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VICE CHANCELLOR MESSAGE

Prof. K. Parthasarathy
Vice Chancellor

My Dear Readers,

VANAKKAM !

I hope that all of you are safe and prosperous with your family during this COVID-19 pandemic period. It gives me immense pleasure in bringing out the University's Fourth 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 Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU). I would like to state that the

EVEN IF NOTHING ELSE CAN BE RESTRAINED, ONE MUST CONTROL HIS TONGUE; IF NOT, HE WILL SUFFER BECAUSE OF THE HARM INFLICTED BY HIS WORDS.

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TNOU has made a lot of remarkable achievements between January and June, 2021 with regard to providing quality education, upgraded infrastructure, robust learner supporting services and technology-enabled learning, besides placement assistances to the learners. I am also delighted to record that TNOU conducted an Induction Programme to the newly enrolled students in the Academic Year 2020-2021 through virtual platform.

As a remarkable achievement, an area of 0.3.36 hectre was transferred to TNOU Regional Centre and Constituent Community College at Kothagiri, the District Collector of the Niligris, As per the Sustainable efforts taken by the TNOU for the Passed Two Years.

The counselling sessions through virtual platform for all the students of Tamil Nadu Open University who joined in Academic Year-2020-2021 were successfully organised by EMPRC and SSSD. Majority of the students attended the counselling sessions and expressed their sincere thanks to TNOU.

I would like to place on record my appreciations as well as congratulations to the teaching faculty, non-teaching and outsourced staff for their support and cooperation in terms of carrying out the above activities earnestly.

I also thank the Members of Editorial Board of The TNOU Newsletter, for having prepared in an elegant way.

With warmest regards,

(K. Parthasarathy)

Vice Chancellors Meet with Hon'ble Chief Minister

As an unprecedented historic event, our **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu Thiru. M. K. Stalin** called on all Vice Chancellors of State Universities on May 10, 2021, i.e., the fourth day of sworn-in and interacted with them. The Chief Minister also directed the Vice Chancellors to ensure quality higher education as well as physical and mental wellbeing of students, during the surge in COVID-19 pandemic crisis. All Vice Chancellors responded to the review of the Chief Minister enthusiastically.

மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு. மு.க. ஸ்டாலின் அவர்களை இன்று (10.5.2021) முகாம் அலுவலகத்தில், மாண்புமிகு உயர்கல்வித் துறை அமைச்சர் திரு. க. பொன்முடி, உயர்கல்வித் துறை முதன்மைச் செயலாளர் செல்வி அபூர்வா, இ.ஆ.ப., தமிழ்நாடு ஆசிரியர் கல்வியியல் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் டாக்டர் என். பஞ்சநாதம், தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் கே. பார்த்தசாரதி, பாரதிதாசன் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் டாக்டர் எம். செல்வம், அண்ணாமலை பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் வி. முருகேசன், பெரியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் டாக்டர் பி. குழந்தை வேலு, திருவள்ளுவர் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் டாக்டர் தாமரைச் செல்வி, மதுரை காமராசர் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் டாக்டர் எம். கிருஷ்ணன், மனோன்மணியம் சுந்தரனார் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் டாக்டர் கே. பிச்சுமணி, ஜெ.ஜெ பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் டாக்டர் எஸ். அன்பழகன், அழகப்பா பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் திரு. என். ராஜேந்திரன், சென்னைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் திருமதி எஸ். கௌரி, அன்னை தெரசா மகளிர் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் டாக்டர் வைதேகி விஜயகுமார், பாரதியார் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் டாக்டர் பெ. காளிராஜ் ஆகியோர் மரியாதை நிமித்தம் சந்தித்தார்கள்.

TNOU Vice Chancellor Prof. K. Parthasarathy with Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education along with other Vice Chancellors of Universities

Thanks to our **Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Thiru. K. Ponmudi** who arranged a meeting of all Vice Chancellors with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu. Before meeting with the Chief Minister in the afternoon on 10 May, 2021, the Minister reviewed the activities carried out by the Universities during this COVID-19 pandemic period for the academic welfare of the students. The Minister also informed to conduct examinations and publish the results before the end of July 2021 in order to help the students to pursue higher studies or seek the employment opportunities.

The then Principal Secretary to Govt., Higher Education Dept., took part in both meetings of Vice Chancellors with the Minister and the Chief Minister.

Milestones During January-June 2021

- TNOU obtained B.Ed (General) recognition from Distance Education Bureau (DEB) University Grants Commission (UGC), to offer through distance mode.
- After a gap of three years, the TNOU has received the UGC-DEB Grants to the tune of Rs.1.16 Crore for its developmental activities.
- Prepared 21 Policy Documents and Manuals which are essential for functioning of the University and submitting to the NAAC Accreditation.
- Regional Centre Building at Villupuram, Additional Floors at Academic Block and Material Production and Distribution Block were constructed and put into use after inauguration.
- The Student Placement Cell, TNOU with the support of the District Employment and Career Counselling Centre conducted six job placements at Chennai, Tirunelveli, Tiruchirappalli, Villupuram, Coimbatore and Madurai.
- TNOU signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate of Public Libraries, Tamilnadu for providing copies of Self-Learning Materials of TNOU Programmes to all Central Libraries in District Headquarters, which will be highly useful for those who prepare for competitive examinations.
- Conducted Online Academic Counselling Session for Vocational Diploma, Degree and Master Degree students who enrolled in TNOU for the Academic Year 2020-2021 through virtual platform.
- All Schools of Study conducted International and National Seminars through virtual platform during this pandemic period.
- Introduced new Short Term Programmes for the benefit of learners to develop knowledge and skills.
- Revision of Curriculum and updation of Self Learning Materials after a gap of over ten years, have been done meticulously.
- In order to maintain quality, the various quality mechanisms and policy perspective have been designed. For e.g. such as SLM Policy, Research Policy etc.
- Faculty Development Programmes have been conducted through virtual platform.
- 132 Government Arts and Science Colleges in Tamilnadu have been approved and acted as the Learner Support Centres of Tamil Nadu Open University to conduct Academic Counselling, Examination and organise promotional activities to TNOU students.
- MoU has been signed with eight new Community Colleges to offer TNOU Vocational Education Programmes.
- Constituent Community College at Villupuram been put into operations for providing Short Term and Vocational Diploma Programme to the students.
- Common Regulations for Short Term, Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Vocational Diploma, Degree and Master Degree Programmes have been broughtout.

University Accomplishments

Policy Note 2021-2022

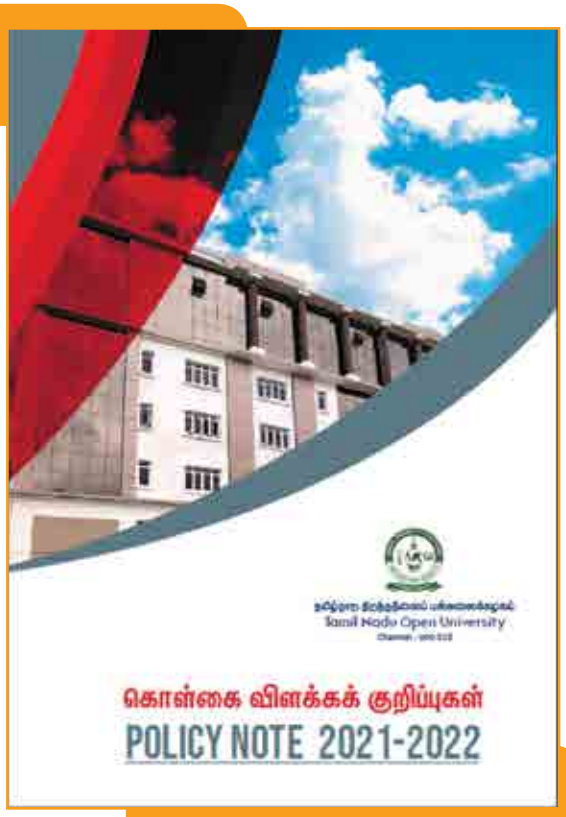
In June 2021, TNOU, as per the guidelines and support of the Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu, has brought out a Policy Note of TNOU for 2021-2022 in both Tamil and English. It consists of the following pertaining to TNOU.

- *A brief history and objectives*
- *Important achievements*
- *Activities & schemes undertaken*
- *Schemes to be undertaken*
- *Details of centres in operation*

It is quite interesting to note that the TNOU has planned to operate some of the following major Activities/Schemes with the concurrence of Government of Tamilnadu.

- *Establishment of Four New Regional Centres of TNOU*
- *Construction of TNOU's Regional Centre Building at Kothagiri, The Niligris District.*
- *Organization of Job Fairs in all 38 Districts of Tamilnadu*
- *Establishment of Book Racks with Books (SLM of TNOU) at 32 District Central Libraries of Tamilnadu*
- *Establishment of Green Campus at TNOU*

Besides these, TNOU is in the process of going for NAAC Accreditation and implementing Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programmes.



TNOU Policy Note 2021-2022

Vice Chancellor Meeting

The Vice Chancellor's Meeting through virtual platform with all Teaching, Non –Teaching and Outsourcing Staff of TNOU was held on 03-06-2021. He Interacted with them to bring out the development activities in University.

Best Paper Award Received

Ms.E.Nagaveni, Research Scholar

Two Best Paper Awards were received by Ms. E.Nagaveni, a Research Scholar in the Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, TNOU from Social Science & Management Welfare Association, Youth Economics Association, Radiant Group of Institution, Jabalpur (M.P), India and International Society of Teachers & Administrators Researchers, Bangkok, Thailand for presenting a paper entitled "**Policies and Programmes for Tribal Development in India"** in the 5th Multidisciplinary International Conference on Entrepreneurship Development and Employment Opportunity and **"Online Job Seekers in India - A Review Paper"** in the National Conference on Digital India**.**

Best Paper Award was received by Mr. TV Balakrishnan, Research Scholar, School of Computer Science, TNOU, under the guideship of Dr. R.Kalaiarasi, SOCS, TNOU, from Mahalashmi Women's College of Arts & Science, Avadi, Chennai, for presenting a paper entitled "**Techno-Banking Services at Pandemic"** in the International Conference on "*Paradigm Shift – A Global Reality*" held on 14-15, May 2021.

Mr.TV.Balakrishnan, Research Scholar

Editorial Advisor for IJAE

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, has been nominated as Editorial Advisor for Indian Journal of Adult Education, by Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi, which is the leading Organisation not only in India but also at International level in the field of Adult, Non-Formal, Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning, since 1939.

The peer reviewed Indian Journal of Adult Education is being published from 1939. The period of Editorial Advisorship of the above journal is from 8 April 2021 to 7 April 2025 for both print and online volumes 82-85 consisting of 16 issues.

National Award of Excellence 2021

In March 2021, Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar, TNOU was conferred with the prestigious "Adarsh Vidya Saraswati Rashtriya Puraskar" by Glacier Journal Research Foundation, Global Management Council, Ahmedabad

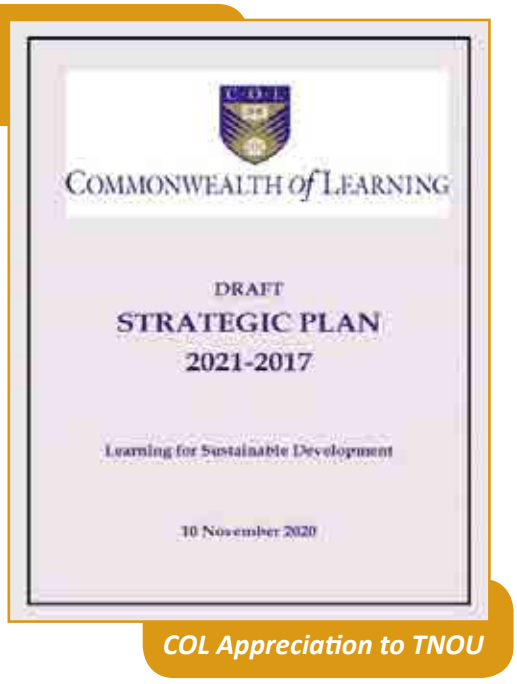
MoU with Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam

The Student Placement Cell of TNOU signed an MoU with Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam – MTS on 07-04-2021 for organising "Vazhviyal Arangam" in every fortnight by inviting well experienced achievers of different walks of life in order to narrate their experiences in their life creating awareness among the teaching, non-teaching and outsourcing staff, and students community of TNOU.

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor with Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam Founder Dr.Cheyon

The MoU was signed by Registrar in the presence of the Co-ordinator, Placement Cell, Dr.R.Mahendran on behalf of TNOU and Dr.Cheyon, Founder – Secretary, on behalf of MTS.

COL Appreciates TNOU



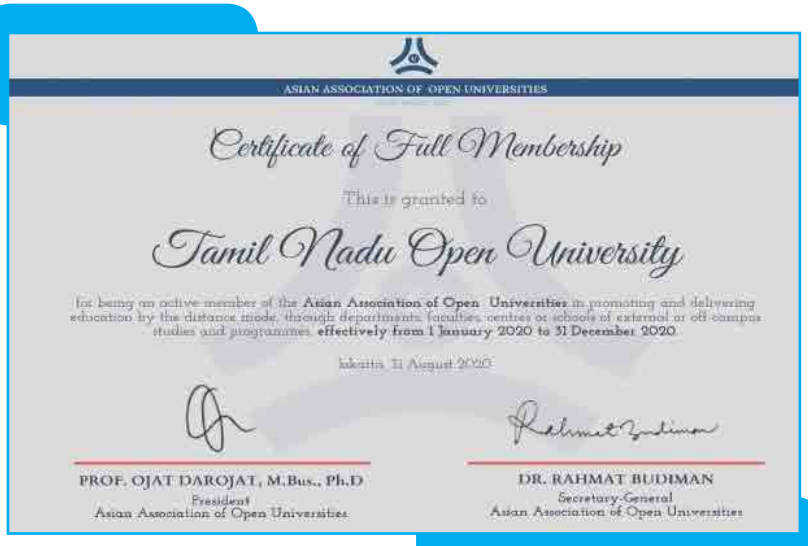
COL Appreciation to TNOU

The Commonwealth of Learning (COL.) invited inputs and comments for its "Draft Strategic Plan 2021-2027" on 10 November 2020. The University submitted its inputs for which the COL has given the appreciation as follows:

"Dear Hon.Vice Chancellor, We are most grateful for the outstanding comments received from your office on COL's draft six-year plan. They are insightful and valuable to us. We are about to finalize a revised draft for presentation to our Board of Governors where the Secretary, Department of Higher Education represents India. Your leadership in identifying key points for the development of an Inter-Government Organization like COL is greatly appreciated. With all good wishes for continued satisfaction and fulfillment in your mission to make TNOU a truly great institution".

TNOU Become Member of Asian Association of Open University (AAOU)

The Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) presidency under Universities Terbuka is taking initiatives to issue out a Membership Certificate and E-Badge. It is pleasured to inform that the TNOU has received the Membership Certificate and E-Badge from Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU) for its remarkable contributions in the area of Open and Distance Education.



AAOU Membership to TNOU

'Thiruvalluvar Statue Unveiled' and Seminar on "Treatise on Art of Living in Thirukkural"

தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் கல்விப்புல வளாகத்தில் உள்ள திருவள்ளுவர் சிற்றரங்கில் திருவள்ளுவரின் பொன்வண்ணச் சிலை 24.03.2021-இல் தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் கோ.பார்த்தசாரதி அவர்களால் திறந்து வைக்கப்பட்டது.

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor unveiling the Thiruvalluvar Satue with Dignatories

இச்சிறப்பு நிகழ்வில், திருவள்ளுவர் சிலையைக் கொடையாக வழங்கிய விஜிபி உலகத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கத் தலைவர் டாக்டர் வி.ஜி.சந்தோசம், ஆட்சிமன்ற குழு உறுப்பினர்கள், பதிவாளர், நிதி அலுவலர், பேராசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் நிர்வாகப் பணியாளர்கள் ஆகியோர் திருவள்ளுவரின் பொன்வண்ணச் சிலைக்கு மலர் துவி வணக்கம் செய்தனர். திருவள்ளுவர் சிலைத் திறப்பு விழாவைத் தொடர்ந்து, சிற்றரங்கில் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள திருக்குறள் மின் பதாகைகளை ஆட்சி மன்ற குழு உறுப்பினர்கள் முனைவர் அ. முத்துமாணிக்கம், முனைவர் பி. பொன்னுச்சாமி ஆகியோர் மின் ஒளியூட்டி இயக்கி வைத்தனர்.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy honouring Chief Guest Dr. V.G. Santhosam

இதன் பின்னர் "வள்ளுவர் காட்டும் வாழ்வியல்' என்ற தலைப்பில் கருத்தரங்கம் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் பதிவாளர் கு. ரத்னகுமார் அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரை வழங்க, துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் கோ. பார்த்தசாரதி அவர்கள் தலைமை உரையாற்றினார்கள்.

