



ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES 2023- 2024

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

ACTIVITIES – 2023 – 2024

(Conferences, Seminars, Webinars, Workshops, Industrial Visits, Field Trips, Talks, Campaigns, etc.)

1. The Department of English (Shift I) of Women's Christian College, Chennai, had its Annual 'Dr. Rita Jacob Cheria Memorial Endowment Lecture' on 27th July, 2023. **Ms Vandita Parikh, an alumna of the Department and the Founder of NSDA, Plano and Irving, Texas, USA** was invited to be the Speaker and she spoke on the topic, **“Art Therapy, Self-Expression and Creativity”**.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, CHENNAI 600006

 **DR. RITA JACOB CHERIAN**
MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT LECTURE

The Department of English
invites you to a

Talk on

**Art Therapy, Self-Expression
and Creativity**

July 27, 2023 at 12.20 pm
Bamford Hall, Centenary Block

Speaker
Ms. Vandita Parikh
Founder, NSDA,
Plano & Irving, Texas, USA



Live streaming
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82951184159?pwd=NlpxLy95dG4wbmduSy81YTNLZ1lwUT09>
Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5118 4159


Dr. Rita Jacob Cheria, former Principal of Women's Christian College and former Head of the English Department, joined the college in 1968.

As Head of the Department (1994 – 2003), she spearheaded many changes that were visionary and gave the department the unique status it has established for its academic excellence.


During her tenure as the Principal (2003 – 2006), the college was blessed with the systems she set in place and the gracious spirit that all were inspired to emulate.

She was a brilliant and beloved teacher blessed with an erudite mind and excellent command over the language. As a good administrator and a person of high integrity, justice and compassion, she touched the lives of many and set an example of exemplary leadership.


Passcode: 340126



2. The Centre for Women's Studies, the UG Department of English (Shift I), the PG Department of English (Shift II) and the PG Department of Communication (Shift II) of Women's Christian College, Chennai, jointly organized a one day seminar on 12th September, 2023. The seminar was held on the topic **“Changing Dynamics in Gender Perspectives”**. **Ms. Leela Meenakshi, the Director of All-India Radio, Dr. V. Padma, (aka) Mangai, Associate Professor from Stella Maris College, Chennai and a renowned theatre practitioner, playwright and activist, Ms. Geetha Elangovan, lyricist, filmmaker and writer and Ms. V Saradha, a journalist,** were the resource persons.




**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE,
CHENNAI**



An Autonomous Institution affiliated to the University of
Madras
Re-Accredited by NAAC in July 2019 with Grade A+
College with Potential for Excellence

*The Centre for Women's Studies,
UG Department of English (Shift I), PG Department of
English (Shift II) and
PG Department of Communication*



*cordially invite you to a
Seminar on*

**Changing Dynamics
in Gender
Perspectives**

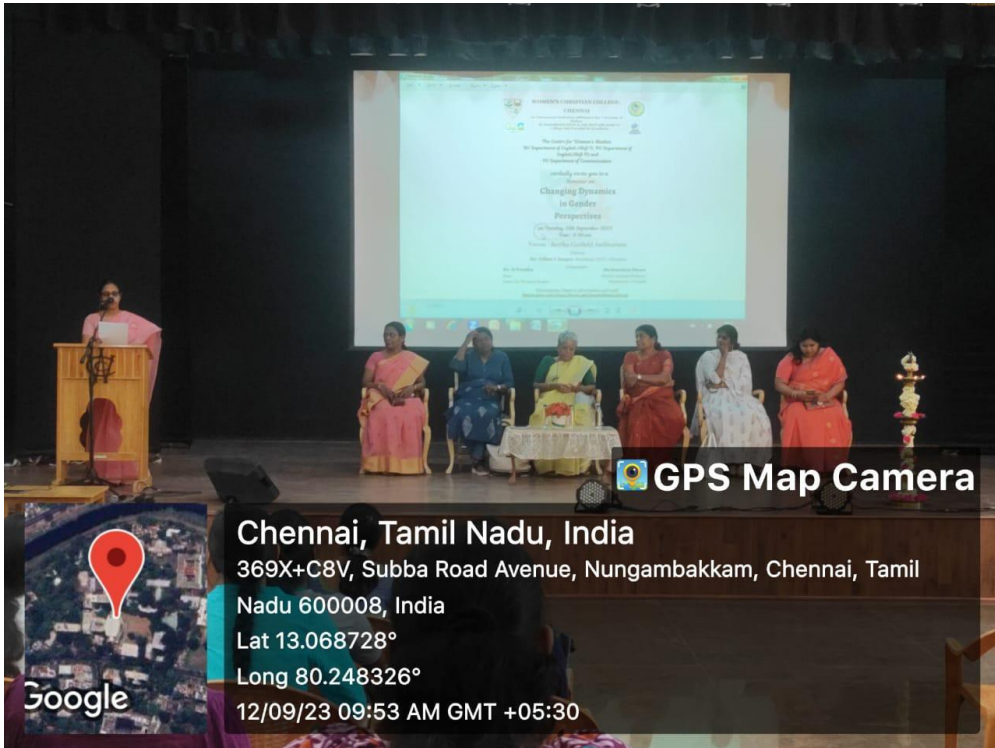
*on Tuesday, 12th September 2023
Time : 9:30 am*

Venue : Bertha Corfield Auditorium
Patron
Dr. Lilian I Jasper, Principal, WCC, Chennai

Dr. D Punitha *Conveners* **Ms. Sweetlyn Moses**
Dean Head & Assistant Professor
Centre for Women's Studies Department of English

Participants: Open to all students and staff
Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/Da0e4U9hqkouKEvp6>





3.The Department of English (Shift I), along with the International Programs Office, Women's Christian College, Chennai organised a Panel Discussion on 14th September, 2023.This was organised in collaboration with the Good News Television. The panel discussion was on the topic **“The Need for Dialogue in Contemporary Media Platforms”**. The panelists were **Mr. Philip Cooke, a writer, Television producer, Media Consultant and critic, Ms. Kathleen Cooke, an Author, Media Consultant, Actor and Producer, and Dr. Ronald Harris, the Founder of the media company, Medialliance and former Chairman of NRB.**



