

The College:

VHNSN College has been imparting academic values to the students of this backward area for the past 63 years. Almost all the Post Graduate Departments, having research facilities, offer M.Phil and Ph.D. programs. The college extends research support to the scholars by providing 24 hour internet facility; subscription to journals and magazines, photocopying and other facilities. It extends financial help to those who would like to participate in Seminars and Conferences and publish their research findings in books and journals. Our College biannual journal, College Sadhana, publishes articles of all disciplines. Today, the alumni, the branches of this Tree of Knowledge, are in high dynamic positions.

The Centre:

The Research Centre in English widens its teaching scope by way of providing education in English through Bridge intensive Course, Remedial Course (U.G.C Funded) and Certificate Course in Communication and functional English. It also gets involved in extension activities like providing soft skills to non-English students through net-connected language lab and an audio visual room. The library has abundant books, journals, magazines and encyclopedia for students' reference. Currently 3 FDP and 2 full-time Ph.D. Scholars are working on their doctoral degrees.

The Town:

Virudhunagar, the Headquarters of the district is well connected with buses, trains and by air. The nearest airport is Madurai (45kms). The College is situated 3kms away from the town on the way to Aruppukkottai.

The Seminar:

Nowadays plays have a good response among the readers. Though plays are said to be the precursor of all genres in literature, interest in reading dramas has recently dwindled due to the arrival of novels. But in recent times the arrival of modern dramas by various dramatists like angry young men group and absurd dramatists like Samuel Beckett and others have kindled the interest of the readers to read plays. Coming to Commonwealth Literature [Creative literatures from Nations which were under colony rule once] new dramatists have raised and produced many valuable tomes in which diverse themes like alienation, identity crisis, homosexuality and gender issues are discussed. Most of the modern dramas are produced with the help of themes taken from real life situations instead of fictional elements. Moreover many plays have implied themes and ideas which pave way for the readers to imagine more. This seminar will be a very good forum for the upcoming researchers and scholars to gain acquaintance with these recent and debatable topics. Researchers can present their papers on the themes like

1. Post colonialism
2. Postmodernism
3. Absurd Elements
4. Gender Issues
5. Historicism
6. Political Satires
7. Science Plays
8. Social Plays
9. Alienation & Identity Crisis

Playwrights/Critics/Theatre Artists:

Academicians and Creative Writers are approached to take part in this two day event. Theatre artists are also invited as the seminar theme is on performance of plays. CDs are collected for the participants to be viewed at their places. Some three or four plays may be copied in a single CD for their view. Books on and about performance are the handouts for the guests. **A Book with ISBN Number on the outcome of the Seminar is planned.**

Accommodation:

Accommodation may be arranged on request. Non-A/C Double Bed rooms cost Rs. 350. Single rooms cost Rs. 150. Ladies may be given accommodation in the College Girls' Hostel.

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