr. (Sr.) Dona Best Researcher Award (Faculty-Arts) for 2018-2019, 2020-2021, 2021-2022
2. Awarded twice the Best Government Aided College Cultural Coordinatorat BDUFEST '13 and BDUFEST '15
3. Won the Best Paper for the presentation “How I made my students Speak English Better” from the English Language Teachers’ Association of India (ELTAI) (An Associate of the IATEFL, U.K.) in association with the British Council in connection with its 37th Annual Conference (February 2006)
4. Awarded the title ‘Thinking Woman’ in a Reality Show in June 2010 for original concept based scripts and performances titled Thedal, Karunai Kaviyam, Anbin Mozhigal and Thaimyin Sangamam

Dr. Jayanthi is a qualified L&D professional trainer with a Certificate in Teaching, Training and Developing Professionals from Asian college of Teachers (ACT-TQUK). As a passionate trainer, nationally and internationally, she mentors teachers and students in Teaching methodologies, Group Leadership, Communicative cum Soft Skills. She is also a Haggai alumna and trained in advanced leadership from Hawaii, USA.

Dr. Jayanthi has been the visiting faculty to Salesian College, Silliguri and Sonada

(May 2022) and offered a certificate course in Creative Writing, lectured on Canadian Literature, Feminism and Feminist Literary Criticism, Conscious Communication and Self-Value. She was also a visiting faculty to Daffodil International University, Bangladesh for a series of lectures in Nov. 2023. She has made academic visits to Singapore, Bali, Hawaii, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Dubai.

Dr. Jayanthi is a deeply intuitive poet and writer and writes under the pen name Jayanthi Manoj. She was the staff poet of the Online Literary Magic Magazine, New York from 2006-2012. She has published several individual poems in National and International Journals and anthologies such as The Journal of the Poetry Society, The Journal of Indian Writing in English, Select Indian Poets, 2018, Hibiscus (2020) The Well-Earned (India), Reese Taylor (S. Korea), Writer's Café.org (USA) and Sarabha (Nigeria), SETU- Voices Within 2021 (USA), In Silence We Wait, HBP –Poetry Pandemic Project 2021, (Canada) and One Article has been published in Times of Oman. She has been an invited panelist at the 7th International Conference of Asia Pacific Writers' and Translators, Singapore 2014 and Ethos Literary Festival 3rd Edition, Delhi 2023. She moderated a panel Discussion on Writers and Translators 4th March, 2022 which included Dr. Lakshmi Kannan, A. Mangai, Kavery Nambisan and Dr. M. A. Susila at the National Virtual Conference on Writer-Translator Discourse organized by the PG and Research Department of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy. She has a youtube channel – Voices and Whispers to share content on Communication, select literary topics, conversations with psychologist and poets and readings on poetry.

Social Media Pages:

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Youtube: Voices and Whispers by Jayanthi Manoj