**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
CHENNAI - 600006**



**THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH &
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE**

invite you to a
PANEL DISCUSSION
on

**THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE IN
CONTEMPORARY MEDIA PLATFORMS**



KATHLEEN COOKE
Media Consultant
at **Cooke Media
Group,**
Producer, Author



PHIL COOKE
Writer, Television
Producer,
Media Consultant,
Critic



RON HARRIS
Founder,
**MEDIAliance
International,**
Former Chairman,
NRB



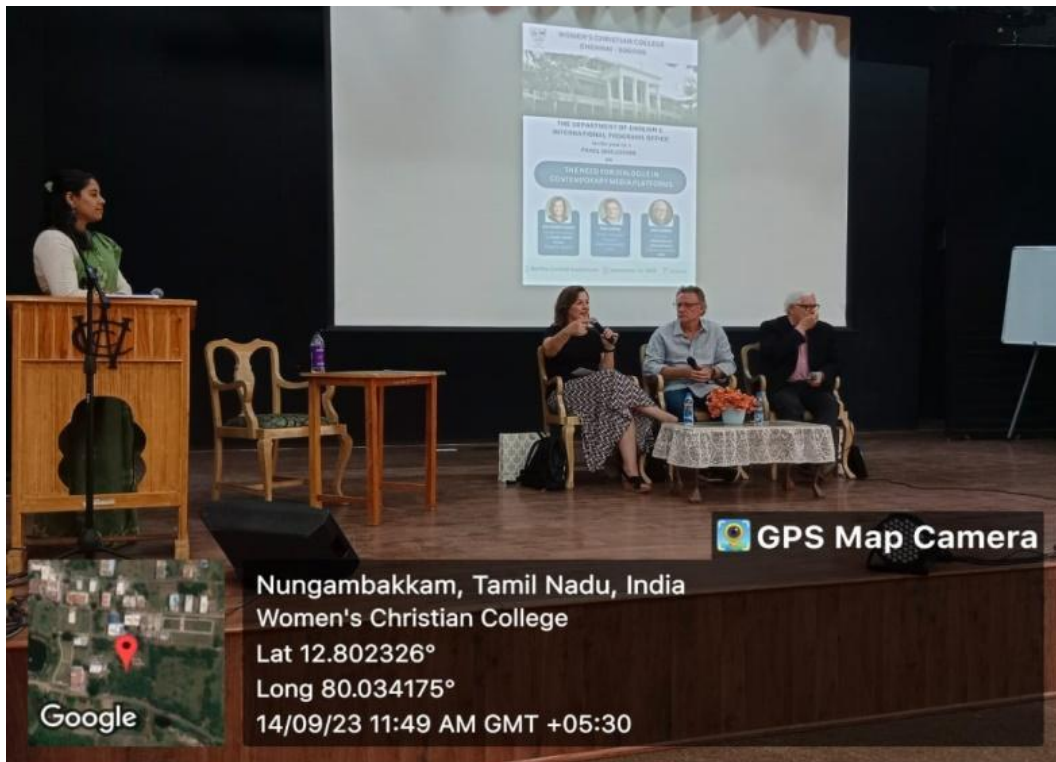
Bertha Corfield Auditorium



September 14, 2023

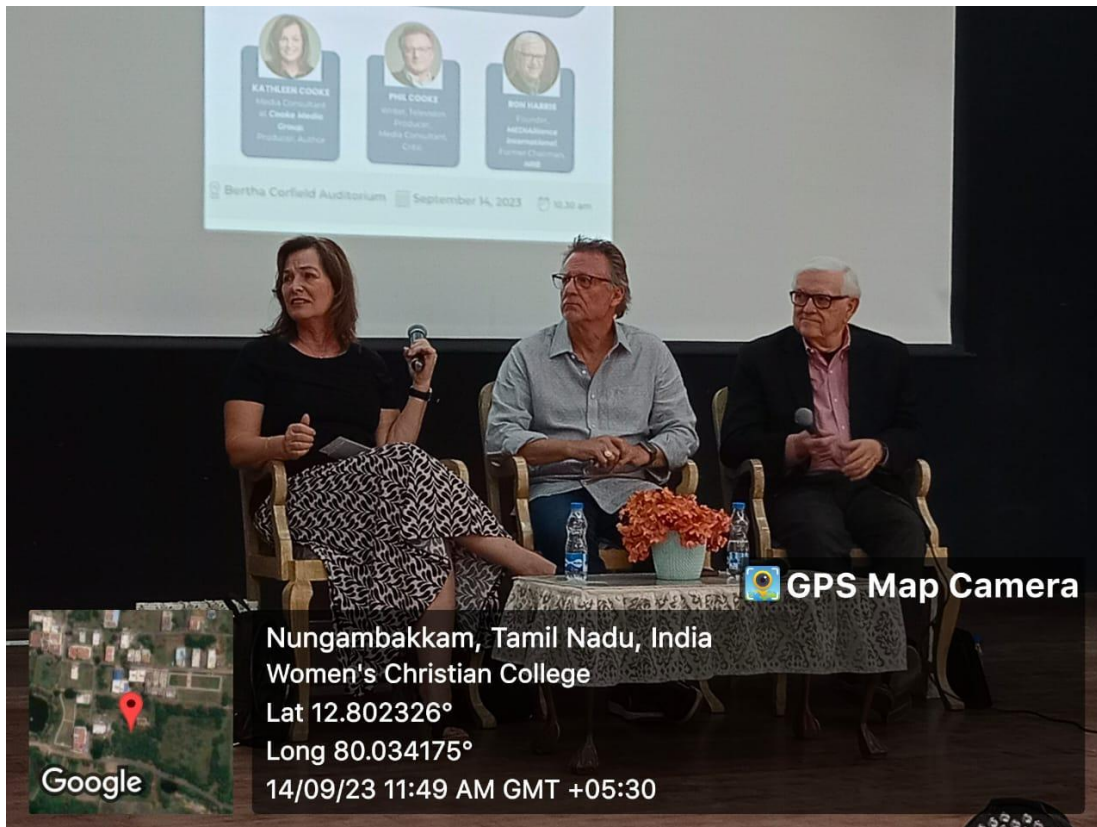


10.30 am



Nungambakkam, Tamil Nadu, India
Women's Christian College
Lat 12.802326°
Long 80.034175°
14/09/23 11:49 AM GMT +05:30

GPS Map Camera



Nungambakkam, Tamil Nadu, India
Women's Christian College
Lat 12.802326°
Long 80.034175°
14/09/23 11:49 AM GMT +05:30

GPS Map Camera

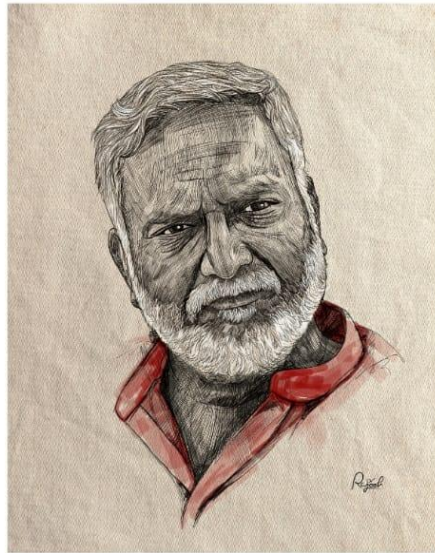
4. The Chennai Students' Readers Forum, the Information Resource Centre with the Departments of English (Shifts I & II), Women's Christian College, Chennai organised a **"Meet the Author"** session with the Tamil writer, Mr. Bava Chelladurai on 19th September, 2023.



