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## A Ceremonial Start

The new academic session 2025-26 commenced on an auspicious note with Ganapathy Homam. It was held on 28 June 2025 at 9 am in the newly constructed building opposite the Principal's office. The Homam aimed to invoke Lord Vigneshwara's blessings to remove both external and internal obstacles as the college began its new academic year. Conducting the Homam helps ensure the year starts on a positive and auspicious note. The Honorary Secretary, Sri M. Venkatesaperumal, along with the Principal, Dr G.Kalvikkarasi, Director, Dr N. Rajendra Naidu, faculty members, and non-teaching staff, attended and participated in the rituals. Staff and students prayed for clarity of thought, focus, and the capacity to acquire knowledge. This year's Homam was especially meaningful because it was performed in the new building, which features a lounge for guests and visitors, as well as a conference hall and a computer lab. The Homam set a positive tone, filling the campus with renewed energy, optimism, and a collective resolve to achieve educational excellence. Prasadam was distributed to all.

## In Memoriam



**Sri. C. Venkatachalam  
(1932 - 2025)**

Sri. C. Venkatachalam, our beloved trustee, passed away on 16th May 2025 at the age of 93. The final rites were performed on 18th May at 9:00 a.m. He served as Honorary Correspondent of DRBCCC Hindu Higher Secondary School, Tiruvallur, and was trustee of Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Charities for over 50 years. As senior founder and proprietor of Ega Cinemas, he managed the theatre established in the 1980s. Known for his philanthropy, leadership, and service, he was also a member of the Akhila Bharath Sri Vasavi Penugonda Temple Trust. Belonging to a historic Arya Vysya family of Madras, his family owned a guest house near Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam, and served on the Kanyaka Parameswari Devasthanam. An authority on Arya Vysya history, he collaborated with prominent Madras historians S. Muthiah and V. Sriram. The staff and students of DRBCCC Hindu College extend our heartfelt condolences to his family.

## Redefining Pedagogy for a Changing World



Faculty development programme is essential for the continuous improvement and growth of faculty. The current era demands adaptive and innovative teaching methods to help students reach their full potential. Keeping these central objectives in mind, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College, in association with Dr M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University), conducted a five-day faculty development programme on 'Enhancing Student Engagement through Active Learning and Teaching from June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Cunnan Conference Hall. In the inaugural session, Dr K. Bhavani Selvi, IQAC Coordinator, proposed the welcome address. Dr G. Kalvikkarasi, Principal of DRBCCC Hindu College, delivered the presidential address, followed by the special address by Dr N. Rajendra Naidu, Director. Dr Malini Pande, Additional Registrar and Director of the Academic Staff College at Dr M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be a university), delivered the keynote address. The five-day faculty development programme featured eminent academicians delivering sessions on topics such as student engagement, skills for the future workforce, ICT tools in the classroom, sustainable development goals, and a special session on the Binary accreditation framework. Dr K. Sridhar, Dean (Academics), Shift 2, was part of the organising team. Certificates were distributed to all the participants on the last of the FDP.



## A Memorable Start for Freshers

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur conducted the Student Induction Programme, Deeksharambh, for the first-year students of Shift 1 from June 11, 2025, to June 17, 2025. Sri. R. Balasubramanian, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of English, proposed the welcome address during the inaugural session: the Honorary Secretary, Sri. M. Vekatesaperumal delivered the inaugural address. Dr G. Kalvikkarasi, Principal, presented the college's profile, along with a multimedia-enriched virtual campus walkthrough. Dr K. Bhavani Selvi provided a brief introduction to IQAC, NAAC, and NIRF. The resource person for the inaugural session was Sri Vijaikrishnan Raj, Inspector of Police, Pattabiram. The other days of the student induction programme were filled with information shared about student scholarship schemes, Massive Open Online Courses, and an introduction to the library and its services. Entrepreneurship Development Cell, Institution's Innovation Council, and Naan Mudhalvan, among various extension activities such as NCC, YRC, NSS, etc. Yoga and Meditation sessions, along with cultural activities led by Seethamma Fine Arts Club members, were conducted daily. On Day three, a special session was held on Personality enrichment by Sri. K.V.S. Mani, Vice-President, Barclays Bank, Chennai. There was also a relevant session on Cyber Crime by Sri Arnold Easter, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Cyber Crime Wing, Avadi. On the fourth day, there was a session on Time Management led by Sri Alex Rajan Ankaiah, Senior Manager at Genpact India Private Limited. A session on the Competitive Exam Cell was conducted by Ms K Vijaya, Assistant Director, District Employment and Career Guidance Centre, Thiruvallur. The career guidance session by Smt. K Usha Kumari, Centre Manager, Avadi, The Ma Foi Foundation. The five-day orientation and student induction programme concluded with a feedback session conducted by the IQAC of DRBCCC Hindu College (Shift 1).





