

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**A REPORT ON TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL
SCIENCES, LANGUAGES AND CULTURE ICSSLC'23**

The Department of English in collaboration with the Center for International Relations, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, and School of Arabic and Islamic studies organized a two-day international conference on Social Sciences, Languages, and Culture – ICSSLC'23 on 12 & 13th October 2023.

The conference was proposed with the notion to address global concerns, promote inclusivity, and accept diversity by creating an awareness of the significance of languages, social sciences, and culture.

The conference started with the Inaugural Function on 12th October 2023 at 09:30 a.m. The invited guests were from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. The event was presided by the honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. N. Thajudeen, and inaugurated by the Registrar, Dr. N. Raja Hussain. Mr. Scott E. Hartmann, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai; Dr. Katharina Görden, Director, Goethe Institute, Chennai; Dr. Rizwanur Rahman, Professor, Ex-Chairperson, School of Language & Cultural Studies, JNU, New Delhi and Mrs. Nacchiyar, Writer, Orator and Founder - Tamil Africa, Tanzania, East Africa delivered the Keynote addresses stressing upon the significance of languages in creating a community around which culture and customs are built.

The Conference Proceedings (EISBN: 978-81-946660-9-7) - a collection of the research articles received from the delegates from all over India under multiple themes of the conference was released in the Inaugural function. The Proceedings can be accessed through the link: <https://alborearpress.com/alboAssets/books/ProceedingsofICSSLC.pdf>. Selected

papers were also published in the UGC journal *Humanities and Social Sciences* with the ISSN 2319-829X.

Following the Inaugural event, the departments – English, Tamil, German, School of Social Sciences & Humanities and School of Arabic & Islamic Studies conducted various parallel sessions. In total, there were one Plenary Talk, Two Chief Guest's Special Talks, Two Panel Discussions, One Info Session, One Workshop and Thirteen Paper Presentation Sessions. The expert resource persons from abroad include Professor Lyndsay R. Buckingham from Madrid, Dr. Khum Prasad Sharma from Kathmandu, Nepal, Dr. MSM Saleem Nadwi, and Dr. PM. Hamthoon from Sri Lanka and eminent resource persons and subject experts from institutions in and around Chennai.

The conference had participants from India and abroad, who joined us in virtual mode. In total, around 130 participants registered, with 95 participants for the department of English.

The delegates of the conference were from prime educational institutions from other states, like EFLU in Hyderabad, Sikkim University, Tamralipta Mahavidhyalaya in West Bengal, Intergral University in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, and Indra Kala Sangit University in Chattisgarh, far and wide places of Tamil Nadu - The Hindu College, Nagercoil, Kalasalingham University, Krishnankoil, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, and Nooral Islam Center for Higher Education, Kumarakoil and from Chennai - The New College, MCC, VIT, Saveetha, Bharathi Women's College, Agurchand Manmull Jain College, Loyola, Hindustan Institute of Science and Technology, Dwaraka Doss Vaishnav College, and Ramakrishna Mission are just to mention a few.

Papers were presented by enthusiastic participants on a wide range of topics related to the themes and subthemes of the conference.

The Valedictory session was held on 13th October 2023 at 03:00 p.m. A report on the happenings of the two-day conference was presented. The participants provided their feedback about the conference in which they expressed that the conference exceeded their expectations and they were most satisfied with the

various sessions organized. The conference was concluded with the vote of thanks and National Anthem.

The International conference served as a platform for exchange of ideas in multi- and trans-disciplinary subject areas; a stimulus for the expansion of knowledge horizon and a definite take-away for our eager minds.