#2

**Chennai Students' Readers Forum
in Collaboration with
Department of English(Shift I&II)
Invites you to**

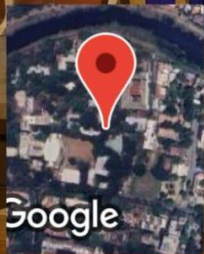
*Meet the Author
Thiru. Bava Chelladurai*



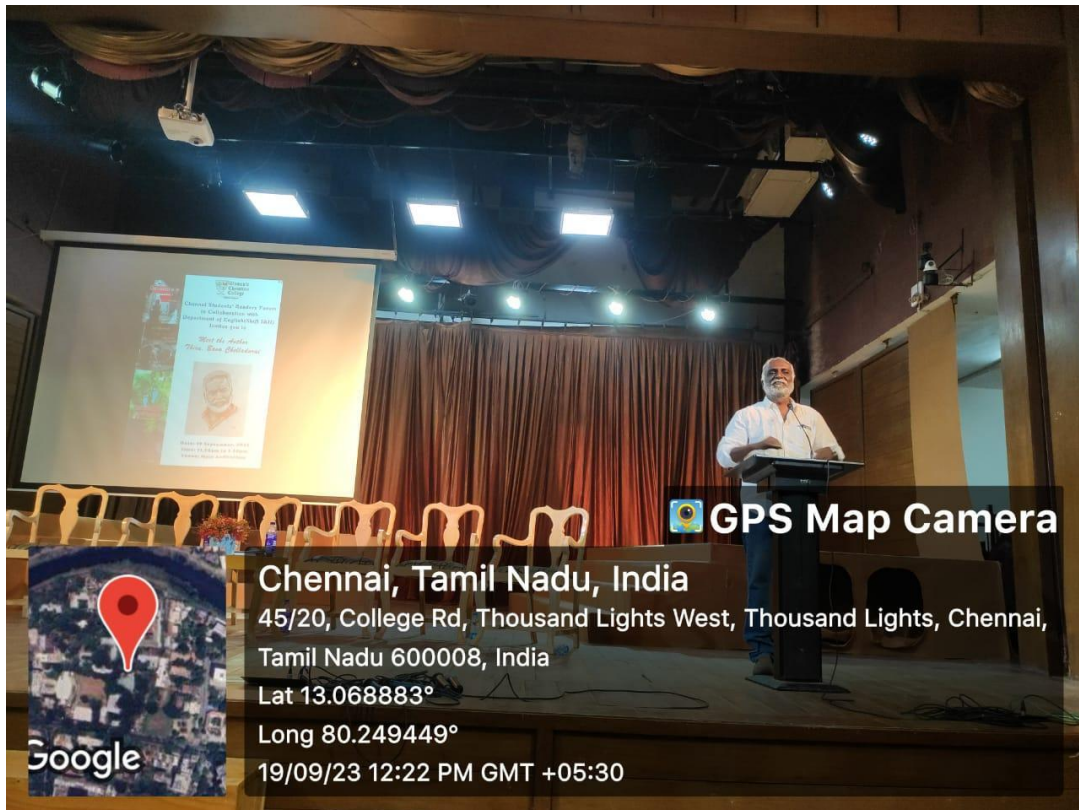
**Date: 19 September, 2023
Time: 11.30am to 1.30pm
Venue: Main Auditorium**



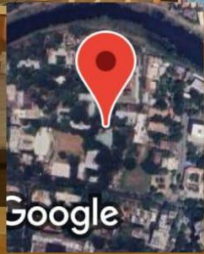
📍 GPS Map Camera



Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
369X+QHP, Subba Road Avenue, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil
Nadu 600008, India
Lat 13.068952°
Long 80.249266°
19/09/23 11:52 AM GMT +05:30



📍 GPS Map Camera



Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
45/20, College Rd, Thousand Lights West, Thousand Lights, Chennai,
Tamil Nadu 600008, India
Lat 13.068883°
Long 80.249449°
19/09/23 12:22 PM GMT +05:30

5. The A3 Minds Training Company with the Department of English (Shift I), Women's Christian College, Chennai organised the Skill Orientation training session on 1st December, 2023. Mr Antony, the Managing Director of A3 Minds Company, the Chief Guest, The Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of the Madras-Mylapore Diocese, Dr. Ramanan, The Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai Region, Justice Mrs.Vasuki, former Judge of the High Court of Madras and Rev. Vicar General Fr. Stanley, Dr V. S Sashikumar addressed students on the indispensability of Skill based training and learning.



The poster is a vertical rectangular invitation with a light blue background. At the top center is the logo for 'antony CHARITABLE TRUST', featuring a stylized 'A' made of three triangles. Below the logo, the text reads 'Invites you to the Launching of a3MINDS Antony Aspire Adaptable Minds'. The 'a3MINDS' logo is prominent, with 'a3' in red and 'MINDS' in blue. Underneath, it says 'The Training Company that Specializes in Developing Non-Academic Skills and Abilities among Students'. The event details are listed: 'on 01.12.2023 at 10 AM at "Bertha Corfield Auditorium", Women's Christian College #51, College Road, Chennai 600 006'. A list of guests follows, categorized by role: Chief Guest (Most Rev. Dr. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore), Special Invitee (Dr. R. Ramanan, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai Region), and Guests of Honor (Ms. Justice K.B.K. Vasuki, Ms. Justice Vimala, Ms. Vanitha IPS, Addl. D.G.P., Dr. Lilian I. Jasper, Principal - W.C.C., Rev. Fr. Stanley, Vicar General). At the bottom, there are three elements: the website 'A3MINDS.COM' and 'ANTONYTRUST.COM' on the left, the phrase 'ALL ARE WELCOME' in the center, and the 'Antony Managing Trustee Antony Charitable Trust' logo on the right.

antony
CHARITABLE TRUST

Invites you to the
Launching
of
a3MINDS
Antony Aspire Adaptable Minds

The Training Company that Specializes in Developing
Non-Academic Skills and Abilities among Students

on **01.12.2023** at **10 AM**
at "Bertha Corfield Auditorium",
Women's Christian College
#51, College Road, Chennai 600 006

Chief Guest
Most Rev. **Dr. George Antonysamy**
Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore

Special Invitee
Dr. R. Ramanan
Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Chennai Region

Guests of Honor
Ms. Justice K.B.K. Vasuki
Ms. Justice Vimala
Ms. Vanitha IPS
Addl. D.G.P.
Dr. Lilian I. Jasper
Principal - W.C.C.
Rev. Fr. Stanley
Vicar General

A3MINDS.COM
ANTONYTRUST.COM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Antony
Managing Trustee
Antony Charitable Trust




 **GPS Map Camera**



Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
369X+C8V, Subba Road Avenue, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600008, India
Lat 13.068773°
Long 80.248307°
01/12/23 10:45 AM GMT +05:30



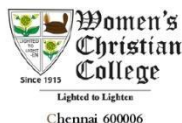
 **GPS Map Camera**



Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
Women's Christian College
Lat 13.065809°
Long 80.247988°
01/12/23 11:52 AM GMT +05:30

6. The Undergraduate and Postgraduate Departments of English (Shifts I & II) organised an International Conference titled **Redefining Narratives: Contemporary Perspectives and Representations** on the 5th and 6th of February, 2024. Delegates and speakers from various continents and regions shared insights and presented papers on emerging topics in literature, including Disability Studies, Food Writing, Medical Humanities, Trauma Literature, Memory Studies, Cultural Studies, and Ecocritical Theory.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
(Hybrid Mode)
**REDEFINING NARRATIVES: CONTEMPORARY
PERSPECTIVES AND REPRESENTATIONS**
organised by the
UG & PG DEPARTMENTS OF ENGLISH



