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### Message

Foodie literatures are as multiple as the cuisines themselves and they are the recipes for the connoisseurs of literature to relish them. Eating has been a basic human activity, which is not only necessary for human sustenance but also depicting culture of the people. Eating patterns and rituals, the preference of dining acquaintance, and the motive behind these behaviours are basic towards nurturing an understanding of human society. Food and drink have not only spiced up but have also given a symbolic insight to the printed pages. The meal is such a human endeavour that it has fed the imagination of poets and writers over the ages to provide the ingredients for many brilliant stories. Food is everything and nothing becomes more cherishing than literary dyeing dipped with imaginary hues with literary intervention and critical understanding spinning around food and the polity involved across continents, races, cultures which require critical discussions and understandings per se. This national seminar is one such deliberation where scholarly discussion may pave the way for a better and improved understanding on this pivotal topic which encompasses all species beyond class and structure but connected only by culinary conception by all means.

I congratulate the Department of English of Periyar University for organizing a two day National seminar as a commemoration on the tenth year of its inception in a foodie way. I hope the two day discussion and scholarly sharing would enhance the basic perception of food in literature.

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**There is no sincerer love than the love of food-George Bernard Shaw**