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The Centre for Media and Social Science is a Media, Language and Research Centre in Salem. Our campus is situated at Moongilpadi, Karupur, Salem. The institution helps to take media education to the students with rural background as well as those who are economically challenged in Tamil Nadu. We have organised numerous workshops, conferences, seminars under various topics such as Soft Skills Development, Photography, Media for Rural Students, Media and Children, Film Making, Editing, Photojournalism in Mass Media, all over the state and CFMS offers excellent guidance from leading professors and Academicians from various reputed Universities in India.

According to Rabindranath Tagore "A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself..." So, the seminar is stage of research which may clear vision for updating social issues in literature and media. Media is an important tool of communication among people. The seminar offered fruitful discussions on the social problems and the impact of social issues in Literature and Media. Innumerable mysterious features were unveiled by the fruitful discussion of academicians.

The Centre for Media and Social Science & the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Periyar University, Salem District, Tamil Nadu, joined hands and took a scholarly initiative and pursuit to organise the first *International Seminar on Portrayal of Social Issues in Literature and Media* on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Periyar University Campus.

The call for papers received excellent response from the faculty members and research scholars from around the world. We received more than 160 papers including papers from European and African Countries and from major states in India. The editorial board recommended 88 research articles for UGC Refereed Journal Publication, *The English India*, UGC Approved Journal No: 62883 and 52 research articles for ISBN publication with the title *Social Issues in Literature and Media*. Many scholarly papers deal with the magnitude of impact of social issues in English Literature and Media Studies in the present scenario.

Now, we are publishing the second volume of the conference papers which were received late. We are really happy to mention that out of 80 articles the editorial board recommended around 45 articles for publication. Those articles are being published in the UGC Refereed Journal *Language in India* www.languageinindia.com, a UGC Approved Journal No: 49042.

We are glad that these papers closely analyze aspects of issues revealed in English Language and Literature, Comparative literature, particularly Subaltern studies, women empowerment, Media Studies and bring forth insightful discussion. This gives us immense pleasure and motivation to take up similar academic adventures in the days to come.

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