SCHEDULE

DAY 1: FEBRUARY 5, 2024 **VENUE: BERTHA CORFIELD AUDITORIUM**

9.00 am Inaugural Session
Inaugural Address Academic Institutions and the Compulsions to Redefine Narratives
Dr John Varghese
Principal, St Stephen's College, Delhi
Keynote Address Cartoon Trouble: A History of the Times We Did Not Laugh
Dr Ritu Khanduri
Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Texas
11.00 am Tea break
11.30 am Plenary Session I
Interdisciplinary Research in Memory Studies: An Overview
Dr Avishek Parui
Associate Professor & Faculty Coordinator
Centre for Memory Studies (CMS), IIT Madras
Founding Chairperson, Indian Network for Memory Studies (INMS)
12.30 pm Lunch
1.30 pm Paper presentations

DAY 2: FEBRUARY 6, 2024 **VENUE: BERTHA CORFIELD AUDITORIUM**

9.30 am Plenary Session II
Ecocritical Discourse and the Crises of Perception
Dr. K Ganesh
Associate Professor and Former Head of the Department of
English (Retd), Madras Christian College, Chennai
10.30 am Plenary Session III
Inclusive Education
Ms. Maria Rajan
Head of the Department, Nirimba Early Childhood Education and
Care Children Services, EALD and CALD specialist, Department
of Education, New South Wales
11.15 am Tea break
11.45 am Paper presentations
12.45 pm Lunch
1.45 pm Valedictory Session
Valedictory Address Drawing (from) the Body: Reading Graphic Medicine
Dr Meenakshi Srihari
Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Sciences, Sai University, Chennai
3.00 pm Tea





**REGISTRATION DETAILS
(FOR PARTICIPATION ONLY)**

Students - ₹300
 Research Scholars (MPhil/ PhD) - ₹500
 Faculty and other delegates- ₹ 1000

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9Vyh3pb6akcnk1Y58m7sNF7AhDMIVqWNBeb9o2Nml7Q1Fg/viewform>

LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT: JANUARY 31, 2024

PAYMENT LINK

https://wcconline.wcc.edu.in/WCC_JOB_PG_MVC/WccPay/WPayment

Note: In the payment portal, kindly select from these options to proceed further.

- Int. Conf RNCPR for Student Participation - Eng
- Int. Conf RNCPR for Research Scholar Participation - Eng
- Int. Conf RNCPR for Staff Participation - Eng

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

(Hybrid Mode)



Redefining Narratives: Contemporary Perspectives and Representations

organised by the
 UG & PG DEPARTMENTS OF ENGLISH

February 5 & 6, 2024



ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Women's Christian College is known for its high standards of education and outstanding achievements in teaching-learning, research and extension activities. It was founded in 1915 by the combined effort of 12 Missionary Societies from Britain, Canada and the United States of America. The mission of the college is to provide "a complete, meaningful and relevant education to women so that they are intellectually well-trained, morally upright, socially aware and spiritually inspired."

At its inception, the College had 41 students and 7 members of staff. Today it has over 4000 students, 185 faculty members and 110 non-teaching staff. Autonomous since 1982, the College is affiliated to the University of Madras. It was accredited by NAAC with an A+ Grade in 2019. The College was awarded the prestigious status of College with Potential for Excellence by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2016, a fitting testimony to the remarkable progress made in the last century.

WCC offers a wide range of metacognitive and need-based programmes at the Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Research levels to women from national and regional communities and varied socio-economic backgrounds. With its introduction of the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) in 2004 and the Semester Abroad Programmes in the last decade, WCC caters to the wide range of interests among students today.

RATIONALE OF THE CONFERENCE

As boundaries merge within academic disciplines and within the literary, artistic and performative cultures, exploring newer terrains in narrative has become an inevitable exercise. In fact, there is a compelling need to engage with, interrogate and arrive at a standpoint in the midst of the wide spectrum of ideas, that engender neutrality and intellectual enquiry in 21st century literary studies and theory. Understandably, established discourses have been challenged while newer schools of thought have been welcomed, as discourses in themselves are neither true nor false. They only perpetrate a society's established 'regime of truth'. The need to thus look beyond the discourse to examine what is laid bare in contemporary narrative cannot be over emphasised. And understanding agendas in order to find strategies that can offer alternatives/solutions lie at the heart of such exploratory practices.



The primary objective of this conference is to bring together students, research scholars and academicians from the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences to engage in a critical exploration of emerging areas of literary thought, propelled by contemporary representations/ narratives – literary, artistic or performative – that reflect complex realities, and matters of deep humanitarian concern.



SUB-THEMES

Sub-themes include but are not limited to

- Disability Life Narratives
- Memory and Trauma
- Sustainable Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Cosmopolitanism, Global Ethics and Human Rights
- Ecocritical Narratives
- Environmental Humanities
- Food Narratives
- Representing Vulnerabilities
- Historical Perspectives/ Travel Narratives

Patron

Dr. Lilian I Jasper
 Principal & Secretary
 Women's Christian College
 Chennai 600006

Convenors

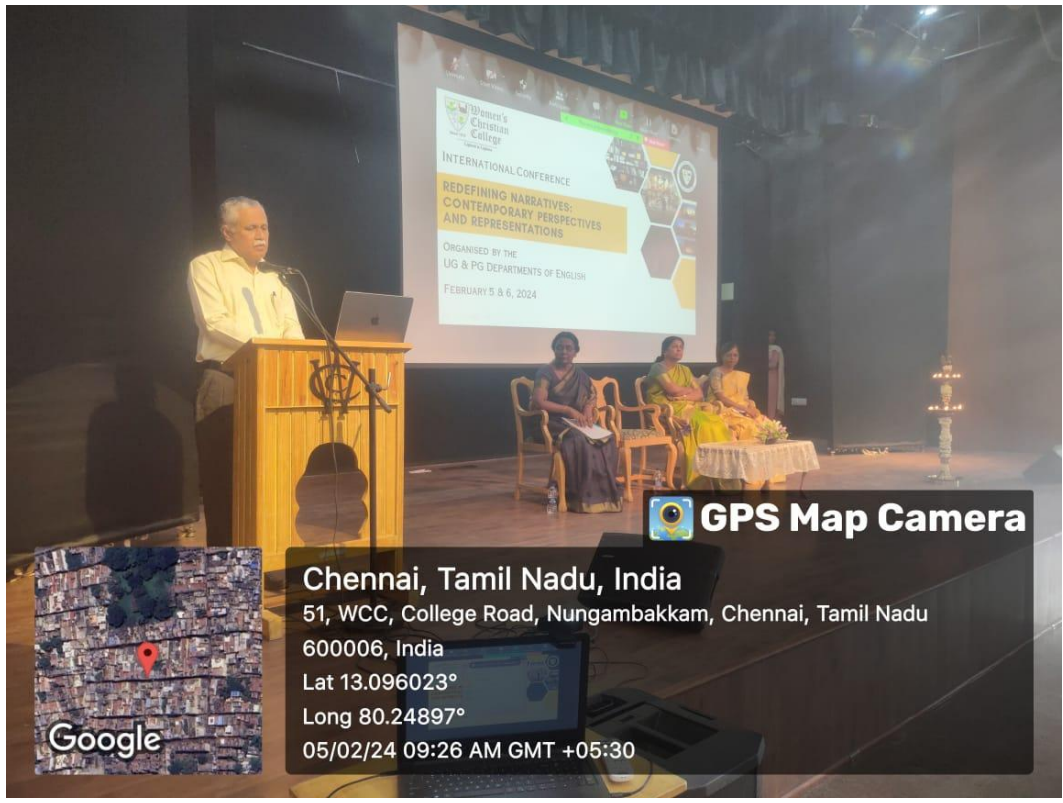
Ms. Sweetyn Moses
 Head, Department of English