டாக்டர் வி ஜி சந்தோசம், தலைவர், விஜிபி உலகத் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், முனைவர் கோ. விசயராகவன், இயக்குநர், தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித்துறை, முனைவர் இரா.சந்திரசேகரன், இயக்குநர், செம்மொழித் தமிழாய்வு மத்திய நிறுவனம், முனைவர் சேயோன், செயலாளர், மயிலைத் திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், நீதியரசர் டி.என்.வள்ளிநாயகம் ஆகியோர் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவுகளை நிகழ்த்தினார்கள்.

ஆட்சிமன்ற குழு உறுப்பினர்கள் மற்றும் நிதி அலுவலர் முன்னிலை வகித்தனர். விழா நிறைவில் தேர்வுக் கட்டுப்பாட்டு அலுவலர் மா. மணிவண்ணன் அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை வழங்கினார். இவ்விழாவினை முனைவர் சி. கார்த்திகேயன், முனைவர் சு. அரங்கநாதன் ஆகியோர் ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

Press Meet

Vice Chancellor showing about the Self-Learning Materials of B.Ed.

Prof. K. Parathasarathy, Vice Chancellor had a press meet at Syndicate Hall, Administrative Building, TNOU, Chennai on 23 February 2021. The Vice Chancellor shared the information about the recognition of B.Ed. programme general for 2020-21 by the DEB, UGC, New Delhi. The media personnel asked about the examinations during this COVID pandemic situation for which the Vice chancellor answered that all examinations in September 2020 and December 2020 were conducted in accordance with the guidelines of the UGC and the Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu.

NAAC Accreditation Meeting with Non-Teaching Staff

TNOU Vice Chancellor, Prof. K.Parthasarathy chaired the Meeting on 12th Feb. 2021 for all TNOU Non-Teaching Staff Members of both main campus and Regional Centres to discuss about the preparedness on the NAAC at Thiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium, Academic Block, TNOU. Outsourced Staff Members of TNOU as well as the House Keeping Staff working at TNOU Headquarters also attended the meeting.

Non Teaching Staff in Vice Chancellor's Meeting

Pledge on Abolition of Bonded labour

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor administering the Pledge

Pledge on Abolition of Bonded labour was observed the University on 09.02.2021. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice-Chancellor administered the pledge to his employees.

Launching New Website

The website of TNOU was modernised with good outlook. The Vice Chancellor along with the Registrar and the Finance Officer inaugurated the new website by lighting the lamp on 05 February, 2021 in the Thiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium, Academic Building, TNOU. The Registrar, the Finance Officer, the faculty members, non-teaching staff and research scholars took part in this function.

Vice Chancellor inaugurating TNOU New Website – www.tnou.ac.in

New Outlook of TNOU Website

UGC-DEB Interface Meeting

The TNOU applied for new programmes and B.Ed. programme general for seeking recognition from the Distance Education Bureau (DEB), University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. The UGC-DEB invited the TNOU for the Interface Expert Committee Meeting through virtual mode on 03 February, 2021. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar along with Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Director, CIQA, Dr. M. Manivannan, Chairman, Faculty of Education and other faculty members of School of Education took part in the meeting and appraised the programmes applied for.

Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar, TNOU interacting with UGC Officials

Republic Day Celebration in TNOU

The Tamil Nadu Open University celebrated grandly the 'Republic Day' of our Nation. Prof. K. Parathasarathy, Vice Chancellor of TNOU hoisted the National Flag. The patriotism is the core of all living of human beings in our nation. Countless freedom fighters shed their blood and sacrificed their lives for the present luxurious status of individuals who enjoy now, all sorts of freedom. Let us be honest in saluting our national flag, he proclaimed. All staff members of TNOU had a photo session with the Vice Chancellor.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor hoisting the Flag

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor with staffs of TNOU

Pongal Celebration

The Pongal Festival was celebrated at the Academic Block of Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) on 13th January 2021. All the Teaching and Non-teaching staff of TNOU participated in the presence of Vice-Chancellor and all other syndicate members in the celebration with great enthusiasm.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor with staff of TNOU during Pongal Celebration in TNOU

Awareness Programmes on Vaccination and Prevention of COVID-19

Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor, Raj Bhavan, Tamilnadu had a virtual meeting with all Vice Chancellors of State Universities in Tamilnadu on 20.04.2021 and deliberated on the pandemic- "Management of Corona in the Universities of Tamilnadu". After the deliberations and kind directions of the Hon'ble Governor-Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor of TNOU planned the following programmes of action on the above issue and seriously organised the awareness programmes with the support of various Schools and Divisions of the University.

- *Prepared half minute and one minute Audio Messages on the importance of Vaccination and Adopting SOP, and broadcasted through the Internet-Radio of TNOU to the Public. Audio Clippings produced by the EMPRC are available to listen whenever needed both Tamil (3 Nos.) and English (2 Nos.). These tasks are co-ordinated by Dr. P. Chitra, Director, EMPRC with the support of her staff members. The audio messages may be listened through the link https://tnou.ac.in/audio/*

- *TNOU prepared three Video Clippings in both Tamil and English, with the content of 1½-minutes duration, highlighting the importance of vaccination and preventive measures to be taken as per the SOP of the Central Government and the Government of Tamilnadu. The videos were produced by Dr. P. Chitra, Director and Dr. C. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and New Media Studies, with the support of EMPRC. The video clippings are being viewed by public and learners of TNOU through University Website (www.tnou.ac.in).*

- *Online Quiz Programme was conducted through virtual mode to the public, college and university students about the vaccination and the preventive measures to curb corona. This task was successfully carried out by Dr. T. Ravimanickam, Director, School of Sciences and Dr. A. S. Arul Lawrence, Director, Centre for University Informatics, TNOU.*

- *Surveys based .Research was conducted on the application of vaccination and to bring about the degree of interest and awareness among the pubic/stakeholders. This task was carried out by Dr. T. Ravimanickam, Director, School of Sciences and Dr. A.S. Arul Lawrence, Director, Centre for University Informatics, TNOU.*

- *In order to popularise and create massive impact about the importance of vaccination and SOP as directed by the State/Central Government, 10 types of Posters, both in Tamil and English were produced by the TNOU and the same are being displayed through www.tnou.ac.in for the benefit of stakeholders of all Regional Centres, Study Centres, Learner Support Centres, Constituent Community Colleges and Community Colleges.*

- *Entire Regional Centres, Constituent Community Colleges, Community Colleges and Learner Support Centres are propagated the importance of vaccination and SOP, by the concerned Directors & Co-ordinators of the centres of TNOU in Tamilnadu.*

- *Awareness about the vaccination to the persons with differently abled, and also to their parents, care-givers and special educators through audio and video (sign language) for 2 - 2½minutes both in Tamil and English was created. This was produced by the Dr. B. Anupamadevi, Director(i/c) and Thiru. R. Tamilselvan, Assistant Professor, School of Special Education and Rehabilitation, TNOU.*

- *In all the Induction and Counselling Sessions conducted by all the Schools of Study during April 2021, 2 to 3 minutes were devoted to popularise the importance of vaccination, by all the faculty members and resource persons of the respective programmes. This task was successfully co-ordinated and monitored by Dr. M.V. Sudhakaran, Director, School of Social Sciences and Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Director, School of Continuing Education, TNOU.*

- *Entire Teaching, Non-Teaching and Outsourced staff are persuaded to take up the vaccination and thereby over 70% of the staff got vaccinated.*

Activities of Divisions

Students Registration and Evaluation Division (SRED)

Term End Examinations

The results of Term End Examinations, December 2020 conducted through online were released on 23.02.2021. The details of the results are given in the following table.

S.No	Programme	No. of Student Registered	No. of Student Appeared	No. of Student Passed	No. of Student Failed
1	M.B.A	381	367	360	7
2	M.C.A	31	21	21	0
3	P.G. (All)	1980	1906	1806	100
4	U.G. (All)	4442	4192	4080	112
5	B.Ed & B.Ed. Spl.Education	873	869	860	9
6	P.G.Diploma	55	53	51	2
7	Diploma	33	27	26	1
8	Vocational Diploma	409	401	392	9
9	Certificate Programme	6	6	5	1
TOTAL		**8210**	**7842**	**7601**	**241**

The result of the Term End Examinations – December 2020 of BPP (Entrance Exam) was also published on 24.02.2021. Short Term Programme on "Innovative Teaching and Skills for Online Class Room" – Term End Examinations for II Batch was conducted on 27.02.2021. The Online Examination of the Non-Credit Certificate in Entrepreneurship Development Programme was conducted on 29- 30 September, 2020.

Admissions and Examinations

- *Admissions of AY 2020-21 cycle for various study programmes of TNOU got over on December 31, 2020 as per guidelines of the UGC. A total of 10,646 candidates has entrolled the various academic programmes of the TNOU.*
- *Entrance examination for Ph.D. admissions was held on 18 January 2021; Interview was conducted on January 27, 2021.*
- *The Online Examination for Short-Term Programme on "Innovative Teaching and Skills for Online Classroom" was conducted on 20.01.2021.*

Research Council Meeting

The Second Meeting of the Research Council was held on 24 March 2021 at the Syndicate Hall of the University. The Vice Chancellor chaired the Meeting and presented the agenda items. The discussion was held on various issues and prospects and resolutions were made.

Practical Examination 2021-Meeting

The Meeting with the Directors of concerned Schools of Study, who have responsibility of practical related courses, was conducted to discuss about the modalities for the conduct of Practical Classes and Examinations 2021. It was resolved to conduct Practical Examination for all Practical Courses between 10 April 2021 and 17 April 2021 through Online, as a special case, in view of COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Degree of TNOU Valid for TNPSC Recruitment

The degrees awarded by the Tamil Nadu Open University are valid for the recruitment made by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC), as per the latest Court verdict of Madurai Bench of Madras High Court Judgement, dated 31-03-2021 [Rev.Aplw (MD) No.17 of 2021 and W.M.P (MD) No.5263 of 2021]. The 10th para of the Judgement read:

"Though the learned Additional General made a submission that if the M.Phil.,/Ph.D., courses are conducted in conformity with the said regulations by the Tamil Nadu Open University, the same shall be approved. It is needless to state that once the regulations are followed by the University recognized, then such courses conducted in consonance with the regulations are approved by the University Grants Commission, are to be construed as a valid degree in the eye of law."

Material Production and Distribution Division(MPDD)

New SLMs Adopting Quality Control Measures

The Tamil Nadu Open University initiated to revamp the Self Learning Materials of all academic programmes of the University as per the UGC-ODL Guidelines, 2020. For the first time in the ODL history of Tamil Nadu Open University, Self Learning Material (SLM) Policy Document has been developed for the preparation of Self Learning Materials.

Accordingly, the curriculum of B.Ed.Spl.Ed. Programme (Semester Pattern) of School of Special Education and Rehabilitation was updated. The Programme Project Report (PPR) was prepared for the revised syllabus. The PPR with syllabus is approved by the Board of Studies of the School, and the Academic Council of the University. The following 6 Course Materials, namely - Human Growth and Development (SED-11), Contemporary India & Education (SED-12), Inclusive Education (SED-13), Introduction to Sensory Disabilities (SED-14), Introduction to Neuro devlopmental Disabilities (SED-15) and Introduction to Locomotor and Multiple Disabilities (SED-16), of 1st semester were prepared as per the SLM Policy document.

TNOU Self Learning Materials as per SIM Format

The developed SLMs were edited by subject experts and language experts to ensure quality of contents and language as well. All the six SLMs were checked for plagiarism through Urkund checker to avoid copy write issues. After fulfilling all the parameters in the Checklist for printing the TNOU SLMs, the 1st semester both Tamil and English medium SLMs were printed and distributed to the students. The e-SLMs were also prepared and uploaded in the TNOU website for the convenience of the students with low vision and blind, as first time. The preparation of materials for the remaining four semesters is under progress.

School of History and Tourism Studies, School of Humanities, School of Tamil and Cultural Studies and School of Politics and Public Administration prepared the Programme Project Report (PPR) along with the revised syllabus for the programmes listed below:

- M.A. History & B.A History – Semester Pattern
- M.A.. Tamil, M.A. English, B.A. Tamil, B.A. Tamil Literature and B.A. Human rights – Non-Semester Pattern

Those PPRs with syllabi are approved by the respective Boards of Studies and the Academic Council of the University. The Self Learning Materials, of those programmes (1st semester/1st Year). In addition, these SLMs have been edited and reviewed by the external subjects experts and the plagiarism was also checked to ensure quality of the course materials. After adopting these rigorous process, the University is going to provide the material to the learners.

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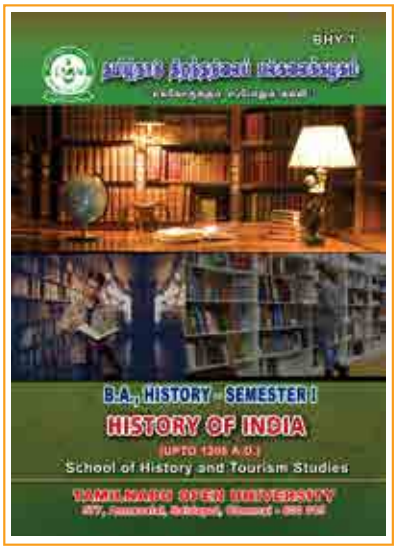
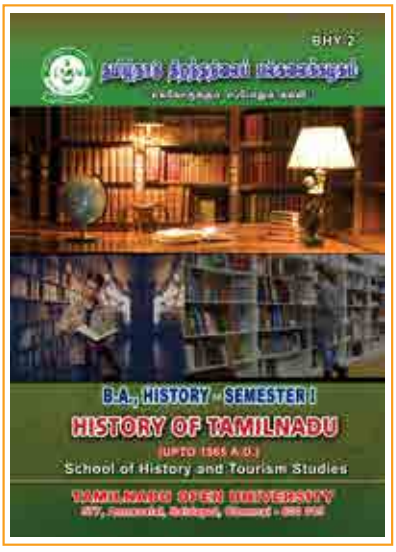
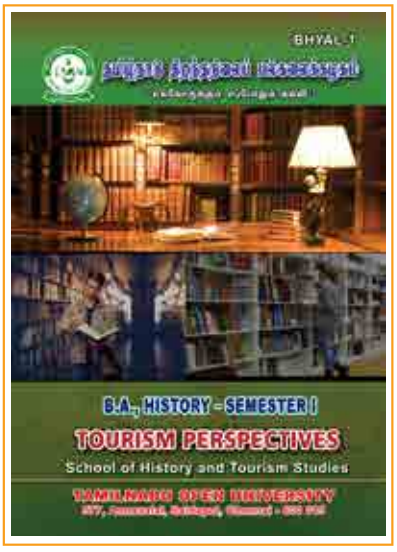
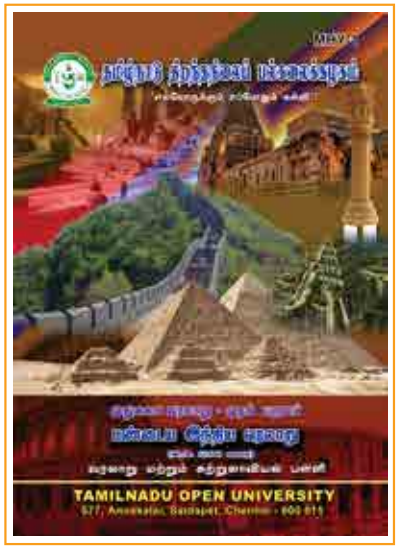
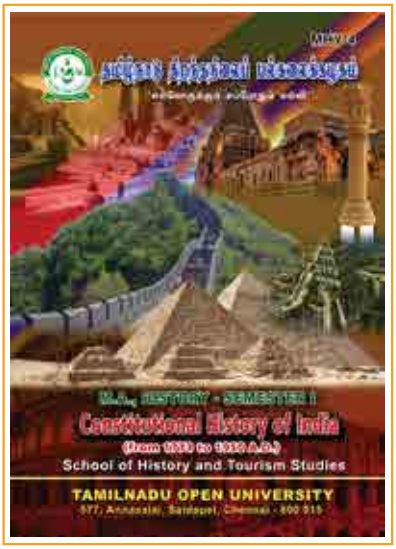
The SLMs Developed by the School of History and Tourism Studies

