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Greetings from the Chairman

I’m very glad to know that our Department of English is publishing the selected papers of the One Day National Conference on English Language Literature and Culture conducted on 4th March 2017 in Language in India, www.languageinindia.com, a reputed online monthly journal. I would like to express my thanks from the bottom of my heart for the Organizing Committee members who have made great efforts and conducted the Conference successfully. I congratulate all the students, research scholars and faculty members from various colleges for their participation in the Conference.

Wishing you all success.

Dr. PSK. R. Periyasamy

Chairman, Kongunadu Institutions
Greetings from the Principal

It is very essential for us to be proficient in the global language English for success and progress in all our academic activities, business and technical fields. Language, Literature and Culture are interrelated. Research in language, literature and culture will enable us to communicate more effectively in all our professional fields within India and around the world. I’m very glad that our Department of English is publishing the Selected Papers in Language India www.languageinindia.com, a reputed monthly journal. Participants from various colleges and Universities presented their research papers and also exchanged their ideas in the conference. We are grateful for all the participants in the Conference. I wish to express my appreciation to the Department of English for their diligent effort. I extend my warm greetings to the students, Research Scholars and Faculty members of the college. I also thank Language in India Journal for their cooperation in publishing the research papers which will now be available all over the world.

Dr. R. Asokan
Principal
Message from the Dean/Research & Development

Dr. J. Yoga Priya

Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology (KNCET) is committed to build and sustain itself as an institution where quality is the hallmark in each and every activity. I am immensely happy that the Department of English is publishing the selected papers from the 1st National Conference on ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & CULTURE conducted on 4th March 2017 in Language in India. This conference was the platform for exchanging innovative research thoughts of Faculty Members and Students. We believe that the conference has collected some of the latest research within the field of English. The papers will serve as a vital reference compendium for faculty, research scholars and students. I wish to congratulate the faculty members of English Department, particularly Ms. T. Vembu, Assistant Professor who has organized this conference with great success.

Dr. J. Yoga Priya
Dean/Research & Development
Editor’s Note

The Department of English, Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology conducted a National Conference on ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & CULTURE conducted on 4th March 2017. Our goal was to enable faculty members and research scholars of colleges in the region to present their research findings and their thoughts on the inter-relationship between language, literature and culture, especially relating to learning and teaching of English as a second/foreign language.

This volume presents selected papers presented in the conference. Papers focus on topics directly relevant for the teaching and learning of English at the collegiate level. Social themes relating to family life, inter-personal relations, patriarchy, place of women in the society, social and political oppression, various aspects of diaspora, etc. are dealt with in these papers.

Through reading literature we gain knowledge about our own culture and life even as we know other cultures and societal issues around the world. Reading literature enables us to improve and increase our vocabulary, sentence construction and expression of our thoughts - personal, inter-personal and global business. Language learning is greatly facilitated by reading literary works.

The papers presented in this volume will be found useful for classroom activities even as these help do more research on the selected topics.

Addresses of authors of the papers presented in the volume are given at the end of each article. You are most welcome to correspond with the authors using their email addresses. Such communication will be useful for all of us and will be greatly appreciated by the authors themselves.

We are glad that the research findings of the authors of this volume will be freely available for all around the world through Language in India www.languageinindia.com.

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