Dr A Bavani Rekha
 Head-in-Charge
 PG Department of English

Contact us
engprog@wcc.edu.in
 9444071074/ 9942441864



REDMI NOTE 9 PRO MAX
AI QUAD CAMERA




GPS Map Camera

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
51, WCC, College Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
600006, India
Lat 13.096023°
Long 80.24897°
05/02/24 09:26 AM GMT +05:30





 **GPS Map Camera**

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

51, WCC, College Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

600006, India

Lat 13.096023°


Long 80.24897°

05/02/24 09:11 AM GMT +05:30



Google



 **GPS Map Camera**

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

51, WCC, College Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

600006, India

Lat 13.096023°

Long 80.24897°

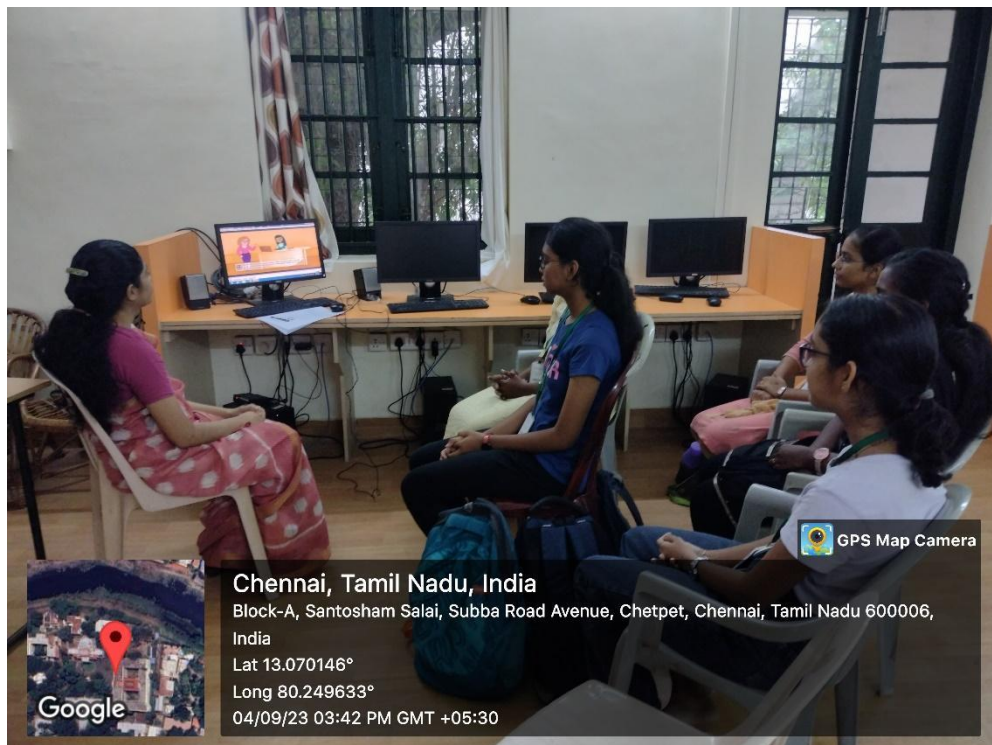
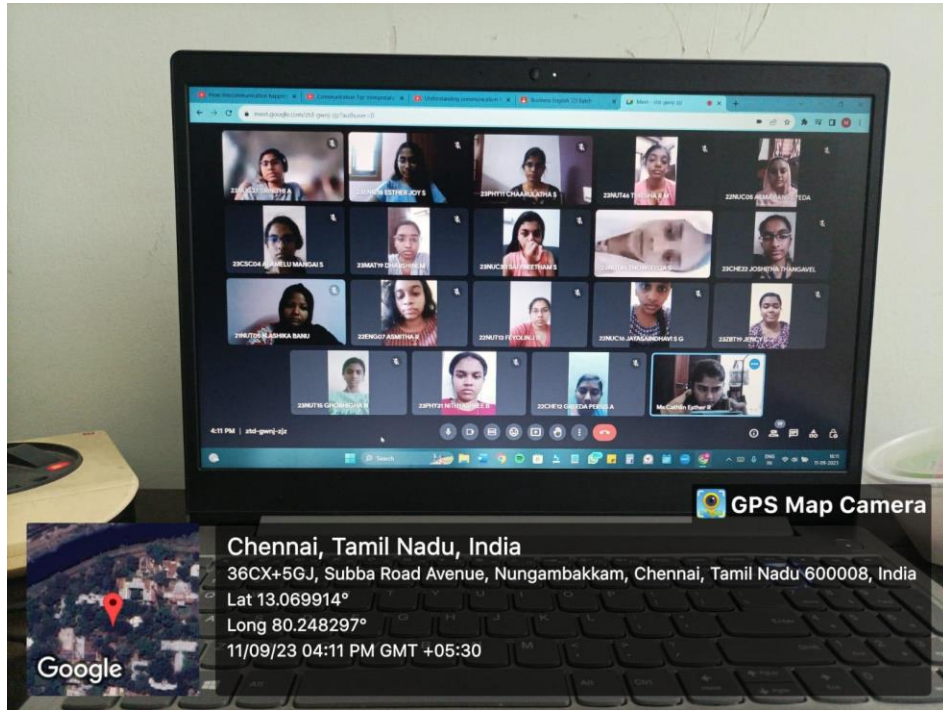
05/02/24 10:20 AM GMT +05:30



