

ENGLISH MAHILA

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of
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SRI PADMAVATI MAHILA VISVAVIDYALAYAM, TIRUPATI

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The faculty, scholars and students of the Department are happy that this fourth issue of *English Mahila* marks the first anniversary of the Department's digital Newsletter. Apart from the regular academic activities of organising a webinar and Prof. Veena Noble Dass endowment lecture the faculty and the M.A. students have been witness to unprecedented floods which had inundated several parts of Tirupati for days on end including parts of the University campus. A few images of the critters found on campus immediately after the flood water had receded., captured by some of our M.A. students during November 2021, are included here.

With the ebb and flow of the Pandemic playing hide and seek with our academic schedules, the arrival of a New Year brings little excitement or joy with it.

However, the department is committed to making the most of the present situation in giving its students and scholars the best it could both in terms of academic and non academic support.

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Faculty



Prof . T. Bharathi

Dean, SSSHM, Warden

Prof. G. Sheela Swarupa Rani

Head

Prof. Y. S. Sharada

Dean, Student Affairs

Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

Dean, Academic Affairs, Convener, Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav

Prof. M. Neeraja

Chair Person, BOS

Prof. V. Nirmala

Deputy Warden, General Secretary of SPMVV Teachers' Association



Dr. K. Revathi
Academic Consultant

Non-Teaching Staff



K. Kotamma
Clerk



C. Rukmini
Attendant

Prof. Veena Noble Dass Endowment Lecture

The department organized the fourth **Prof. Veena Noble Dass Endowment Lecture** on “Indian Dalit Literature and African - American Literature: A Comparative View” by Prof. Nataraj Hulyar, Professor of Comparative Studies, Director, Gandhian Studies, Bangalore University, Karnataka on 17th December 2021 at 11.00a.m. on Zoom Platform.



Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam
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Department of English



Prof. Veena Noble Dass Endowment Lecture
on

**Indian Dalit Literature and African -American
Literature : A Comparative View**

by

Prof. Nataraj Hulyar

Professor of Comparative Studies
Director, Gandhian Studies
Bangalore University
Karnataka

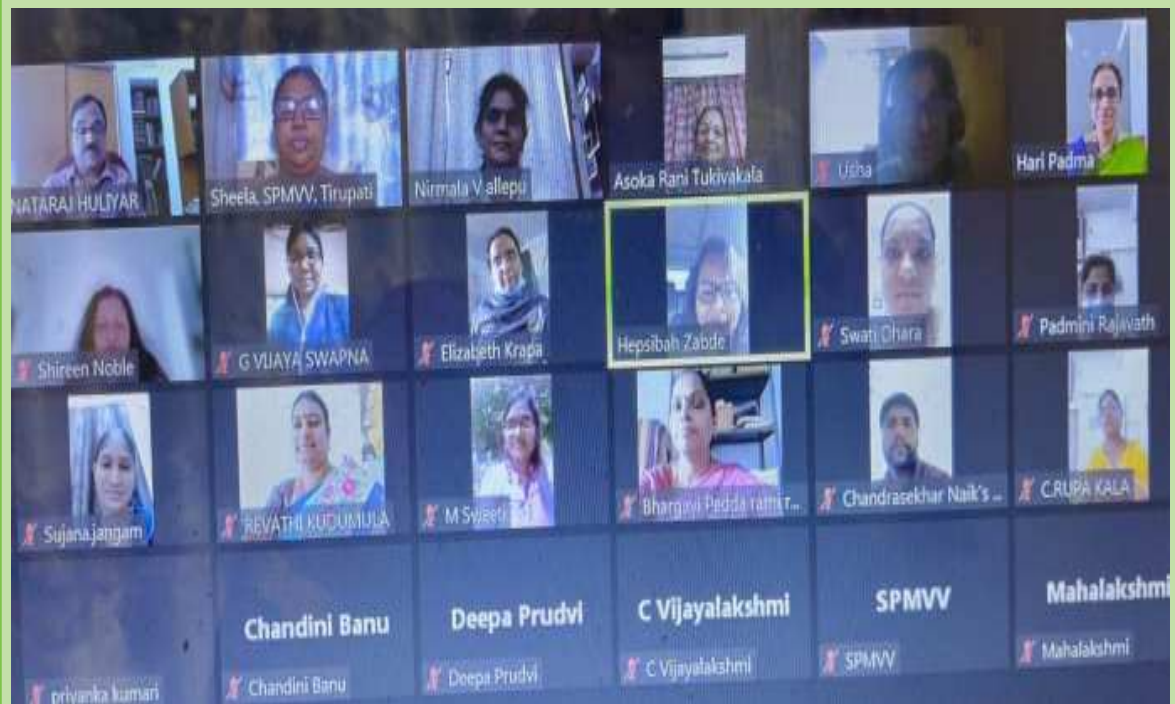
**December 17, 2021 at 11.00AM
on ZOOM**