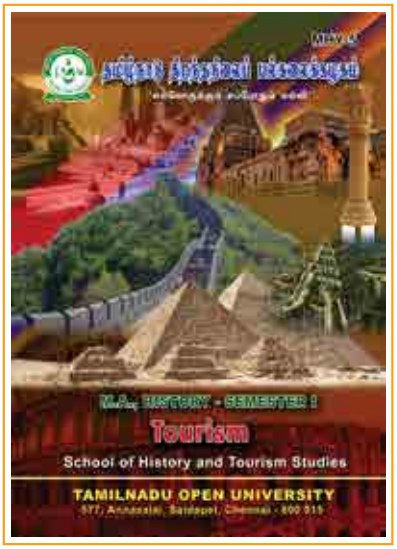












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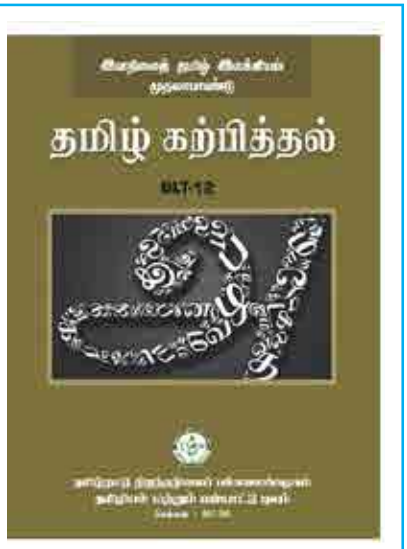

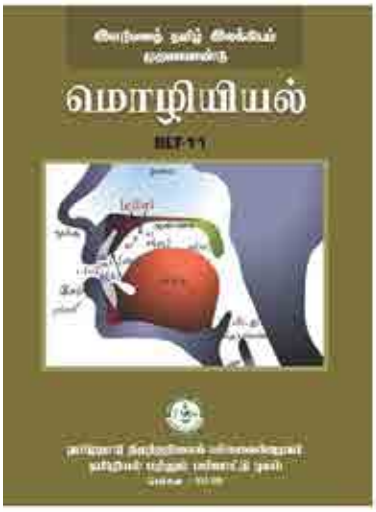

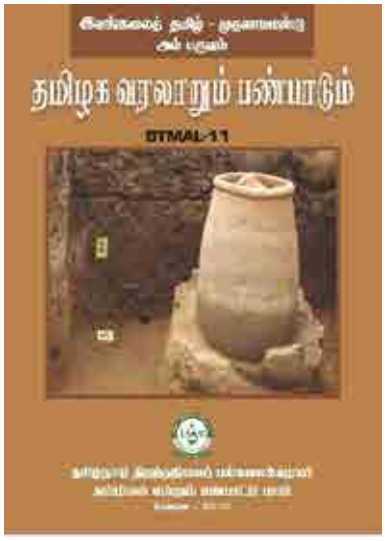

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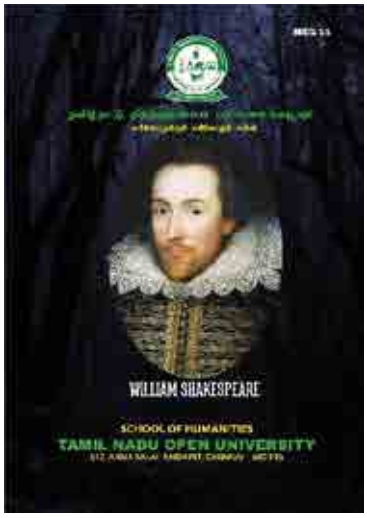

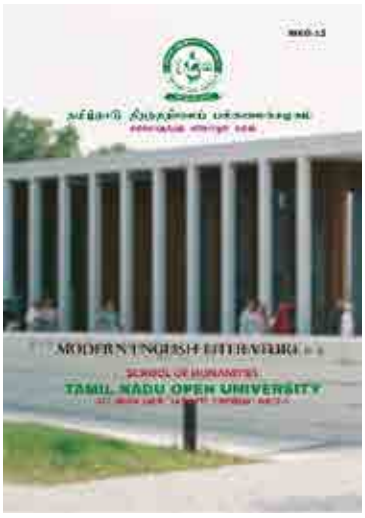

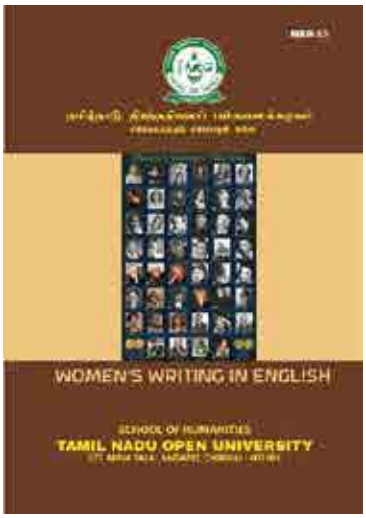

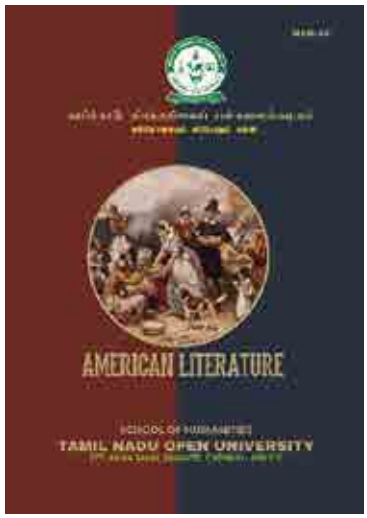

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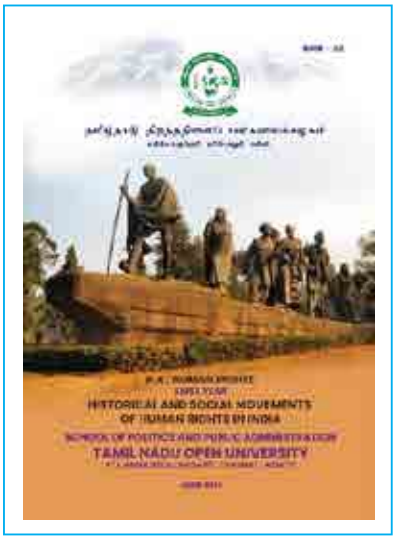
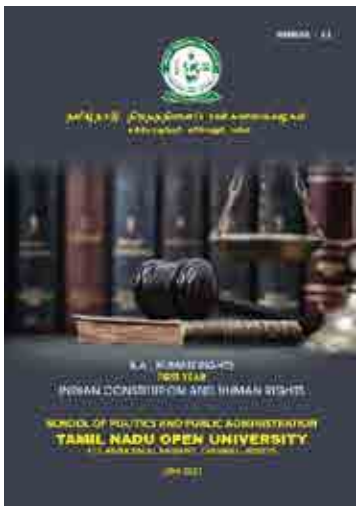
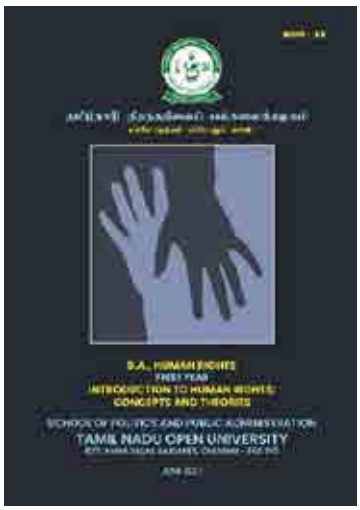






Students Support Services Division (SSSD)

Induction Programme for AY 2020 Admissions

As the Counselling Classes are mandatory for the learners, the TNOU conducted an induction programme for the learners of first year of all programmes on March 7, 2021 through virtual mode using Zoom, i-Radio and YouTube. In this programme, the Vice Chancellor explained about the functions of the University to cater to the needs of learners in all dimensions.

Vice Chancellor Addressing Students during Induction Programme

The Faculty-wise orientation about the course components, information on practical courses and project works, was shared by the Chairpersons of Faculty of Arts, Social Science, Science, Indian and Foreign Language, Extension Education, and Management, and the Director, School of Humanities.

Faculty Chairman Address during Induction Meeting

Around 7,000 learners attended the Induction programme. The three hour meeting was successfully held with the enthusiastic participation and interaction of the learners. In this programme, Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar welcomed, and Dr. M. Mainvannan, Controller of Examinations thanked all the participants. The SSSD along with the EMPRC and the CUI coordinated the event.

Counselling Classes

In continuation of the Induction programme held on March 7, 2021, the Academic Counselling Classes were conducted through virtual mode due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, during weekends i.e., Saturdays and Sundays which were scheduled from March 2021 to May 2021. The first day of Counselling Class was held on March 20, 2021. The eminent faculty members of the University and experienced resource persons were engaged in handling of counselling classes. The responses of the learners were more welcoming.

Programme Coordinators Meet

The Programme Coordinators Meet was conducted at Thiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium, Academic Block of Tamil Nadu Open University by SSSD about conduction of counselling and practical session for students who joined during AY-2020-2021. Dr.M.V.Sudhakaran, Director, SSSD and Dr.M.Manivannan, Controller of Examinations interacted with the Programme Coordinators for scheduling the counselling and practical sessions to the students through virtual mode. The in-house Syndicate Members were also present in this meeting.

Dr.M.V.Sudhakaran, Director, SSSD address in Programme Coordinators Meet

Guildelines for Establishment of LSCs (Govt. Colleges)

A separate detailed guideline for establishment of Learner Support Centres in Govt. Arts & Science Colleges in Tamilnadu was brought by the TNOU for first time. As on date 132 Govt. Arts & Science Colleges made to function as Learner Support Centres and Examination Centres of TNOU in Tamilnadu under the aegis of Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu. Keeping the G.O.163, the TNOU is being involved in establishing TNOU's Learner Support Centres and Examination Centres (LSC's & EC's) with the good support of Directorate of Collegiate Education for the benefit of rural people, who are very much interested to undergo higher education in their nearby locations.

For which, detailed guidelines were brought out for not only supporting establishment of LSC's & EC's but also effective implementation of the centres at the respective colleges from the academic year 2021 – 2022.

Regional Director Meeting

The Student Support Services Division of the University hosted an e- Consultative Meeting with the staff the Regional Centres and the SSSD to discuss the current and future activities on Friday, 18.06.2021 between 04.00 pm and 06.00 pm through virtual platform. Dr. R. Mahendran, Director (i/c), SSSD delivered the welcome address.

The Regional Directors and the Liaison Officers of the respective Regional Centres explored the possibilities for the enhancement of enrolment in the forthcoming Admission Cycle, in addition to strengthening the Regional Centres. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivered the special address and Dr. K. Rathinakumar, Registrar made a brief address in the meeting. Mrs. Bhavani, Assistant, SSSD proposed a vote of thanks.

Activities of Schools of Study

Faculty of Arts

School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS)

World Theatre Day 2021

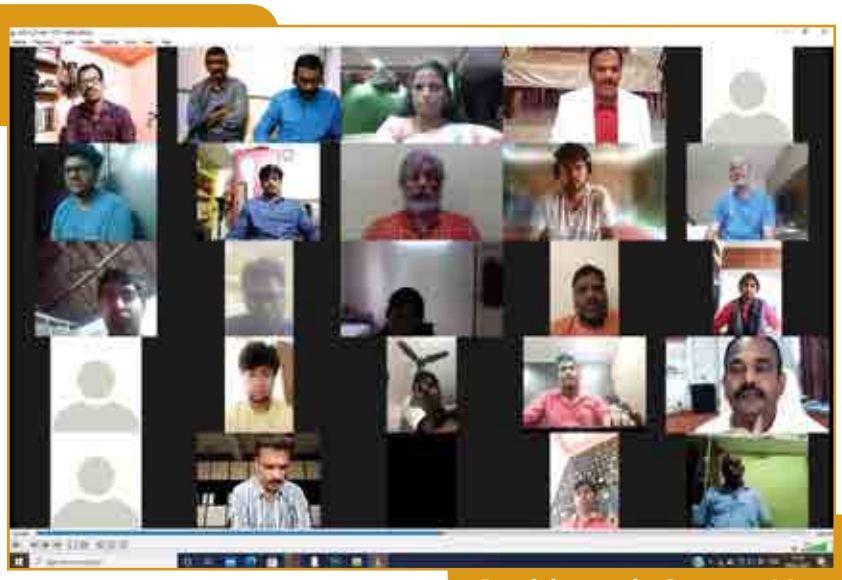
தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழக இதழியல் (ம) புதிய ஊடகப் பள்ளியின் சார்பில் உலக நாடக தினவிழா-2021 இணைய வழி நிகழ்வாக 27- 03 - 2021- அன்று மாலை 02.30 மணிக்குத் தொடங்கி மாலை 05.30 மணி வரை மிக சிறப்பாக நிகழ்த்தப் பெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் இதழியல் (ம) புதிய ஊடகப்பள்ளியின் இயக்குநர் முனைவர் பு. சித்ரா வரவேற்புரை வழங்க, உலக நாடக தினவிழாவைத் தொடங்கி வைத்து, பேராசிரியர் கோ. பார்த்தசாரதி, மாண்பமை துணை வேந்தர், தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தலைமையுரை ஆற்றினார்.

Vice Chancellor honouring Actress Ms. Vadivukkarasi

இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து நாடகம் மற்றும் திரைப்படக் கலைஞர் திருமதி. வடிவுக்கரசி, மற்றும் தமிழ்நாடு நாட்டுப்புற நிகழ்கலைகள் மன்றத்தலைவர், கூத்துக் கலைஞர் விழுப்புரம் கானை சத்யராஜ் நாடக தினவிழா சிறப்புரையை வழங்கினார்கள். நாடக தினவிழாவுக்கு சிறப்பூட்டும் விதமாய் உதய நிலவு கலைக்கூடம் - கொடுமுடி வழங்கிய சிறுதொண்டர் புராண மேடை நாடகம் இணைய வழியே நடத்தப்பட்டது. விழா நிறைவாக இதழியல் (ம) புதிய ஊடகப்பள்ளியின் உதவிப் பேராசிரியரும் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளருமான முனைவர் சி. கார்த்திகேயன் நன்றியுரை வழங்க, நிகழ்வு சிறப்புடன் நிறைவு கண்டது.

Creators Meet

An induction programme on "Creators Meet" for the first year learners from the School of Journalism and New Media Studies was conducted on 20.02.2021 through virtual mode. This event was conducted to motivate students and bring exposure to the media programmes they opted from Tamil Nadu Open University.



Participants in Creators Meet

This event was presided over by Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU. Thiru. ISR. Selvakumar, Film and TV Producer from Puthiya Thalaimurai Television Channel addressed students by explaining the various scopes for developing them to select a career in media industry. This event was organized by Dr.P.Chitra, Director and Dr. C.Karthikeyan, Asst.Prof., School of Journalism and New Media Studies.

உலக நடன தின விழா - 2021

Students performance in World Theater Day

தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழக இதழியல் (ம) புதிய ஊடகப் பள்ளியின் சார்பில் உலக நடன தினவிழா - 2021 இணைய வழி நிகழ்வாக 29-04-2021- அன்று காலை 11.15 மணிக்குத் தொடங்கி மதியம் 1 மணி வரை மிக சிறப்பாக நிகழ்த்தப் பெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் இதழியல் (ம) புதிய ஊடகப் பள்ளியின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சி. கார்த்திகேயன் வரவேற்புரை வழங்க, உலக நாடக தினவிழாவைத் தொடங்கி வைத்து, பேராசிரியர் கோ. பார்த்தசாரதி, மாண்பமை துணைவேந்தர், தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தலைமையுரை ஆற்றினார். இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து நடனக் கலைஞர் திருமதி. ரோஜாகண்ணன் நடன தினவிழாச் சிறப்புரையை வழங்கினார். நடன தினவிழாவுக்கு சிறப்பூட்டும் விதமாய் பரதநாட்டியம், நாட்டுப்புற ஆடல், கைச் சிலம்பாட்டம் ஆகியன ஆடல் நிகழ்ச்சிகள் இணைய வழியே நடத்தப்பட்டது.