Google

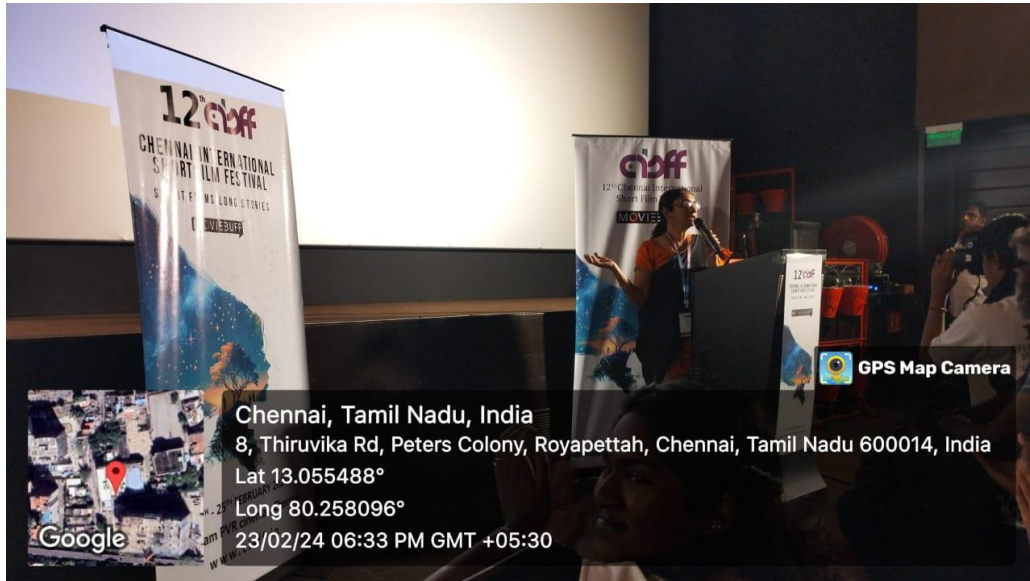
7. UGC Sponsored Business English course

The English Department offers a UGC Sponsored Business English course to students every week after college hours. It has takers from across departments.



8. The students pursuing a course in Short Film from the Department of English (Shift I) of Women's Christian College, Chennai were invited to make a presentation about the Short Film Production course at the Festival on 23rd February, 2024 through an exclusive "Institutional Sharing" session on Experiential Learning through Short Filmmaking. Two videos made by students of the Short Film Production course namely "Rasavilasam Chennai" and "Documenting the Production of a Street Play" were screened. The Department's official entry for the festival was "The Jackal People", also screened on 23rd February, 2024 at the venue, Satyam Theatres, Chennai. Students also were extended the opportunity to volunteer at the festival, thus enabling them to understand the nuances of professional film making and meeting with stalwarts in the field.





12th cisfff

Friday, 23 February
4pm - 9pm

Experiential Learning
through short filmmaking

4-6pm: Screening
 6-7PM: Discussions of theme and films
 7PM: Screening resumes

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, CHENNAI
 SRM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, RAMAPURAM

DAY 2 | FEB 23, 2024

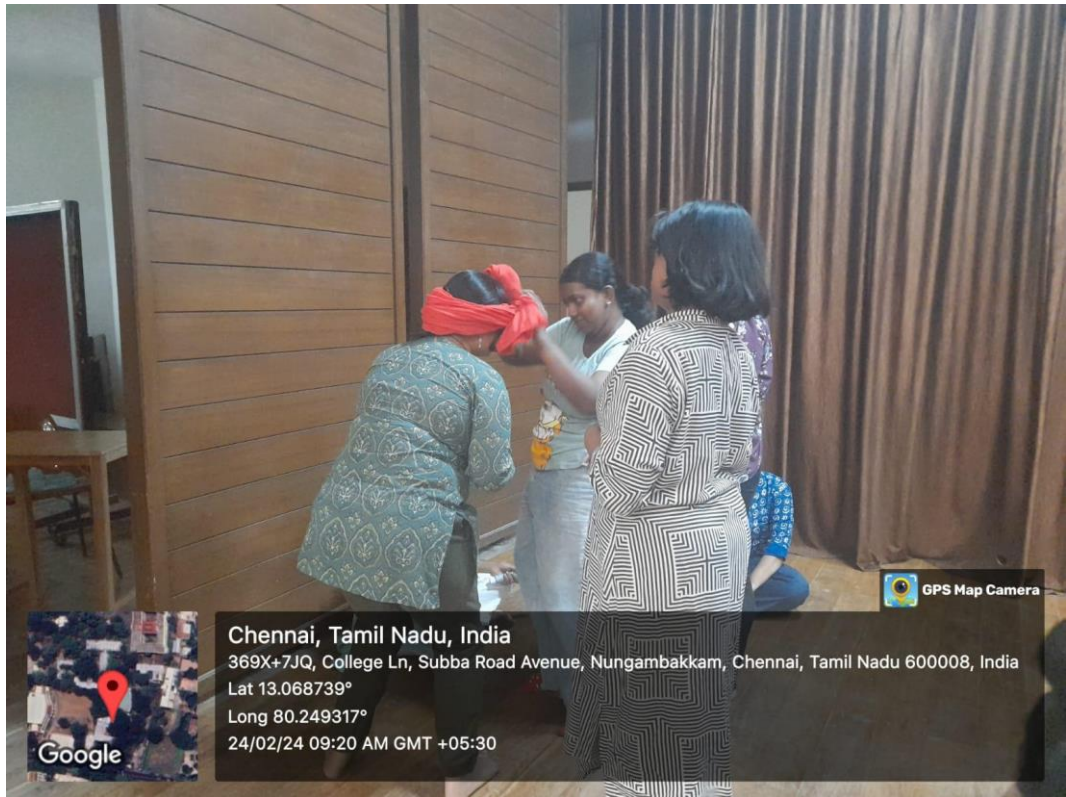
For more information on how to register visit cisfff.co.in

9. PR campaigns on Self-care on Campus was organised on 19th February, 2024 by II B.A./B.Sc. students of Writing for PR and for Film course. Seen below is one such activity for CDC students of WCC.



10. The Department of English (Shift I) of Women’s Christian College, Chennai, organised a two-hour workshop on 24th February, 2021 by **Mr. Pravin Kannanur, a founding member of Magic Lantern** along with **Ms. Preethi Athreya, a Chennai-based contemporary dancer and choreographer** on **“Movement and Creativity in Theatre”**. They conceptualised the workshop to enable each student to enjoy the activities and be equipped with the experience of using voice, body and space as expression to present theatre in its varied nuances.





11. The Department of English (Shift1), organised a lecture titled ‘The Bumblebee Way’ by Ms Sundari Sivasubbu, inclusion advocate, speaker and author on 24th February, 2024 for the students of III B.A. English who had opted for a course on Disability Studies. The lecture focused on the implications of disability in the Indian context, as the speaker used her experiences to exemplify the challenges faced by people with disabilities in different aspects of life. It enabled students to understand the challenges faced by those with disabilities and establish in themselves a sense of empathy and civic responsibility toward those with disabilities.



12. The Department of English (Shift1) in collaboration with IIC, organised an Expert Talk titled “From Idea to Impact: Navigating the Startup Landscape as a Woman” by Ms. Roshni on 7th March, 2024. The speaker focused upon the potential challenges faced by young women entrepreneurs, besides underscoring the skills required for successful entrepreneurship.



