

International Virtual Conference 2020

The International Virtual Conference was organized by Thiruvallur University, Loyola College, Chennai, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur and Thirumagal Mills College, Gudiyattam, the five day International web conference was held from 13th July 2020 to 17th July 2020. The main theme of the conference was "Industry 4.0 Scenario: Redefining Language and Literary Studies".

Resource persons as well as Participants & Paper Presenters (20) were from South Africa, Zambia, Bangladesh, Libya, Saudi Arabia and India. Among 16 Resource persons, 7 were from India and 9 were from abroad. 787 Participants were from North eastern states, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Gujarat, AP, Telengana, Kerala, Odhisha, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Delhi. 270 paper presentations were made during the conference with 6 chat rooms 16 to 17 presenters in each room.

The Five Day National Virtual Conference 2020: Industry 4.0 Scenario: Redefining language and literary studies was engaging with lots of interesting as well as lived experiences shared from various indigenous cultures, input given to relate ourselves to plethora of perspectives available on language and literary studies, and demonstrations made to view seriously new ways of teaching and learning during Industry 4.0 scenario. The resource persons were

- Professor Adrian Chalwe who presented his ideas on the topic *Cultural Imaginaries* where he enlightened the audience with erudition on cultural aspects.
- Dr. Yasmin Muchindu from Zambia discussed a session titled *Learning to Learn* where she emphasised on the recent trends in learning and the manner in which it is evolving, spoke about Metalearning and its classroom usability, and addressed pertinent issues of modern learning.
- Rev. Dr. Francis Peter SJ, an academic and language expert, who spoke about *Deception Detection with Forensic Linguistics*, the scientific application of Linguistics and its paralinguistic features, and highlighted employment opportunities in the field of learning.
- Dr. R. S Bhaskran who addressed the topic *Female Masculinities in Literature* inspiring the audience with the profound knowledge on Shakespeare through which was elucidated about the masculine women in Literature.
- Dr. Habimana Cedric from Zambia who spoke about the *Second Language Teaching in Sub Saharan Africa* with the presentation dealing with the transition of Sub Saharan Africa from the colonial legacy to the innovative socio-economic enterprise of today.
- Dr. Sujatha Menon who on *Blended Learning* laying emphasis on various pedagogical approaches that combine and produce an optimal learning outcome in the present day scenario.
- Dr. Clement Lourdes who addressed *Religious and Spiritual Identity in Literature* and took the audience down the ages of literature to substantiate the focal concept.

- Dr. Wilson Silungwe, who focused on the use of symbols in literature of Tonga people of Zambia in his session on *Indigenous Literature* and was of the opinion that Indigenous Literature is integral part of any particular culture and elucidated the concept with clarity.
- Dr. Namrata Rathore Mahanta who highlighted on *Diasporic Imaginaries* and presented the concept with sound knowledge and facts.
- Dr. Ravi Bhushan who presented on the topic *Autonomous Learner: Paradigms of English Language Learning*, where the concept was explained through the speaker's personal experience and service in the Indian Air Force.
- Dr. Moses Chalwe who spoke about *Globalisation and Multiculturalism*, its impact and evolution in the contemporary scenario and the manner in which it shapes the life of people.

Dr. Francis P. Xavier, SJ, Rector, Loyola College delivered the valedictory address. He was emphatic in his message that during the time of desperation, hope-giving literature could alone in still confidence in oneself, in others, and in God. It is heartening for all students of literature to note and would vow to live up to that expectation of showing the way for industries to be there for the people, especially the needy, who are at the bottom of the social pyramid.

Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony SDB, Principal, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, felicitated the organizers and the participants. **Dr. K. S. Antonysamy**, Head, Department of English, Loyola College and one of conveners of the conference presented a brief report of the conference, **Rev. Dr. Maria Arokiaraj** SDB, Additional Principal, SHC, Tirupattur and another convener proposed thanked the transnational and transcontinental participants, paper presenters, and resource persons shared their experience on the five-day seminar and highlighted its academic productivity.