International Webinar on Swami Vivekananda

In response to the call of the UGC, the University conducted various events to celebrate the 158th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The School of Journalism and New Media Studies (SOJNMS) conducted an International Webinar on "Thoughts and Talks of Swami Vivekananda in International Perspectives".Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU presided over the seminar and addressed that as dreamt by Swamiji, our country is the source of spiritualism to the entire world to shape the life of human beings. Today's youth are the tomorrow's wealth of our nation.

Thiru. A. Kaliyamurthy, delivering special address

One of the special guests, a renowned eloquent orator, Thiru. A. Kaliyamurthy, Superintendent of Police (Retd.), Tiruchirappalli, cited various events from the life of Swami Vivekananda and encouraged the youth to develop their skills to progress in life through their tireless efforts and guidance of the teachers.

Dr. (Mrs). Mekala Sivakumaran, Professor, Dept. of Hindu Civilization Eastern University, Sri Lanka narrated the biography of Vivekananda in Eelam Tamil. Dr. P. Chitra, Director, School of Journalism and New Media Studies and Dr. C. Karthikeyan, Assistant Professor organized the event.

School of History and Tourism Studies (SOHTS)

Enhancing Livelihood through Village Adoption

The Schools belong to Faculty of Arts, conducted a seminar titled "Enhancing Livelihood through Village Adoption" on 09.02.2021 through virtual mode. The faculty members of TNOU, important members of Ikkadu village near Thiruvallur District shared the aim and purpose of village adoption.

The key note address was given by two experts Prof. L.Raja, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, and Dr.R.Venkataravi, Director, Extension Education, The Gandhigram Rural Institute-Deemed University. These experts gave a detailed address on the process of village adoption and created awareness among the audience about the benefits of village adoption.

This event was presided over by Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU. Dr. N.Dhanalakshmi, Chairman (i/c), Faculty of Arts served as Convener and the other staff members Dr.P.Chitra, Dr. C.Karthikeyan, Dr.E.Iniyan and Mrs.S.Sakila were the organizing secretaries of the event.

Prof. L.Raja and Dr.R.Venkataravi, delivering special address

Faculty of Social Sciences

Shoool of Social Sciences (SOSS)

World Health Day 2021

World Health Day is celebrated on 7th of April every year. The theme for World Health day 2021 is "Building a Fairer and Healthier World". In connection to this, the School of Social Sciences (SOSS) organized a Cancer Awareness Programme for the stakeholders of Tamil Nadu Open University in collaboration with the Madras Cancare Foundation, Voluntary Health Services, Tharamani, Chennai, on 07.04.2021 through virtual platform with the technical support of EMPRC, TNOU. Prof. M.V.Sudhakaran, Director, SOSS was the Convener and Ms.J.Renee Arathi, Dr.N.Saravanakumar and Dr.D.Thirumalraja, who are the faculty of SOSS were the Organizing Secretaries. Madras Cancer Care Foundation (MCCF) is an Oncology group practice which was started in 2007 by a group of Oncologists, committed to Cancer Research, creating

Cancer and Palliative Care Awareness, Cancer Screening Programs and Cancer Rehabilitation Workshops. The team was headed by Dr. S.G. Ramanan. Dr Kanimozhi, Oncologist and Mr.Dayanand, Psycho-Oncologist were the resource persons for the Cancer Awareness Programme.

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor Address in World Health Day

Prof.M.V.Sudhakaran, Director, SOSS delivered the welcome address and introduced the resource persons. Dr.K.Rathnakumar, Registrar, TNOU during his felicitation address said that the incidence of cancer is increasing rapidly; therefore it is important to step up cancer literacy and knowledge amongst the population.

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU, while delivering his presidential address, insisted upon physical and mental well being of all the stakeholders of

Resource persons along with organising team

TNOU. He also spoke about the need for elimination of ignorance, fear and stigma, in order to manage and treat cancer disease. He informed the participants about Free Cancer Screening Test at VHS to be organized by SOSS for the TNOU Women Staff in the near future and called upon them to make use of the service.

Dr.Kanimozhi, explained in detail about causes, prevention and care for breast, Cervical and other common type of cancers. Mr. Dayanand enlightened the participants about the damaging effects of Tobacco. Both the resource persons explained with PowerPoint Presentation and emphasized the importance of healthy life style and food habits. They also cleared many doubts raised by the participants during interaction session. The Programme came to an end after the vote of thanks by Dr.D. Thirumalraja, Assistant Professor, SOSS. E–Certificates were issued to all the participants.

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration (SOCCJA)

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration of Tamil Nadu Open University organised a Webinar on "Does Contemporary State Law ensure Social Justice?- with special reference to Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of unlawful conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020 through virtual platform on 2 February 2021. Dr.S.Anantharamakrsinan, Director (i/c), School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration welcomed the participants. Dr.M.V.Sudhakaran, Chairman, Faculty of Social Sciences presided over the Webinar. The Key note address was given by Prof.P.Madhava Soma Sundaram, Professor and Head, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration, Mononmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli and the Special Address was given by Ms.B.S.Ajeetha, Advocate and Human Resource Defender, Chennai High Court, Chennai

Ms.B.S.Ajeetha, Advocate Address

Webinar on "Social Justice: Essentials and Necessity"

Asiriyar **Dr.K.Veeramani**
Chancellor
Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology, Thanjavur

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration (SOCCJA) organised a Webinar on "Social Justice: Essentials and Necessity" on 25th, June, 2021 between 6 pm and 8 pm. The programme began with the welcome note by Dr. S. Anantharamakrishnan, Assistant Professor cum Director (i/c) of SOCCJA. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, the Vice Chancellor delivered the presidential address. In his presidential address, the Vice Chancellor highlighted and appreciated the sustainable contributions of Asiriyar Dr.K.Veeramani, to not only in the field of social justice in general but also in women empowerment in particular. He has informed that the TNOU is planning to launch a Short-Term Programme on Social Justice from the Academic Year 2021 – 2022, through the ODL mode for the benefit of youth & non-student youth in the state of Tamilnadu for inculcating the social justice The keynote speaker and Chief-Guest for the webinar was Asiriyar Dr. K. Veeramani, Chancellor, Periyar Maniammai Institute of Science and Technology, Thanjavur who gave a wonderful talk on Equity, Equality, Social Justice, and Importance of Social Justice in Higher Educational Institutions. It was indeed an eye opener for the participants. Mr. G. Olivannan, Writer & CEO, Emerald Publisher, Chennai and Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Chairperson (i/c), Faculty of Social Sciences, TNOU offered the felicitations. The moderator of the programme was Ms. P Suseendhira, a Ph.D., Research Scholar in SOCCJA, who also delivered the vote of thanks at the end of the webinar.

A screenshot of the webinar on "Social Justice: Essentials and Necessity"

Faculty of Sciences

School of Sciences (SOS)

National Science Day

Tamil Nadu Open University, through its School of Sciences, organized National Webinar series on "Recent Trends in Applied Sciences" during the occasion of 'National Science Day' on 26 to 28 February, 2021 through virtual platform.

The invention of Raman Effect in Physics is root cause for celebrating in National Science Day in India. In this occasion, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU, presided over the celebration. The Vice Chancellor addressed that National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated in India on February 28 every year. The day is celebrated to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by the great Indian physicist Sir CV Raman on February 28, 1928. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. The School arranged six special lectures in the field of Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Geography and Fashion Design.

Dr. Abhay Kumar Singh, Professor, Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Varanashi, Uttar Pradesh, delivered a special lecture on "Space weather study of Upper atmosphere".

Dr. Priya Narayanan, Assistant Advisor, NAAC, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, Karnataka, delivered a special lecture on "Geo – Spatial Technology for Urban Development."

Dr. G. Saravanan, Senior Scientist, CSIR-NEERI, Taramani, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, delivered a special lecture on "Engineered Surfaces for Energy and Environmental Remediation Applications."

Dr. C. Prakash, Director, Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, West Bengal, delivered a special lecture on "Moisture Management Finish on Textile Industry."

Dr. M. Venkatesan, Assistant Professor, Sourashtra College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, delivered a special lecture on "Plant based drug discovery and development."

Dr. M. Kailasam, Principal Scientist & Head (i/c), Fish culture Division, ICAR – Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai, Tamil Nadu, delivered a special lecture on "Brackish Water Finfish Farming in India – Challenges, Opportunities & Way Forward."

Convener and Co-Conveners of National Science Day Celebration

Dr. T. Ravimanickam

Dr.K. Katturajan

Dr. S. Vinodkanna

Dr. P. Shanmugavelan

Dr. E. Kumar

Dr. R. Pragadeeshwari

A total of 915 persons attended the webinar. Dr. T. Ravimanickam, Chairman, Faculty of Sciences and Director, School of Sciences served as convener and the other staff members namely Dr.K. Katturajan, Dr. S. Vinodkanna, Dr. P. Shanmugavelan, Dr. E. Kumar and Dr. R. Pragadeeshwari were the co-conveners of the event.

TNOU Nodal Centre of IIRS-ISRO for Online Courses

The TNOU was endorsed as one of the Nodal Centres of the Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS) – ISRO, Dehradun for organising Online Training Programmes. A training Programme on "Remote Sensing of Land Degradation" was conducted from 11th to 29th January, 2021. Dr. K. Katturajan, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, School of Sciences coordinated the programme.

Faculty of Indian and Foreign Languages

School of Tamil and Cultural Studies (SOTCS)

Thiruvalluvar Day Celebration

தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப்புலம் ஆஸ்திரேலியாவிலுள்ள சிட்னி தமிழ்வளர்ச்சி மன்றத்துடன் இணைந்து 15.01.2021அன்று திருவள்ளுவர் நாளினை முன்னிட்டு 'வள்ளுவம் காட்டும் வாழ்வியல் நெறி' என்னும் தலைப்பில் ஒரு நாள் பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கினை நடத்தியது.

இந்தநிகழ்வில் 12 நாடுகளைச் சேர்ந்த ஆய்வாளர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள், ஆர்வலர்கள் உள்ளிட்ட 250 க்கும் மேற்பட்ட பேராளர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர். தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மாண்பமை துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் கோ. பார்த்தசாரதி அவர்கள் கருத்தரங்கிற்கு தலைமை ஏற்று திருக்குறளின் பல்வேறு பரிமாணங்கள் குறித்து உரை நிகழ்த்தியதோடு, ஆளுமைத்திறன், மேலாண்மை கல்வி என்று அனைத்து அம்சங்களையும் உள்ளடக்கிய உன்னதமான கருத்துக்கருவூலம்தான் திருக்குறள் என்றும், திருக்குறளின் அறக்கருத்துக்கள் அனைவரையும் சென்றடையும் வகையில் தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் திருக்குறளுக்கென்று தனியாக ஒரு இருக்கை தொடங்கப்படும் என்றும், அதில் உலக நாட்டிலுள்ள தமிழறிஞர்கள் பங்கேற்புடன் திருக்குறள் தொடர்பான ஆய்வுகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்படும் என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டார்.

இந்தநிகழ்வில், தமிழ் வழியில் இந்திய ஆட்சிப்பணித்தேர்வில் தேர்ச்சி பெற்று தற்போது உத்திரப்பிரதேசத்திலுள்ள வாரணாசியில் சார்ஆட்சியராக பணியாற்றிவருபவரும், தனது ஆற்றல்மிக்க உரைகளால் இளைஞர்களுக்கு புத்துணர்ச்சி ஏற்படுத்தி வருபவருமான திரு.ஆ. மணிகண்டன் இ.ஆ.ப. சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். அடுத்ததாக ஆஸ்திரேலியாவிலுள்ள சிட்னி தமிழ் வளர்ச்சி மன்றத்தின் தோற்றுநர் முனைவர் திருமதி. சந்திரிகாசுப்பிரமணியம் சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார்.

தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலத்தின் பேராசிரியர்-இயக்குநர் முனைவர் சு. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் வரவேற்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப்புலத்தின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மு. வையாபுரி நன்றியுரை வழங்கினார். உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சு. அரங்கநாதன் நிகழ்வினை தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

தமிழ்த் தாத்தா உ.வே. சாமிநாதையர் 167 ஆவது பிறந்தநாள்

தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப்புலத்தின் சார்பில் தமிழ்த் தாத்தா உ. வே. சாமிநாதையர் அவர்களின் 167ஆவது பிறந்த நாளினை முன்னிட்டு 19.02.2021 அன்று "தமிழ்த் தாத்தா உ.வே.சாமிநாதையர் 167 ஆவது பிறந்தநாள் – இணையவழிப் பன்னாட்டு உரையரங்கு" என்னும் பொருளில் ஒரு நாள் உரையரங்கு நடத்தப்பட்டது.. நமது பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மாண்பமை துணைவேந்தர் அவர்களின் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்ற இந்த உரையரங்கில் முனைவர் மறைமலை இலக்குவனார், மேனாள் தமிழ்ப் பேராசிரியர், மாநிலக் கல்லூரி மற்றும் இயக்குநர், உலகத்திருக்குறள் இணையக் கல்விக் கழகம், சென்னை கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்

மாண்பமை துணைவேந்தர்உரை

மேலும் புலத்தின் பேராசிரியர்-இயக்குநர் முனைவர் சு. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் வரவேற்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலத்தின் உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மு. வையாபுரி நன்றியுரை வழங்கினார். உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சு. அரங்கநாதன் நிகழ்வினை தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

இந்த இணையவழி பன்னாட்டு உரையரங்கில் நமது பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ஆசிரியர்கள், நிர்வாகப் பணியாளர்கள், மாணக்கர்கள், ஆர்வலர்கள் என சுமார் 200 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

உலகத் தாய் மொழிநாள்

உலகத்தாய் மொழி நாள் உரையரங்கம்

தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலத்தின் சார்பில் உலகத்தாய் மொழி நாளினை முன்னிட்டு "உலகத்தாய் மொழி நாள் பன்னாட்டு உரையரங்கம்" என்னும் பொருண்மையில் 21.02.2021 அன்று உரையரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. இந்த உரையரங்கிற்கு தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மாண்பமை துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் கோ. பார்த்தசாரதி தலைமையேற்று உரையாற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில் தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தால் யு.ஜி.சி-யின் அங்கீகாரத்தோடு ஆங்கில வழியில் வழங்கப்படும் அனைத்து பாடத்திட்டங்களும் தமிழ் வழியிலும் வழங்கப்படும் என்று அறிவித்தார்கள்.

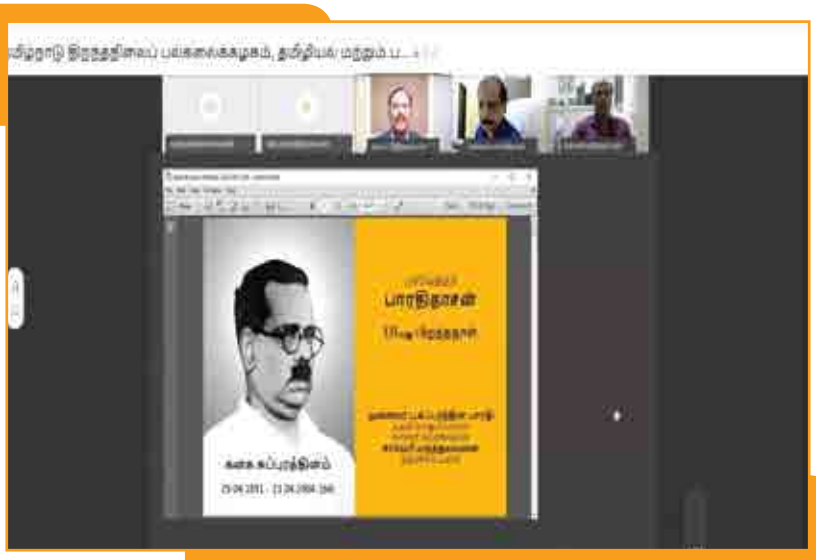
இந்தப் பன்னாட்டு உரையரங்கில் புகழ்பெற்ற இலக்கியச் சொற்பொழிவாளர் திரு. பட்டேல்பா. பைரோஸ் அகமது கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். இந்த நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் ஆசிரியர்கள். நிர்வாகப் பணியாளர்கள், ஆய்வுமாணவர்கள் உலகம் முழுவதிலிருந்தும் ஆர்வலர்கள் என சுமார் 300 பேர் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர். முன்னதாக,தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலத்தின் பேராசிரியர்-தலைவர் முனைவர் சு. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மு. வையாபுரி நன்றியுரையும், உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சு. அரங்கநாதன் நிழ்வினை தொகுத்தும் வழங்கினார்கள்.