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Chennai 600 006

An Autonomous Institution -
Affiliated to the University of Madras,

Re-accredited by NAAC in July 2019 with Grade A+ College with Potential for Excellence



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (SHIFT I)

in collaboration with

INSTITUTION'S INNOVATION COUNCIL

organises an Expert Talk



**FROM IDEA TO IMPACT: NAVIGATING
THE STARTUP LANDSCAPE AS A
WOMAN**

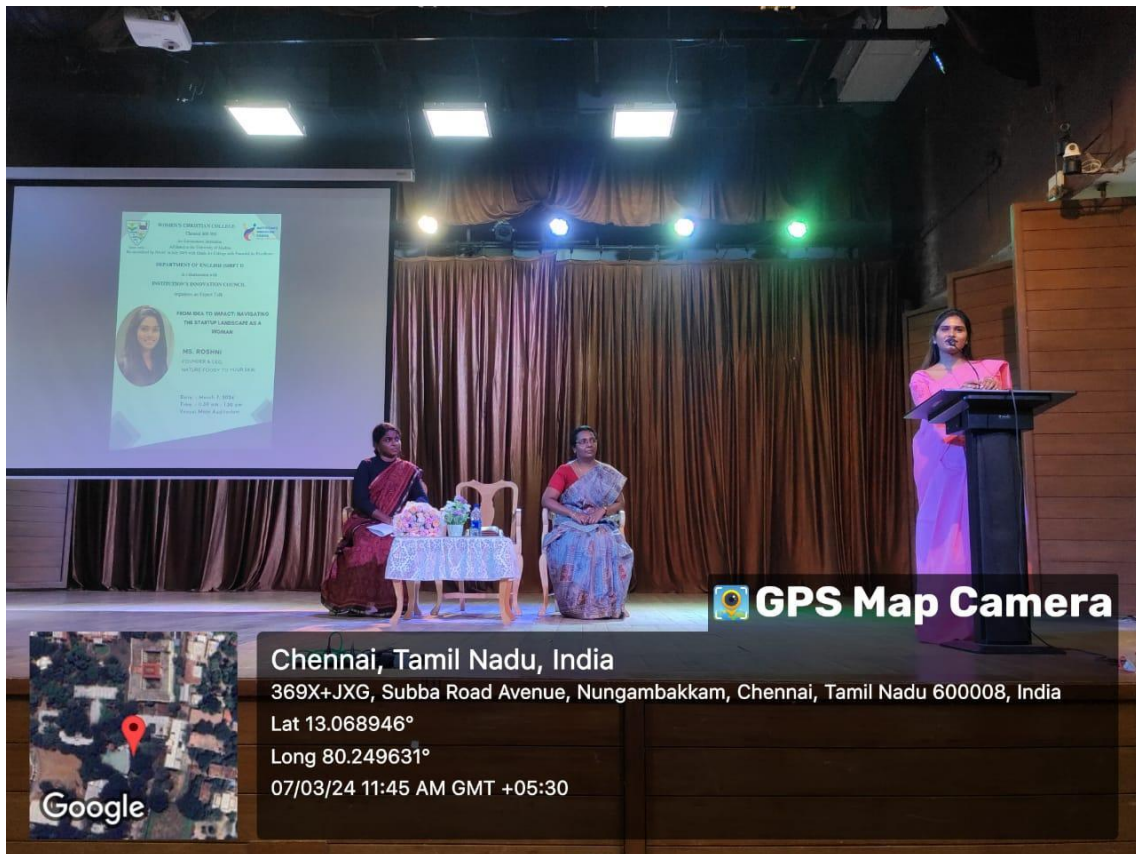
MS. ROSHNI


FOUNDER & CEO,
NATURE FOODY TO YOUR SKIN

Date : March 7, 2024

Time : 11.30 am - 1.30 pm

Venue: Main Auditorium



 **GPS Map Camera**

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

369X+JXG, Subba Road Avenue, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600008, India

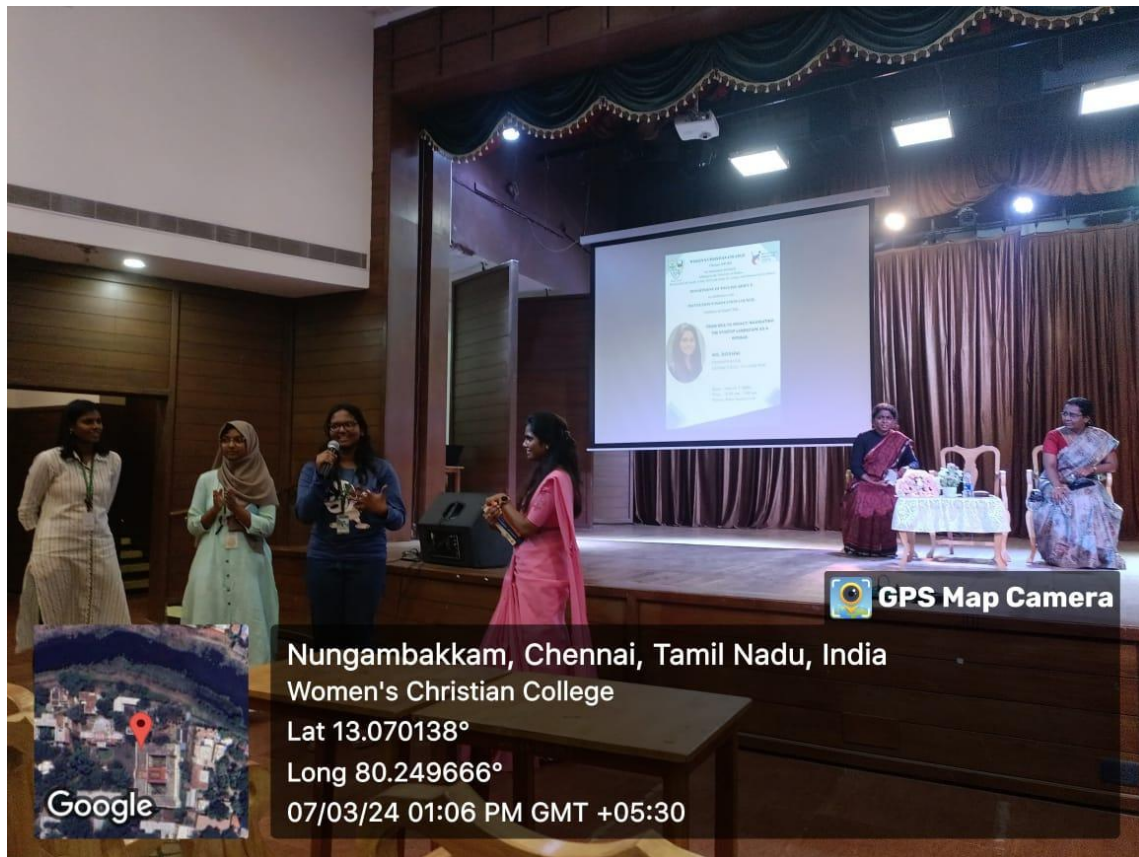
Lat 13.068946°

Long 80.249631°

07/03/24 11:45 AM GMT +05:30



Google



12. The Department of English (Shift1), organised a Lec-Dem titled 'Skills and Nuances of Storytelling' by Ms. Aparna Gopinath, on 8th March, 2024 (Women's Day Special Programme) for the Short Film Production class. It was to orient students to the skills needed for effective storytelling through film.

