

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES – PG DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

June 2023 – January 2024

### GUEST LECTURES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- 1) 18.07.2023 - The PG Department of International Studies, in collaboration with the PG Department of Mass Communication, organized a guest lecture titled “Relevance of Journalism in International Relations.” The lecture was delivered by Dr. Sridhar Krishnaswamy, Senior Journalist and Editor in Chief at the New India Abroad, a digital platform for the Indian diaspora in the USA.



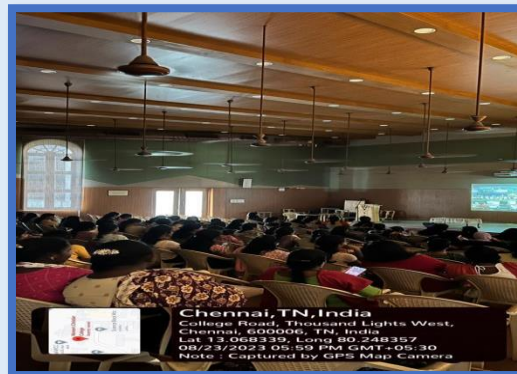
- 2) 08.07.2023 - A guest lecture titled “Career Prospects in International Relations” was organized by the department in collaboration with the Audacious Dreams Foundation. The students were jointly oriented by Mr. Dinesh Gajendran, founder of Audacious Dreams Foundation, and Mr. Dhanesh Basil, president of the Malaysian Indian Youth Council.



- 3) 04.08.2023 - The students from II M.A. International Studies, namely Greeshma, Suzenna, Annaida, and Johanna, participated in a Diplomatic Simulation Program organized by the United States Consulate in Chennai.



- 4) 23.08.2023 - The PG Department of M.A. International Studies organized the live screening of the Chandrayaan-3 launch for the students. Students from various other departments participated in the screening to witness the live landing of the rover on the moon.



- 5) 30.08.2023 - The PG Department of International Studies organized a workshop on research methodology by Dr. K. Niraimathi Anandan, founder of Fenivi Research Solutions.



- 6) 04.09.2023 - The PG Department of M.A. International Studies, in collaboration with the Indo-Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chennai, organized a student seminar on the topic titled “Relevance of India-Japan Economic Relations in the Indo-Pacific” by Prof. Dr. Moriki Ohara and his students from Ryukoku University, Japan.



## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 7) 26.07.2023 – 27.07.2023 - The faculty and students from II M.A. International Studies presented papers at the International Conference titled “Global Perspectives on Transforming Academics through Research and Innovative Strategies,” organized by the IQAC and Research Development Cell of the Women’s Christian College. Their papers were published as chapters in the book titled “Multidisciplinary Research in Academics: The Way Forward.”

The following students presented papers:

1. Greeshma P - Female Political Participation in India: A case study on the Political Leadership of Women
2. Sangeetha S - Addiction and societal disturbance: A study on drug trafficking in Asia-Pacific region
3. Rithika R Suresh and Misha Sivaram - Assessing neutrality in the framework of Non-Alignment Movement: A Case Study on India’s Perception and Influence
4. Lillian Sally R.B- Bioenergy and its Role in Climate Change Mitigation



8) 09.10.2023 - The students from II M.A. International Studies presented papers at the Young Scholars Conference organized by the Department of Political Science at Madras Christian College, Chennai. The following students presented papers:

1. Greeshma P and Mohammed Jaina- The changing maps of China and its impact on the International System
2. Misha Sivaram & Suzenna S Poothuran- Cultivating Power: An Agrarian approach to Climate Change and Political Dynamics.
3. Renjana S Nair & Sangeetha Saravana- Sustainable Development Goals for Empowerment of Differently Abled Persons: Progress and Challenges in India's Policy Landscape
4. Joys Grace Princy B & Srie sobanaa B- Human Rights Violations in Afghanistan – A case study on the status of women before and after the Taliban regime.

