

**Lavender Literary Club, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu in Collaboration with Department of English, Malankara Catholic College, Mariagiri, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu, India
Organized a Two Day International Conference on Tamizhian Writing in English: New Directions and New Perspectives on 9th & 10th March 2018**

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Lavender Literary Club

Lavender Literary Club is an Association for Students, Scholars, Academicians, Scientists and writers to discuss Human evolution, Civilization, Language, Literature, Environment, Culture, Politics, Law, Religion, Philosophies, Social Justice, Criticism, Psychology and Science “to create” new attitude in the modern social and modern academic discourse. Over the years, Lavender has grown to include various activities and it continues to evolve, along with new membership. Lavender gives charity to destitute homes, Orphanages and Mentally disabled people through the monetary support of its members. The uniqueness of Lavender is, it provides much needed space to discuss, debate, research and write issues affecting indigenous people, Dalits, women and other marginalised sections including LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Tra) because “Lavender” sees it as a discourse of rights. To say more, Lavender provides an intellectually nourishing and conducive atmosphere to members and youngsters by giving guidance and training in creative arts, research and entrepreneurship. Lavender also intricate in a variety of activities aimed at building up the confidence and grooming the talents of the students like “Sing from the Heart”. Lavender has Brotherhood relationship among club members. It helps members to learn from each other and guide each other. Presently Lavender has some wings. The notable Wings are Green Lavender (Which undertakes environmental initiative of planting saplings and also study about environmental justice), Lavender Tamil (Taking initiative to promote Tamil Literature and culture) and Lavender Sports (To promote indigenous Sports of India)

About the College

Malankara Catholic College is owned and managed by the Diocese of Marthandam with the approval of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu, India and is affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Thirunelveli, Tamilnadu, India. The College was born out of the Educational Vision of the Most. Rev. Lawrence Mar Ephraem, the first Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Marthandam, established on 20th July, 1998. Subsequent to his eternity on 8th April, 1997, the Most. Rev. Yoohanon Mar Chrysostom became the Second Bishop of the Diocese of Marthandam on 1st July, 1998. Under his untiring inspiration coupled with the foresighted efforts of Rev. Fr. Prem Kumar, M.S.W, the previous Correspondent/Secretary; the polite behaviour of Rev. Fr. Maria Arputham, M.A, the former Bursar; the able guidance of the former Principals and the dedicated staff members, the college began to flourish. At present, the college stands as a land mark in the field of higher Education with the new dynamic Chairman and Manager, His Excellency the Most. Rev. Dr. Vincent Mar Paulos, the Bishop of Marthandam Diocese; an Eminent Correspondent Rev. Fr. Jose Bright, Rev. Fr. Robinson, Bursar and an experienced Principal, Dr. Thambi Thanka Kumaran

About the Department

The Department of English was started during the year 2009. The Department aims to employ instructional technology in their writing, learning and research in innovative and creative ways. In fulfillment of the College of Arts & Sciences mission to provide the best possible personal and professional preparation of its undergraduate

majors and graduate students, to prepare students to make positive contributions to their professional disciplines, and to enable them to function in and contribute to the changing global society of which they are a part, the English Department offers an M.A. degree in English, in which students may focus on studies in English or studies in Language and Rhetoric, and prepares the students to teach in secondary schools or community colleges, for technical writing positions, or to attend competitive examinations. The department offers M.Phil. Course to students who are interested to do research. The English Department serves in expanding the boundaries of knowledge through its commitment and investment in the scholarly and creative activities of its faculty, as these activities enrich the educational experiences of students and the overall intellectual environment of the university while allowing faculty members to participate in prominent scholarly conversations and creative endeavors on the regional, national and international level.

About the Seminar

Tamil is the primary language of Chera, Chola, Pandya Kingdom in South India and the language of Northern and Eastern province in Sri Lanka. Tamil language spreads to Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Mauritius, South Africa, Indonesia, Thailand, Burma, Vietnam, Pakistan. Migration process of Tamil people has also spreads in Europe, North America, and parts of the Caribbean . Tamil people live in many parts of the world because they are migrated for their livelihood. Political and Social changes forced have them to migrate from one place to another. Tamil language about to disappeared in many parts of South India, especially in Tamilar land space, Chera Nadu or Chera kingdom because of migrants' political and religious dominance over indigenous Tamil people. The hegemony of Aryan culture through different trajectories subjugated Tamils especially through Caste hierarchy. Adi Tamilar (Tamil Dalits) and other Tamil Kudis also become the victim of the Hindu casteism because it wounds the proactive psyche of majority of Tamils but the Tamilizian have adopted the English Language and their contributions to English are plenty.

English is a globalized language. The Commonwealth countries have adopted this language because of Colonization. India is one of the Commonwealth countries which has announced English as an official language in the administration. People in India concentrate much on this language and almost all professionals are well equipped with English. In this way Tamilizian are also fascinate to learn the English Language and they have brought out their contributions in English. With different genres like poem, novel, drama, short story, articles and features Tamilizian contributions are rich in English Literature and thus to World Literature. This conference gives a platform to all Tamilizian English Writers and paving the way towards enlightenment.

Thrust Area

Diasporas, Labour, Immigrants, Refugees, Trans-national, Colonialism, Resistance, Post Colonial, Post Independent, Dravidian, Homelands, Communities, Caste, Popular Fiction, Medieval Phase, Post War Phase, Modern Phase, Martial Arts, Love, Culture, Religion, Identity, Medicine, Trade, Morality, Human Values, Nature, Environment, Politics, Marriage, Family, Dalits, Transgender Space, Queer, Feminism, Eco Critical, Westernization, Philosophy, Sports, Agriculture, Hospitality, Society, Alienation, Non Tamilar Contributions, Tamil to English Translation Studies, Comparative Literature (Tamil Literature to Other Literature), Malayasian, Singapore, Canadian, Srilankan Tamilar, Tamil Tribal Identities, Tamil Dalit Identities, Contemporary Tamil Literature and Media, Language, Literature and Ideology, Sea and Literature (Fisherman Community)

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