<https://zoom.us/j/9533035657?Pwd=b3NSTWJnUk9hQzNUYi83eNVeGNdUdz09>

Meeting ID : 9533035657

Passcode : 17122021

You are cordially invited



Prof. G. Sheela Swarupa Rani

- Attended a two week long Faculty Development Programme on “Design, Develop and Deliver Blended Courses” organized by IQAC, SPMVV from 01.10.2021 to 10.10.2021.
- attended an International Conference on “Telugu Bhasha, Sahitya, Samskritika, Sanketika Rangalu – Pravasandrulu” organized by Department of Telugu Studies from 18-20 November 2021 and presented a paper entitled “ Select Short Stories of Telugu Diaspora: A Few Observations”.

Prof. Y. S. Sharada

- Participated as a panel member in “Charcha Vedika” organized by ICDS, Tirupati in collaboration with AP Commission for Women on “Women Empowerment - Schemes - Results” on 23.09.2021 from 3-6 p.m. at PLR, Tirupati.
- Participated in **We Think Digital - Digital Shakti 3.0** webinar jointly organized by National Commission for Women, Facebook, Cyberpeace Foundation and Antibot Infosec on 13.09.2021.
- Attended a two week long Faculty Development Programme on “Design, Develop and Deliver Blended Courses” organized by IQAC, SPMVV from 01.10.2021 to 10.10.2021.
- Attended an International Virtual conference on ‘Humanities through Literature, Film and Media’ organized by the School of Social Sciences and Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu on October 19th and 20th, 2021 and presented a paper on “Queen of the Kitchen: Who Rules? – A Critical Analysis of Jeo Baby’s ‘The Great Indian Kitchen’”.
- Attended an International Conference on “Telugu Bhasha, Sahitya, Samskritika, Sanketika Rangalu – Pravasandrulu” organized by Department of Telugu Studies from 18-20 November 2021 and presented a paper entitled “Cultural Blocks: America Telugu Kathanika – A few select stories – some observations”.

- published a paper entitled “Queen of the Kitchen Who Rules? – A Critical analysis of Jeo Baby’s film **The Great Indian Kitchen**” in Bhava Veena an UGC CARE List Group I – Journal Vol. 18, Issue 12, December 2021.

ISSN No: 2456-4702-RNL No. APTEL/2003/12253, pg – 142-145.

- Nominated as subject expert by Vice Chancellor, YVU, Kadapa to scrutinize the Research Project Proposals under Seed Money Research Grant Scheme.

Activities of the Dean of Student Affairs

- Prof. Y. S. Sharada organized a lecture and celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi on 02.10.2021 as Dean Student Affairs by inviting Prof. Samba Siva Prasad garu, Former Professor and Head, Department of Philosophy S. V. University to deliver lecture on Gandhian Philosophy.
- Conducted Elocution Competition to students in connection with Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Jayanthi on 11.11.2021.
- Delivered an invited lecture on Life Skills online for First Year Engineering students of JNTU College of Engineering, Kalikiri on 15.12.2021 from 12-1.30p.m.

Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

- Published the Telugu Short Story “Chetulu Leni Gajulu” in the e-magazine “Sanchika” on 12th September 2021.

<https://sanchika.com/chetulu-leni-gaajulu-story/>

- Conducted an interactive session on communication skills for the outgoing batch of LLB students of SPMVV in the third week of November 2021.
- Presented a paper on “Sanskriti Pari Rakshanalo Pravasandhra Theravenuka Karyakarthalu” at the three day international webinar organised by the Department of Telugu Studies on “Telugu Bhasha, Sahitya, Samskritika, Sanketika Rangalu – Pravasandrulu”, from 18 to 20 November 2021
- Attended the C.A. Sheppard Memorial Lecture 2021 by Prof. Noam Chomsky on the topic “Reflections on Language and Thought” on 6th December 2021

Prof .M. Neeraja

- Participated in the Webinar on “Outcome - based Teaching ad Learning” organized by the Department of English, Thiagarajan College of Engineering, Madurai on 24.09.2021.
- Attended a two week long Faculty Development Programme on “Design, Develop and Deliver Blended Courses” organized by IQAC, SPMVV from 01.10.2021 to 10.10.2021.

