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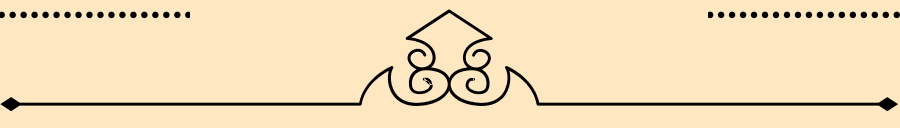
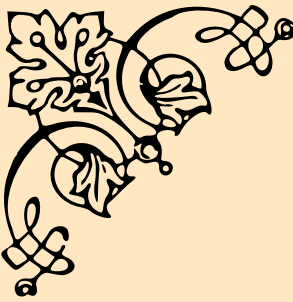
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The 100-metre-long Tricolour rises majestically in the hands of the faculty and students of the University, as they unite in a stirring Har Ghar Tiranga Rally on campus on the eve of the 80th Independence Day



Editorial

The new academic year marks a welcome return to our renovated space in the Humanities Block following nearly a year of dislocation. We are delighted to be back in our home domain.

On the research front, the department continues to advance, with the completion of four Ph.D. awards and the arrival of seven new Ph.D. scholars through the APRCET in the last four months.

It is a happy coincidence that the department has crossed the milestone of 80 Ph.D. awards, in the year that marks the 80th anniversary of the country's Independence.

While we await the arrival of the monsoons and the incoming first-year class, our third-semester students have already set an inspiring tone for the term. Their dramatic enactment, "Voices of Freedom" was a highlight of the campus Independence Day celebrations.

We look forward to an academically engaging and fruitful semester ahead.

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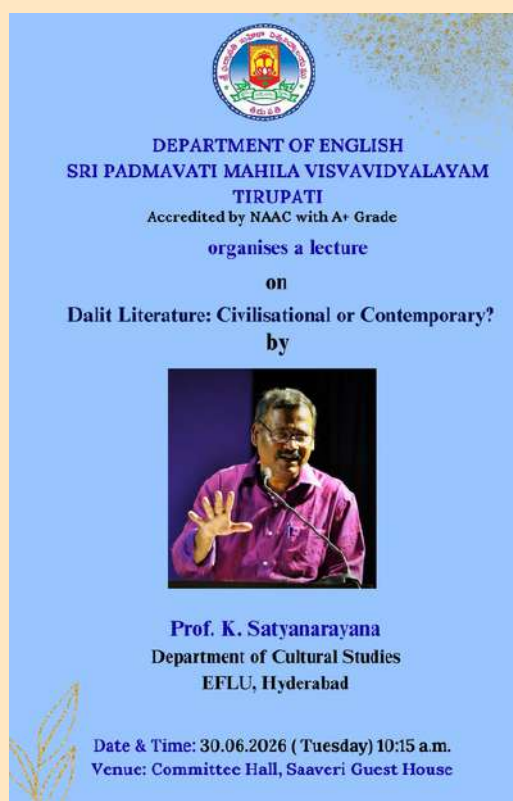
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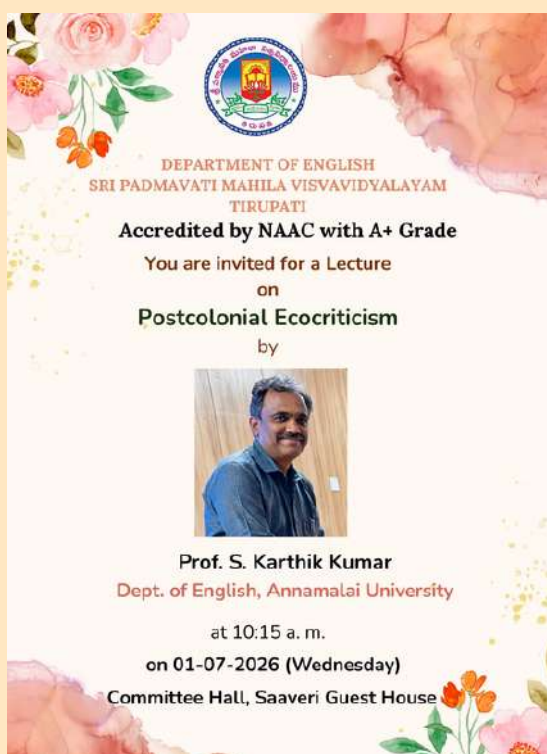
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Departmental Activities...