உலகப் புத்தக நாள் விழா

தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப்புலம் சார்பில் 23.04.2021 அன்று பிற்பகல் 02.30 மணியளவில் "உலகப் புத்தக நாள் விழா – கருத்தரங்கு" நடத்தப் பெற்றது. புத்தக வாசிப்பு, காப்புரிமை குறித்தும், தலைசிறந்த புத்தகங்கள் குறித்தும் இந்த உரையரங்கில் வல்லுநர்கள் உரை நிகழ்த்தினர். தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் கோ. பார்த்தசாரதி உரையரங்கத்திற்கு தலைமையேற்றார். 'சொல்லின் செல்வர்' திரு. பி. மணிகண்டன் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலத்தின் பேராசிரியர் – இயக்குநர் முனைவர் சு. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் நோக்கவுரை மற்றும் வரவேற்புரை வழங்கினார். உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மு. வையாபுரி நிறைவாக நன்றியுரை கூறினார். முனைவர் சு. அரங்கநாதன் இணைப்புரை வழங்கினார். இந்தக் கருத்தரங்கில் தமிழகத்திலிருந்தும், இந்தியாவின் பிற மாநிலங்களில் இருந்தும், வெளிநாடுகளிலிருந்தும் 270 பேராளர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

பாவேந்தர் பாரதிதாசன் 131ஆவது பிறந்த நாள் விழா

தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலம் சார்பில் 29.04.2021 அன்று பிற்பகல் 03.30 மணியளவில் "பாவேந்தர் பாரதிதாசனின் பாட்டுத்திறம்" என்னும் பொருண்மையில் இணைய வழிக் கருத்தரங்கம் சிறப்புற நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்விற்கு தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் கோ. பார்த்தசாரதி தலைமை தாங்கினார்.



பாவேந்தர் பாரதிதாசனின் பாட்டுத்திறம்- கருத்தரங்கம்

அவர் தமது உரையில் பாவேந்தரின் பன்முக இலக்கிய ஆளுமைத் தன்மைகளை விவரித்துப் பேசினார். புலவர் இளஞ்செழியன் பாவேந்தரின் பாட்டுத் திறத்தினையும் பாவேந்தரோடு தனக்கு ஏற்பட்ட அனுபவங்களையும் விரிவாக எடுத்துரைத்தார். பாவேந்தர் அவர்களின் பேரன் முனைவர் பு. சுப்புரத்தின பாரதி அவர்கள் பாரதிதாசன் அவர்களின் கவித்திறன் குறித்தும் மொழிப்பற்று குறித்தும், காட்சிப்படம் வாயிலாக விவரித்தார்.

முன்னதாக தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலத்தின் பேராசிரியர் – இயக்குநர் முனைவர் சு. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன் கருத்தரங்க நோக்கவுரை மற்றும் வரவேற்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் மு. வையாபுரி நன்றி கூறினார். முனைவர் சு. அரங்கநாதன் இணைப்புரை வழங்கினார்.

இணையவழி தமிழ் இலக்கிய இலக்கண திறனறி தேர்வு

தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலம், மற்றும் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தகவலியல் மையம் இணைந்து 'இணையவழி தமிழ் இலக்கிய, இலக்கணத் திறனறி தேர்வு' நடத்தின. இந்தத் தேர்வில் உலக அளவில் 10,004 பங்கேற்பாளர்கள் பங்கேற்றுச் சிறப்பித்தனர். இதில் தமிழ் ஆர்வலர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள், ஆய்வாளர்கள், பொதுமக்கள் என்று பல்வேறு நிலைகளில் உள்ளவர்களும் மிகுந்த ஆர்வமுடன் பங்கேற்றது சிறப்பாகும்.

Faculty of Extension Education

School of Continuing Education (SOCE)

International Yoga Day

The 7th International Day of Yoga celebration was organized by the School of Continuing Education at Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai on 21.06.2021 through virtual platform. Honourable Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Open University Prof.K.Parthasarathy inaugurated the 7th International Day of Yoga. The Yoga Master presented about the importance of Yoga, maintaining a healthy life and improving the immunity during this pandemic situation to the Staff of Tamil Nadu Open University.

TNOU Vice Chancellor with Yoga Training Team from Krishnamachari Yoga Mandiram, Chennai

Online Yoga demonstration

The Teaching Faculty, Non-Teaching staff, and outsourced staff participated in the Yoga Programme and attended the yoga practice session. The participants were provided with e-certificate of participation.

SOCE-BoS Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Studies (BoS) of School of Continuing Education (SOCE), Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) was held on 06.03.2021 at 03.00.p.m in the Syndicate Hall, TNOU.

Members of BoS, SOCE with Vice Chancellor

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor graced the occasion and addressed the Members of the Board of Studies of SOCE and provided valuable suggestions regarding the importance of launching Short-Term Programmes in TNOU.

MoUs signed with Community Colleges

The signing of MoUs between TNOU and with Community Colleges was done on 10-03-2021 and 24-03-2021 at TNOU in the presence of the Vice Chancellor Prof. K. Parthasarathy and the Registrar of TNOU Dr. K. Rathnakumar and Dr. P. Thiyagarajan, Director, School of Continuing Education along with concerned Officials of the Community Colleges as detailed below:

RMD Academy for Health, Chennai

Cembian Institute, Pudukottai

Indira Community College, Eruvadi, Tirunelveli

RG - Modern Community College, Vilupuram

Nellai Community College, Pavoorchatram, Tenkasi

Donbosco Community College, Kuthenkuly, Tirunelveli

Universal Community College, Coimbatore

Sun Community College, Thiruvannamalai

The MoU was signed with above 8 Community Colleges for imparting the Vocational Diploma Programmes with permissible intake of 50 per batch/per annum.

Faculty of Education

School of Education (SOE)

National Youth Day

Tamil Nadu Open University, through its School of Education, organized "National Youth Day" on 12th January 2020 at its Thiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium. The National Youth Day is celebrated based on the instructions of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

The National Youth Day was celebrated by the University under the specified theme of "Channelizing the Youth Power for Nation Building". In this occasion, Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU, presided over the celebration. The Vice Chancellor addressed that the ideals, the values preached by Swami Vivekananda are to be practiced for the betterment of the Nation. The nation building is possible only by the youth of the nation, i.e., around 50 % of the population are under the age group of 25. These youth can be strong enough as muscles of iron and nerves of steel to accomplish the responsibilities for the entire nation.

Prof.K.Parthasarathy Vice Chancellor lighting Kuthu Vilakku

Dr. K. Prasanth delivered special address

The youth will become the contributing members of the society, if they imbibe social, moral, ethical and spiritual values preached by Swami Vivekananda. Dr. K. Prasanth, Associate Professor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Chennai delivered the special address. Dr. S. Subramanian, Member Syndicate, TNOU offered felicitation. Dr. M. Manivannan, and Dr. D. Vinoth Kumar gave the welcome address and the vote of thanks respectively.

UGC-DEB Recognition for B.Ed. General

The UGC-DEB's Interface Expert Committee held on 03.02.2021 made recommendation for offering B.Ed. programme. The UGC-DEB communicated to the University on 19.02.2021 about the recognition of B.Ed. general for the academic year 2020-21 (academic session beginning February - March 2021).

School of Special Education and Rehabilitation (SOSER)

B.Ed Special Education - Admission

The B.Ed. Special Education Admission counselling was conducted at Academic Block of Tamil Nadu Open University by the faculty members of School of Special Education and Rehabilitation on 20-01-2021.

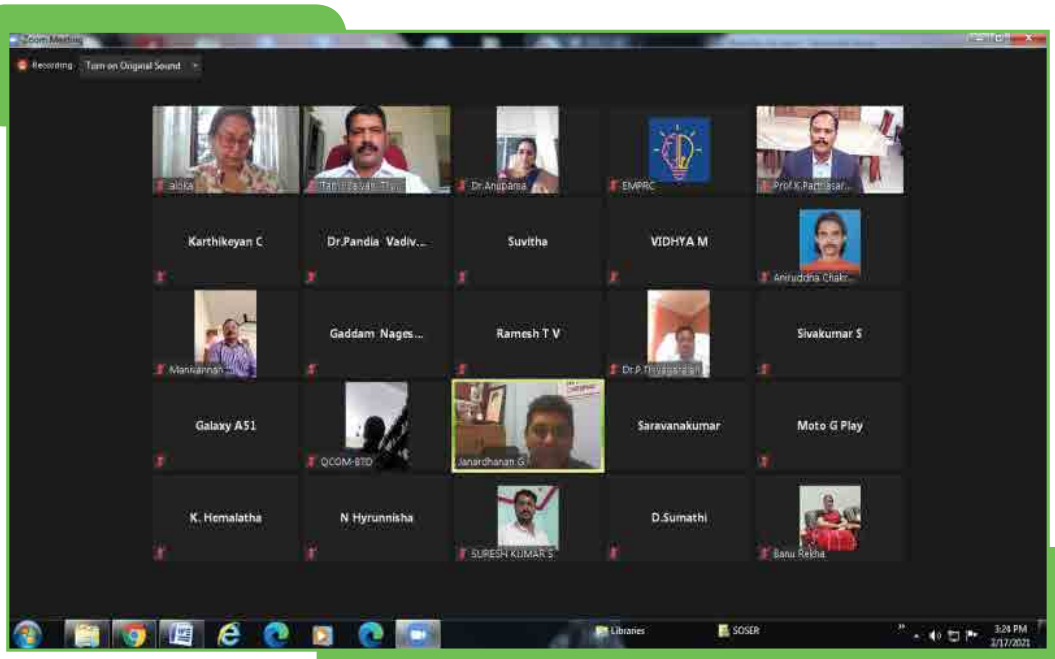
SOSER Faculties during Admission Counselling

Role of Teachers in NEP 2020

In association with Bharathiya Shikshan Mandal and NITI Aayog, the Tamil Nadu Open University through the School of Special Education and Rehabilitation organized a webinar on **Role of Teachers in National Education Policy (NEP) 2020: Challenges and Responses** on 17.02.2021. Mr.T.V.Ramesh, State Secretary, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal gave an introduction about Bharatiya Siksha Mandal.

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU enlightened the gathering with his presidential address. A total of 100 persons attended the webinar and gained

knowledge through the special lecture sessions such as, Orientation on National Policy on Education by Dr.Janarthanan, Associate Professor, NITTTR, Chennai; and NEP with special reference to the children with special needs by Dr.Aloka Guha, Ex.Chairperson, National Trust, MSJE, Government of India.



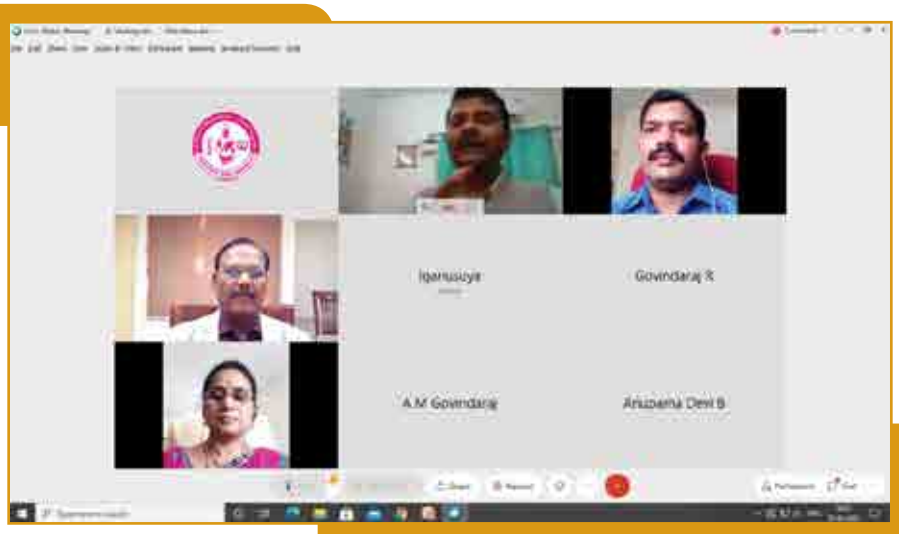
Vice Chancellor with Participants of the Webinar-NEP2020

Induction Programme for B.Ed. Spl.Ed. -2021

Vice Chancellor addressing B.Ed Special Education Induction Meeting

The B.Ed.Spl.Ed. 2021 Induction programme was organised on 21.04.2021 through virtual mode to describe the Programme. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Professor K. Parthasarathy, graced the occasion and focused on the role of Special educators in the inclusion of the differently-abled. Prof. Gabrel P.J, Retd. Prof., Head of Department of Education, Madurai Kamaraj University during his special address elaborated the importance of special education policies and blessed the aspiring student teachers. Prof. M. Manivannan, Chairman, Faculty of Education felicitated the gathering. The programme coordinators Dr.B.Anupama Devi and Mr.R.M.Tamil Selvan explained about the B.Ed.Spl.Ed.Programme structure.

Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programme



Vice Chancellor Address in CRE Programme

The School of Special Education and Rehabilitation was organised the 3-Day District level Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programme through virtual mode from 28.04.2021 to 30.04.2021 in collaboration with National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai. This CRE Programme is essential for the special educators to update their knowledge. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of TNOU, Prof. K. Parthasarathy graced the Programme with inaugural address. Dr. N. Nachiketa Rout, Director, NIEPMD graced the occasion with a keynote address. The organising secretary Mr. R. M. Tamil Selvan welcomed the gathering.

Online Classes to B.Ed. Special Education Students

The School of Special Education and Rehabilitation conducted a centralised Online Academic Counselling Classes for the 1st semester students of B.Ed.Spl.Ed, 2021 batch by inviting sixteen (16) resource persons/Academic counsellors to enrich the student teachers from 14 June to 30 June 2021 .

B.Ed. Special Education Students in Online class

Activities of Centres and Cells

Electronics Media Production and Research Centre (EMPRC)

i- Radio at TNOU

The internet radio of TNOU was launched on 13.02.2021 during the occasion of "World Radio Day". The i-radio was inaugurated by Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor and Two audio experts. Dr.R.Sreedher, Former Director, CEMCA, New Delhi & Former Director, EMPC, IGNOU, New Delhi & Anna University, Chennai, and Mr.Alok Verma, Founder Secretary, Media 4 Community Foundation, New Delhi delivered keynote address on "Podcasting in Distance Learning" and "Trends in Digital Audio" respectively. i-radio provides a digital learning environment to the learners of TNOU as it is available through website and in the form of App for android and ios. It also uses the latest audio technology for disseminating academic audio content to the students through google podcasting (spotify).

Dr. R. Sreedher, delivering Keynote Address

Online Counselling Classes

The Electronic Media Production & Research Centre (EMPRC) was assigned the humongous task of facilitating online Counselling Classes for the first year TNOU Students enrolled in UG, PG, Certificate, Diploma and Vocational Diploma programmes for the academic Year 2020-21. The online classes were conducted from 20.03.2021 to 30.04.2021.

EMPRC Team embarked on the journey of completing the task as per the schedule. The Task was not easy as it was never tried or tested project in the history of TNOU. There where lot of hurdles that needed to be crossed to achieve success in

this herculean effort. The budget has to be reasonable along with the logistics, the market was full of online software with various functions and functionality.

The online softwares were ranging from 5 lakhs to 1.5 crore per year as annual fee depending upon the various tasks. But by the strenuous effort Webex Cisco was purchased at a subsidiary price of 1.5 lakhs per annum. This was the first successful achievement that was achieved in the journey.

Later the logistics of renting laptops along with networking facility was an enormous task, but that too was well handled and timely provision of infrastructure along with online classes created the history with the completion of online classes on time, thanks to the University administration. The Team successfully completed the task during the onset of Corona Covid 19-2nd wave.

The Vice-Chancellor stated, "This is the first step in the Journey of Online Education that this University will embark in the near future".