## New Beginnings, Bright Futures

The Student Induction Program, Deeksharambh, was organised by Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College (Shift 2) from June 2 to June 6, 2025. The Student Induction Program (SIP) was a comprehensive five-day event designed to engage the first-year students in a variety of activities that support their academic journey and personal development. Participants were exposed to the benefits of meditation on all five days. Principal Dr G. Kalvikkarasi presented a virtual walkthrough of the campus, highlighting the responsibilities and duties of students. Dr N. Rajendra Naidu, the Director, outlined the rich history of the college and the illustrious life and times of the Founder, Dharamamurthi Calavala Cunnan Chetty garu, and his wife, Seethamma. The presentation also familiarised the freshers with the available academic resources in campus. Sessions on scholarship opportunities were followed by sessions on Spoken Tutorials and goal-setting workshops, which helped students outline their objectives for the academic year. The second day activities included sports events, an introduction to the National Service Scheme (NSS), and workshops designed to develop communication skills, which were essential for both educational and personal growth. Discussions on pressing issues, such as climate change and drug abuse, as well as the exploration of placement opportunities, were held to prepare students for real-world challenges better. The final day featured Unnat Bharat Abhyan and Swachh Bharat Abhyan, engaging literary activities, and a session for student feedback, allowing participants to reflect on their experiences during the program. Esteemed guest speakers and trainers were invited throughout the program, alongside valuable contributions from the college's alumni, enriching the learning experience for all participants. The Student Induction Program successfully engaged participants through a diverse range of activities, aiming to equip them with knowledge and skills essential for their upcoming college journey. Feedback from students indicated a positive reception and eagerness to apply the knowledge they had learned.

## Empowering Women Through Skill Development



Cunnan Academy of Excellence, Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College and Thiruvallur District Employment and Vocational Guidance Centre jointly organised the Skill Week in the college based on the directive of the Government of Tamil Nadu. Skill Week was held on July 10, 2025, on the college campus with the theme 'Vocational Guidance and Skill Awareness for Women'. The convenor of the event, Dr Lakshmi Professor (Shift 1), Department of Tamil, welcomed the guests. The principal of the college, Dr G. Kalvikkarasi, presided over the function. Students were given inputs about the need to develop their individuality. The importance of women standing out and achieving success in life was emphasised. The Chief Minister said that with the guidance of the government, multi-skilled training should be obtained successfully.



## Save Lives - CPR Awareness Campaign

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a life-saving technique used when someone's heart stops beating, such as during a cardiac arrest. It helps maintain blood flow to the brain and vital organs until medical aid arrives. The CPR training programme conducted at Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the participating students. This training was organised by the CPR Committee of the college, under the supervision of the Nodal Officer, Dr C. Manju, along with the staff committee in charge, Mr Mohammed Musharaf A, B.Sc. Criminology and Criminal Justice Science and Dr Priya, Department of Physical Education. The training sessions were planned, organised, and facilitated by the II Year B.Sc. Criminology and Criminal Justice Science students as part of their academic engagement and skill development initiative. The training sessions were organised in all the classes, where students had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the techniques involved in CPR using a mannequin.

## Safeguarding the Digital Generation

The Avadi Police Commissioner, Thiru K. Shankar, I.P.S., engaged with first-year students of Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College in Pattabiram to raise awareness about drug addiction and the misuse of social media. This interaction was part of the Student Induction programme, or Deeksharambh, conducted by the college, which aims to bridge the gap between school and college life. Thiru K. Shankar discussed the importance of using time productively for academic work and warned students against becoming addicted to drugs and social media. He stated that students should contact 1930, the National Helpline number for cybercrime-related issues. He advised female students to download the Kavalan app, a citizen safety and service mobile app developed by the Tamil Nadu Police. Deputy Commissioner of Police for Avadi, Tmt. Ayman Jamal and Dr. N Rajendra Naidu, Director of Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College, were also present.



