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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

I congratulate the PG and Research Department of English of Auxillum College (Autonomous) on publishing this Book of Research Articles on “Innovation in English Language Teaching and Literary Studies.” It is important to take into consideration the views of Staff and Students with regard to English Language Teaching and their observations, on various methods involved in literary studies. The contributions of students are remarkable and commendable.

I am happy that Auxillum College (Autonomous) has always been one of the most efficacious affiliated colleges of Thiruvalluvar University with an excellent track record in the interest of empowering the students belonging to the weaker section of the society.

My best wishes for the success of the International Conference!

With the Best wishes

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The Principle of the Principal

Named after several Saints and four Popes, Sr. Eugene lives up to the Greek meaning of her noble name.

There are some people one meets every day or once or twice a month who hardly leave an impression but that is not the case with Sr. Eugene. I met her in September 2012 for an hour in Auxilium College, Katpadi which she ran with such distinction. She invited me to tea after the exertions of the day filled with talks on translation and cross-cultural matters. There was something about her which reminded me strongly of the good sisters who were part of my early training: warmth, spontaneity, certain genuine interest in the other. We kept up a brisk correspondence on email for a while and I was the one who fell away from maintaining it.

At a time when Education is taking a back seat to the economics of passing an exam, securing degrees and employment (which is doubtless very important), the true purpose of intellectual training and cultural sensitization is possible only under the gentle but firm gaze of an enlightened individual. Known for their commitment to education and the shaping of young minds, Sr. Eugene is part of a long and distinguished parampara of Christian educators who gave their working lives to bring India out of its medieval torpor and outdated beliefs. Indeed there is something about an institution run by a Christian management that one immediately senses when entering the campus of a college such as Auxilium, created by the personal aura of the Principal Sr. Eugene has been.

I feel truly privileged to have been invited to write this message of goodwill, love and friendship for such a remarkable servant of India in the name of Christ.

MINI KRISHNAN
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The Secretary’s Message

It is a proud moment to know that the department of English is bringing out the book titled “Innovations in English Language Teaching and Literary Studies”, in honour of its Faculty member and Principal Dr. Sr. Eugini Fathima Mary L.

I am extremely happy that Staff and many students have written exhaustively on various language teaching methods and literary studies. I know that this is a very decisive time when the English language needs to be given more importance in the manner in which it has to be spoken and written. I am proud of the department of English, Auxilium College for this academic venture that inspires innovation in research, teaching, language and literature. I believe this is yet another milestone in the history of the College. The need of our times is definitely a change in approaches to teaching and learning, innovation in approach, methodology and practice in teaching and learning. Great minds, noble hearts and worthy lives - I believe are an outcome of right teaching and learning.

I do hope that the effort taken by the department of English and the Roots International Journal of Multidisciplinary Researches will be meaningful.

May God bless you all for this great endeavour!

Sr. AMALORPAVAM S.J
Secretary
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Principal’s Message

The Department of English has embarked on a venture of collating research articles in collaboration with ROOTS. Congratulations! The English language and literary studies have always been close to my heart. After forty years of being part of this campus, I know how this subject has changed in its perceptions by many a young girl who has entered the portals of Auxilium College. Though it carries with it the vestiges of colonialism, it is a global language and its importance needs to be emphasized at Conferences such as this: “Innovations in English Language Teaching and Literary Studies”. I Congratulate the Staff, Research scholars and Students who share their knowledge and wisdom through this portal.

Dr. (Sr.) L. EUGINI FATHIMA MARY
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From the Head’s Desk

I am indeed proud and happy that this book is a compilation of collective effort on the part of the UGs, PGs and Research scholars to express their views on innovative methods of teaching and learning English. Some of the articles also focus on Literary studies, Literary theories, Critical reviews of Books and Research papers. Apparently, it is the best way to translate thoughts into words and gives the student a fulfilling experience to see his/her work in print. We are thankful to the publishers ‘Roots International’ for their collaboration in publishing this volume.

Now the most important part of my message is to felicitate our most beloved Colleague, Associate Professor of English and Principal of Auxilium, Dr. Sr. Eugini Fatima Mary who is retiring from service in honour of whom the book is published. Dr. Sr. Eugini Fatima Mary L. has been in Auxilium since her student days. She is always known for her lively spirit; an interesting and inspiring teacher, an enterprising Principal, who has taken this institution to great heights.

I’m sure my seniors will recall how we dreamed of the future of this Department; it was food for thought with old wine in new bottles. With Sr. Eugini Fatima Mary L. it was always like ‘drinking life to the lees’. Myriads of students have witnessed this great play that we have staged together! Her life’s work has found expression over a span of four decades. Her religious sentiments know no bounds, transcending beyond all religion. In her, I see real beauty and goodness in the spiritual accord with humanity through her magnanimous nature; in her genuine love and care for people. Ultimately I believe, that’s all that really matters because ‘there’s a divinity that shapes our ends’. I hope and pray dear Sister that you will take with you all the happiest moments you have spent here and remember always that ‘Literature never did betray the heart that loved her’.

To this rare gem and charismatic person, I must say now as Aurobindo would say:

“The earth you tread is a border screened from heaven
The life you lead conceals the light you are
Immortal powers sweep flaming past your door
So may your days unfold miracles galore!”

With these thoughts and wishes we dedicate this book to you Sister.

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Editorial

We have reached the limit of bringing together random thoughts and words, trying to find a meaning; making sense of what was once said with its relevance to the present context. We find ourselves constantly trying to publish a paper, bring out a book, or a journal for all kinds of reasons.

For us, in Auxilium, it is an opportunity to express our thoughts and wishes in words on the occasion of the retirement of our beloved Colleague, Associate Professor of English and Principal, Dr. (Sr.) Ugini Fathima Mary, who has served this institution for almost four decades. We dedicate this Book in her honour to celebrate her aspirations and dreams and the monumental tireless service she has rendered, to turn them into reality.

Real satisfaction stems from contributing something innovative, acknowledging the sources referred to conscientiously and ultimately enjoying the credit of the journal’s impact factor.

It is sad but true, that English is being taught and learnt in some places mostly by rote, like a monotonous drill, where knowledge passes from one mind to the other, uncomprehended by both. But I’m certain that many of us still believe we have a moral responsibility to focus on the accuracy and fluency of the English language and grasp its captivating aesthetic nuances. Every writer in literature has been doing this; exploring new avenues and experimenting with the intricacies of language.

There was a time when the English language was learnt from literary works of art and reading a good book was second nature to one. We are aware of the decadence with regard to learning the language, the right way.

It is our sincere hope that more books and papers will be published, not merely for documentation and the so-called ‘high’ impact factor but for the pure love of research and the incomparable joy of writing.

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