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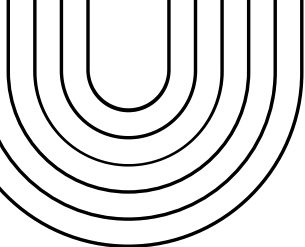


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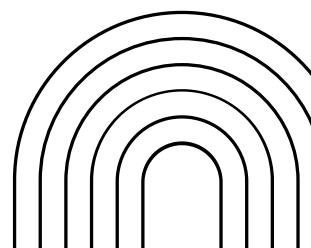


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On August 18, 2025, the Department of English (Aided and SF) jointly hosted a literary program featuring Aleena Aakashamittayi, a renowned contemporary poet whose work is featured in the MGU-UGP syllabus. The event allowed students to interact directly with an author from their curriculum..

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MEET THE POET
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18/08/2025
11:30 am
 Baccinelli Hall

Aleena Aakashamittayi
 Poet, Kerala Sahitya Akademi
 Kanakashree Award Winner
Student Coordinators:
 Niya Maria M V.
 Ashwin George
 Vyshnavi B
Faculty Coordinators:
 Mr. Jose Babu
 Ms. Mariyam Anna Varghese
 Ms. Maria Denny



Research Methodology

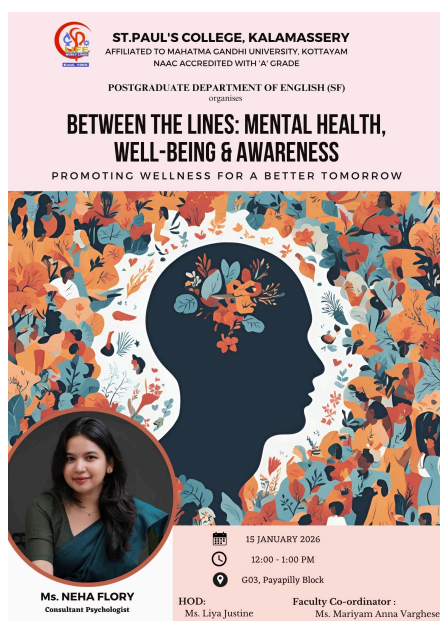
The Postgraduate Department of English conducted a workshop on research methodology titled "Literature Beyond Limits: A Workshop on Texts and Contexts" for the PG students on 18 December 2025 in the Daniel Hall. The programme began at 10.00 am and continued upto 12 pm with a brief discussion on final year project and the methodology in use. Ms. Carolyn Mary Padua, Assistant Professor at MES College Marampilly served as the resource person of the programme. The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Liya Justine, Head of the Postgraduate Department of English. The workshop included a few activities related to listening and writing. The students were given an insight into the dimensions of research like selecting an appropriate topic, finding a research gap, formulating a suitable hypothesis, framing the research problem, identifying the primary and secondary texts, analysing a text based on a theoretical framework and the basics of MLA format. The resource person introduced the students to major literary theories like post-humanism, Marxism, feminism and postcolonialism. The workshop also covered a detailed analysis of the film Maheshinte Prathikaaram into which a few novel theories were applied which enlightened the students and gave them an idea about research and its application. The students were made aware of the ethical practices to be followed in research. Ms. Aamiya Sunil proposed the vote of thanks and gave feedback about the workshop.



Mind Matters

On January 15, 2026, the Postgraduate Department of English at St. Paul's College organized a session titled "Between the Lines: Mental Health, Well-Being & Awareness" for undergraduate students. Held at the Payapilly Block, the initiative aimed to promote psychological well-being and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health on campus. Led by Ms. Neha Flory, Consultant and Counselling Psychologist at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, core topics addressed critical student challenges, including academic pressure, emotional overwhelm, self-doubt, and relationship struggles. Students openly shared experiences in a safe space, participating in a lively concluding Q&A segment.

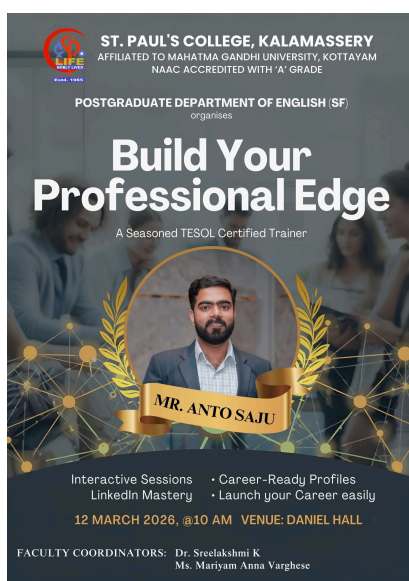
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Career Orientations