## SUSTAINABLE PATHWAYS TO CLIMATE CHANGE



The Centre for Climate Literacy and Campaign (CCLC) at Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College held an event on June 10th, 2025, in the Cunnan Auditorium. In a session for first-year students, Dr S. Janakarajan, CCLC Chair, spoke on 'Sustainable Pathways to Climate Change,' While College Director Dr N. Rajendra Naidu addressed the need to educate students on climate dangers and praised CCLC's awareness efforts. Dr R. Raghuram introduced the Chief Guest. Dr Janakarajan's 45-minute talk covered climate issues like drought, floods, glacier melting, and sea-level rise, emphasising why students should care. He explained terms like wet bulb temperature and the ocean as a dumping ground, and warned about the dangers of plastic use and microplastics. He critiqued global climate events, such as COP 29, and explained SDG Goals 6, 13, 14, and 15 to climate action. Over 900 first-year students attended.

## Together for a Drug-Free Future



26 June is recognised worldwide as the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College in Pattabiram observed World Drug Day on 26 June 2025 at 9:45 in the college grounds. Principal Dr G. Kalvikkarasi and Director Dr N. Rajendra Naidu addressed the student body, highlighting the dangers of drug addiction and the risks linked with harmful substances. They urged students to stay alert and aware of the effects of drug use. A pledge was taken to remind students to steer clear of drugs and maintain complete control over their lives. The Anti-Drug Cell of the college, guided by its convenor, Dr B. Bala Murali, organised the event.

## Yoga for Well-being



International Yoga Day is celebrated worldwide on 21 June. The theme for this year was "Yoga for Harmony and Peace". The day aims to raise awareness globally about the numerous benefits of practising yoga. Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Hindu College participated in this event on June 24, 2025, by organising activities to highlight the importance of yoga for health. The event started with an inaugural ceremony attended by faculty and students. Mr Santhanam Balaraman, a Heartfulness Yoga Instructor from Chennai, was the resource person. The program began with a welcome by Dr K. Gurumoorthy. Dr G. Kalvikkarasi, Principal, in her speech emphasised the importance of integrating yoga into daily life for focus and emotional resilience, and appreciated the efforts of the Heartfulness team. Director Dr N. Rajendra Naidu highlighted the importance of daily yoga practice, urging students to incorporate yoga into their daily routines at home. Sri Santhanam Balaraman led a guided yoga and meditation session, during which students performed asanas, practiced breathing techniques, and engaged in Heartfulness relaxation, concluding with meditation to promote calmness and inner peace. Over 100 students participated, and many expressed interest in continuing yoga practice. The event was organised by the convenors of the Yoga and Meditation cell of the college, Dr Mudduluru Suresh, Head of the Department of Telugu (Shift 1), and Dr K. Gurumoorthy, Department of Computer Science (Shift 2), with the support of the college management and the student volunteers.



செம்மொழித் தமிழாய்வு மத்திய நிறுவனம் (Central Institute of Classical Tamil) தமிழ் மொழியின் வளர்ச்சிக்காக நடுவண் அரசின் கல்வி அமைச்சக மொழிப் பிரிவின் கீழ் செயல்பட்டு வரும் ஒரு தன்னாட்சி நிறுவனமாகும். 2004ஆம் ஆண்டு அக்டோபர் 12ஆம் நாள் தமிழ் மொழியைச் செம்மொழியாக நடுவணரசு அறிவித்த பின்னர் 2005ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜூலை மாதத்தில் தமிழ்மொழி மேம்பாட்டுக்கான மையத் திட்டம் (Central Plan Scheme for Classical Tamil) ஒன்று நடுவண் அரசால் அமைக்கப்பெற்று மைசூரில் உள்ள இந்திய மொழிகளின் நடுவண் நிறுவனத்திடம் (CIIL) ஒப்படைக்கப்பட்டது. அதனால் 2006 மார்ச்சு முதல் 2008 மே 18 வரை மைசூரிலுள்ள இந்திய மொழிகளின் நடுவண் நிறுவனத்தில் செம்மொழித் தமிழ் உயராய்வு மையம் என்னும் பெயரில் செயல்பட்டு வந்தது. தற்பொழுது சென்னைப் பெரும்பாக்கத்தில் மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் முன்னிலையில் பாரதப் பிரதமர் அவர்களால் திறந்து வைக்கப்பட்ட (12.01.2022) புதிய கட்டடத்தில் இயங்கி வருகிறது.