The online academic counselling classes began on 20.03.2021 for all the UG, PG, Certificate, Diploma and Vocational Diploma programmes of TNOU

Faculty of Arts

School of History and Tourism Studies

S.No.	Name of the Faculty Member	Programme handled	Dates of Online Academic Counselling Class
	School of History and Tourism Studies		
01	**Dr. N. Dhanalakshmi** Associate Professor & Director i/c School of History and Tourism Studies	B.A. (Tourism and Travel Studies)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (History)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A.(Tourism and Travel Studies)	20.03.2021-17.04.2021
02	**Dr. E. Iniyan** Assistant Professor School of Sciences	B.A. (History)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.A. (History and Heritage Management)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		Diploma in Archaeology and Epigraphy	27.03.2021-10.04.2021
	Library and Information Science		
03	**Mrs. S.Sakila** Assistant Librarian	M.L.I.S. (Master of Library and Information Science)	20.03.2021-04.04.2021
	School of Journalism and New Media Studies		
04	**Dr. P. Chitra** Assistant Professor & Director i/c School of Journalism and New Media Studies	B.Sc. (Visual Communication)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Sc. (Multimedia)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021

S.No.	Name of the Faculty Member	Programme handled	Dates of Online Academic Counselling Class
05	**Dr. C. Karthikeyan** Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and New Media Studies	B.P.A. (Drama and Theatre Studies)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021

Faculty of Social Sciences

School of Social Sciences

06	**Dr. M. V. Sudhakaran** Professor & Director School of Social Sciences	B.Sc. (Psychology)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Psychology)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
07	**Mrs. J. Renee Arathi** Assistant Professor School of Social Sciences	B.S.W. (Bachelor of Social Work)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.S.W. (Master of Social Work)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Women Studies)	20.03.2021-03.04.2021
08	**Dr. D. Thirumalraja** Assistant Professor School of Social Sciences	B.A. (Sociology)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Sociology)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Anthropology)	20.03.2021-03.04.2021
09	**Dr. N. Saravanakumar** Assistant Professor School of Social Sciences	B.A. (Economics)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Economics)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021v

S.No.	Name of the Faculty Member	Programme handled	Dates of Online Academic Counselling Class
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration			
10	**Dr. S. Anantharamakrishnan** Assistant Professor & Director i/c School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration	B.A. (Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Criminology and Criminal Justice Administration)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
School of Politics and Public Administration			
11	**Dr. R. Arumugam** Assistant Professor & Director i/c School of Politics and Public Administration	B.A. (Political Science)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.A. (Public Administration)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.A. (Human Rights)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Political Science)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Public Administration)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Human Rights)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Police Administration)	20.03.2021-11.04.2021
12	**Dr. T. Ravimanickam** Associate Professor & Director i/c School of Sciences	B.Sc. (Mathematics)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Sc. (Maths with Computer Application)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Mathematics)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Sc. (Zoology)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Zoology)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
13	**Dr. E. Kumar** Assistant Professor, School of Sciences	B.Sc. (Physics)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Physics)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
14	**Dr. P. Shanmugavelan** Assistant Professor School of Sciences	B.Sc. (Chemistry)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Chemistry)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021

S.No.	Name of the Faculty Member	Programme handled	Dates of Online Academic Counselling Class
15	**Dr. S. Vinod Kanna** Assistant Professor School of Sciences	B.Sc. (Botany)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Botany)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
16	**Dr. K. Katturajan** Assistant Professor School of Sciences	B.Sc. (Geography)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Geography)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
17	**Mrs. R. Pragadheeswari** Assistant Professor School of Sciences	B.Sc. (Apparel and Fashion Design)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Sc. (Apparel and Fashion Design L.E)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Apparel and Fashion Design)	20.03.2021-11.04.2021

School of Computer Sciences

18	**Er. N. Sivashanmugham** Assistant Professor & Director i/c School of Computer Sciences	B.Sc. (Computer Science)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Sc. (Computer Science)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
19	**Dr. R. Kalaiarasi** Assistant Professor School of Computer Sciences	B.C.A.	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.C.A. (L.E)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.C.A.	20.03.2021-25.04.2021
		M.C.A. (L.E)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021

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Faculty of Indian and Foreign Languages

School of Tamil and Cultural Studies

20	 **Dr. S. Balasubramanian** Professor & Director School of Tamil and Cultural Studies	M.A. (Tamil)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
21	 **Dr. M. Vaiyapuri** Assistant. Professor School of Tamil and Cultural Studies	B.A. (Tamil)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
22	 **Dr. S. Aranganathan** Assistant Professor School of Tamil and Cultural Studies	B.Litt.	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		Diploma in Media Art	28.04.2021-30.04.2021

School of Humanities

23	 **Dr. R. Mahendran** Assistant Professor & Director i/c School of Humanities	B.A. (English)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.A. (English and Communication)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (English)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.A. (Linguistics)	20.03.2021-27.04.2021
		PG Dip. in Spoken English	03.04.2021-04.04.2021

S.No.	Name of the Faculty Member	Programme handled	Dates of Online Academic Counselling Class
Faculty of Extension Education			
School of Continuing Education			
24	**Dr. P. Thiyagarajan** Professor & Director School of Continuing Education	Vocational Diploma in Computer Applications	20.03.2021-28.03.2021 & 24.04.2021-01.05.2021
		Vocational Diploma in DTP Operator	20.03.2021-18.04.2021
		Vocational Diploma in Computer Hardware Servicing	20.03.2021-28.03.2021 & 24.04.2021-01.05.2021
25	**Er. R. Meenambigai** Assistant Professor School of Continuing Education	Vocational Diploma in Four Wheeler Mechanism	20.03.2021-28.03.2021 & 24.04.2021-01.05.2021
		Vocational Diploma in Refrigeration and Air- Conditioning Technician	20.03.2021-28.03.2021 & 24.04.2021-01.05.2021
		Vocational Diploma in Beautician	20.03.2021-18.04.2021
		Vocational Diploma in Fashion Design and Garments Making	20.03.2021-18.04.2021
26	**Dr. I. Ambeth** Assistant Professor School of Continuing Education	Vocational Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education	20.03.2021-18.04.2021
		Vocational Diploma in Acupressure Therapist	20.03.2021-18.04.2021
		Vocational Diploma in Catering Assistant	20.03.2021-18.04.2021
		Vocational Diploma in General Duty Assistant	20.03.2021-18.04.2021
Faculty of Management Studies			
School of Management Studies			
27	**Dr. S. Subramanian** Professor & Director School of Management Studies	B.B.A.	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.B.A.(Logistics Management)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.B.A. (Hospital Administration)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.B.A. (Finance)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.B.A. (H.R)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.B.A. (Marketing)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021

S.No.	Name of the Faculty Member	Programme handled	Dates of Online Academic Counselling Class
28	**Dr. R. Tamilmaran** Associate Professor School of Management Studies	B.Com. (Bank Management)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Com.(Corporate Secretaryship)	20.03.2021-11.04.2021
		B.Com.(Accounting and Finance)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		M.Com.	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
29	**Dr. N. Saranya Devi** Assistant Professor School of Management Studies	B.B.A. (Computer Applications)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.B.A. (Marketing Management)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.B.A. (Retail Management)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Com.	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Com. (L.E)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021
		B.Com. (Computer Applications)	20.03.2021-30.04.2021

Centre for University Infromatics (CUI)

Online Quiz on Life and Events of Swami Vivekananda

The Centre for University Informatics (CUI) conducted online quiz programme to create awareness among not only the learners of TNOU but also school and college students about the life and events of Swami Vivekananda. A total of **14000 participants** from the following **33 countries (Listed in Table)** all over the world participated in this quiz. All the participants of this this quiz were given e-certificates with grade.

S.No	Country	Count
1	Australia	1
2	Bangladesh	243
3	Belgium	10
4	Bhutan	1
5	Canada	1
6	Colombia	3
7	Czechia	6
8	Egypt	3
9	Germany	1
10	India	13208
11	Indonesia	2
12	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern	1

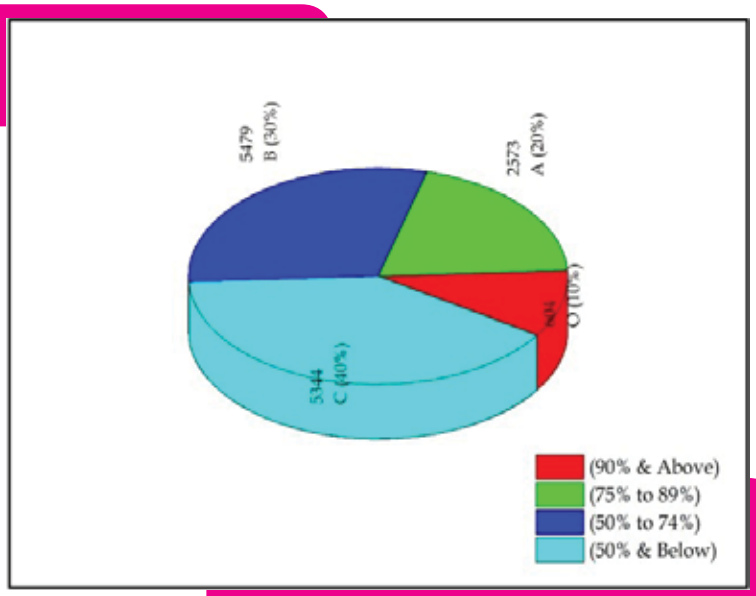
S.No	Country	Count
13	Kuwait	15
14	Malaysia	5
15	Maldives	1
16	Mexico	1
17	Morocco	1
18	Netherlands	7
19	Nigeria	1
20	Oman	1
21	Pakistan	7
22	Peru	1
23	Philippines	2
24	Qatar	8
25	Romania	1

S.No	Country	Count
26	Saudi Arabia	2
27	Singapore	8
28	Sri Lanka	383
29	United Arab Emirates	11

S.No	Country	Count
30	Iraq	2
31	United States of America	16
32	Myanmar	1
33	Nepal	3
	Unknown Countries	43

Total No. of Participants : 14000

The participants were graded based on their scores as below:



Online Quiz Certification

Safer Internet Day

The Centre for University Informatics (CUI) organized the Awareness Programme on the theme "Together for a Better Internet" on the occasion of Safer Internet Day 2021 on 9 February, 2021. Dr. A. S. Arul Lawrence, Director, CUI welcomed the gathering and introduced the resource person. Dr. N. Kala Baskar, Director, Centre

Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor delivering Presidentaial Address

for Cyber Forensics and Information Security, University of Madras, Chennai delivered the special address. Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU presided over the function and delivered the presidential address.

Dr. N. Kala Baskar delivering special address

Mr.K.Vijay Shankar, System Analyst, CUI delivered vote of thanks. Teaching, Non-teaching and Outsourced staff members of TNOU, students, research scholars and LSCs,LRCs,CCs Coordinators and faculty and students from other institutions participated in the programme.

Launch of Every Month e-Quiz

The Vice Chancellor Prof. K. Parthasarathy, as a new initiative, launched the e-Quiz to be conducted by each School of Study every month. To begin with, the e-Quiz was conducted by the School of Education on the topic "Educational Research" which continued a month long. The participants after completion of e-Quiz got their certificate of participation with scoring automatically. The e-Quiz will have various current topics of learning every month.

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Monthly Online Quiz

The online quiz programmes was conducted by School of Education on 'Educational Research' during the month of March, 2021 and the second online quiz was conducted by School of Politics and Public Administration in order to create awareness among the Voters during the Month of April, 2021. The participants' details are:

S.No	Month & Year	Title of the Quiz	Conducted by	Total No. of Participants
1.	March, 2021	Educational Research	SOE & CUI	2222
2.	April, 2021	Voter Awareness	SOPPA & CUI	1789
Grand Total No. of Participants				4011

All the participants who participated in these quizzes were given e-certificates with grade. Based on the data received, 755 participants wish to pursue courses/ programmes through ODL in TNOU. Their mobile numbers, e-mail addresses, which course they would like to study through ODL , were are indicated by them.

தமிழ் இலக்கண இலக்கிய திறனாய்வு

The online quiz for the month of June, 2021 was conducted by School of Tamil and Cultural Studies on 'தமிழ் இலக்கண இலக்கிய திறனாய்வு' in collaboration with CUI and about 10,004 participants participated in this quiz. All the participants of this quiz were given e-certificates with grade. Based on the data received, 3012 participants wish to pursue courses/ programmes through ODL in TNOU. Those participants will be contacted by the Directorate of Admission / respective Programme Coordinator as follow-up activity to make them get enrolled in TNOU so that the number of admissions will increase.

Online Quiz on COVID-19 Vaccination

The online quiz on COVID-19 vaccination was designed and conducted jointly by CUI and SOS, TNOU. The target group are (1).Anyone interested in the Quiz on COVID-19 Vaccination, (2). School & College Students, Teachers, Research Scholars, (3).General Public and (4). The grading system was as follows:

Percentage	Grade
90% & above	O
75% to 89%	A
60% to 74%	B
40% to 59%	C
39% & below	D

The following twenty five participants have scored 100% among the total 2254 participants.

S.No.	Name	Gender	Age Group	Locality
1	A.Varadhan	Male	60+	Urban
2	Aishwarya L	Female	18-30	Rural
3	Ajith Sakthivel	Male	18-30	Urban
4	Aswin Jebas	Male	18-30	Urban
5	Don Bosco	Male	31-45	Rural
6	Dr Mridula N	Female	31-45	Urban
7	Imran	Male	18-30	Rural
8	Jegathish Chahndrabose G	Male	18-30	Urban
9	K. Narmada	Female	31-45	Urban
10	Kamal	Male	18-30	Urban
11	Liyonaa Janet	Female	18-30	Urban
12	Nancy	Female	31-45	Rural
13	Nandhini	Female	18-30	Urban
14	Prince Jebaraj	Male	18-30	Urban
15	R.Raja Rajeswari	Female	18-30	Rural
16	S Eswari	Female	46-59	Urban
17	Sangamithra Kesavan	Female	18-30	Urban
18	Siddhardhan S	Male	18-30	Urban
19	Siva	Male	18-30	Rural
20	Sivabalan	Male	18-30	Rural
21	Soumya Sebastian	Female	18-30	Urban
22	Syed Abuthahir	Male	18-30	Urban
23	V. Samundeeswari	Female	31-45	Urban
24	Vasu Devi P S	Female	31-45	Urban
25	Vimala A	Female	31-45	Urban

Award and Certificate:

The above twenty-five participants would be given cash award of Rs.1000/- each along with merit Certificate. Rests of the participant were issued e-Certificate for the participation.

Women's Day Celebration

The Women's Cell of TNOU celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2021 at Thiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium. The Dignitaries on the Dias lighted the lamp.

Women's Day Special Address by Ms. Andal Priyadarshini

Chief Guest and University Officials with Prof.K.Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor during Women's Day

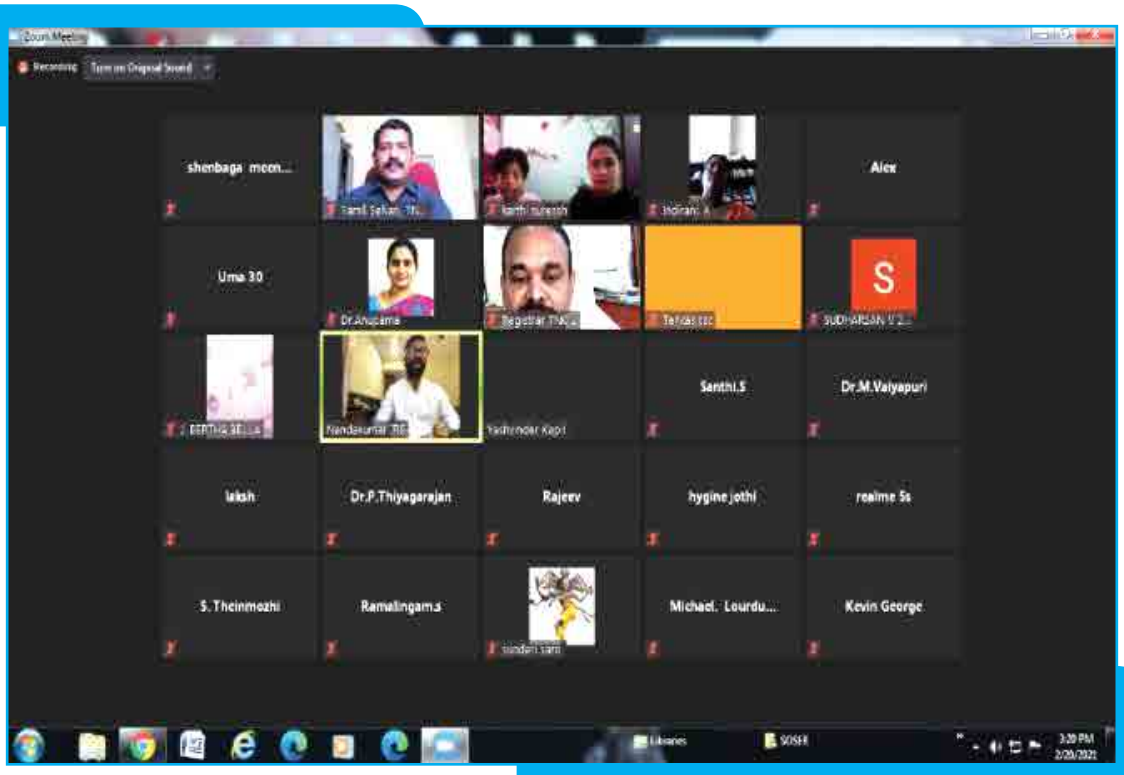
Vice Chancellor Prof. K. Parthasarathy Published a Souvenir

"தமிழ் இலக்கியங்களில் பண்பாட்டுக் கூறுகள் கருத்தரங்க ஆய்வுமலர் வெளியீடு" compiled by the School of Tamil and Cultural Studies was released by the Vice Chancellor Prof. K. Parthasarathy and presided over the function through his presidential address.

