

## **Thiru S.X. Swamikannu Endowment Lecture (2022 2023)**

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Thiru S.X. Swamikannu Endowment Lecture is instituted in remembrance of Rev. Dr. Xavier Alphonse's father. Rev. Dr. Xavier Alphonse is a dignified academician who taught English and also served as the Principal of Loyola College, Chennai - 34. The endowment lecture was instituted in the year 2012. Since then, the department had had illustrious and illuminating lectures under various topics, focusing on Literary Criticism and new avenues of literature. For the academic year 2022 - 2023, the department decided to conduct a lecture with special focus on Literary Studies which may inspire the learners of our department to march forward with renewed thinking. Therefore, the lecture was organized as part of the conference on "Literary and Language Studies in the New Millennium".

The lecture was organized on March 10, 2023. The lecture was delivered by Dr T. Marx Professor & Head, Dept. of English Pondicherry University on the topic "**Literary Studies in New Millennium: Reinventing Theories**". Dr T. Max enumerated the different kinds of emerging literary theories including trauma studies, memory studies, climate studies, memory studies, etc. He illuminated the relationship between the emerging studies and the ones that existed in the beginning and the distinction between philosophical shift and linguistic shift. In his concluding remark, he divulged the importance of reinvention of literary studies that could include the variety of problems and concerns of people.

The lecture was attended by a number of students, research scholars and members of the department of English, Loyola College. Dr K.S.Antonymsamy explained the importance of the Endowment lecture. Dr Felicita Mary Praba welcomed and introduced the Resource Person and Dr Kannan Prasad proposed the vote of thanks.