Guest Lecture by Prof. K. Sathyanarayana



Guest Lecture by Prof. S. Karthik Kumar



Inauguration of the Upgraded Soft Skills & Language Lab

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Uma Vennam interacting with the faculty members and students in the Language Lab following its inauguration. The facility has been newly upgraded with the support of the PM-USHA grant.



Faculty Activities...

Prof. T. Bharathi

- Attended BoS meeting of Siddhartha Educational Academy Group of Institutions, Gollapalli on 25.06.2026.
- Research Scholar Shaik Jainabe completed her Ph. D. viva voce on 30-06-2026.
- Attended BoS online meeting on 08.07.2026, MTIET, Palamaner.
- Subject Expert for the selection of English, Guest Faculty on 09.07.2026, National Sanskrit University, Tirupati.
- Attended online BoS meeting on 10-08-2026 PBK College, Kavali.
- Attended online BoS meeting on 20-08-2026, Sir C V R Institute of Technology and Sciences, Tadipatri.
- Attended BoS Meeting on 29.07.2026, Siddhartha Educational Academy Group of Institutions, Gollapalli.
- Attended online BoS meeting on 06.08.2026 SSIT, Rayachoti.
- Attended online BoS meeting on 10-08-2026 PBK Collage, Kavali.

Prof. Y. S. Sharada

- *Published a paper titled " Deconstruction of the constructions of gender: An insight into OTT platforms through Super Deluxe, Kaathal- the core, Ek Ladki ko Dekha tho Aisa Laga and Swag " in the international open access peer-reviewed Journal titled International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research (IJFMR) in Vol. 8, Issue 3, May-June 2026.*
- *Nominated as member of Selection Committee for CAS Professor promotion interviews in the Department of English, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur held on 01-05-2026.*
- *Attended online a one-week National FDP titled "Cancer Narratives and Trauma: Literature and Healing" conducted by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 7th-13th May.*
- *As External Examiner conducted Ph.D. Viva voice examination of Mr. Andoju Srinivasulu at JNTU, Ananthapuramu on 16-05-2026.*
- *Published a paper titled "Writing Resistance, Reclaiming Agency: Gender Justice and Social Transformation in Contemporary Indian Women's Fiction" on 12th June in the International Journal of Latest Technology in Engineering, Management & Applied Sciences ISSN 2278-2540 | DOI: 10.51583/ (IJLTEMAS), Volume XV, Issue V, May 2026.*
- *Published a joint paper as second author in Vol. 19. No. S3, 2026 of the Journal of Daoist Studies entitled "Towards Inclusive Societies: Representation of Agony and Assertion of Queer Communities in Indian Cinema" Pp-668-678.*

