



The TNOU

# Newsletter

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## APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR TO THE UNIVERSITY

Hon'ble **Shri. Banwarilal Purohit**, Governor-Chancellor appointed **Prof. K. Parthasarathy**, former Senior Professor of Department of Lifelong Learning and Founder-Director of Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development (IECD) from Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli **as the Vice-Chancellor** of Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai on 30.05.2019. Thiru. R. Rajagopal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Governor was present.

The Vice-Chancellor-Designate assumed office of the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU in the afternoon of 03.06.2019. He became the fifth Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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## THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

### VANAKKAM

My Dear Readers,

At the outset, I am deeply indebted to the Hon'ble Shri. Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamilnadu and Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University for having appointed me as the Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai.

I am pleased to know that the TNOU has been rendering its yeoman services to all walks of the society for democratising the opportunities of higher education to those, who are hitherto unreached, through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode.

It also gives me immense pleasure in bringing out the University's first newsletter entitled **The TNOU Newsletter** with a noble objective to disseminating its untiring activities to the stakeholders as well as the public. I am sure that this newsletter will become a mouthpiece of this University.

I would like to state that the University has made a lot of inspiring and remarkable achievements between July and December, 2019 with regard to providing quality education, sustainable infrastructure, robust learner supporting services, and technology-enabled learning, besides placement assistances to the learners. I am also happy to record that the University conducted its 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 successfully, in

which 8,935 graduates received their Degrees and Diplomas both in-person and in-absentia.

Meanwhile, the UGC Expert Committee that conducted an inspection certified that the University is in compliance with the terms and conditions prescribed while granting approval for 80 UG and PG Programmes by the DEB unflawlessly in true spirit. The newsletter also unfolds that the University is embarking on towards NAAC accreditation.

With regard to research, the faculty members have considerably published their research articles in the renowned journals and delivered lectures in the national and international events. Further, a number of seminars, workshops and training programmes have also been conducted with the financial supports of the State and Central Governments during the reporting period.

In this remarkable context, I would like to place on record my deepest appreciations as well as congratulations to the entire Editorial Board of **The TNOU Newsletter**, for having crafted in an elegant way.

My heartfelt wishes to all on ensuing New Year-2020 and prosperous Pongal!

with warmest regards  
Prof. K. Parthasarathy



What is the use of all your learning,  
if you can't surrender yourself at the feet of God.

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# UNIVERSITY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## The Vice-Chancellor's first Interactive Meeting with the Staff



On the very next day of assuming the office, the Vice-Chancellor convened and chaired the interactive meetings with the faculty members, non-teaching staff and outsourced staff, separately at the Conference Hall of the University. In these meetings, he interacted with them open-mindedly and collected their expectations and opinions for the development of the University in the next three years. Then, he elaborately made a presentation of his three year Vision Statement that included the introduction of innovative academic Programmes, enhancing the enrolment, applying for NAAC accreditation and so on.

## SEMINAR ON “DRAFT NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY -2019”



The Vice-Chancellors, the Resource Persons and other dignitaries discussing the Draft NEP

As the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India invited the suggestions and comments on the Draft National Education Policy -2019, the University has consecutively conducted the consultation meetings with the staff and the stakeholders with a view to collecting their valuable inputs for the preparation of a complete feedback document on the draft policy.

Initially, an Intra-University Workshop on “the Draft National Education Policy -2019 with special reference to Open and Distance Learning (ODL)” was conducted on 25.06.2019 at the Syndicate Hall, in which Prof. M. Murugan, Professor and Head, School of Science made an elaborate presentation about the policy. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar (i/c) and all the faculty members actively participated in the discussion and offered

their valuable comments and suggestions on the proposed educational policy. Based on the deliberations, the University submitted its feedbacks about the Draft National Education Policy-2019 to the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamilnadu, who was compiling the feedbacks from the Universities in the State for onward submission to the MHRD, Gol.

In continuation of the intra University workshop, the University has also organised four similar workshops at the Regional Centres of the University during June-July 2019 for the benefits of the stakeholders. The Coordinators of the University Regional Centres and the approved Learner Support Centres (LSCs) have taken part in these workshops and explored their views on the Draft NEP.



Those who surrender themselves at feet of the one,  
who resides in the flower-like hearts of all, will live long and well.

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Finally, the University hosted a State Level Seminar on “National Education Policy (Draft NEP-2019) with Special Reference to Policies on Open and Distance Learning (ODL)” on 29.07.2019 at the University premises. While Prof. Sudha Seshayyan, the Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical University (TNMGRMU) and Prof. Tamma Suryanarayana Sastry, the Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University (TNDALU) delivered special lectures on the frontiers of ODL, experts from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)- Madras and other Academic Institution, Media personnel, and other participants from various fields of educations presented their papers on the Chapter 12 of draft NEP -2019 that articulates about **Open and Distance Learning: Curriculum and Pedagogy for Enhancing Access and Opportunities for Life Long Learning.**

Based on the outcomes of the seminar, a consolidated report was prepared and subsequently submitted to the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and also to the MHRD, Gol for possible considerations in the final NEP.



The Vice-Chancellor of TNOU presenting a book to his counterpart at TNMGRMU



The Vice-Chancellor of TNOU presenting a book to his counterpart at TNDALU

## PARTICIPATION IN “FIT INDIA MOVEMENT”



A Section of Audience listening to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Address on screen

As a mark of celebrating the National Sports Day, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi launched the nation wide “Fit India Movement” on 29.08.2019 at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, live telecast of which was broadcast through video-conferencing. The members of staff of the University participated in the programme at the University premises. As a part of the event, the staff also took part in a walkathon indicating walking is the best exercise. The Administrative Division of the University made the arrangements for the video-conferencing and accordingly, a report of the event was submitted to the University Grants Commission, New Delhi.



Those who surrender at the feet of the one,  
who doesn't have wants or hates, will never have any hassles anywhere.

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## CELEBRATIONS OF 72 INDEPENDENCE DAY

The University celebrated the 72 Independence Day on 15.08.2019. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU hoisted the National Flag on the mast in front of the Administrative Building. Almost all the employees of the University, including teaching, non-teaching and outsourcing staff participated in the celebrations with patriotic fervour.



Fate, which impacts those in the darkness of ignorance, will not impede those who hail the true glory of God.



## UNIVERSITY'S 12<sup>TH</sup> CONVOCATION CEREMONY



The candidate receiving the Medal  
and the Degree Certificate from the  
**Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor  
Banwarilal Purohit**



Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor &  
Higher Education Minister,  
**Thiru K.P. Anbalagan**  
delivering Special Address.



Hon'ble Justice  
**Thiru R. Mahadevan**  
Judge High Court, Chennai,  
Chief Guest delivering the  
Convocation Address



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor  
**Prof. K. Parthasarathy**  
proposing welcome address  
and presenting the  
Annual Report



Those who follow the true moral path of the one,  
who has doused the desires of the five senses, will last long.

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Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Pro-Chancellor, Hon'ble Chief-Guest, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries on the dias

The University conducted its 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation on 18.10.2019 at Centenary Building, University of Madras. Hon'ble Shri.Banwarilal Purohit, the Governor-Chancellor presided over the convocation. Hon'ble Thiru.K.P.Anbalagan, Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and Pro-Chancellor of the University delivered the special address. The Chief-Guest of the convocation was Hon'ble Justice Thiru.R.Mahadevan, Judge, Madras High Court, Chennai.