Career session Highlights

The Postgraduate Department of English, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery organized a career development programme titled “Build Your Professional Edge” for the undergraduate third-year students and postgraduate second-year students. The programme aimed to equip students with essential professional skills required for career development and job opportunities in the contemporary professional world. The session focused on introducing students to the professional networking platform LinkedIn and highlighting its significance in career building and job searching. The programme was led by the resource person Mr. Anto Saju, who possesses extensive knowledge of the current job market and professional networking practices. During the interactive session, the resource person explained the importance of maintaining a strong professional presence online. He guided the students on how to create an effective LinkedIn profile, build professional connections, and utilize the platform for exploring job opportunities and internships.



Gender Sensatisation

The Postgraduate Department of English, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, inaugurated its Lecture Series with a session titled “Theories of Gender: From Essentialism to Performativity” on 13th August 2025 at 11:30 a.m. in F01, Main Block. The session was headed by Dr. Lakshmi K. Babu, Faculty of English, Bharata Mata College (Autonomous), Thrikkakara. The event began with a welcome address by Aamiya Sunil, after which Dr. Lakshmi delivered an insightful lecture. She traced the evolution of gender studies, examining essentialist views, their critiques, and the paradigm shift introduced through post-structuralist theories of performativity. The lecture highlighted contemporary debates in literature, culture and politics offering students critical insights regarding the role of gender in the contemporary society. An interactive session followed, where students and faculty engaged in lively discussion with the resource person, raising thoughtful questions and doubts leading them to rethink the concept of traditional gender. Our Manager, Rev. Fr. Jacob Baijuben, presented a memento to the guest and enriched the discussion with his insightful remarks. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the resource person, coordinators, and participants. The session proved to be an enlightening academic experience, equipping students with theoretical insights, critical perspectives, and motivation for advanced research.

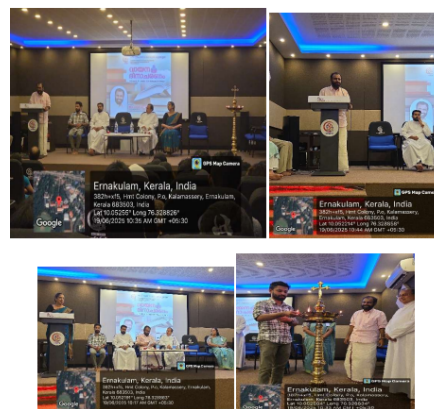
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Reading Day Celebrations

The Department of Malayalam in collaboration with the Departments of Hindi, English (Aided), English (SF) and the Literary Club of St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, hosted a talk on 19th June 2025 as part of the Reading Day Celebration. Mr. Sarath BS, Assistant Professor, Department of Malayalam, welcomed all the dignitaries and the resource person to the session which was conducted at the Acoustic Theatre at 10.00 a.m. The Presidential Address was rendered by Prof. Dr. Pramada Ramachandran, the principal of St. Paul's College and Rev. Father Varghese Valyaparambil, the manager of the institution, inaugurated the session. Advocate Reji Zachariah, Syndicate Member of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, was the key speaker of the day, who in his talk highlighted the importance of literature in the present era, the role of reading in shaping young minds and also quoted the words of great writers. The speaker addressed the student community and encouraged them to utilize books as a tool for personal growth. He concluded the talk by opening a gateway of opportunities to students by evoking within them a curiosity to educate themselves and also introduced them to a range of contemporary writers and their literary works. The room was open to discussion after the key note. The felicitation speech was rendered by the Assistant Manager, Fr. Nijin Joseph, Vice Principals Mr. Jose Xavier and Prof. Dr. Manju K Menon. Dr. Binu PC, Librarian of St. Paul's College Kalamassery, proposed the vote of thanks..

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Recognising the Importance of Literacy