- Went on field trip for three days to Guntur and Vijayawada from 10-06-2026 to 12-06-2026 in connection with RUSA project.
- Attended a one-week- long online National Faculty Development Programme on “Understanding Childhood Narratives: Indigenous Children’s Literature Across Africa, America, Australia and India” from 11-06-2026 to 17-06-2026 organized by Nucleus of Learning.
- Went on field work to Madanapalle on 17-06-2026 in connection with RUSA project.
- Participated in the medical camp organized for Transgender People in collaboration with JMJ Welfare Society, STAR Welfare Society and K C Pullaiah Foundation at Madanapalli on the 17 June 2026.
- Attended an online BoS meeting of Sree Rama Engineering College, Tirupati as subject expert nominated by Academic Council on 20-06-2026.
- Attended the synopsis presentation meeting of two Ph. D. scholars Ms. Swetha and Ms. Rupa Shree conducted online by the Department of English, Vellore Institute of Technology on 22-06-2026 at 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively.
- Participated in an online International FDP on “The Evolving Landscape of English Studies: Innovations in Pedagogy and Research” organized by Department of English, Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, Chennai & AL al-Bayt University, Mafrag, Jordan from 13-07-2026- 18-07-2026.
- Attended the webinar on Indian Journals.com/ Navigating the Platform for ONOS Subscribers “conducted by INFLIBNET on 21-07-2026.
- Attended online DrillBit User Workflow Workshop-South Zone -2 conducted by INFLIBNET on 22-07-2026.
- Ms.T. Aruna Jyothi Part-time Ph.D. scholar under my supervision has been awarded a Ph.D. for her thesis titled “The Select Novels of Jahn timer Barua and Easterine Kire: An Ecofeminist Study” on 24-07-2026.
- Participated in an online FDP conducted by Nucleus of Learning and Development on “Refugee Studies: Understanding the Global Refugee Crisis from a Literary Lens “from 25-07-2026 – 01-08-2026.
- As member of the Board of Studies in the Department of English, Siddharth Institute of Engineering and Technology, Puttur attended the 11th BoS meeting held online on 01-08-2026.
- As Dean, Library and Learning Resources conducted competitions to students in Elocution, Poster- making and Video- making on 10-08-2026 in connection with Librarian’s Day and in commemoration of Padma Shri Dr.S.R. Ranganathan’s 134th Birth anniversary.
- As Dean, Library and Learning Resources celebrated the 134th birth anniversary of Padma Shri. Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and arranged a lecture for students by inviting Prof. Surendra Babu, Librarian I/C, S.V. University on the occasion in collaboration with Research and Development Cell, SPMVV on 12-08-2026.
- As a subject expert nominated by Academic Council, Sree Rama Engineering College (A), Tirupati attended the BoS meeting held online on 14-08-2026 @ 11 am to discuss and review SRET26 Academic Regulations with effect from the academic year 2026-27.
- As a member of the Board of Studies in the Department of English, S.V. College of Engineering attended a BoS meeting held online on 14-08-2026 @ 3 pm.
- Nominated by the Academic Council of Chad alawada Ramanamma Engineering College (A) as a University Nominee Member of the Board of Studies in English Department attended the BoS meeting held online on 17-08-2026 to review and approve the R26 course structure could be a few courses for the Academic year 2026-27.

Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

- Evaluated the Ph. D. thesis "Anxiety and Self-Concept in English Language Learning: A Mixed Methods Study Using Fuzzy Logic" submitted by Arpan Kumar Das of the Centre for English Language Studies, University of Hyderabad.
- As a member of the Steering Committee APSET- 2025, attended the steering committee meeting on 28-05 -2026 at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.
- Organized a Guest Lecture by Prof. K. Sathyanarayana (EFLU, Hyderabad) on 30.06.2026.
- Participated in the Twelfth International Day of Yoga celebrations held at SPMVV on 19-06-26 and at Tharakarama stadium on 21-06-26.
- As co-author with Mary Prasanthi, published the paper "The Double-Edged Sword of Support: Analyzing the Impact of Family and Institutional Backing on Women's Resistance to Discrimination" in Jyanavi (ISSN: 3049-2882) on 01-07-26 in Vol. 2 No. 3 (2026) [July-September]. DOI: <https://jyanavispmvv.in/index.php/files>.
- Organized a guest lecture by prof. S. Karthik Kumar on the topic "Postcolonial Ecocriticism" on 01-07-26.
- Research Scholar Tamanna Shaik completed her Ph. D. viva on "Gender Sensitisation in Indian Picture Fiction: An Exploratory Study" on 01-07-26.
- Elected president of SPMVV Teachers' Association.
- Conducted, on 11-08-26, a two-hour session on " The Art of Drawing Rangavalli: An Integral Part of Indian Culture and Heritage" to the international students of the week-long PM-USHA sponsored Bridge course organised by the Centre for International Relations, SPMVV from the 10th to the 15th of August.
- Directed the performance "Voices of Freedom" done by the students of the English Department as part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations on 15-08-26.
- Attended the seminar on Malathi Chandur organised by the Department of Telugu on 20-08-26.