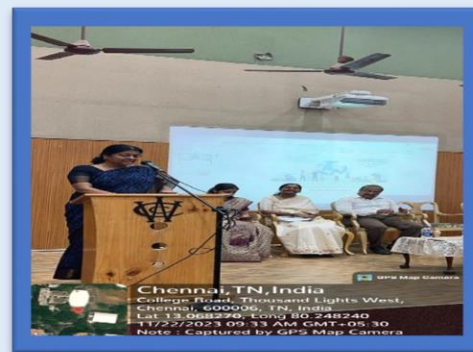


22.09.2023 – 23.09.2023 – The department, in collaboration with the Department of Management Studies and the Center for Environmental Studies, conducted a state-level conference on green practices and policies for sustainable environmental performance. The students from II M.A. presented papers and posters at the conference. The following students presented papers:

1. Laminica Lincy Sumer- A study on the Environmental Challenges in Meghalaya.
2. Suzenna S Poothuran & Logeshwari B- Rethinking Plastic for a Better Tomorrow: Strategies for Effective Plastic Reduction in Campus.
3. Sethulakshmi KB- Adopting environmentally sustainable practices of indigenous communities
4. Rithika R Suresh and Joys Grace Princy B- Opportunities and Challenges in India's Sustainable Transition
5. Agnes Mary Y- GMOs in Food and their impact on Environment

The following students presented posters:

1. Greeshma P and Flora Yasmin - Saving Electricity: An Exploratory study on the Awareness and Usage of Electricity in Women's Christian College
2. Lillian Sally RB and Misha Sivaram- Unveiling the Drip (Sustainable water practices)
3. Annaida and Sethulakshmi- From paper trails to digital footprints
4. Johanna Preethi Shama M and Renjana S Nair- A Plastic-Free Pursuit



14) 25.08.2023 - The PG Department of International Studies organized a service learning activity for the first and second-year students at an agriculture farm named Farm Guru in collaboration with the Audacious Dreams Foundation.



## STUDENT PARTICIPATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

15) 09.10.2023 - Ms. Sangeetha from II M.A. and Ms. Santha Lakshmi from I M.A. International Studies participated as delegates at the Model United Nations organized by the Hindustan Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai.



16) 19.09.2023 - The students from I M.A. International Studies Hareshma, Vaidhehi, Sheeba, Rixilin, Santha Lakshmi, and Smrithi, in collaboration with students from B.SC. Computer Science and M.SC. Information Technology, participated in the INNOVATE-A-THON 2023, an inter-level hackathon organized by the Smart India Hackathon 2023.



17) 07.10.2023 - Students from I and II M.A. International Studies, Greeshma, Suzenna, Renjana, Shivani, Smrithi, Vaidhehi, and Ayesha participated as delegates at the Model United Nations organized by the Women's Christian College, Chennai.



18) 11.10.2023 – The department organized the Sweden-India Nobel Memorial Quiz in collaboration with the Embassy of Sweden in Chennai.

19) 11.10.2023 - Ms. Misha Sivaram from II M.A. International Studies won first place in the competition titled 'High Commissioner for a Day' organized by the British Deputy High Commission in Chennai on the occasion of International Girl Child Day and was awarded the experience to hold office as the Deputy High Commissioner for a day.



20) 16.12.2023 - The students from the II M.A. International Studies won the overall trophy at the Inter Departmental Fest titled 'UNUS ULAGU' organized by the Department of International Studies, Loyola College, Chennai.



21) 25.01.2023 - Ms. Santha Lakshmi and Ms. Ayesha Fathima from I M.A. International Studies secured 4th place in the State-Level Youth Quiz Competition on Electoral Awareness organized by the Election Commission of India. The students received their prizes from the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru R.N. Ravi, and from Mr. Satyabrata Sahoo, Chief Election Commissioner of India.



22) The department, along with the institution's Innovation Council, organized a workshop titled 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation as a Career Opportunity' on January 11, 2024. The resource persons for the workshop were Ms. Laksha Immaculate, a videographer at Nirmal Visions, and Ms. Praveena Raman, a content developer at Pixel Solutions Pvt. Ltd., alumni of the department.