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Week
✦ ✦ Day - 1

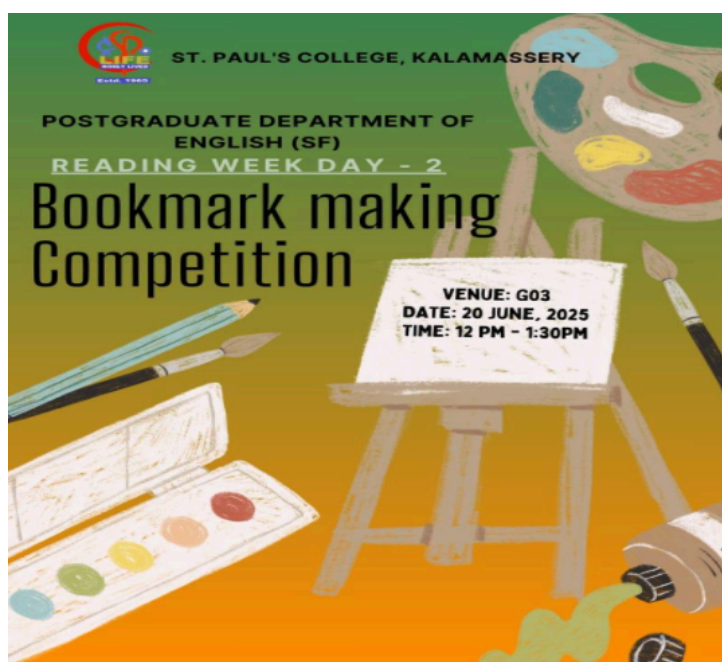


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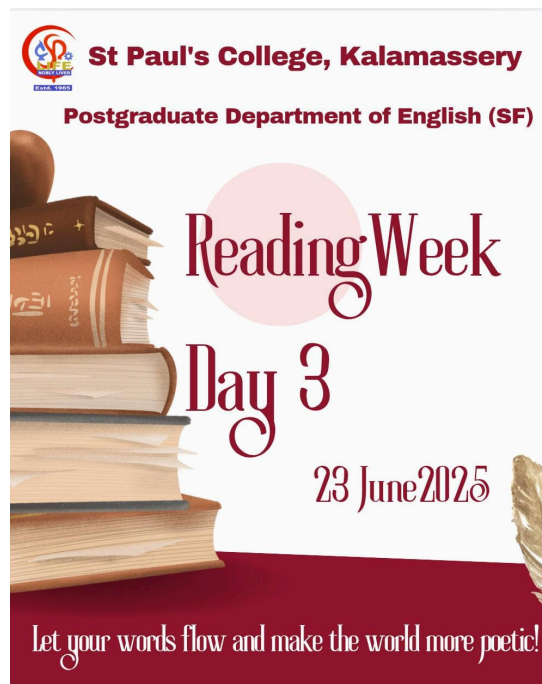
Reading Day -2

The Postgraduate Department of English organized a Bookmark Making Competition on June 20th 2025 as a part of reading week celebration with 21 students and 3 teachers. The event encouraged the students to express their imagination, creativity and artistic skills. The students created unique designs inspired by meaningful quotes, showcasing their artistic talent and love for literature and art. The Bookmark Making Competition was a great success and received a positive response from both students and teachers. It helped in nurturing the creative abilities of students while promoting the joy of reading.



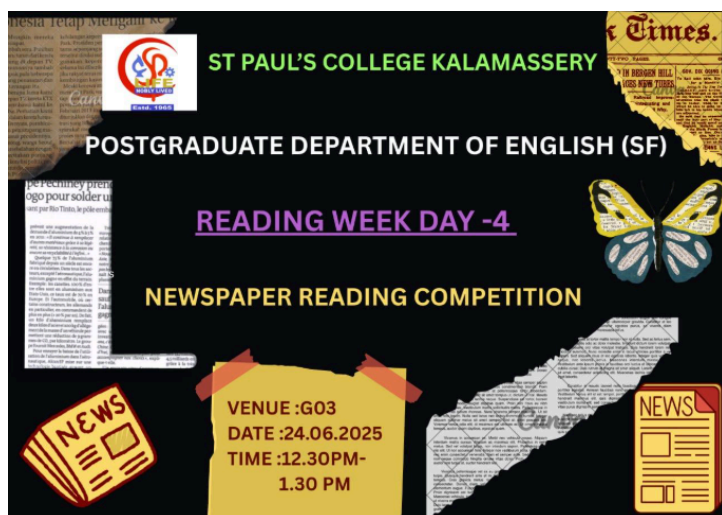
Reading Day -3

As part of Reading week celebration, the Postgraduate Department of English conducted a debate competition on June 23rd 2025 at 11:10 a m in G03 classroom. The debate was on the topic “Is censorship a boon or ban to creativity?” Students were divided into groups and engaged in spirited discussions, presenting diverse perspectives on the role of censorship in shaping or stifling creative expression. The debate witnessed enthusiastic participation, with students articulating their views, opinions, and arguments with clarity and conviction. The highlight of the event was the selection of the Best Speaker, who was commended for their critical insight and compelling delivery, reflecting a deep awareness of the socio-cultural issues that impact their generation. The session concluded by 12:00 p.m., after which students were dispersed to their respective classes. The event was both intellectually stimulating and reflective, marking a successful and meaningful observance of Reading Week.