Prof. M. Neeraja

- Attended BoS online meeting in English on 9th June 2026 of Anantha Lakshmi Institute of Technology and Sciences, Ananthapuram.
- Attended BoS meeting on 19th June 2026 of Viswam Engineering College (Autonomous), Madanapalli.
- Participated in online National One Week Faculty Development Programme on “Indian Knowledge Systems: Sunderkand for Modern Leadership and Personal Growth”, organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 4th to 10th June 2026.
- Participated in online National- level Faculty Development Programme on “Culinary Literature: Food, Culture and Storytelling”, organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 11th to 17th June 2026.
- Participated in One-Week online FDP on “Understanding Childhood Narratives: Indigenous Children’s Literature Across Africa, Australia and India” organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 11th to 17th June 2026.
- Participated in One Week online FDP on “Refugee Studies: Understanding the Global Refugee Crisis through a Literary Lens”, organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 25th June to 1st July 2026.
- Participated in an online week-long Faculty Development Programme on “Reimagining Representation: Disability Studies in Literature and Film” organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 2nd to 8th July 2026.
- Participated in an online week-long Faculty Development Programme on “Refugee Studies : Understanding the Global Refugee Crisis through a Literary Lens” organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 25th June to 1st July 2026.
- As an External member of the BoS attended a meeting on virtual mode at 2.30p.m. on 24-08-2026 of Viswam Engineering College, Madanapalle, Annamayya Dt. A. P.

Prof. V. Nirmala

- As a co-author published a paper titled, “Addressing Healthcare Barriers and Stigma in Transgender Population: A Multidisciplinary Approach” in International Journal of Drug Delivery Technology (IJDDT), Vol.16, Issue31s, 2026, pp 378-383, DOI: 10.25258/ijddt.16.31s.45.
- As a Co-author published a paper titled “Tracing Women's Pathways to Crime: A Sociocultural Exploration of Female Convicts” in SCIENTIFIC CULTURE, an international SCOPUS indexed Q1 journal, Vol. 12, No. 1.1, (2026), pp. 5240-5245. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo. 121126372.
- As a co-author published a paper titled, “Interrogating Structural Oppression in Meena Kandasamy’s Treatment of Violence” in the International Journal of Novel Research and Development (IJNRD) Volume 11, Issue 4, 2026, pp. 535-536, ISSN: 2456-4184.
- Published a paper titled "From Submission to Assertion : The Evolving Representation of women in Indian Cinema ", in SCIENTIFIC CULTURE, a SCOPUS indexed Q1 Journal, Vol.12, No. 11(2026).Pp 5042-5062.
- As an External Examiner, conducted Project viva-voce examination for the IV semester M.A. English students in the Dept of English, S.V.University on the 4th and 5th May 2026.
- Participated in online one-week National Faculty Development Program on “Indigenous Realities: The Journey of Resistance and Dissent” organized by College of Education, IIMT University, Meerut in collaboration with Nucleus of Learning and Development from 30th April to 6th May 2026.
- Participated in Online National One-Week Faculty Development Program on “Cancer Narratives & Trauma: Literature and Healing” organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 7th to 13th May 2026.
- As an External Examiner conducted Project viva-voce examination for the IV Semester students of M.A. English in the Department of English, Vikrama Simhapuri University on the 9th May 2026.
- Ms. Haritha K. T., (Full-time Research Scholar) under the guidance of Prof. V. Nirmala, submitted her thesis titled, “Socio-Political Consciousness in the Works of Meena Kandasamy: A Critical Study” on 15-05-2026.
- Participated in online National One-Week Faculty Development Program on “War Literature: Literary Representation of Violence, Trauma, and Survival” from 21 to 27 May 2026, organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development.
- Published an article titled, “Towards Inclusive Societies: Representation of Agony and Assertion of Queer Communities in Indian Cinema” in the Journal of Daoist Studies, (Q2 International SCOPUS indexed Annual journal) Vol.19, No.3S, 2026. Pp.668-677, ISSN: 1941-5524, under PM USHA project.
- As an External Subject Expert, attended BoS meeting of the Dept of English, Anantha Lakshmi Institute of Technology & Sciences, Itikalapalli, Anantapur Rural Mandal on 09-06-2026.
- Participated in One Day National Level e-Workshop on " Ethical Challenges of Generative AI in Research Writing" on 11th June 2026 organized by NUCLIFIC Education Academy, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- As the Co-Investigator of the project “Experiences and Exploitation of Transgender People in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh-A Select Critical Study” under RUSA, conducted fieldwork in Vijayawada and Guntur during 10-12 June 2026.
- Participated in the medical camp organized for Transgender People in collaboration with JMJ Welfare Society, STAR Welfare Society and K C Pullaiah Foundation at Madanapalli on the 17th June 2026.
- Participated in One Week Online National level FDP on “Understanding Childhood Narratives: Indigenous Children’s Literature across Africa, America, Australia and India” from 11th to 17th June 2026, organized by Nucleus Learning and Development.
- Participated in One Week Online National level FDP on “Body Literature: Gender, Identity, and Cultural Representation in Literary Texts” from 18 to 24 June 2026 organized by Nucleus Learning and Development.

