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FOLKLORE RESOURCES & RESEARCH CENTRE (FRRC)

1. In collaboration with the Department of Tamil, MSU College, Nagampatti, the Department of Folklore and FRRC organised a seminar on the theme "Seminar on Folkloristics" on 09.09.2023, at MSU College, Nagampatti.
2. **Thuckalay Peer Mohammed Appa Memorial Seminar:** In collaboration with the Department of Tamil, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, the Department of Folklore, and FRRC, organized Thuckalay Peer Mohammed Appa Memorial Seminar on 08.01.2024, at SXC.
3. Dr. G. Stephan, Director, P.G. Extension Centre, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Nagercoil, Dr. N. Ramachandran, Director, FRRC, and Dr. M. Arivalagan, Assistant Professor, Department of Folklore, SXC, served as chairpersons of the sessions. The resource persons for the seminar include Mr. Sentheer Natarajan, Director, Sempavalam Research Centre, Nagercoil, Mr. H. Hameem Mustafa, member, Thuckalay Peer Mohammed Appa Trust, Dr. A. Shailahelin, Dean of Academics, World Tamil Music University, USA, Dr. S. Selvakumar, Associate Professor, Nesamani Memorial Christian College, Marthandam and Mr. Thuckalay Haleema alias H. Mohammed Hider Ali, Deputy Collector (retired). Dr. T. Jasmine Sudha, Head (i/c) and Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, MSU, coordinated the event.
4. In collaboration with the Department of Fine Arts, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, the Department of Folklore and FRRC organized an international conference on "Tamil Christian Art Worlds", on 29.01.2024 – 31.01.2024, at the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Mr. P. Ahilan, Head, Department of Fine Arts, University of Jaffna, welcomed the gathering at the inauguration ceremony on January 29, 2024. Prof. S. Srisatkunarajah, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jaffna, delivered the Chief Guest address. Prof. S. Raguram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna, delivered a special guest address. Dr. M. Arivalagan,

Assistant Professor, Department of Folklore, SXC, released the book of abstracts of the conference. Rev. Fr. J.E.R. Jeyaseelan gave the first keynote address on the theme, Tamil Krithava Kalai Ulagankal. The second keynote address was given by Architect Sagara Jayasinghe, Professor, University of Moratuwa and Research Fellow, Lisbon, on the theme, Exploring the 19th Century Tamil Christian Art and Architecture in Northern Sri Lanka. The inauguration ceremony ended with the screening of a documentary film, Thirakuthu, by K. Ramachandran, Film Maker, Mumbai.

5. In collaboration with FRRC, the Department organized the Prof. N. Vanamamalai memorial lecture (observed as Naa. Va. Naaal) on February 12, 2024, at SXC. Dr. Me. Thu. Rasukumar, Editor, Samuka Vijnanam, gave the Naa.Va. Naal Lecture on the theme, “Kallathar Karrar Karrare Kallathar”.
6. In collaboration with FRRC, the Department organised the Tho. Mu. Ci. Rangunathan memorial seminar on 26.02.2024, at SXC. Dr. V. Arasu, Professor and Head (Rtd.), Department of Tamil Literature, University of Madras, Chennai, delivered the key-note address. Mr. S. Tamilselvan, an Eminent writer, Mr. Aravindan, a writer, Dr. R. Kamarasu, Professor and Head, Department of Folklore, Tamil University, Tanjore, Mr. S. Kandasubramaniam, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, P.S.G. Art and Science College, Coimbatore, and Dr. N. Ramachandran, Director, FRRC, presented papers in the seminar.
7. **Perasiriyar Na. Vanamamalai Karkai Vattam (Prof. Na. Vanamamalai Reading Circle):** In 2021, FRRC started an informal reading circle with a purpose of reading habits, initiating debates, sharpening and enriching critical thinking among research scholars and students. Dr. T. Namasivayam, Drama Teacher, St. Xavier’s College of Education, Palayamkottai, served as resource person for the first event on 26.07.2023. He reviewed the book, *Urakkapesu: Saftar Hasmiyin Maranamum Vazhvum*, by Suhanya Deshpande.
8. The second event was held on 18.08.2023, in which Ms. Indhumathi, II year MA student, Department of Folklore, SXC, reviewed the book, *Jathiyarravalin Kural*, written by Jeyarani.
9. Mr. T. Eswaran, II year MA student, Department of Folklore, SXC, reviewed the book, *Deviyin Thiruppaniyalarkal*, for the third event on 12.09.2023.
10. Ms. K. Kalaimagal, Ph.D. scholar, Department of Folklore, presented the review of the book, *Marxia Azhagiyaal* by N. Vanamamalai, for the fourth event on 10.10.2023. She has also

reviewed the book, *Airoppiya Thatthuvankal* by N. Muthumohan for the fifth event conducted on 12.02.2024.

11. Ms. P. Anzanai, I year MA student, Department of Folklore, SXC, reviewed the book, *Uvari Meenavar Vazhviyal* written by S. P. Antonysamy, 19.02.2024.
12. On 28.02.2024, Ms. P. Beaula Push, Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Folklore, SXC, presented the review of the book, *Krithavamum Sathiyum* by A. Sivasubramanian.
13. Ki. Ra. Kathai Solli Koottam: FRRC started an informal forum, Ki. Ra. Kathai Solli Koottam (named after famous eminent writer K. Rajanarayanan), to facilitate an opportunity for the students to tell stories in this academic year.
14. Mr. S. Arun Kumar, a first-year MA student, Department of Folklore at SXC, participated in the inaugural event. He narrated the story of “Paramartha Guruvinkathai” by Veerama Munivar on 14.09.2023.
15. On 21.09.2023, Ms. P. Anzanai, a first-year MA student, Department of Folklore, SXC, narrated stories from Tenali Raman Kathaikal.
16. Ms. K. Bhuvaneshwari, a first-year MA student in the Department of Folklore, SXC, narrated stories from “Panchathanthira Kathaikal” on 26.09.2023.
17. Mr. T. Purushotthaman, artist and Ph.D. scholar, Department of Folklore, SXC, narrated stories from his experience on 05.10.2023.
18. Mr. P. Augustio Raj, Ph.D. scholar, Department of Folklore, SXC, narrated stories from Ki. Ra. vin Nattuppurakathaikal on 18.10.2023.
19. Mr. S. Arun Kumar, a first-year MA student, Department of Folklore, SXC, narrated the stories of “Sudalaimadan Kathai and Muttharamman Kathai” on 22.02.2024.
20. Ms. P. Anzanai, a first-year MA student, Department of Folklore, SXC, narrated stories from *The Canterbury Tales* on 29.02.2024.