A total of 8,935 learners received their Degrees and Diplomas in the 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University. While 1,792 learners received their Degrees and Diplomas in-person, 7,143 learners received their certificates in-absentia.

The break-up details are given below:



**140**

graduates have bagged the University Rank with Gold Medals

M.Phil.,

**07**

PG

**2505**

UG

**4702**

PG Diploma

**102**

Diploma

**73**

Vocational Diploma

**1547**

**212**

learners received the 2nd and 3rd Ranks with Certificates.

Except for those who surrender at the feet of the one, for whom, there is no simile, it is tough to cure the mental rues.

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Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor presenting the CEMCA award to Selvi. E.Priya.  
The Pro-Chancellor, the Chief-Guest and the Vice-Chancellor looking on



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## DIGNITARIES' VISIT



**Dr. Venkatraman Balaji**  
the Vice-President, CoL

Dr. Venkatraman Balaji, the Vice-President, Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), Canada called on the Vice-Chancellor on 08.07.2019 and proposed for possible collaborations between the two institutions. Then, the Vice-President interacted with the faculty members and briefed them about the new ventures of the CoL.

## UGC'S EXPERTS COMMITTEE



The Vice-Chancellor making a presentation  
before the UGC Expert Committee

Led by Prof. Avinash C. Pandey, an Expert Committee of University Grants Commission (UGC) comprising Dr. Rajvir Sharma, Prof. Y.Y. Ramu Reddy, Prof. Ashok De and Dr. G. Srinivas made an inspectional visit to the University during 02.08.2019 and 03.08.2019 with a view to ensuring whether the University is in compliance with the regulations of the DEB in the operation of the Programmes approved by it, as per the UGC (ODL) Regulations-2017.

During the visit, the Committee have interacted with the Vice-Chancellor, the Heads of the Schools and Divisions and the Faculty Members, separately and recorded their views for the report preparation.

## HON'BLE THIRU. K.P. ANBALAGAN MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVT. OF TAMIL NADU



The Vice-Chancellor briefing the Hon'ble Minister  
about the proposal for land

Hon'ble Thiru. K.P. Anbalagan, Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and Pro-Chancellor of TNOU visited the alienated land to be allotted for Dharmapuri Regional Centre at Periyannahalli on 10.08.2019.



The head that doesn't bow to God, is similar  
to the organs that don't have the right senses.

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## ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS OF STUDIES

### SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION



An Assistant Professor, SOCE  
welcoming the gathering

The University observed the 5<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga on 21.06.2019 in its premises. While Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice-Chancellor inaugurated the programme, Mr. Mr.Jyothi Arumugam from My Holism Yoga Academy, Chennai delivered a special lecture on the importance of Yoga and offered the training to the members of staff. The Programme was organised by the School of Continuing Education.



The members of staff  
participating in Yoga practice

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

**DR. P. THIYAGARAJAN**  
PROFESSOR

**Participation:**

UGC Expert Committee Visit for ODL Programme Recognition at Kalinga University, Raipur on 06.06.2019

**ER. R. MEENAMBIGAI**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

"Factors stirring organizational ought among University faculties in Chennai - A Basic Comparison Modeling Equation" Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovative Research – An International Open Access; Volume 6, Issue 6, ISSN-2349-5162, PP.253-260 (Impact factor: 5.87), June, 2019

**DR.R.PRAGADHEESWARI**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

- "Some Significant Trends in The Anti Microbial Treatment in Silk": Bio Medical Journal of Scientific and Technical Research: Volume -25 Issue -4 ISSN 2574-1241
- "Hand Embroidery and Surface Embellishment": ISBN-978-81-945147-3-2
- இந்திய பாரம்பரிய எம்பிராப்டரி : ISBN-978-81-945147-6-2



Those who surrender at the feet of God,  
will cross the great ocean of life; others won't.

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The Vice-Chancellor honouring the Chief-Guest with a shawl

A One-Day Capacity Building Workshop on “Community Radio - A Tool for Community Development in India” was organised by the School of Journalism and New Media Studies. Close to 40 participants attended the workshop. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor of the University delivered the presidential address and Prof. Arul Aram, Professor and Head, Department of Media Studies, Anna University, Chennai served as the chief-guest. Mrs. Shirly Deepak, the Programme Officer was the resource person, who conducted the workshop. Dr.P. Chitra, Assistant Professor of the School organized the workshop.



The participants with the Organizer and the Resource Person of the workshop

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBER

### DR. P. CHITRA

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

#### Paper Presentation:

- “A case Study on usage of Twitter by Indian Cricketers (with Special reference to Indian Captain Virat Kohli During ICC World cup 2019)” in the International Conference on Global Advancement in Technology, Management & Communication held IIMT College of Management – Noida (U.P) on 07.12.2019
- “Portrayal and Awareness creation of Child abuse in Tamil Movies (A Case study of the movie Vellaipookkal)” in the International Conference on Global Advancement in Technology, Management & Communication held IIMT College of Management – Noida (U.P) on 07.12.2019





The three-day Workshop on “Adoption and Implementation of Institutional OER policy” dated 18th-20th Sept, 2019 was organized by School of Journalism and New Media Studies, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai in association with Commonwealth of Learning & Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia as a part of the project titled “Adoption and Implementation of Institutional OER policy”. The project is carried out with the support of COL-CEMCA, New Delhi.



A one day workshop cum meeting was convened by the Vice-Chancellor with the Heads of Schools and other members for Adoption and Implementation of OER policy on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2019.



Oh rain! You not only create everything we eat,  
you are the indispensable food yourself.





The School of Politics and Public Administration organised a two day National Seminar on “Water Resources and Climate Change: Knowledge, Technology and Policies” from 30th to 31st October, 2019 in the University campus. More than 50 faculty members and research Scholars from various institutions participated and presented their research papers in the seminar.

In the inaugural session, Professor K. Parthasarthy, the Vice-Chancellor of the University delivered the presidential address and Prof. C.Jothi Vekateswaran, Director of Collegiate Education, Government of Tamilnadu delivered the inaugural address. Dr. A. Ramachandran IFS, Director, Centre for Climate Change and Adoption Research, Anna University, Chennai offered the key-note address and also released the Book of Abstract.

While Dr.M.V.Sudhakaran, Head (i/c), SOPPA welcomed the gathering, Prof. P.Thiyagarajan, Registrar (i/c) gave a facilitation address. Dr.K.Katturajan and Dr.R.Arumugam, Assistant Professors of SOPPA were the Organizing Secretaries of the seminar.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBER

#### **DR. K. KATTURAJAN** ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

##### **Publication:**

“Prioritizing Rural Girls Education Ways to migrate Gender Based Discriminations” Our Heritage Journal (UGC Approved); Vol.68, Issue 1;ISSN: 0474-9030

##### **Resource Person:**

“Use of Geo Spatial Technology in Archaeological Studies” in the 10 Day Workshop on Archaeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu conducted by SOHTS, TNOU from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.



## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

As a part of celebrating the International Translation Day 2019, the School of Humanities in association with the Department of English, Annai Veilankanni College for Women, Saidapet, Chennai hosted a one-day seminar on "Recent Trends in Translation Studies" on 04.10.2019 in the University premises. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU presided over the seminar and Prof. K. Chellappan, former Professor of English, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli delivered the inaugural address.



The Vice-Chancellor, the Chief-Guest and the faculty members are on the dais

The seminar had three consecutive sessions. Prof. Palany Arangasamy, former Professor of English and recipient of State Translation award and Prof. S. Rajendran, former Professor of Linguistics from Tamil University, Thanjavur and Mrs. Gowri Kirubanandam, Film Subtitler and award winning translator served as the Resource Persons and spoke on the specified themes on translation studies.



The Registrar (i/c) offering felicitation

While Dr. Anitha Rajendran, the Principal of Annai Veilankanni College for Women delivered the valedictory address, Prof. P. Thiagarajan, Registrar (i/c), TNOU graced the occasion. Dr. R. Mahendran, Assistant Professor of English organised the seminar.



If the monsoons fail,  
farmers won't till their lands to produce food.





Mr. Nazar delivering a lecture and other dignitaries looking on

The School under the aegis of Tamil Nadu Eyal, Esai and Nadaga Mandram conducted a three day workshop from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 in the University campus. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU inaugurated the Workshop. Mr.Nazar, Film Actor, Mr. Deva, Music Director and President of Eyal, Esai and Nadaga Mandram and Sh.Thangavelu, IAS(Retd) served as the Chief-Guests.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

### DR. R. MAHENDRAN

#### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

##### Publication:

- "Tower that Transmits Short Messages (Translation)" in Recent Trends in Language and Linguistics: Pusthakabhavan, Kannur: 2009: ISBN: 9788191068122
- "Immigrant Experiences in Chitra Banerjee Devakaruni's The Vine of Desire" in International Journal of Journal of Analytical and Experiential Model Analysis (UGC-CARE approved): Volume XI, Issue VIII, August, 2019: ISSN: 08869367 (Coauthored)
- "Distance Education at Reachable Distance" in Hindu Tamil Disai daily on 25.06.2019
- "When will our thirsty be quenched?" in Daily Thanthi on 06.08.2019
- "Assessing the Impact of Open Pedagogy on Student Skills Mastery in First Year Composition": Open Praxis: August 2019 (Reviewed)

##### Special Lecture:

"Gandhian Ideology in the Select Novels of Mu.Varadharajanar" in the Symposium on "Gandhi and His Contribution to the Making of Indian Regional Literatures" conducted by Sahitya Akademi at Pondicherry University on 09.09.2019

### DR. C. KARTHIKEYAN

#### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

##### Special Lecture:

"A Critical Analysis on Music and Dance Inscriptions of Kongu Region" in the 10 Days Workshop on Archaeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 organised by SOHTS, TNOU



## SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND TOURISM STUDIES



The Vice-Chancellor honouring the Guest with a memento

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Ghandhiji was celebrated in the University on 01.10.2019. The Vice-Chancellor of University presided over the function.



The Vice-Chancellor of AU lighting the kuttuvilakku and the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU paying his respect

The School of History of Tourism Studies with the financial support of the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi organised a Workshop on "Archeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu and the Application of Recent Technologies in Archeological Studies" from 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in the University premises. Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University, Karaikudi inaugurated the workshop and Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor of TNOU presided over the function. Dr. E.Iniyan, Assistant Professor coordinated the workshop.

The School organised a special lecture on "Tamil Nadu Day", on 01.11.2019 on as a mark of celebrating the Tamil Nadu Day. Prof. Maraimali Ilakkuvanaar, former Visiting Professor of Tamil, California University and Prof. P. S. Chandrababu, former Professor of History, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai delivered special lectures. This programme was jointly organised by the School of History and Tourism Studies and the School of Tamil and Cultural Studies.



The auspicious lamp being lit by the faculty members in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

**DR. N. DHANALAKSHMI**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

### Paper Presentaion:

- "Educational Technology for Inclusive Education" in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies
- "Educational Technology for Inclusive Education" in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019

### Special Lecture:

"தமிழாப்து நெறிமுறைகளும் புதிய ஆய்வுக் களங்களும்" - தேசியப் பயிலரங்கு

**DR. E. INIYAN**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

### Special Lecture:

"Recent Technologies in Archaeological research in the 10 Days Workshop on Archaeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 organised by SOHTS, TNOU



Unless drops of precious rain fall down,  
not even grass will sprout its head.

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## SCHOOL OF TAMIL AND CULTURAL STUDIES



The Vice-Chancellor delivering the presidential address

The School of Tamil and Cultural Studies in collaboration with the Sakitya Academy organised a Centenary Symposium on “Subramania Bharathi’s Bharatha Jana Sabha” on 02.8.2019 in the University premises. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU delivered the presidential address in the Symposium. Thiru. N. D. Muthukumrasamy of Torn Foundation, Mr. Malan and Dr. Sirpi @ Balsubramnaian offered the special lectures.



The Vice-Chancellor delivering the inaugural address

A National Workshop on “Tamil Research Regulations and New Research Fields” was conducted by the School on 27.09.2019. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU inaugurated the workshop.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBER

முனைவர். சு. பாலசுப்ரமணியன்  
பேராசிரியர்

### Special Lecture:

- முத்தமிழ் முகாம் - நிறைவு விழா சொற்பொழிவு தமிழ்நாடு இயல்இசை நாடகமன்றம், சென்னை 24.11.2019
- உலகளாவிய நிலையில் தமிழ்க் கல்வி புத்தொளிப் பயிற்சி - கருத்துரை, இலக்கியத் துறை, சென்னைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம், 25.11.2019

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

**DR. M. MANIVANNAN**  
PROFESSOR

### Special Lecture:

“Challenges in Inclusive Education Best Strategies for Inclusive Education” in CRE programme on Training to be a Teacher in a College /Institution from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

### Paper Presentation:

- “Mobile Learning” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019

- “A Study on Mobile Learning Awareness and Utilisation among B.Ed Student-Teachers at Namakkal District” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019
- “Applications of Social Media on Education in Tamil Nadu Government Schools: Current Scenario” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019

**DR. K.S. PREMILA**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

### Paper Presentation:

“Web Based Learning” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019



Even the vast ocean will start shrinking,  
if the clouds that took the water away from it, don't pour it back.