- Published a paper titled, “From Margins to the Manuscript: A Critical Analysis of Akkai Padmasali’s Autobiography” in Dravidian Studies, UGC Approved Journal No. 40721, a peer reviewed Biannual Journal published by Dravidian University, Kuppam, Vol.XI, Issue No.1, January-June 2026. ISSN 0976-5182. Pp.64-74.
- Participated in Online One Week Faculty Development Program on “Reimagining Representation: Disability Studies in Literature and Film” organized by Nucleus of Learning and Development from 2nd to 8th July 2026.
- As a member, participated in the Online BoS meeting of the Dept of English, Sri Venkateswara Institute of Science & Technology, Ukkayapalli, Kadapa on 17th July 2026.
- Participated and presented a paper titled, “Language, Culture, and the Female Voice: Negotiating Identity in Indian Women’s Writing” in a Two-Day ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Language and Epistemology on the 18th and 19th July 2026, organized by Digboi Mahila Vidyalaya, Digboi in Hybrid Mode.
- Participated in an Online Two-Day International Seminar on “From Action Research to High-Quality Scholarly Publications” organized by ELTAI-Research SIG during 20th & 21st July 2026.
- As the Chairperson of the Ph.D Viva-Voce Committee, conducted a Ph.D. viva in the Dept of English, Dravidian University, Kuppam, on 25-07-2026.
- As an External Expert, participated in the Online BoS meeting of Dept. of English , Annamacharya Institute of Technology & Sciences, Karakambadi, Renigunta, on 01-08-2026.
- Participated in a Two-Day workshop on “Build AP: Through Research, Innovation, Patents, Products and Startups” organized by APSCHE and Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur on the 6th and 7th August 2026.
- As an External Expert, participated in the Online BoS meeting of Dept of English, Anantha Lakshmi Institute of Science & Technology, Ananthapuramu, on 19th August 2026.
- As an External Expert, participated in the Online BoS meeting of Dept of English, VEMU Institute of Technology, on 20-08-2026.
- Participated in the One Week Online Faculty Development Programme on “Autobiographies of Indian Women Writers: A Study of Amritha Pritam, Prabha Khaitan, Indira Goswami and Kamala Das” from 20th to 26th August 2026.