Prof .V. Nirmala

- Participated in the National Webinar on “Women Empowerment through Sports Participation” organized by Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamilnadu on 9th September 2021.
- Attended an International Webinar on “An Analysis of Life of Pie” organized by World English Language Learners, Teaches and Trainers Association (WELLTA) on 08.09.2021.
- Attended a two week long Faculty Development Programme on “Design, Develop and Deliver Blended Courses” organized by IQAC, SPMVV from 01.10.2021 to 10.10.2021.
- Participated in an International Webinar on “Quality Talk: Enhancing English Language Classroom Learning” organized by WELLTA-World English Language Learners, Teachers and Trainers Association held on 08.10.2021.
- Participated in an International Virtual Conference on ‘Humanities through Literature, Film and Media’ on 19th and 20th October 2021 organized by Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu and presented a paper entitled “Is Still Woman a Commodity?: Reflections of Harsh Realities in ‘Mathrubhoomi – A Nation Without Women’”.
- Attended an International Conference on “Telugu Bhasha, Sahitya, Samskritika, Sanketika Ranganu – Pravasaandhrulu” organized by Department of Telugu Studies from 18-20 November 2021 and presented a paper entitled “Writing the Body in Kalpana Rentala’s Ayidogoda – A Universal Concern”.
- Participated in a Webinar organized by IQAC and Women’s Development Cell, Smt. P. N. Doshi Women’s College, Ghatkopar on the topic “Indian Feminism through the Ages” on 23rd December 2021.

Dr. K. Revathi

- Participated in the International “Virtual Seminar on Language, Literature, Linguistics and Culture VI” organized by WELLTTA held on 10.10.2021.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Problems of Women in Accessing Education” organized by Women’s Studies Centre , SPMVV, Tirupati in collaboration with UGC, New Delhi on 11-11-2021 in commemoration of Education Day
- Presented a paper on **Development of Educational policies in India** in the 15th International and 51st Annual Conference of ELTAI, a two weekend virtual conference held on 20-21 and 27-28 November, 2021.
- Presented a paper on **e-Pathrikalu - Pravvassandhrula Praadaanyatha** in the International “Telugu Bhaasha, Saahithya, Saamskruthika, Saankethika Rangaalu- Pravaasaandhrulu” organised by Department of Telugu, SSPMVV, Tirupati held on 18,19 and 20 November 2021.
- Participated in the 34th CA Sheppard Memorial Lecture by Prof. Noam Chomsky, on the topic “Reflections on Language and Thought” held on 6 December 2021.

WEBINARS

A webinar was organised by the department of English on **Post Independence Fiction in South Indian Languages** on 07-09-2021 from 11a.m. to 1p.m. *Dr. Madhuranthakam Narendra*, a noted Telugu Writer and retired Professor of English was the Resource person.



The poster is for a webinar titled "Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav" organized by The Department of English at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati. The topic is "Post Independence Fiction in South Indian Languages". The speaker is Dr. Madhuranthakam Narendra, a noted Telugu writer and retired professor of English. The event is scheduled for 7th September 2021 (Tuesday) at 11.00 a.m. and is open to all. Zoom meeting details are provided: ID 953 303 5667, Passcode 5175021, and a link to the meeting. The head of the department, Prof. G. Sheela Swarupa Rani, is also mentioned.

Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav
The Department of English
Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam,
Tirupati