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**DR. D.VINODH KUMAR**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Paper Presentation:**

- “Women Empowerment Through Education” in the Reaching the unreached in teaching, learning and research organised by Adhiprasakthi College of Education, Kalavai, Vellore Dt. on 6.4.2019
- “Learning Management System” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019
- “Blended Learning” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23. 11.2019
- “Techno-Pedagogical Initiatives at the Elementary Level in Tamil Nadu” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23. 11.2019
- “Ways for Promoting Technology Enabled Learning for Sustainable Development” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019
- “Issues in the Technology Application in Education” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019

**DR. K.S. RAMAKRISHNAN**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

“E-Mentoring - An Emerging Trend in ODL System” : in International Journal of Basic and Applied Research (IJBAR): Volume 9, Issue 7, July/2019, pp: 456 – 465

**Paper Presentation:**

- “Technological Content Knowledge in Teaching - Learning Process” in the One Day International Conference on Global Challenges in Distance Education organised by Bharathidasan University Department of Education, Tiruchirappalli - 620 024 on 12-04-2019

- “Impact of Techno Pedagogy in 21st Century – Overview of Teacher Education” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019
- “Perception of Student Teachers Towards Blended Learning” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23. 11.2019
- “Applications of Machine Learning in Road Transportation for IoT enabled environments” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019
- “Neurocognitive Based Concept Mapping as an Assessment Tool in Science Education” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23. 11.2019
- “Recent Perspectives on Neurocognitive Research and Theories” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23. 11.2019

**DR. D. SUMATHI**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

- “Knowledge Dissemination through various technology platforms” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23. 11.2019

**DR. C. BARATHI**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

- “Artificial Intelligence” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019
- “The Internet of Things in Education” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019





## DR. A.S.ARUL LAWRENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

### Special Lecture:

'Education for All – Attained or Not' at the National Education Day' organized by St. Joseph College of Education, Vaikalipatti, Tirunelveli District on 11-11-2019

## SCHOOL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

A State level Programme on “Inclusive Training and Sensitization for Key Functionaries of State Government, Local Bodies and Other Service Providers for Empowerment of persons with Disabilities” was organised by the School of Special Education and Rehabilitation (SOSER) in association with the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) on 20.07.2019 with the financial support of the Ministry of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India, New Delhi. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor, TNOU presided over the function and Dr.Himangshu Das, the Director of National Institute of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIPMD), Chennai inaugurated the workshop. The Registrar (i/c), the Head (i/c) and the Faculty Members of SOSER participated in the State Level Programme.



The Vice-Chancellor lighting the kuttuvilakku and the other dignitaries looking on

The School conducted a five day “Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programme on Training to be a Teacher” from 26th to 30th August, 2019 at the University. The Special Educators from Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu participated in the training programme. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor of the University inaugurated the event and Mr. Shanawazkhan the Syndicate Member, Dr. M. Mannivannan, Professor and Head of SOSER, Experts from outside and faculty members of SOSER graced the occasion.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

### DR.B.ANUPAMA DEVI

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

#### Special Lecture:

“Orientation on CRE Programme” CRE programme on Training to be a Teacher in a College/Institution from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

### MR. R.M. TAMILSELVAN

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

#### Special Lecture:

- “Critical Evaluation of Methods of Teaching Blooms Taxonomy of Educational Objectives for the Education of CwDs” in CRE programme on Training to be a Teacher in a College/Institution from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019
- “Inclusive Classrooms” in PMMMNMTT Sponsored Workshop on Inclusive Classrooms, Annamalai University 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2019



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

#### DR.S.SUBRAMANIAN

PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

“The Effectiveness of 360 Degree Performance Appraisal among Employees with Reference to Safe Express Logistics pvt. Limited”: The International Journal of Analytical and Experimental Modal Analysis: Vol 11, Issue 9, ISSN 0886-9367, September 2019.

**Participation:**

“National Workshop on Research Integrity & Awareness” held at UGC, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad 05.08.2019

**Special Lecture:**

“Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute at Chennai on 20th June 2019” in the Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme on Modalities for Admission and Execution of Certificate programme in Entrepreneurship Development programme

#### DR. R. TAMILMARAN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

- “A Study on Awareness About Knowledge Management Among Employees in Respect to Coimbatore District”: THINK INDIA, (Quarterly Journal) UGC-CARE: Vol-22-Issue-2-A-Pril-September-2019, ISSN:0971-1260
- “Impact of Online Marketing Communication on Consumer buying Decision: A Descriptive Survey to Explore the Brand Preference on Sports Apparels”: THINK INDIA, (Quarterly Journal) UGC-CARE: Vol- 22-Issue-2-A-Pril-September-2019, ISSN:0971-1260

#### DR.N.SARANYA DEVI

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

**Publication:**

- “The province of Human Resources in acquiring competitive Advantage at Sri Foundation- Chennai”: Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovation Research: Volume 6, Issue 6, June 2019, ISSN: 2349-5162. Impact Factor 5.87, pp-935-942.
- “Social Networking Crimes: A Conceptual Analysis on the Rising Problem”: Asian Journal of Applied Science and Technology: Volume 3, issue 3, July – September 2019, ISSN:2456-883X, pp.146-150

**Paper Presentaion:**

“The Mediating role of Self factors on relationship between Corporate Social Responsibility & Employee Commitment” in the International Conference on “Advancements in technology, Business and Management,” held at School of Management Studies, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.





### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

#### DR. T. RAVIMANICKAM

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

##### Special Lecture:

“Zoological Interpretations on the Archaeological Antiquities” in the 10 Days Workshop on Archaeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 held at SOHTS, TNOU

#### DR. E. KUMAR

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

##### Publication:

- “Synthesis and Investigations of Structural, Optical and AC Conductivity Properties of PANI/CeO<sub>2</sub> Nanocomposites”: Asian Journal of Chemistry: 31 (5), 1158-1162. ISSN:0975-427X (Coauthored)
- “Synthesis and Investigation of Antimicrobial Activity of Tin Oxide Nanoparticles by Microwave Assisted Solution Method”: Journal of Nanoscience and Technology: 5(1), 637-639. ISSN: 2455-0191 (Coauthored)
- “Microwave Assisted Synthesis of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles and Its Antimicrobial Efficiency”: Journal of Nanoscience and Technology: 5(1), 642-644. ISSN: 2455-0191 (Coauthored)
- “Investigations of Structural, Optical, and Stability Analysis of ZrO<sub>2</sub> Nanoparticles”: International Journal of Research in Advent Technology: 7(4), 290-293 ISSN: 2321-9637 (Coauthored)
- “Structural, Optical, And Frequency Dependent Conductivity Properties Of PANI/CeO<sub>2</sub> Nanocomposites By In Situ Polymerization Method”: International Journal of Research in Advent Technology: 7 (4), 98-102 ISSN: 2321-9637 (Coauthored)
- “Structural, Biological and Photocatalytic Properties of Zirconium Oxide Nanoparticles Synthesized by Microwave Assisted Solution Method”: Asian Journal of Chemistry: 31 (8), 1729-1732. ISSN: 0975-427X (Coauthored)
- “Investigations on Structural, Optical, and AC Conductivity of Polyaniline/Manganese Dioxide Nanocomposites”: International Journal of Nano Dimension: 10 (4): 454-460, Autumn 2019 Print ISSN: 2008-8868. Online ISSN 2228-5059 (Coauthored)
- “Investigation on Polyaniline with Manganese Dioxide Nanostructure by using an in situ Oxidative Polymerization Method”: IONICS: International Journal of Ionics The Science and Technology of Ionic Motion: doi.org/10.1007/s11581-019-03207-x, 2019 ISSN:0947-7047 (Coauthored)
- “Structural, Optical Morphological and Thermal Properties of CuO Nanoparticles Prepared by Sol-Gel Method”: Journal of Nano and Electronic Physics: Vol. 11 (5), 05011(4PP), 2019 (Coauthored)
- “Preparation of zirconium oxide with polyaniline nanocatalyst for the decomposition of pharmaceutical industrial wastewater”: Ionics Springer Nature, Germany: 26(3), 1507-1513 & 0947-7047 (Coauthored)
- “Investigation on Electrical and Structural Properties of Manganese Dioxide Nanoparticles”: Journal of Nano and Electronic Physics Scopus: vol.12 & no: 2 (Coauthored)