Cultural Event Hosted in Honour of Prof. Uma Vennam

The programme showcased not only the talents of the faculty members but also the love, admiration and respect they have for their Vice-chancellor. From the Department of English, Prof. Neeraja and Prof. Nirmala rendered an Annamayya composition while Prof. Hari Padma Rani did mono-acting of a scene from the Telugu film *Dana Veera Sura Karna*



Our Scholars



Scholar Shaik Jainabe defending her thesis at the Ph. D. viva
on 30-06-2026

Topic: Muslim Women Autobiographies: A Critical Study



Scholar Tamanna Shaik at her Ph. D. Viva-Voce examination held on
01-07-2026

Topic: Gender Sensitization in Indian Picture Fiction: An
Exploratory Study



J. Sujana, defending her thesis at her Ph. D. Viva on
10-7-2026.

Topic: A Dalit Perspective on Films by Indian Film
Directors with Lived Dalit Identity.



Scholar T. Aruna Jyothi at her Ph. D. viva voce examination held on 24-07-2026.

Topic: The Select Novels of Jahnvi Barua and Easterine Kire: An Ecofeminist Study.



N. Hemavathi, Research Scholar of the Department, receiving a book prize at the Malathi Chandur Endowment Seminar for winning first prize in the essay writing competition conducted by the Department of Telugu at SPMV.



Congratulations to M. Sri Vani, our 2016 batch student, on getting selected as a lecturer in English and receiving her first posting in Govt. Polytechnic College, Vempalli! Well done Srivani! 🙌🙌🌸🌸

Scholar S. Tamanna's research work receives newspaper coverage

Hans India

Study highlights power of picture books in shaping young minds

SPMVV study examined 206 Indian children's picture books published between 1968 and 2024

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI
TIRUPATI

A research study at School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, has found that children's picture storybooks can play an important role in promoting gender equality and shaping inclusive attitudes from an early age, highlighting the contribution of literary research to social development.

The study, titled 'Gender Sensitisation in Indian Picture Fiction: An Exploratory Study', for a PhD degree, examined 206 Indian picture storybooks published between 1968 and 2024. Conducted to understand how boys and girls are represented in children's literature, the research explored the influence of stories and illustrations on children's attitudes and perceptions.

The findings showed that many picture



Illustration from a children's storybook analysed in the research study

courageous, capable leaders and protectors of nature, while boys are presented as sensitive, empathetic individuals who understand and respect the feelings of others. Such portrayals help children view both genders as equally capable and valuable members of society.

The study found that children's picture books can encourage important values such as gender equality, self-confidence, empathy, mutual respect, appreciation of diversity, environmental awareness and responsibility, and

values. By introducing these ideas during childhood, the stories can help both boys and girls grow into responsible citizens who contribute equally to society and environmental sustainability.

The research also offers valuable insights for teachers, parents, authors, publishers, and educational policymakers. It highlights the role of children's picture literature in promoting equality and nurturing inclusive attitudes from an early age, showing that meaningful contributions to social development can emerge through research in literature and the social sciences.

This interesting research was carried out by Dr Tamanna Shaikh under the supervision of Prof P Hari Padma Rani in the Department of English, Sri Padmavati

Seven Ph.D. Scholars Join the Department in August 2026



Sake Sai Sushma (F.T.)

Guide
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Pulindra Sujatha (P.T.)