Organizes a
Webinar on

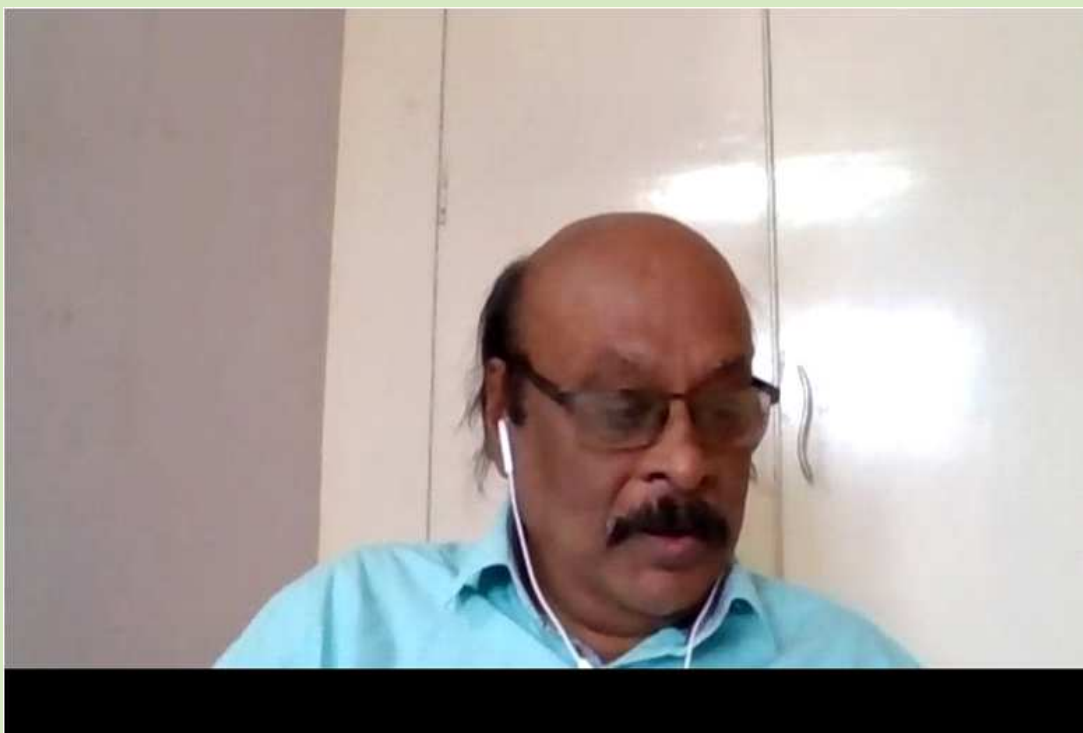
**Post Independence Fiction in South Indian
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Speaker
Dr. Madhuranthakam Narendra
A noted Telugu Writer and
retired Professor of English

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All are invited

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Prof. G. Sheela Swarupa Rani
Head
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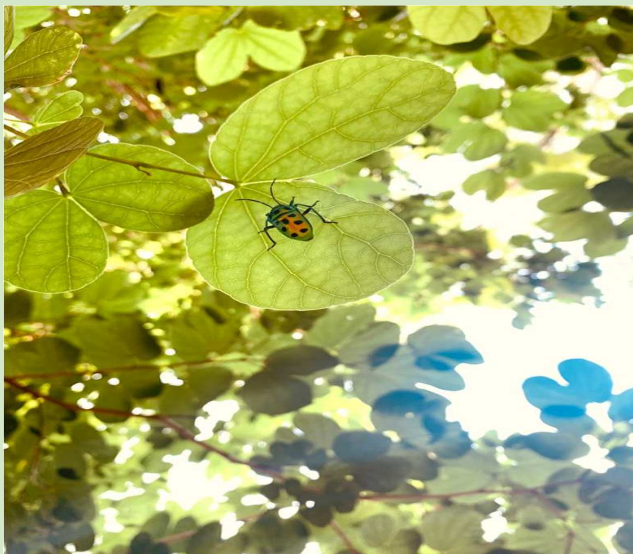
Student Achievements

- Sharon Raghukar (2019-2021 batch) cleared APSET 2021.
- Mary Prasanthi of the same batch also cleared APSET 2021.
- N. Hima Bindu, Research Scholar got selected as Lecturer in Polytechnic College through APPSC.

Campus Critters

Here are a few images of Campus Critters captured by the first year MA students immediately after the floods in November 2021:

M. Mounika



M. Sreeja Reddy



A. Hema Latha

G. Swathi



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Congratulations to the Recipients of the Best Outgoing Student Awards from the Department!

1. Most Hardworking Student- T. Sharon Raghukar



2. Most Creative Student - K. Sravya



3. Most Friendly Student - P. Vidya



A book prize called “Dr. Sindhu Menon Memorial Book Prize” has been instituted by Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani on behalf of her M. A. Classmates at HCU, in memory of their beloved classmate Dr. Sindhu Menon, who unexpectedly passed away on 1st March 2020, while serving as an Assistant Professor in English at the University of Hyderabad. The book prize will be given every year to the second ranker from the M. A. English class.



Dr. Sindhu Menon

Upcoming Event

The First "Gottipati Sindhu, Vimala SubbaRao Endowment Lecture" is scheduled for 29th of January 2022 at 11 a.m..

Speaker: Y. Krishna Hasa, Head of Commerce and Data Sciences, Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Topic: The Power of Self Reliance



A Captivating Creeper in the department's Corridor

Editor: Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

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