##### Special Lecture:

“Role of Physics in the field of archaeological Research” in the 10 Days Workshop on Archaeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 held at SOHTS, TNOU

#### DR. P. SHANMUGAVELAN

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

##### Special Lecture:

“Application of Chemistry in the Archaeological Research” in the 10 Days Workshop on Archaeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 held at SOHTS, TNOU



## SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBER

#### DR. R. KALAIARASI

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

##### Publication:

“Recovery of Disaster in Cloud Environment – Study”: International Journal of Engineering Applied Sciences and Technology (IJEAST): October 2019  
ISSN No.24552143

##### Paper Presentation:

- “Survey on Social Networking Analysis and Clustering” in the International Conference on Researches in Science and Technology (ICRST – 19), held at Chennai on 20.7.2019
- “Essential Role of Technology Management in Empowering Education” in the Two Day National Conference on Technology Enabled Learning: Challenges and Strategies held at TNOU on 22 & 23.11.2019

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

#### DR. M.V. SUDHAKARAN

PROFESSOR

##### Participation:

Workshop on NAAC Manual for Open Universities at NAAC Regional Centre, Bengaluru on 10.06.2019

##### Special Lecture:

- Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gujarat, 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- “Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Psychology” at the Department of Criminology, University of Madras.

#### DR. D. THIRUMALRAJA

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

##### Special Lecture:

“Anthropological aspects in Archaeological material evidences” in the 10 Days Workshop on Archaeological Resources in the Reconstruction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019, SOHTS, TNOU

##### Paper Presentation:

- “Impact of Swachbharat Scheme an Evaluation study” in the Workshop on Health, Environment and Society organised by Department of Sociology, University of Madras.
- “A Critical Analysis of Social Welfare Policy for Differently Abled person in India” in the Two-Day International Conference: Women, Health and Safety held at Alagappa University, Karaikudi on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019
- “Ageing and Well- Being –A Case Study” in the Two Day National Colloquium held at University of Madras on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019





## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### Research Grants

During the reporting period, the faculty members have received the grants from various organisations for conducting the programmes. The details of the grants received are as follows:

Dr.C.Karthikeyan	A workshop on Prose-music-theatre.	Conference Hall, TNOU on 22.10.2019	Iyal Isai Nataka Mandram, Govt. of Tamil Nadu	Rs.16,843/-
Dr. E. Iniyan, Assistant Professor, SOHTS,	Ten days Workshop, on Archaeological Resources in the Re-construction of Ancient History of Tamil Nadu and the Applications of Recent Technologies in the Archaeological Research	SOHTS, TNOU 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi.	Rs.3,50,000/-
School of Special Education and Rehabilitation (SOSER)	State Level In-service Training and Sensitization for Key Functionaries of State Government, Local Bodies and other Service Providers,	SOSER, TNOU. 29.06.2019	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment through RCI, New Delhi.	Rs.1,48,500/-
Dr. C. Karthikeyan	3 Days Muthamil Mugaam (Iyal – Iasi – Nadangam)	TNOU, 22, - 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Tamil Nadu Govt. Iyal Iasi Nadagamandram and Fine Arts Department, Govt of Tamil Nadu and TNOU	Rs.89,516/-
Dr. R. Mahendran	Recent Trends in Translation Studies	TNOU, 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Annai Veilankanni's College for Women, Chennai	Rs.10,000/-
School of Journalism & New Media Studies/	One Day Capacity Building Workshop on "Community Radio- A Tool for Community Development in India	TNOU, 01-11-2019	Commonwealth Media Centre for Asia and TNOU	Rs.1,51,000/- (Sponsorship)
Centre for Online learning	Designing, Developing and Delivering Online Learning Programmes	TNOU 16 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019	Commonwealth Media Centre for Asia and TNOU	Rs.48,600/- (Sponsorship)
School of Journalism & New Media Studies/	Capacity Building Workshop- Adoption & Implementation of Institutional OER Policy	TNOU, 18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Commonwealth Media Centre for Asia and TNOU	Rs.1,61,000/- (Sponsorship)



## Research Activities

- The University instituted the Tamil Nadu Open University Research Fellowship (TNOURF) for first time to encourage the research scholars, who are doing doctoral research under full-time mode. Accordingly, the TNOURF has been provided to 17 Ph.D Scholars of various Schools of Studies.
- Admissions for M.Phil and Ph.D. Programmes for both full time and part time mode (FT/PT) for the Academic year 2019-20 were conducted in July 2019. Four Scholars in M.Phil and seventeen Scholars in Ph.D have enrolled themselves after successful completion of the Entrance Exam and the Interview, as per the University norms.
- Mr.D.Vinoth Kumar (Reg.No. 14136100001), who did an M.Phil. in the School of Management Studies defended his thesis in the Public Viva -Voce Examination conducted 24.04.2019.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE DIVISIONS, CENTRES & CELLS

### STUDENTS REGISTRATION AND EVALUATION DIVISION (SR&ED)

- A Special Backlog Certificate Distribution camp was held at the Headquarters of TNOU on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, for distributing Convocation Certificates that are not yet received by the graduates even after successful completion of Programmes.
- For the first time in the history of TNOU, the Supplementary Examinations were conducted in September 2019. Of 533 Students appeared for the examinations, 259 students were able to pass in and subsequently received their certificates in the 12<sup>th</sup> Convocation.
- The main goal of the University is to provide higher education to all sections of society, including under privileged, deprived, rural mass, women and others, to which the University has been continuously striving hard to achieve the goals for the past 18 years.
- Realizing that the present scenario of the University requires increasing enrolments, to which innovative ideas and projects were invited from the staff. Accordingly, Dr. Katturajan and Dr. D. Thirumalraja, Assistant Professors submitted a proposal for conducting a pilot study for establishing TNOU Online Admission Facilitation Centre (O AFC) in Town Panchayats in Villupuram District. Then, a complete set of terms and conditions to be followed by both TNOU and the O AFCs were also framed after due consultations.
- Subsequently, Dr.K.Katturajan, C.Karthikeyan, and Dr.D.Thirumalraja visited selected town Panchayats on 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 for establishing TNOU – Online Admission Facilitation Centres (O AFCs).
- Then, an Orientation Programme for the identified coordinators of the O AFCs was organized at TNOU on 27.07.2019, to orient them about functions of the University. The O AFCs are making enrolments and conducting promotional activities in collaboration with the LSCs concerned in their nearby area.





## ELECTRONIC MEDIA PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (EMPRC)

The Electronic Media Production and Research Centre (EMPRC) is designed for the production of audio-visual materials and subsequent research on them. Usually, the Experts are invited to the EMPRC for the preparation multi-media course contents that are to be made available for the learners in the form of e-contents. In this regard, Prof.S.Balasubramanian, Professor and Director, SOTCS, Dr.M.Vaiyapuri, Assistant Professor, SOTCS and Dr.P.Chitra, Assistant Professor, SOJNMS oriented the experts.



## CENTRE FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (CIQA)

A meeting of Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) of University was organised by Er.R.Meenambigai, Director (i/c), at the Syndicate Hall on 22.08.2019. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor insisted the need of obtaining the NAAC Accreditation at the earliest to maintain the sustainability of the University.