Reading Day - 4

The Postgraduate Department of English organized a Newspaper Reading Competition on June 24th 2025 as a part of reading week celebration with 10 students and 4 teachers. This competition was held with a view to enhance the fact that reading is an integral part of student's learning experience. It is very useful tool for improving and enhancing the students' reading skills and knowledge of current affairs. Newspapers can help students to developed vocabulary for speaking skills also. Common criteria include: confidence, pronunciation, intonation, clarity, and presentation. The Newspaper Reading Competition was a great success and received a positive response from both students and teachers. The competition enhanced students' knowledge and language skills and confidence .



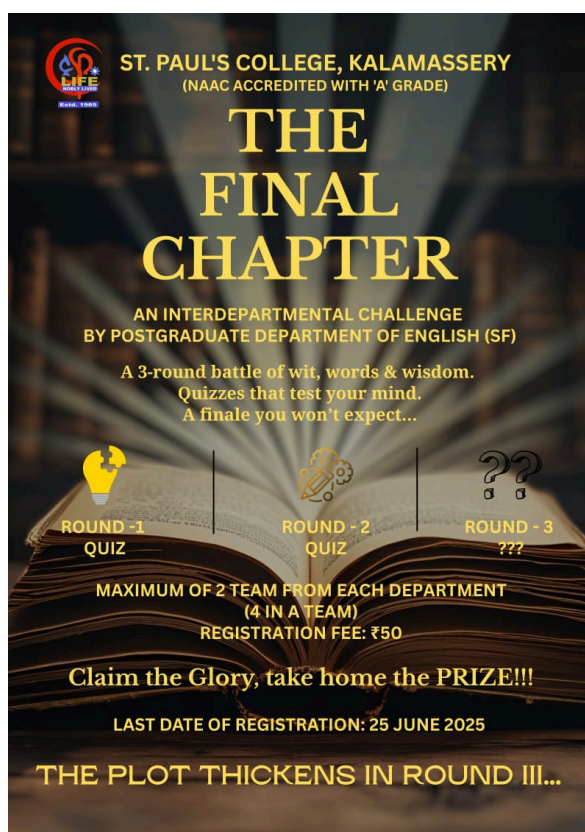
Reading Day - 5

As part of the Reading Week celebrations, the Postgraduate Department of English (SF) conducted a unique and engaging literary event titled "Letter to a Fictional Character" on 25th June 2025 at 11:10 a.m. in the G03 classroom. This interdepartmental programme invited students from various disciplines to participate in a reflective and imaginative exercise that combined literary appreciation with emotional intelligence. The activity encouraged participants to select any fictional character from literature, film, or mythology and write a personal letter addressed to them. The aim was to foster empathy and critical engagement by prompting students to step into the emotional and psychological worlds of characters, thereby understanding their motivations, dilemmas, and human struggles. Through this creative lens, students were able to explore issues of identity, morality, justice, loss, and hope, deepening their emotional literacy. Participants delivered their letters in front of their peers, showcasing a spectrum of characters ranging from tragic heroes and misunderstood villains to resilient survivors and moral visionaries. The session concluded by 12:00 p.m. and was marked by enthusiastic participation and insightful reflections, making it a memorable highlight of the Reading Week celebrations..



The Final Chapter

The Postgraduate Department of English (Self-Financing) organized an interdepartmental quiz competition titled "The Final Chapter" as part of the Reading Week Celebrations, with the objective of fostering a love for reading among students. The 6th day event was held on 26 June 2025 at 11:45 a.m. in Baccinelli Hall. Students participated in teams, with each team comprising a maximum of three members. The competition was conducted in three rounds, with nine teams participating in the first two rounds. The opening round was conducted by Ms. Liya Justine, Head of the Department of English (SF), and featured questions equally divided between English and Malayalam literature to ensure balanced representation. The second round, led by Assistant Professor Bela C Baby, challenged participants with identifying brand logos and taglines, blending general knowledge with literary flair. The third round was coordinated by Assistant Professor Mariyam Anna Varghese and tested the finalists' critical thinking and literary knowledge. Following the initial rounds, four teams advanced to the final segment titled "Treasure Hunt." Each team was guided by student volunteers. Team One, representing Second Year B.A. (Hons) English (Aided), successfully located the hidden treasure in the Principal's Chamber, followed closely by Team Four, representing Third Year English (Aided). Both teams were declared winners and received prizes from the Principal. A total of 72 students from various departments participated as audience in the quiz competition.