Prof. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar, TNOU and the Member Syndicate Dr. N. Dhanalakshmi gave felicitation address. The chief guest, Kalaimamani Mrs. Andal Priyadarshini, Head of Programmer, Doordarshan Kendra, Puducherry delivered a special address on International Women's Day in an eloquent way. Dr. D. Sumathi, Assistant Professor, and Coordinator for Women's Cell, and Ms. K. Devagi, welcomed and thanked the participants respectively.

World Social Justice Day

On the occasion of World Day for Social Justice, the Centre for Multimodal Material Production for Differently Abled (CMPD), School of Special Education and Rehabilitation organized a webinar on **A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy: Focusing Persons with Disabilities** on 20.02.2021, in which the Registrar of TNOU Prof.K.Rathnakumar presided over and addressed the gathering. Mr.V.Nandakumar, IRS, Additional Commissioner, Income Tax Department delivered special lecture on Social Justice for the Differently Abled.



Participants in the World Social Justice Day

Student Placement Cell (SPC)

Job Fair in Regional Centre Madurai

The Student Placement Cell and the Madurai Regional Centre of TNOU jointly organised a Mega Job Fair for the Learners of TNOU and others, in collaboration with the Department of Employment and Training, Government of Tamilnadu at Madura College, Madurai on 23 January 2021. Around 7,000 current and passed out learners of TNOU and other job seekers were informed through SMS and social media to attend the Job Fair, in which more than 100 leading Private Companies took part in the recruitment process.

Dr. A. Muthumanickam, Syndicate Member-TNOU along with organising team of TNOU in Job Fair

Totally 5,678 Graduates and Diploma holders attended the Job Fair. Of which, 855 candidates including 25 Graduates of TNOU obtained their appointment orders in the hands of the then the Minister for Co-operation, Govt. of Tamilnadu. Mr. T. Anbalagan, I.A.S, Madurai District Collector presided over the function. Dr. A. Muthumanickam, Member Syndicate, TNOU offered felicitation address.

Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell, and Dr. I. Ambeth, Regional Director, Madurai Regional Centre, Dr. N. Saravanakumar, Regional Director, Coimbatore Regional Centre, involved in arranging the job fair and thereby enhancing the visibility of TNOU.

Candidates registering in Job Fair at Coimbatore

Career Guidance Programme

The Student Placement Cell and the Research Programmes Section of the University jointly organised a Career Guidance Programme for M.Phil. and Ph.D. Research Scholars at Thiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium on 29 January 2021. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU presided over the programme. In his presidential address, he encouraged the Research Scholars to achieve their desired goals by overcoming the impediments in their ways. He advised the Research Scholars, by quoting his own experiences, not to give up their aims at any cost.

Mr. A. Manikandan I.A.S, Sub-Collector, Varanasi delivering Special Lecture

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor addressing on Career Guidance

The Chief-Guest for the Programme was Mr. A. Manikandan I.A.S, Sub-Collector, Varanasai, Uttar Pradesh, who delivered a Special Lecture on "Vetri- Thottuvitum Thooramthaan" (Victory is at a Reachable Distance). The Sub-Collector shared his experience in terms of preparation for the Civil Service Examinations and interacted with the participants. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar, TNOU proposed a welcome address and Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell delivered a vote of thanks. The Research Supervisors and the Research Scholars of the University participated in the event.

Job Fair in Regional Centre and CCC, Viluppuram

The TNOU Regional Centre & Constituent Community College, Viluppuram in collaboration with District Employment and Career Guidance Centre, Viluppuram conducted a Private Job Fair on 05.02.2021 at the premises of TNOU-Regional Centre, Viluppuram. A total of 86 employers participated in the job fair. Out of 2973 job seekers who attended the job fair, 478 persons obtained job placement order. The job placement order was issued by Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU. Another 726 job seekers got selected in the first round of interview and are in pipe-line for gaining their employment.

Job Fair at Viluppuram

TNOU Vice Chancellor offering job placement order at Viluppuram

Women High-Flow on Viluppuram Job Fair

Job fair at Coimbatore

Tamil Nadu Open University, Coimbatore Regional Centre and Student Welfare & Placement Cell, TNOU along with the Department of Employment and Training, Government of Tamilnadu organized the Job Fair on Tuesday, 09.02.2021 at Gobi Arts & Science College, Gobichettipalayam. Around 200 leading Private Companies participated and selected the candidates in the job fair.

Dr. N. Saravanakumar, Regional Director, Coimbatore Region and Dr.I.Ambeth, Regional Director, Madurai Regional Centre supported for organising the programme. In this event, a total of 14799 Graduates and Diploma holders participated. Of which, 1140 candidates were selected by the companies.

Job Fair at Gobi

The candidates of 102 Bachelor Degree (UG), Master Degree (PG) and Vocational Diplomas holders from the Tamil Nadu Open University participated in the event and 35 candidates got offer letters from the various private companies in the salary structure from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs.25,000/-. All the selected candidates got their offer letter from the Minister of School Education, Youth Welfare and Sports, Government of Tamilnadu, in the presence of Thiru. K.Veera Raghava Rao, I.A.S., District Collector, Erode and the Director Department of Employment and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu.

"Vazhviyal Arangam"- 01

The Student Placement Cell of TNOU in association with the MTS Academy of Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam, Chennai, organized the Inaugural Function of the "Vaazhviyal Arangam", a series of events in which achievers to address, on 14.04.2021 through virtual mode. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivered the presidential address, in which he highlighted the objectives of the Programme. In his inaugural speech, Padma Shri Prof. Solomon Pappaiah narrated his life story from childhood to president awardee that motivated the participants.

Justice T.N. Vallinayakam, President, MTS and Prof. Kana. Sirpesan, Advisor, MTS offered felicitations. While Dr.Cheyon, Founder-Secretary of MTS welcomed the gathering, Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell proposed a vote of thanks.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor Presidentaial Address

Selvi Sivanya Subbu sang the Thiruvalluvar Vazhththu, Kalaimamani Vasuki Kannappan sang the Tamil song, and Dr. Gayatri Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Tamil in Guru Nanak College, Chennai served as the master of ceremony. Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar, TNOU and Dr. V.G. Santhosam, industrialist were among the participants in the programme.

The live of the Programme was telecast on youtube and facebook. The programme is viewed through youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYcVRja9b_s, those who wish to view anytime.

"Vazhviyal Arangam"- 02

The Student Placement Cell of TNOU in collaboration with the MTS Academy of Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam, Chennai, conducted the second series of "Vaazhviyal Arangam" on 29.04.2021 between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm through virtual mode.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivered the presidential address. Kalaimamani Dr. V.G. Santhosam, President, V.G.P World Tamil Sangam who served as the Chief-Guest shared openly his life story with the participants. His life that had ups and downs is very impressive. While Dr.Cheyon, Founder-Secretary of MTS welcomed the gathering, Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell proposed a vote of thanks.

Kalaimamani Vasuki Kannappan sang the Thiruvalluvar Vazhththu and Tamil song, Dr. Gayatri Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Tamil in Guru Nanak College, Chennai

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor presidential address

introduced the Chief-Guest, Selvi Priyadharshini, a student of University of Madras served as the master of ceremony. Prof. Ponnavaiko, former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University was among the participants in the Programme. The live of the programme was telecast on youtube and facebook. The programme is viewed through youtube link: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=UpA9KGjDYFE.

"Vazhviyal Arangam"- 03

The Student Placement Cell of TNOU in collaboration with the MTS Academy of Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam's Academy" virtually conducted the third series of "Vaazhviyal Arangam" on Thursday, 13.05.2021 between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm.

V.K.D.Balan presenting his life history & achievements

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivered the presidential address. The Chief-Guest for the programme was Kalaimamani Mr. V.K.D Balan, President and Managing Director of Madura Travels, Chennai, who delivered a talk on "Vazhnthu Kaattuvom Vaareer! (Come, Let's achieve). The Chief-Guest described his life that had ups and downs, dark and bright, sour and sweet and so on. His whole speech witnessed hard work never fails.

While Dr.Cheyon, Founder-Secretary of MTS welcomed the gathering, Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell proposed a vote of thanks. Selvi Sivanya Subbu recited the Thiruvalluvar Vazhththuand Kalaimamani Vasuki Kannappan sang the Tamil song. Mr. Senthur Pari, President, Exonara International of Tamilnadu introduced the Chief-Guest citing his achievements and philanthropies. Dr. Gayatri Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Tamil in Guru Nanak College, Chennai compered the whole programme. Prof. Ponnavaiko, former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University and Prof. R. Murugesan, former Vice-Chancellor, Anna University of Technology, Madurai were among the distinguished participants in the programme. The e- participation Certificates were issued to the participants. The live of the Programme was telecast on youtube and facebook.

"Vazhviyal Arangam"- 04

The fourth series of "Vaazhviyal Arangam" was conducted on 27.05.2021 between 4.00 pm and 6.30 pm through online by the Student Placement Cell of TNOU in association with the MTS Academy of Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam's Academy ". Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivered the presidential address. Sevai Semmal Lion S. Keerthivasan, Chairperson, Chandra Ammal Education Trust, Shri Karpakavalli Vidyalaya, Mylapore, served as the Chief-Guest for the programme. He narrated his autobiography which was very interesting and motivational.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor addressing

While Dr.Cheyon, Founder-Secretary of MTS welcomed the gathering, Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell proposed a vote of thanks. Selvi Sivanya Subbu recited the Thiruvalluvar Vazhththu and Kalaimamani Vasuki Kannappan sang the Tamil song. Mr. Keelampur Sangara subramaniyan, Editor Kalaimagal, a monthly magazine introduced the Chief-Guest citing his achievements and philanthropies. Dr. Gayatri Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Tamil in Guru Nanak College, Chennai compered the whole programme. Prof. Ponnavaiko, former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University and Prof. R. Murugesan, former Vice Chancellor, Anna University of Technology, Madurai were among the distinguished participants in the Programme. The e- participation Certificates were issued to the participants. The live of the Programme was telecast on youtube and facebook.

"Vazhviyal Arangam"- 05

The Student Placement Cell of TNOU in association with the MTS Academy of Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam's Academy virtually conducted the fifth programme of the series of "Vaazhviyal Arangam" on 10.06.2021.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivered the presidential address. Sevai Semmal Lion S. Keerthivasan, Chairperson Chandra Ammal Education Trust Shri Karpakavalli Vidyalaya, Mylapore, served as the Chief-Guest for the programme. This was the second episode of his lecture and first one was on 27.05.2021.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor offering presidential address

In which, he narrated his business achievements that was very interesting and motivational. While Dr. Cheyon, Founder-Secretary of MTS welcomed the gathering, Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell proposed a vote of thanks.

Selvi Sivanya Subbu recited the Thiruvalluvar Vazhththu and Kalaimamani Vasuki Kannappan sang the Tamil song. Mr. Kavignar Ervadi S. Radhakrishnan, Editor, Kavithai Uravu, a monthly magazine introduced the Chief-Guest citing his achievements and philanthropies.

Dr. Gayatri Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Tamil , Guru Nanak College, Chennai played the role of master of ceremony in the programme. Mr. Sridhar, former Principle Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu, Prof. M. Ponnavaiko, former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University and Prof. R. Murugesan, former Vice Chancellor, Anna University of Technology, Madurai were among the distinguished participants in the programme. E- participation Certificates were issued to the participants. The live of the programme was telecast on youtube and facebook.

"Vazhviyal Arangam"- 06

The sixth programme in the series of the Vazhviyal Arangam was jointly conducted by the Student Placement Cell of TNOU and the MTS Academy of Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam's Academy on 24.06.2021 through online.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivered the presidential address. The industrialist and Director of Spencer Plaza, Chennai, Mr. Maha. Balasubramaniam served as the Chief-Guest. He delivered an extemporary speech about his personal life that witnessed a strong growth from the clerical level in a bank to the director of one of the biggest shopping malls in India.

Dr. Cheyon, Founder-Secretary of MTS welcomed the gathering, Dr. R. Mahendran, Coordinator, Student Placement Cell proposed a vote of thanks. Selvi Sivanya Subbu recited the Thiruvalluvar Vazhththu and Kalaimamani Vasuki Kannappan sang the Tamil song.

Dr. Gayatri Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Tamil in Guru Nanak College, Chennai introduced the Chief-Guest citing his achievements and philanthropies. Tmt. Senbaga Kasi, Radio Artist, Chennai compered the whole programme. Mr. Sridhar, former Principle Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu, Prof. M. Ponnavaiko, former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University and Prof. R. Murugesan, former Vice Chancellor, Anna University of Technology, Madurai were among the distinguished participants in the Programme.

This series had around 90 participants including students, research scholars, professors from various colleges and Universities and Sri Lanka and Australia. E- participation Certificates were issued to the participants. The live of the programme was telecast on youtube and facebook.

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor, TNOU delivering the presidential address

SC/ST Cell

Dr. B.R.Ambedkar 130th Birthday celebration

Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Vice Chancellor delievering Presidential Address

The SC/ST Cell of Tamil Nadu Open University first time celebrated "Dr.B.R.Ambedkar 130th Birthday" on 14 April 2021 through virtual platform. The session had 178 participants.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof.K.Parthasarathy delivered the presidential address and felt proud to celebrate Ambedkar Jayanthi in TNOU as first time. He covered the overall life history of Baba3saheb Ambedkar with highlighting the legacy. The Vice Chancellor shared great news of starting a new short-term course on "Ambedkar Thoughts" in both English and Tamil medium for taking his ideologies to the future generation. The Vice Chancellor, also spoke about Dr.Ambedkar's contributions, in Indian Agriculture, land reforms, economic development and National Integration.

Prof. C. Lakshmanan gave speech on "Ambedkar's contribution to social sciences". It was a resourceful speech with more insights to scholars for their research studies on Ambedkar in a multidisciplinary approach, and on significance of social sciences.

The special guest Prof. B. Venugopal delivered speech on "Ambedkar's Contribution to Indian Constitution". The Guest spoke about Ambedkar's work on Indian constitution and highlighted the social inclusion that he has made through Drafting Indian constitution and how they paved the way for good Administration and governance in India.

Earlier, Registrar Dr.K.Rathnakumar, welcomed the gathering. The University Faculty Members Prof.P.Thiyagarajan and Ms. J.Renee Arathi Spoke about Dr.B.R.Ambedkar. Finally Dr. R. Arumugam, Organising secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

Activities of Regional Centres and Constituent Community Colleges

Republic Day at Regional Centre, Viluppuram

First time , the Tamil Nadu Open University celebrated the '72nd Republic Day' of our Nation at Regional Centre Viluppuram. Dr. K. Ratnakumar, Registrar of TNOU hoisted the National Flag.

Dr. K. Rathnakumar, Registrar, hoisting the Flag and Addressing

Registrar, with staff and Learners of Regional Centre, Viluppuram

Activities of Regional Centre, Madurai

The Tamil Nadu Open University, Regional Centre Madurai conducted Admission Campaign at Government Arts and Science Colleges, Muthukulathur and Kadaladi on 10.02.2021.

Dr.I.Ambeth, Regional Director, Madurai delivered Special Address about Open and Distance Education in India and Higher Educational Opportunities through Distance Education.

Dr. I. Ambeth addressing in Admission campaign

Activities of Regional Centre, Tirunelveli

The TNOU - Regional Centre, Tirunelveli conducted Admission Campaign at Kamarajar Government Arts College, Surandai on 18.03.2021. Dr. S. Vinod Kanna, Regional Director, Tirunelveli provided orientation to the participants on Open and Distance Learning and Activities of University.