In order to expedite the NAAC work, Seven Committees were formed for the preparation of the necessary Self Study Report (SSR).



God, the king of heavens, is an example of what the ability to conquer one's five senses can result in.

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## CENTRE FOR ONLINE EDUCATION



The Vice-Chancellor chairing the meeting of the COE

A meeting with the SWAYAM Coordinators and the Technocrats of the University was conducted by the Centre for Online Education and the EMPRC on 01.07.2019. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor reviewed the progress and suggested for future course of action for completion of Scheme at the earliest.

## STUDENT PLACEMENT CELL



Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU addressing the candidates selected for appointments

The Student Placement Cell, TNOU and the Department of Employment and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu jointly organised a Job Fair for the first time for the TNOU Graduates, who passed their Degrees in the past five years at the Government Arts College (Men), Nandanam, Chennai on 30.11.2019. In this fair, 89 Private firms and 3 Skill Training Providers participated in the Fair and selected the suitable employees.

1,060 graduates appeared for the interviews in the Job Fair. Among them, 321, including 9 differently abled graduates, were selected by various companies, including NAC Jewellery, Bank Zone, SBI Life Insurance, Oviya School of Designing and Fine Arts, TVS, Trans India, Manju Foundation and others.

Following this, the ceremony of distribution of placement orders held in the college, in which Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU presided over and gave away the appointment orders to the successful graduates. Prof. Ara. Jayachandran, the Principal, Government Arts College, Nandanam and Mr. S. Anandaraman, Asst. Commissioner of Police, Saidapet also graced the function. Dr. R. Mahendran, the Coordinator, Student Placement Cell, TNOU made the arrangements for Job Fair with the support of the Department of Employment and Training, Chennai.



Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice-Chancellor, TNOU issuing the Placement order to a differently abled candidate



What separates the great from the ordinary  
is their ability to do the seemingly impossible.

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## ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL CENTRES

### CHENNAI REGIONAL CENTRE



The Vice-Chancellor and other dignitaries on the dais

The Chennai and the Villupuram Regional Centres jointly organized an Orientation Programme for the Coordinators of TNOU Learner Support Centres at Anna Centenary Library, Chennai on 26-06-2019. In his inaugural address, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor asked the participants for finding out the reliable methods to enhance the enrolment and to ensure quality education to the learners, because the LSCs have the prominent role in the development of the University. While Thiru. M. Akbar Khan, Syndicate Member presided over the function, Dr.K.Panneer Selvam, IGNOU Regional Director, Chennai, delivered the keynote address. Prof. P. Thiyagarajan, Registrar i/c, TNOU, Thiru L. Shanawazkhan and Prof. S. Balasubramanian, Syndicate Members, TNOU delivered Special Address in the orientation programme. Dr.K.M.Subramaniam, the Controller of Examinations and Dr.M.V.Sudhakaran, Director (Academics) elaborately made presentations about the process of Admission, Examination and other learner supports being provided by the University.

Further, the Abacus Technology Pvt. Ltd., conducted a demo in the orientation programme regarding online admission process.



A meeting being held with the Coordinators of LSCs





A Spot Admission Campaign was conducted at Jeevan Community College, Thiruverkadu on 20.7.2019. The faculty members gave motivational talks to the participants. Mr. Vidyaaakar, the Founder and Correspondent of the College, while addressing the newcomers said that the Programmes being offered by TNOU provide immediate employment opportunities and there is a high demand for Nurses in various hospitals in the city. He also assured of scholarships to the deserving meritorious students.

Dr. Thirumal Raja and Mrs. Reenee Arathy, Assistant Professors in the School of Social Science, Dr. Shanmugavelan, Assistant Professor, School of Science, Mr.Ravi, Record Clerk and Mr.Murali of Public Relations (Outsourced) conducted the Programme. Ms. Kavitha proposed a vote of thanks.



A Spot Admission Campaign being held  
Jeevan Community College, Thiruverkadu



A faculty member interacting with  
a learner of Community College



The Vice-Chancellor, TNOU with staf



The Vice-Chancellor, TNOU with staff and leraners



For the first time in the history of the University, the Learner Induction Programmes for the freshers were conducted at all the Regional Centres for the benefits of the learners.

Accordingly, in Chennai Regional Centre, the first Induction Programme was conducted at Preston International College, Chennai on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice-Chancellor of TNOU delivered an inspiring inaugural address. The faculty members of the University motivated the learners through their speeches. Mr. Azeezur Rahman, Mr. Khalid and Mr. Jazaak Allaahu Khayran from Preston International College graced the occasion.

The second Learner Induction Programme of the Chennai Regional Centre was organized at Stella Maris College, Chennai on 01.12.2019. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice Chancellor of TNOU was the chief-guest of the programme. Prof.S.Balasubramanian, Prof.S.Subramanian, Er.Meenambigai and Dr.R.Mahendran and the College spoke on the methods of delivery of the programmes and the available employment opportunities. Dr.C.Bharathi, the Regional Coordinator made the arrangements for the successful conduction of the programme.



The Chief-Guest addressing the gathering



## COIMBATORE REGIONAL CENTRE



The Orientation Programmes for the Coordinators of TNOU Study Centres under the purview of the Regional Centres of Coimbatore, Dharmapuri and Nilgiris were conducted at the respective Region.

The third orientation programme of the Coimbatore Regional Centre was organised at Venna Hall, K.P.R Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore on 12.07.2019. In his inaugural speech, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor persuaded the Coordinators of the various centres to increase the learner enrolment to higher level that is live wire of the University. Thiru. K. P.Ramsamy, Chairman, K.P.R Group of Institutions presided over the programme. While Prof. Anadhasayanam, former Professor & Head, Department of Educational Technology, Bharathiyar University delivered keynote address about ODL Education System, Prof. P. Thiyagarajan, Registrar (i/c), TNOU, and Prof. S. Balasubramanian, Syndicate Member, TNOU gave Special lectures about the University programmes. Finally, the personnel of the Abacus Technology Pvt Ltd, conducted demo regarding online admission process.

The first Learner Induction Programme for the freshers who are under the Coimbatore Regional Centre was conducted at TERFs College, Tirupur on 16.11.2019. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor was the chief-guest, who gave a Special address in the induction programme.

Dr. R. Tamilmaran, Deputy Director (i/c), SSSD and Dr. M. Vaiyapuri, Assistant Professor of Tamil made presentations about the academic programmes and the facilities available at the University for making the learners familiarizing the functions of the institutions.

Dr.N.Saravanakumar and Dr. K. Vinothkanna, the Regional Centre Coordinators of Coimbatore and the Nilgiris, respectively, made the arrangements for the successful conduction of the Induction Programme.







The Vice-Chancellor releasing the TNOU Information Bulletin

The second Learner Induction Programme of the Coimbatore Regional Centre was conducted at K.P.R Engineering College, Coimbatore on 17.11.2019. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor of the University delivered the Special Address.



The TNOU Information Bulletin being released by the Vice-Chancellor

The third Learner Induction Programme of the Coimbatore Regional Centre was conducted on 20.12.2019 at Quantum Knits Unit-3, Tirupur. Dr.M.V. Sudhakaran, Professor in the School of Social Sciences gave the special lecture to the learners. Dr. R. Tamilmaran, Director(i/c), SSSD disseminated the detailed information about the academic Programmes being offered by the University in his power point presentation.