LITSCAPADE 2025 Highlights

The Postgraduate Department of English (SF) organized a competitive exam orientation programme titled “Aspire & Achieve: UGC NET Orientation Programme” in connection with the inauguration of the English Association, Litscapade, on 26th September 2025 at 11.00 a.m. in the Baccinelli Hall. The programme commenced with a prayer song rendered by Aamiya Sunil of I M.A. English, followed by the welcome address delivered by the Head of the Department, Ms. Liya Justine. The Principal, Prof. Dr. Pramada Ramachandran, delivered the presidential address. Rev. Fr. Jacob Baiju Ben, Self-Financing Coordinator, extended his felicitations. Subsequently, the host announced the names of the newly elected office bearers, who were formally honoured by the chief guest of the day. The inauguration of the association and the orientation session were conducted by Dr. Kalyani Vallath, CEO and Founder of Vallath Institutions. In her address, Dr. Vallath provided insightful guidance on the nuances of English Literature and offered practical strategies for UGC NET aspirants in preparing for the examination. She also contributed a collection of English Literature Encyclopedias to the department library as a token of love. The official proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Staff Secretary Ms. Bela C Baby. The inaugural ceremony was followed by a variety of cultural and entertainment programmes presented by the students of the department.

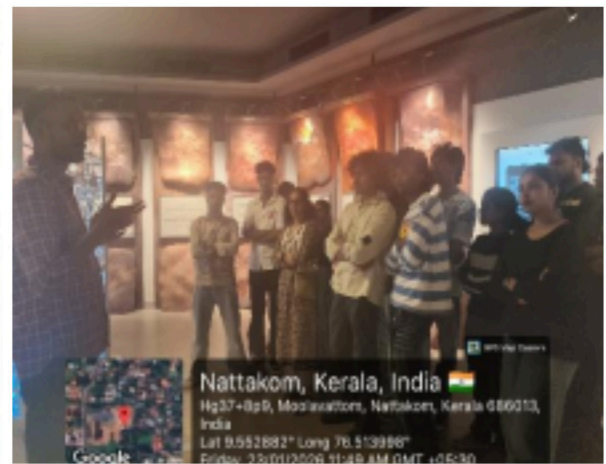




Extension Activities

The first-year BA (Hons) students of the Postgraduate Department of English (SF) visited Aksharam Museum, Nattakom, on 23 January 2026 as part of their industrial visit. The museum is India's first museum dedicated to language, literature and culture. It explores the origin, evolution and cultural significance of language. The modern museum consists of an immersive theatre named the Origins of Language gallery and four separate galleries which have collections of cave paintings and ancient hieroglyphics. Various literary, historical texts and cultural artefacts are preserved there, which sheds light on the literacy revolution. Aksharam Museum, with its advanced technological aids, enriched the students' minds, giving them deep knowledge and an opportunity to delve into language and culture.

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Extension Activity - II Highlights

The second-year BA (Hons) students of the Postgraduate Department of English (SF) visited Kottayam CMS Press on 23 January 2026 as part of their Industrial Visit. The historic press, which proudly carries a legacy of 200 years, is renowned for printing some of the earliest Malayalam and English manuscripts. During the visit, students observed several traditional printing machines that are still preserved and functioning. They also interacted with the dedicated employees who were actively engaged in various stages of the printing process, gaining valuable insights into the evolution of print culture and the enduring relevance of manual printing traditions. The students also visited the Benjamin Bailey Museum, which is known for its unique exhibits related to prehistoric Kerala and early cultural histories. The visit offered the students a rare opportunity to explore valuable artifacts and understand the deep historical connections showcased in the museum. Altogether, the students spent nearly an entire day engaging with the rich heritage of both the press and the museum, making the Industrial Visit an enriching academic experience. The Industrial Visit offered the students a meaningful opportunity to explore the rich heritage, making it a truly enriching academic experience.



Extension Activity - III Highlights

The II MA English students of the Postgraduate Department of English (SF) organized an outreach programme on 17 December 2015 at the Aluva District Hospital as part of their Christmas celebrations. In the true spirit of Christmas, the students visited the hospital to share joy, love, and compassion with the patients. Understanding that Christmas is a season of giving and togetherness, the students distributed cakes to nearly 60–70 patients across various wards. The programme aimed to bring moments of happiness and comfort to those undergoing treatment during the festive season. The students also interacted warmly with the patients, spending time with them and offering words of encouragement. The nurses and doctors present appreciated the thoughtful initiative and the goodwill gesture shown by the students. The outreach programme turned out to be a meaningful and heartwarming experience. It not only spread festive cheer among the patients but also instilled in the students a deeper sense of social responsibility, empathy, and community engagement.