Dr. S. Vinodkanna addressing in Admission campaign

Activities of Learner Support Centres and Community Colleges

Admission Campaign at Learner Support Centres

The Learner Support Centres at Government Arts and Science Colleges, Muthukulathur and Kadaladi Kamarajar Government Arts College, Surandai organised the Admission Campaign to the prospective students of Tamil Nadu Open University.

Prospective students in Admission campaign

Health Camp by Community College

Free Acupressure Treatment was given to the staff of Tamil Nadu Open University on 09-02-2021 by the Coordinator of Sugam Community College, Madurai. The Coordinator Acu. Pandian briefed about the basic information an about acupressure treatment and importance of health to the all the teaching and non teaching staff of TNOU

Acupressure Treatment

Health Check up to TNOU Staff

Vice Chancellor Diary

S.No	Date and Event	Mode / Venue	Organiser(s)
1	**05.01.2021:** Attended the Meeting of the Selection Committee conducted under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) as Government Nominee	Thiruvalluar University, Vellore	Thiruvalluar University, Vellore
2	**08.01.2021:** Organized Meeting with the Regional Directors, Directors of Schools and Divisions	Conference Hall, Administrative Building, TNOU	TNOU
3	**12.01.2021:** Participated and presided in the International Webinar in Commemoration of Swami Vivekananda on his 158th Birthday Celebration as NATIONAL YOUTH DAY under the theme "Vivekananda Thoughts and Talks in International Perspectives"	Virtual Platform	School of Journalism and New Media Studies, TNOU
4	**12.01.2021:** Participated and presided the NATIONAL YOUTH DAY Celebration under the Theme "Channelizing Youth Power for National Building"	Thiruvalluvar, Mini Auditorium, TNOU	School of Education, TNOU
5	**12.01.2021:** Patron for the Online Quiz in Commemoration of Swami Vivekananda on his 158th Birthday Celebration as NATIONAL YOUTH DAY	Virtual Platform	Centre for University Informatics, TNOU
6	**13.01.2021:** Participated in the PONGAL FESTIVAL	Academic Block, TNOU	TNOU
7	**15.01.2021:** தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் மற்றும் சிட்னி தமிழ் வளர்ச்சி மன்றம் ஆஸ்திரேலியா இணைந்து நடத்திய திருவள்ளுவர் தினம் "வள்ளுவம் காட்டும் வாழ்வியல் நெறி"- தலைமையுறை	இணையவழி பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம்	தமிழியல் மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுப் புலம், தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்
8	**20.01.2021:** Attended TANSA 2019 Selection Committee Meeting for Selection of Awardee	DOTE Campus, Chennai	Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Guindy
9	**21.01.2021:** Organized the Meeting with all Programme Co-ordinators on Academic Affairs	Thiruvalluvar, Mini Auditorium, TNOU	TNOU

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10	**22.01.2021:** Delivered Invited Talk in the Webinar on "Promotion of Skill Development Among the Youth"	Virtual Platform	M.T.S. Academy, Chennai in Association with BECH, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli
11	**25.01.2021:** Attended the Internal Committee for Preparing Guidelines for the Post of Director of Collegiate Education, as Member	Higher Education Department, Chennai	HED, Secretariat, Chennai
12	**26.01.2021:** Participated in the 72nd Republic Day Festival	Ground Floor, Academic Block	TNOU
13	**26.01.2021:** Attended as Chief Guest and Delivered Presidential Address in the Unifest-Indian Tribal Arts and Folk Dances	Virtual Platform	UNIFEST Family, New Delhi
14	**27.01.2021:** Visited Tiruchirappalli for Identifying New Location to accommodate Regional Centre, Tiruchirappalli	During the Spot Visit	Regional Centre, Tiruchirappalli
15	**29.01.2021:** Presided over the Meeting of Career Guidance Programme for Research Scholars of TNOU and delivered Presidential Address	Thiruvalluvar, Mini Auditorium, TNOU	Student Placement Cell & Research Division, TNOU
16	**29.01.2021:** Participated in the Meeting of National Students Startup Meet with EDI and all Vice Chancellors	Virtual Platform	Higher Education Department, Secretariat Chennai – 9.
17	**01.03.2021:** Presidential Address in the Orientation programme for the staff of TNOU	Thiruvalluvar Mini Auditorium	School of Education, TNOU
18	**06.03.2021:** Interacted with the Members of the Board of Studies on Extension Education	Syndicate Hall, TNOU	School of Continuing Education, TNOU
19	**07.03.2021:** Delivered Presidential Address in the Induction Programme for the First Year Learners of AY2020-2021 at TNOU	Virtual Platform	SSSD & EMPRC, TNOU
20	**07.03.2021:** சிறப்புரை - பூந்தண்டலம் ஊரகத்தில் உலக மகளிர் நாள் விழா (ம) பரிசுகள் வழங்கல் - சிறப்புரை	பூந்தண்டலம் சென்னை.	மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கத்தின் திருவள்ளுவர் அறிவுக்களஞ்சியம் வளர்ச்சி மையம், இந்திய அரசின் இளைஞர் நலம் மற்றும் விளையாட்டு அமைச்சகத்தின் நேரு யுவகேந்திரா, ஸ்ரீசாய்ராம் பொறியியல் கல்லூரி.

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21	**08.03.2021:** சிறப்புரை - உலக மகளிர் தின விழா21 20 மற்றும் தமிழ் இலக்கியங்களில் பண்பாட்டு கூறுகள் கருத்தரங்கு கருதரங்க ஆய்வுக்கோவை வெளியீடு	திருவள்ளுவர் சிற்றரங்கம்	பெண்கள் பிரிவு தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலை பல்கலைக்கழகம்
22	12.03.2021: Delivered Invited Talk in the National webinar on Mainstreaming Transgender in Higher Education	Virtual Platform	National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and University of Delhi
23	**20.03.2021:** Inaugurated Academic Councelling Classes for Ist Year Students of AY-2020-2021 of TNOU	Virtual Platform	SSSD & EMPRC, TNOU
24	**20.03.2021:** Delivered Valedictory Address in Online Orientation Programme to Teachers of Colleges & Universities of India	Virtual Platform	UGC – Human Resource Development Centre, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
25	**22.03.2021:** All VCs Meeting with Principle Secretary , Higher Education Department	Virtual Platform	Higher Education Department, Govt. of Tamilnadu
26	**24.03.2021:** Conducted 2nd Research Council Meeting of TNOU	Virtual Platform	Research Programme Section,TNOU
27	**24.3.2021:** திருவள்ளுவர் சிலை திறப்பு விழா மற்றும் வள்ளுவம் காட்டும் வாழ்வியல்: கருத்தரங்கம். திருவள்ளுவர் சிலையைத் திறந்து வைத்து - சிறப்புரை	திருவள்ளுவர் சிற்றரங்கம்	தமிழ்நாடு திறந்த நிலை பல்கலைக் கழகம்
28	**27.03.2021:** உலக நாடக தின விழா 2021 - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	இதழியல் (ம) புதிய ஊடகப் பள்ளி, தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலை பல்கலைக்கழகம்
29	**06.04.2021:** Reimagining Internationalization Blended Education as a Catalyst -Attended	Virtual Mode	Symbiosis International (Deemed University) & Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi
30	**07.04.2021:** World Health Day: Cancer Awareness Programme –Delivered Presidential Address	Virtual Mode	School of Social Science, TNOU & Madras Cancare Foundation (VHS), Chennai
31	**07.04.2021:** MoU between TNOU and Mylai Thiruvalluvar Sangam Academy	TNOU	School of Humanities, TNOU

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32	**07.04.2021:** SIU-AIU IHE 2021 Conference - Attended	Virtual Mode	Symbiosis International (Deemed University) & Association of Indian Universities (AIU),New Delhi
33	**14.04.2021:** "Ambedkar's 130th Birthday Celebration" - Delivered Presidential Address	Virtual Mode	SC/ST Cell, TNOU
34	**15.04.2021:** "வாழ்வியல் அரங்கம் தொடக்க விழா" - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் (மாணவர் வேலை வாய்ப்புப் பிரிவு)(ம) மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், சென்னை
35	**20.04.2021:** "Management of Corona in the Universities" - All Vice Chancellors Meeting with Hon'ble Governor of Tamilnadu-Attended	Virtual Mode	Raj Bhavan, Guindy, Chennai
36	21.04.2021: "Induction Programme" - 2021 -Delivered Presidential Address	Virtual Mode	Faculty of Education, School of Special Education and Rehabilitation, TNOU
37	**23.04.2021:** உலக புத்தக நாள் 2021 - உரையரங்கம் - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	School of Tamil & Cultural Studies, TNOU
38	28.04.2021: Continuing Rehabilitation Education Webinar "Application of Technology in Education and Training" – Delivered Presidential Address	Virtual Mode	School of Special Education & Rehabilitation, TNOU and National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai
39	**29.04.2021:** உலக நடனக் கலை தின நாள் உரையரங்கமும், நாட்டிய அரங்கமும் - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	இதழியல் (ம) புதிய ஊடகப்பள்ளி நாடகம் (ம) அரங்கக்கலைத்துறை, TNO
40	**29.04.2021:** புரட்சிக் கவிஞர் பாரதிதாசன் 131ஆவது பிறந்த நாள் உரையரங்கம் - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	School of Tamil & Cultural Studies, TNOU
41	**29.04.2021:** "வாழ்வியல் அரங்கம்" இரண்டாம் நிகழ்வு - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் (மாணவர் வேலை வாய்ப்புப் பிரிவு) (ம) மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், சென்னை
42	11.05.2021: Meeting with Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Tamilnadu	Secretariat	Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu

S.No	Date and Event	Mode / Venue	Organiser(s)
43	11.05.2021: Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Tamilnadu	CM Residence	Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu
44	13.05.2021: "வாழ்வியல் அரங்கம்" மூன்றாம் நிகழ்வு – தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப்பல்கலைக் கழகம் மாணவர் வேலை வாய்ப்புப் பிரிவு(ம) மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், சென்னை
45	16.05.2021: தெய்வத்தமிழ் ஆலோசனை கூட்டம்– பங்கேற்பு	இணைய வழி	மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், சென்னை
46	17.05.2021: Participated in International Webinar Pertaining to Higher Education	Virtual Platform	Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi
47	20.05.2021: Meeting with Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education	Secretariat	Higher Education Department, Secretariat, Government of Tamilnadu
48	22.05.2021: Interacted with Members of Board of Studies on Political Science & Public Administration	Virtual Platform	School of Political Science & Public Administration, Tamil Nadu Open University
49	24.05.2021: All Vice Chancellors Meeting with Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education	Virtual Platform	Higher Education Department, Government of Tamilnadu
50	25.05.2021: Chaired 15th Academic Council Meeting	Virtual Platform	Tamil Nadu Open University
51	27.05.2021: "வாழ்வியல் அரங்கம்" நான்காம் நிகழ்வு – தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம், மாணவர் வேலை வாய்ப்புப் பிரிவு(ம) மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், சென்னை
52	**03.06.2021:** Tribute to Dr. Anantha krishnan Former VC Anna University, Former Vice-Chairman, TANSCHE –Offered Rich tribute	Virtual Platform	Mylai Thiruvalluvar Tamizh Sangam, Chennai

S.No	Date and Event	Mode / Venue	Organiser(s)
53	**03.06.2021:** Vice Chancellor's Meeting with all Teaching, Non Teaching & Outsourcing Staff of TNOU	Virtual Platform	Tamil Nadu Open University
54	**09.06.2021:** Meeting with World Bank Team and Stake Holders of Welfare of Differently Abled Persons in Tamil Nadu	Virtual Platform	Higher Education Dept. & Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Dept.
55	**10.06.2021:** வாழ்வியல் அரங்கம்" ஐந்தாம் நிகழ்வு - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலை கழகம் (மாணவர் வேலைவாய்ப்புப் பிரிவு) (ம) மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், சென்னை
56	**18.06.2021:** Meeting with all Staff of Regional Centers and Constituent Community Colleges, TNOU	Virtual Platform	Student Support Service Division, Tamil Nadu Open University
57	**21.06.2021:** International Yoga Day Celebrations - Delivered Presidential Address	Virtual Platform	School of Continuing Education, Tamil Nadu Open University
58	**24.06.2021:** வாழ்வியல் அரங்கம்" ஆறாம் நிகழ்வு - தலைமையுரை	இணைய வழி	தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலை கழகம் (மாணவர் வேலைவாய்ப்புப் பிரிவு) (ம) மயிலை திருவள்ளுவர் தமிழ்ச் சங்கம், சென்னை
59	**28.06.2021:** All Vice Chancellors Meeting with Principle Secretary, Higher Education Department	Virtual Platform	Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu

Accomplishments of Faculty Members

Faculty of Arts

S.No	Name and Designation of Faculty Member	No. of Events		No. of Publications	
		International	National	International	National
1	Dr. N. Dhanalakshmi Associate Professor	-	-	-	3
2	Dr. P. Chitra Assistant Professor	-	-	7	-
3	Ms.S.Sakila Assistant Librarian	2	10	-	-

Faculty of Social Sciences

S.No	Name and Designation of Faculty Member	No. of Events		No. of Publications	
		International	National	International	National
1	Dr. M. V. Sudhakaran Professor	-	3	-	3
2	Dr. D. Thirumalraja Assistant Professor	-	-	5	6
3	Dr. S. Anantharamakrishnan Assistant Professor	-	2	-	1
4	Dr.R.Arumugam Assistant Professor	-	3	-	-

Faculty of Sciences

S.No	Name and Designation of Faculty Member	No. of Events		No. of Publications	
		International	National	International	National
1	Er. N. Sivashanmugam Assistant Professor	-	2	-	-
2	Dr.K. Katturajan Assistant Professor	1	5	-	1
3	Dr. P. Shanmugavelan Assistant Professor	1	5	-	-
4	Dr. E. Kumar Assistant Professor	1	12	-	2
5	Dr. R. Kalaiarasi Assistant Professor	5	3	4	7

Faculty of Indian and Foreign Languages

S.No	Name and Designation of Faculty Member	No. of Events		No. of Publications	
		International	National	International	National
1	Dr. S. Balasubramanian, Professor	3	15	-	-
2	Dr. M. Vaiyapuri Assistant Professor	-	8	-	-
3	Dr. R. Mahendran Assistant Professor	1	2	2	-

Faculty of Extension Education

S.No	Name and Designation of Faculty Member	No. of Events		No. of Publications	
		International	National	International	National
1	Dr. P. Thiyagarajan Professor	7	16	-	1
2	Er. R. Meenambigai Assistant Professor	-	5	-	-
3	Dr. I. Ambeth Assistant Professor	-	2	-	-

Faculty of Education

S.No	Name and Designation of Faculty Member	No. of Events		No. of Publications	
		International	National	International	National
1	Dr.M.Manivannan Professor	-	3	-	2
2	Dr. K. S. Premila Associate Professor	-	-	1	3
3	Dr. T. Sampath Kumar Assistant Professor	-	-	-	1
4	Dr. D. Vinoth Kumar Assistant Professor	-	1	-	-
5	Dr. D. Sumathy Assistant Professor	-	-	-	4
6	Dr. P. Pandia Vadivu Assistant Professor	1	6	2	3
7	Dr. B. Anupama Devi Assistant Professor	2	8	-	-
8	Dr. A. S. Arul Lawrence Assistant Professor	2	3	-	6
9	Mr. R. M. Tamil Selvan Assistant Professor	1	5	-	-

Faculty of Management

S.No	Name and Designation of Faculty Member	No. of Events		No. of Publications	
		International	National	International	National
1	Dr. S. Subramanian Professor	-	6	-	2
2	Dr. R. Tamilmaran Associate Professor	-	3	-	1
3	Dr. N. Saranya Devi Assistant Professor	-	1	1	4

Farewell to Faculty Member

Farewell to Dr.P.Rajasekaran

Fare well function was organized at TNOU on 01-03-2021 for Dr.P.Rajasekaran, Regional Director, Trichy Regional Centre and Assistant Professor, School of Education, TNOU. The Vice Chancellor Prof.K.Parthasarathy and Dr.K.Rathnakumar, Registrar greeted Dr.P.Rajasekaran for peaceful retirement life.

Mrs. Rajasekaran and University Staff during Dr.P.Rajesekaran's farewell

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