The fourth Learner Induction Programme of the Coimbatore Regional Centre was held on 20.12.2019 at K.S.G College, Coimbatore. Dr.M.V. Sudhakaran, Professor in the School of Social Sciences gave the special lecture to the learners. Dr. R. Tamilmaran, Director (i/c), SSSD disseminated the detailed information about the academic Programmes being offered by the University in his power point presentation.



Prof. M.V.Sudhakaran addressing the gathering



Righteousness yields good reputation and wealth;  
is there anything more precious?

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## DHARMAPURI REGIONAL CENTRE



The Regional Coordinator  
with the participants

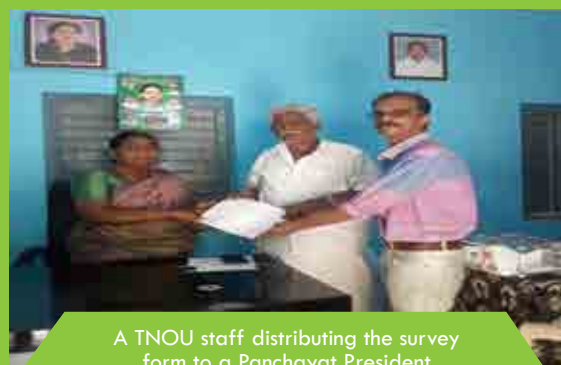
Dr. T. Sampathkumar, the Regional Coordinator conducted an Orientation Programme for the students of the Vasantham Community College, Karumandhurai, approved by the University. He delivered a lecture on the importance of the Skill Development and Training for honing employment opportunities.

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, the Vice-Chancellor of TNOU paid a visit to the Dharmapuri Regional Centre on 10-08-2019. Prof.S.Balasubramanian, Syndicate Member and Dr.T.Tamilmaran, Deputy Director(i/c), SSSD also graced the occasion.



The Vice-Chancellor at the  
Dharmapuri Regional Centre

The first Induction Programme for the freshers under the purview of Dharmapuri Regional Centre held at Padmavani College of Arts and Science, Salem on 23-11-2019. Dr.T.Sampathkumar, Syndicate Member participated in the Induction Meeting and Inaugurated. Dr.M.Vaiyapuri, Dr.R.Mahendran and Dr.K.Katturajan interacted with the learners and answered the doubts raised by them.



A TNOU staff distributing the survey  
form to a Panchayat President



## LAND INSPECTION BY HON'BLE MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION



Hon'ble Thiru. K.P. Anbalagan, Minister for Higher Education, Government of Tamilnadu and Pro-Chancellor of TNOU inspected a portion of alienated land at Periyanaahalli for building the Dharmapuri Regional on 10-08-2019. Prof. K. Parathasarathy, the Vice Chancellor of the University, along with Prof.S.Balasubramanian, Prof. & Head, SOTCS and Syndicate Member, Dr.R.Tamilmaran, Deputy Director i/c, SSSD and Dr.T.Sampath Kumar, Coordinator, Dharmapuri Regional Centre were also available on the spot.

As the Vice-Chancellor briefed the Minister about the activities of Regional Centre and proposal of the Construction of Building, the later directed the respective Government officials of the district to speed up the process of the land allotment for Dharmapuri Regional Centre. Accordingly, the district officials explained the present status of land allotment process and map of land to the Minister.

Dr. T. Sampath Kumar, Coordinator, Dharmapuri Regional Centre made the arrangements for the visit.

The second Induction Programme for the freshers under the purview of Dharmapuri Regional Centre was conducted at Kaveripakkam College of Arts and Science, Vellore on 24-11-2019. Dr. N. Dhanalakshmi, Syndicate Member inaugurated the programme. The Faculty Members of the University interacted with the learners and answered the doubts raised by them.

Under Unnath Bharath Abhiyan (UBA) Scheme, the TNOU Dharmapuri Regional Centre as part of conducting the Survey to find out the facilities that are required by the Village people met the Panchayat President and issued Baseline Survey Form.





## MADURAI REGIONAL CENTRE



The Vice-Chancellors of TNOU and MKU with the Registrar (i/c) and the Syndicate Member, TNOU

The Orientation Programmes were organized for the Coordinators of TNOU Study Centres together that are under the purview of Madurai and Tirunelveli Regional Centres.

The first Orientation programme was conducted at Sir C.V.R Seminar Hall, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on 18-07-2019. In his presidential address, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor of TNOU asked the Coordinators for enhancing the enrolment and ensuring the quality education for our learners. Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice-Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai inaugurated the orientation programme. Prof. P. Thiyagarajan, Registrar (i/c), TNOU, and Prof. S. Balasubramanian, Syndicate Member, TNOU delivered Special Address. At the end, the Abacus Technology Pvt. Ltd., conducted a demo regarding online admission process of TNOU



The Syndicate Member releasing the TNOU Information Bulletin



The Syndicate Member with the Faculty Members

The first Induction Programme for the newly admitted Learners under the Madurai Regional Centre held at Theni Kammavar Sangam College of Education, Koduvillarpatti on 16-11-2019. Dr.A.Ananadhamoorthy, Syndicate Member of TNOU was the Chief-Guest, who inaugurated the Programme. Dr.S.Aranganathan, Dr.R.Mahendran and Dr.E.Iniyan gave motivational talks and cleared the doubts raised by the participants. Dr.I.Ambeth, the Regional Coordinator made the arrangements.

The second Induction Programme for the freshers under the Madurai Regional Centre was conducted at N.M.S.Vellaisamy Nadar College, Nagamalai on 17-11-2019. Dr. A. Muthumanickam, Syndicate Member of TNOU gave inaugural address in the event. Dr. S. Aranganathan, Dr.R.Mahendran and Dr. E. Iniyan spoke on the functions of the University and the academic Programmes, besides addressing the grievances. Dr.I.Ambeth, the Regional Coordinator made the arrangements.



## THE NILGIRIS REGIONAL CENTRE

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof.K.Parthasarathy, paid a visit to the identified land for the Regional Centre at Kothagiri in the Nilgiris on 13-07-2019. Prof.P.Thiyagarajan, Registrar (i/c), Prof.S.Balasubramanian, Prof & Head, SOTCS and Syndicate Member, TNOU, Dr.R.Tamilmaran, Deputy Director (i/c), SSSD also accompanied the Vice-Chancellor during the visit. The Thasildar of Kathagiri was present among the Revenue officials. The Vice-Chancellor persuaded them to expedite the land allotment so as to construct the infrastructure for the benefits of the socially deprived people of this region. Dr.K.Vinoth Kanna, the Regional Coordinator made the arrangements for the visit.



The Vice-Chancellor looking at the land records



The Vice-Chancellor with the Officials of the TNOU and the Department of Revenue at the Regional Centre

## TIRUNELVELI REGIONAL CENTRE

The first and second Induction Programmes for the freshers of the Academic year 2019-20 were held at Kamaraj Arts and Science College and St. Johns College, separately on 21-12-2019. Professor M.V. Sudhakaran delivered the special lecture on Open Distance Learning (ODL).



