

## **International Workshop on Literature and Education**

**Date:** 28-08-2025

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, Commonwealth

An International Workshop on Literature and Education was organized with the collaborations of Department of Languages and Education, TamilNadu Commonwealth Mother Teresa Women's International Centre, Sultan Idris Education University, Malaysia and Department of Tamilology and Thirukkural Chair, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai on 28-08-2025. The main aim of this workshop was to promote literature and Education among the students of Malaysia and Kodaikanal. Dr. B. Satyamurthy, Head of the Department, Department of Tamilology, Director i/c Thirukkural Chair, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai introduced the honorable guests, who were, Dr. Karthikesu Ponnaya, Head of the Department, Sultan Idris Education University, Malaysia (UPSIC), Dr. Elankumaran Sivanathan, Associate Professor, UPSIC and the Guests of Honor, Dr. A. Ayothi, Former Head, Department of Tami, Government Arts and Science College, Udumalaipet and Dr. Chandramani Jebarani, Former Head, Department of Tamil Studies, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal. The workshop began with the welcome address delivered by Dr. A. Muthu Meena Losini, Assistant Professor of English, MTWU. She addressed the guests and the students of Malaysia. Dr. Reena Ruby, Assistant Professor of Education, MTWU, also addressed the guests and talked about the Study of Education and how it works in India comparatively to Malaysia, she also explained to the students how the University grants scope to Special B.Ed course. The Guest of Honor, Dr. Karthikesu Ponnaya, delivered his lecture by stating how the B.Ed course is pursued in Malaysia and how it differs from India. He stated that students need not have an UG Degree to pursue B.Ed just like in India, the students in Malaysia can do dual course after the high school, for which the course's duration is 3 years. Then, Dr. A. Ayothi delivered his lecture based on Nanmanikkatikai. He began his lecture by stating that it is an anthology in the PathinenKeelkanakku, a collection of classical Tamil Literature. It is didactic work traditionally attributed to the poet Vilambi Naganaar and contains roughly one hundred short poems where each poem is composed in the venpa meter and is notable for presenting four distinct ideas. He read and explicated selected verses, showing how each line functions independently and jointly to teach moral conduct, social duty and practical wisdom. Dr. Ayothi's talk made a persuasive case that Nanmanikkatikai is not only a significant classical text but a highly usable resource for contemporary literature and education. Dr. Chandramani Jebarani also delivered a lecture based on Nanmanikkatikai but with ethical insights which intersect with issues of gender, morality and how feminist reinterpretation can revitalize its place in contemporary education. She encouraged the students to reinterpret the text from patriarchal system, and to emphasize wisdom, dignity, and equal ethical agency for all genders. Dr. Satyamurthy delivered the vote of thanks and concluded the event. By this workshop, both the students of Malaysia and Kodaikanal have gained interest to learn more about the Tamil Classical Literature and to reinterpret it accordingly.



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### *Felicitation*

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### *Special Lectures*

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