தமிழின் தொன்மை, தனித்தன்மை, தமிழர்களின் நாகரீகம், பண்பாடு ஆகியவற்றின் சிறப்புகளைக் கவனத்தில் கொண்டு பல திட்டங்களைத் தீட்டி இந்நிறுவனம் செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது. பல்துறை அறிஞர்களை ஒருங்கிணைத்துத் தமிழின் தொன்மை குறித்து ஆய்வு செய்தல். தமிழ், பிற திராவிட மொழிகள் மீது ஏற்படுத்தியுள்ள தாக்கம் குறித்து விரிவாக ஆய்வு செய்தல். பண்டைத் தமிழ் இலக்கணம், இலக்கியம், தொல்லியல் சார்ந்த செய்திகளைக் குறும்படங்களாக உருவாக்குதல் இணையவழிச் செம்மொழித் தமிழ் கற்பித்தல். திராவிட மொழிகளின் வரலாற்று ஒப்பாய்வும் தமிழ் வழக்காறுகள் குறித்த ஆய்வும் மேற்கொள்ளல். பழந்தமிழ் நூற்களை வெளியிடவும் அவற்றை முறையே ஆங்கிலத்திலும் பிற இந்திய மொழிகளிலும் மொழிபெயர்த்து வெளியிடவும் நிதி வழங்குதல். தமிழாய்வில் நிலைத்த பணிபுரியும் நிறுவனங்களுக்கு ஆய்வுத் திட்டங்களை வழங்குதல். செம்மொழி தொடர்பான முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர்களுக்கும் முனைவர் பட்ட மேலாய்வாளர்களுக்கும் உதவித்தொகை வழங்குதல் செம்மொழித் தமிழாய்வில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க பங்களிப்பு நல்கியோருக்கு விருதுகள் வழங்கிச் சிறப்பு செய்தல். 41 பழந்தமிழ் நூல்களின் செம்பதிப்புகளை வெளியிடுதல். அந்த நூல்களை முக்கிய ஐரோப்பிய, இந்திய மொழிகளில் மொழிபெயர்த்தல்.

## புத்தொளிப் பயிற்சி

அண்மையில் 16.05.2025 முதல் 29.05.2025 வரை பதினைந்து நாட்களுக்கு “மொழியியல் பண்பாட்டியல் கல்வெட்டியல் நோகில் தமிழ்ச் செவ்வியல் இலக்கியங்கள்” எனும் பொருண்மையில் புத்தொளிப் பயிற்சியினை செம்மொழித் தமிழாய்வு மத்திய நிறுவனம் வழங்கியது. பயிற்சிக் காலத்தில் பேராசிரியர்களுக்கு இரு வேளைகளுக்குத் தேனீர், சிற்றுண்டி, மதிய உணவு, மேலும் பல்கலைக்கழக நிதிநல்கைக் குழுவின் (UGC) விதிமுறையின்படி ஊக்கத் தொகையினையும் வழங்கியது.

தொல்லியல் ஆய்வு அறிஞர்கள், மொழியியல் பண்பாட்டியல் அறிஞர்களைக் கொண்டு பயிற்சி அளிக்கப்பட்டது. மேலும் கள ஆய்வின் ஒரு பகுதியாக உ.வே.சா நூலகம், சென்னை அண்ணா நூற்றாண்டு நூலகம், அரசினர் கீழ்திசை சுவடிகள் நூலகம் ஆகிய இடங்களுக்கு அழைத்துச் செல்லப்பட்டது.

இப்பயிற்சியில் நமது கல்லூரியின் சார்பாகத் தமிழ்த்துறைப் பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் ச.கண்ணதாசன், முனைவர் க. கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி ஆகிய இருவரும் கல்லூரியின் முன் அனுமதியினைப் பெற்று இப்பயிற்சில் பங்கேற்றுப் பயன் பெற்றனர். தாங்கள் பெற்ற அறிவு சார்ந்த தகவல்களை மாணவர்களிடம் பகிர்ந்துக் கொண்டனர்.