Prof. M.V. Sudhakaran giving away the participation certificate to a learner





## TIRUCHIRAPPALLI REGIONAL CENTRE

The Orientation Programme for the Coordinators of TNOU Study Centres of the Trichy Region was conducted at Institute of Entrepreneurship and Career Development, Bharadhidasan University, Khajamalai Campus, Tiruchirappalli, on 27-06-2019. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice Chancellor of TNOU delivered inaugural address. In his address, he asked the participants for improving the enrolment and providing seamless learner support services. Thiru. K. Rajalingam, Syndicate Member, TNOU presided over the programme. Prof.P.Thiyagarajan, Registrar i/c, TNOU, Prof. S. Balasubramanian, Syndicate Member, TNOU delivered Special Address.



The Vice-Chancellor addressing the learners and other dignitaries looking on

Further, the Abacus Technology Pvt. Ltd., conducted a demo regarding online admission process of TNOU in the orientation programme.

The Regional Centre organised the Students Grievances Redressal camp on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019. The TNOU Officials conducted the Camp and addressed the grievances on the spot.

The first Induction Programme of TNOU for AY 2019-2020 Batch Learners of the region was conducted on 23.11.2019 at Jamal Mohamed College (A), Tiruchirappalli.

The second Induction Programme of TNOU for AY 2019-2020 Batch Learners of the region was organised on 24.11.2019 at MASS College of Arts and Science, Kumbakonam.



Learners Induction Programme – Tiruchirappalli Regional Centre conducted on 24.11.2019 at Mass College of Arts and Science, Kumbakonam





## VILLUPURAM REGIONAL CENTRE



A University faculty addressing the participants

The first Induction Programme for the freshers of this region was organized on 30.11.2019 at Bhavani College of Education, Cuddalore. Dr. T. Sampath Kumar, Member-Syndicate, Er. R. Meenambigai, and Dr. S. Anantharamakrishnan, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai addressed the participants. Dr. Pandiya Vadivu, the Regional Coordinator made the arrangements for the event.

## PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Hon'ble Chief- Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu made an announcement under Rule 110 (S.no.20) in Tamil Nadu legislature Assembly regarding the establishment of the TNOU LSCs and Exam Centres at 91 Government Arts and Science colleges across the state. In this connection, a committee was constituted to execute the Chief-Minister's announcement. Dr. R. Arumugam, Assistant Professor of SOPPA took up the assignments and the G.O is under process.

Dr. R. Arumugam, Assistant Professor School of Politics and Public Administration along with Dr. R. Kalaiarasi, Asst. Prof. School of Computer Science contacted the Director of Public Libraries, Government of Tamilnadu for tie-up with the all District Head Quarters Libraries in Tamil Nadu to display the TNOU course materials for the benefits of the learners and the public.



An official communication being handed over to the Director

The School of Social Sciences in association with the Born2Win Social Trust initiated the Promotional and the Outreach Activity for Transgenders at Saidapet on 8.07.2019 to disseminate the academic programmes and functioning of TNOU.



The Promotional activity and the Outreach programme was conducted at Jeevan Community College run by Udavum Karangal Trust, Thiruverkadu, and Chennai on 20.07.2019. Dr. D. Thirumalraja, Assistant Professor, SOSS and Dr. Shanmugavelan, Assistant Professor, SOS, gave the special lectures about TNOU programmes and functions. Fifty-five spot admissions were done there. Mr. Ravi, Record Clerk, TNOU and Mr. Murali, Public Relations (Outsourced), TNOU also participated in the event.

A Special Interview was given by Dr. E. Iniyan in the weekly journal **Puthiya Thalaimurai: Kalvi** regarding the Programmes offered by the School of History and Tourism Studies, TNOU, particularly about the Archaeology courses.

Dr. D. Thirumalraja and Dr. P. Shanmugavelan conducted Pre-Admission Campaign on 27-08-2019 for Employees of Reliance Trendz at Ambatur Branch, Chennai.

Dr. P. Shanmugavelan and Dr. C. Karthikeyan conducted Pre-Admission Campaign on 21-09-2019 for Employees of Reliance Trendz at T. Nagar Branch, Chennai.

Spot Admission campaign was conducted by the Student Registration (SR-1 Section) at RG Modern Community College, Melmaruvathur on 14.12.2019. Around 300 admissions were made in various programmes.

## NEWCOMERS AND RETIREE

## NOMINATION TO SYNDICATE

In accordance with the TNOU Act and Statutes, one Associate Professor and one Assistant Professor are to be nominated to the Syndicate based on the seniority. It was kept in abeyance for almost a decade. However, the incumbent Vice-Chancellor, Prof. K. Parthasarathy nominated Dr. N. Dhanalakshmi, Associate Professor, School of History and Tourism Studies and Dr. T. Sampath Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Education as Syndicate Members adhering to the norms on 16.09.2019. They would serve as Syndicate Members for the period of three years.



The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor with the newly nominated Syndicate Members superannuation, Mr. Sh.Kannan, Office Assistant retired from the Uni



## RETIREMENT

On attaining superannuation, Mr. K. S. Kannan, Office Assistant retired from the University service on 01.07.2019. A bid adieu was given to him at the University premises. On behalf of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof.K.Parthasarathy honoured his dedicated service with a memento.



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor honouring Mr. K.S. Kannan and other officials of the University looking on

## HON'BLE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Delivered the Inaugural Address in Kamban Vizha–2019 organised by K.A.S Ragunayagam Trust, Varatham, Thirupattur on 10.08.2019
- Graced the Independence Day Celebrations chaired by Hon'ble Governor of Tamilnadu at Raj Bhavan, Chennai on 15.08.2019
- Participated in the Open University Vice-Chancellors' Conference conducted by CEMCA in New Delhi on 20.08.2019
- Attended the Vice-Chancellors' Meeting chaired by Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and graced by the Principal Secretary to Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Tamilnadu at TANSCH, Chennai on 21.08.2019
- Delivered a Special Lecture on "Paradigm Shift in Pedagogical Practices: Quality Enhancement in Higher Education" at National College, Tiruchirappalli on 24.08.2019
- Delivered the Inaugural Address at the 15th Inauguration Day Celebrations of B.Ed., & M.Ed., Programmes at GRT Group of Education, Tiruttani on 26.08.2019
- Offered the Convocation Address at 13th Graduation Day of Muthu Mase Institutions, Karur on 29.08.2019
- Attended Vice-Chancellors' Conference on "Role of Open Universities in 21st Century" held at Karnataka State Open University, Mysuru on 06th and 07th September, 2019
- Delivered a Special Lecture in the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji & NSS Day at Pachiyappa's College, Chennai on 24.09.2019



True joy blossoms only due to righteous deeds;  
all else cause unhappiness and disrepute.

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## HON'BLE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Graced the Special Lecture on Gandhi Katha held at Raj Bhavan, Chennai 16.10.2019
- Presented the Welcome Address and the Annual Report of TNOU at 12th Convocation of TNOU at Centenary Auditorium, University of Madras on 18.10.2019
- Presided over the 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day Ceremony of Graduands of TNOU conducted by KPR Mills, Thikkalur, Coimbatore on 20.10.2019
- Participated in a Two-Day Higher Education Retreat hosted at Raj Bhavan, Ooty during 19-20.12.2020

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