 Department of English 

Women's Christian College, Chennai

Skills and Nuances of Storytelling

A Lec-Dem
by
Ms Aparna Gopinath


for
the Short Film Production Class

8 March 2024, 11.20 am, Rivett Block



13. A hands-on training workshop on Short Film Production (8th, 15th & 16th March, 2024) was offered to students taking up the Elective Course 'Short Film Production' in order to equip them with the skills needed for filming their short film, which is a mandatory requirement for their end of semester assessment. The session also trained them to operate the camera and direct their film.



 GPS Map Camera

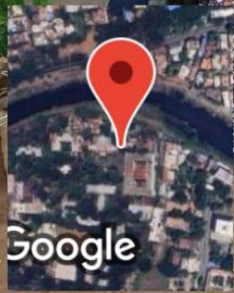
Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Block-A, Santosham Salai, Subba Road Avenue, Chetpet,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600006, India

Lat 13.070094°

Long 80.249512°

08/03/24 03:43 PM GMT +05:30



 GPS Map Camera

Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

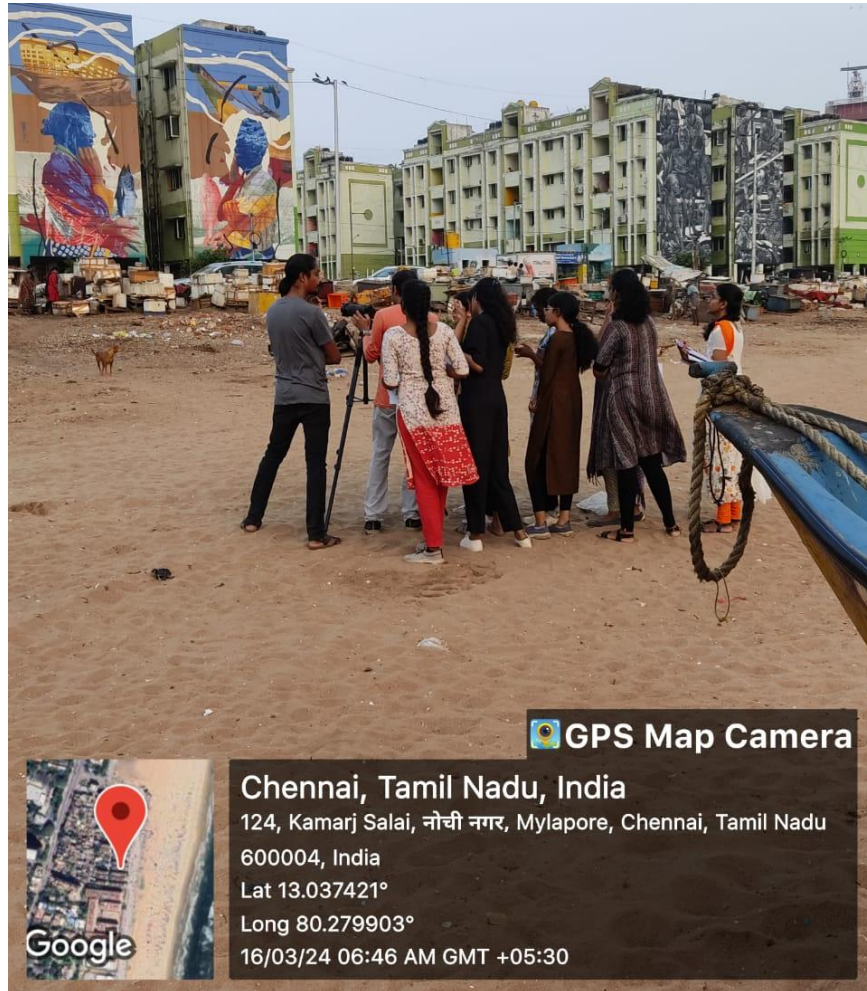
Block-A, Santosham Salai, Subba Road Avenue, Chetpet,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600006, India

Lat 13.070178°

Long 80.249665°

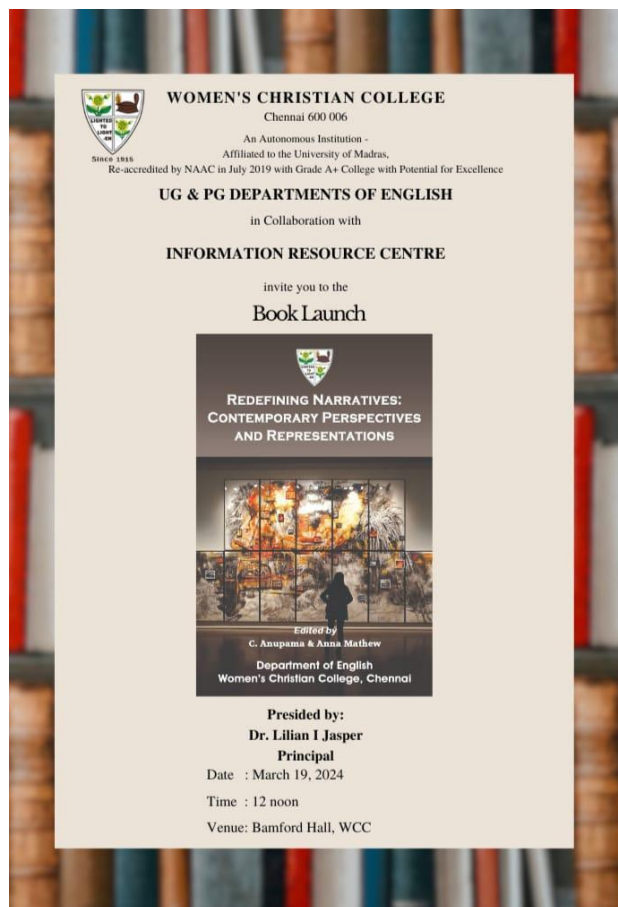
15/03/24 11:53 AM GMT +05:30





14. Book Release

The Departments of English (Shifts I & II), Women's Christian College, Chennai brought out a book, *Redefining Narratives: Contemporary Perspectives and Representations* consequent to the International Conference of the same name that was jointly organised on the 5th and 6th of February, 2024. 198 students and 20 faculty members attended the programme. The programme not only enabled students to understand the significance of writing articles and presenting papers, but also exposed them to understanding the importance of publication.



The poster is set against a background of a bookshelf. It features the college's crest on the left and a central image of the book cover. The text is centered and provides all the necessary details for the book launch event.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
Chennai 600 006
An Autonomous Institution -
Affiliated to the University of Madras.
Since 1928
Re-accredited by NAAC in July 2019 with Grade A+ College with Potential for Excellence

UG & PG DEPARTMENTS OF ENGLISH
in Collaboration with
INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE
invite you to the
Book Launch

**REDEFINING NARRATIVES:
CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES
AND REPRESENTATIONS**

Edited by
C. Anupama & Anna Mathew
Department of English
Women's Christian College, Chennai

Presided by:
Dr. Lilian I Jasper
Principal
Date : March 19, 2024
Time : 12 noon
Venue: Bamford Hall, WCC