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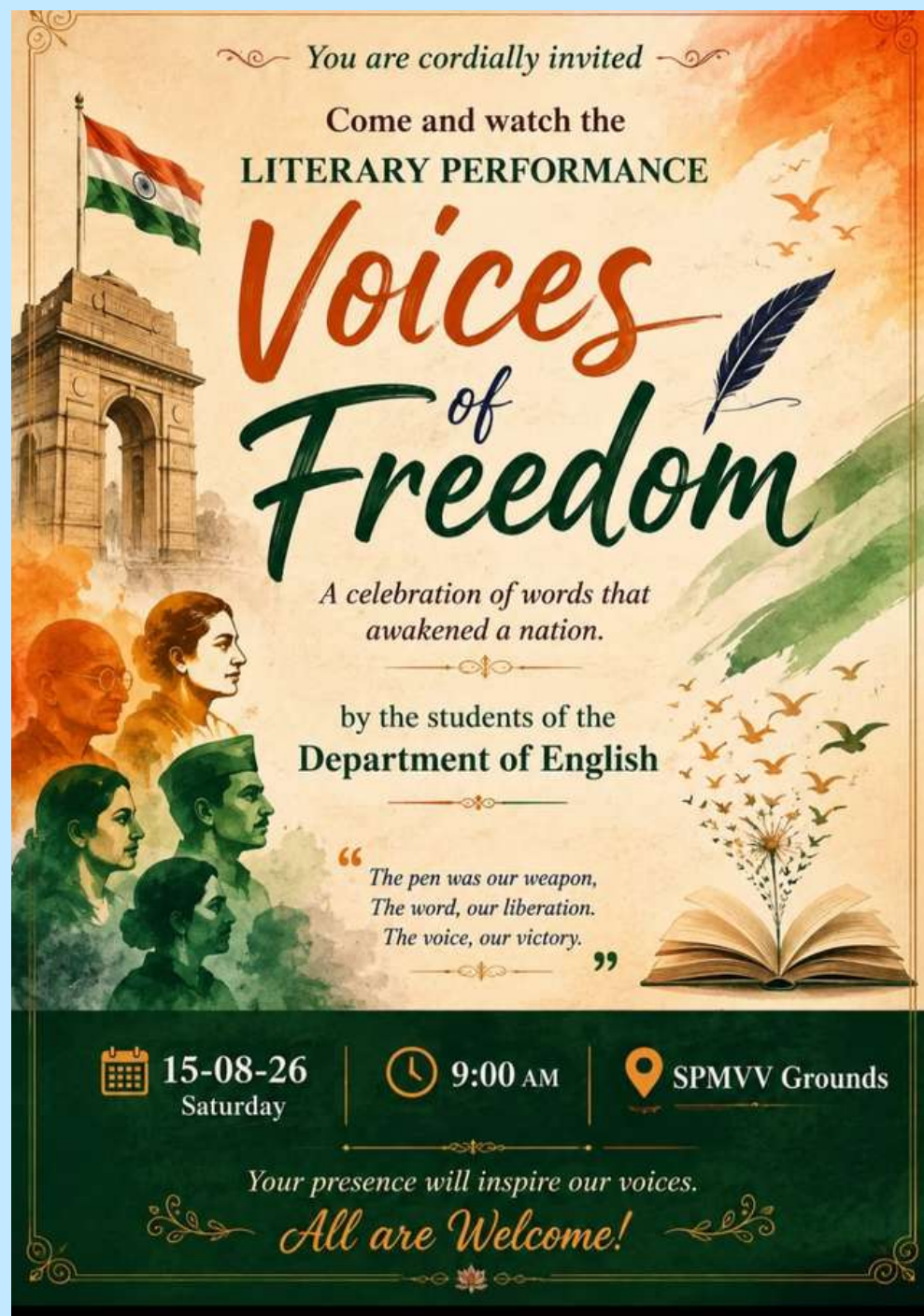
Sruthi Srinivas Behara (F.T.)

Guide
Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

Student Activities ...

Planters repurposed from trash by our students as part of Swachh Bharath drive on the third Saturday of July





Students rehearsing 'Voices of Freedom' in the Gandhi Square, a day before their performance

Our Students Performing ***“Voices of Freedom”*** on the occasion of the 80th Independence day





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- Strong mentor - mentee relationships
- An active student - led Literary Association

Student Achievements this Year

- Madduru Munendramani Ramachandran Gold Medal
- S.P. Linga Murthy Book Prize
- Prof. Veena Noble Dass Book Prize
- Dr. Sindhu Memon Book Prize



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