



MAR THOMA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, PERUMBAVOOR

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The Department of English

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**The College Development Council
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam**

Mar Thoma Research Foundation and IQAC

organises

TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE



AT THE FAULTLINES OF SURVIVAL: READING VULNERABILITY AND PRECARITY IN CONTEMPORARY INDIAN NARRATIVES

(A collaborative initiative under MoUs with Sanatana Dharma College, Alappuzha, Sree Sankara College, Kalady, MES College, Kunnukara, and Union Christian College, Aluva)

4-5 March 2025

About the College

Mar Thoma College for Women has, since its inception in 1982, been striving towards excellence in all spheres of higher education, catering to the educational requirements of women from various parts of the state. Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, the College offers graduate and post-graduate courses in various disciplines. The dynamic academic ambience, along with state-of-the-art infrastructure, has fostered a culture of research, innovation and interdisciplinary learning in the institution. Accredited with A+ grade by NAAC and ranked 84th in the Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF), the College continues to mould generations of women into progressive thinkers and leaders contributing to the society in multifarious ways.

The Department of English

Since its inception in 1999, the Department of English has been a beacon of excellence, shaping generations of students into articulate, creative, and highly competent professionals. Offering a BA English (Honours) programme with specialization in Cultural Studies, the department provides an intellectually stimulating environment that nurtures critical thinking and innovation. The Department boasts of various innovative practices that not only enrich the academic ambience, but also contribute to the society at large. Our best practices include the facilitation of student research through the Research Forum and fostering creativity among students and teachers through ART-TRY, an initiative promoting artistic endeavors within the Department. Our community-intervention services include the conduct of Communicative English classes for underprivileged children through AGAPPE, and editing and proofreading services for academia and industry alike through Incandescence Language Consultancy Services (ILCS). The Department also boasts of a Drama Club and a Centre for Gender Studies, apart from numerous other initiatives that spur the creativity and critical thinking skills of students, enabling them to flourish in diverse fields.

The Mar Thoma Research Foundation

The Mar Thoma Research Foundation serves as the apex body for promoting and advancing research at Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor. Committed to fostering a strong research culture, the Foundation emphasizes on critical thinking, innovative scholarship and societal intervention. Students and members of the faculty are encouraged to undertake research activities, contributing meaningfully to the academia and to the society at large. Serving as a platform for academic discussions and collaboration, the MTRF plays a pivotal role in shaping the research ecosystem of the institution, creating an ambience conducive to academic growth and research excellence

Programme Schedule

Day 1 (4 March 2025)

9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

Registration

10.00 a.m.- 10.30 a.m.

Inaugural Ceremony

Prayer

Welcome Address

Dr. Sangeetha Rachel Koruth
Head, Department of English

Presidential Address

Dr. Letha P. Cheriyan
Principal

Inaugural Address

Dr. Chinmay Murali, Assistant Professor (English)
S.D. College, Alappuzha

Felicitations

Dr. Vineedkumar K., IQAC Coordinator

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Minu Susan Koshy, Programme Coordinator

10.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m.

Plenary Lecture I

Chair: Dr. Sangeetha Rachel Koruth, Assistant Professor and Head, Dept. of English,
Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor

Lecture: “Visualizing Vulnerability: Women’s Infertility Memoirs and Graphic Medicine”

Dr. Chinmay Murali
Assistant Professor (English)
S.D.College
Alappuzha

11.45 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Tea Break

12.00 p.m.– 1.15 p.m.

Keynote Address

Chair: Ms. Roshin T. Roy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College for
Women, Perumbavoor

Lecture: “Singlehood in Contemporary Indian Films: Vulnerability or Resilience?”

Dr. Oindri Roy
Assistant Professor (English)
Aliah University, Kolkata

1.15 p.m.- 1.45 p.m.

Lunch Break

1.45 p.m. -3.00 p.m.

Plenary Lecture II

Chair: Ms. Preethi Sara Joseph, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor

Lecture: “Crafting the Witch: Witch(craft) Hunt Narratives and Vulnerabilities”

Mr. Alwin Alexander
Assistant Professor (English),
Union Christian College
Aluva

3.00 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.

Tea Break

3.15 p.m – 4.30 p.m.

Panel I

Panel I

Fragments of the Past: Reading Memory, Trauma, and the Quest for Justice

Venue: P.G. Seminar Hall

Chair: Ms. Roshin T. Roy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor

Presenters:

1. **Vinu Varghese Kurian (Assistant Professor, St. Stephen’s College, Pathanapuram):** Vulnerability and Precarious Memories: Reading *Kashmir Files* and *Andhar Badhirar Mookar*
2. **Sweta S. Kumar (Content Writer, Global Surf, Kochi):** Precarious Pasts: A Reading on Memory-Induced Vulnerability in Subhash Chandran’s *Samudrasila*
3. **Sneha Bhanu Menon (PG Student, St.Xavier’s College for Women, Aluva):** Delving into Engrossing Biopics: Justice Delayed and Denied for Savarkar and Sarbjit
4. **Anjana M Rajesh and Gouri Krishna V.A. (PG Student, St. Xavier’s College for Women, Aluva):** Manifestation of Collective Trauma in *Anandhabhadram* and 9
5. **Aaysha Humayoon Kabeer (Research Scholar, Lovely Professional University)** Exile at Home: Embodied Vulnerability and the Cultural Trauma of Crisis
6. **Aswathy G Babu (Research Scholar, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla):** Materializing Vulnerability: Navigating the Trauma of Displacement and Social Invisibility of Indian Jews in *The Teak Almirah* by Jael Silliman

Day 2 (5 March 2025)

9.30 a.m.- 10.45 a.m. Plenary Lecture III

Chair: Ms. Chaithanya Elsa Achankunju, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor

Lecture: “Shared Vulnerability Beyond the Human: Introspecting Representations of 'Injurability' in Select Indian Narratives”

Dr. Rajeesh K.P.
Assistant Professor (English),
Sree Sankara College
Kalady

10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Tea Break

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Panel II (Virtual Session)

Panel II (Online)

Resisting Precarity: Reading Gender, Subalternity and Resistance in Contemporary Narratives

Venue: P.G. Seminar Hall

Chair: Dr. Rajeesh K.P., Assistant Professor (English), Sree Sankara College, Kalady

Presenters:

1. **Dr. Harleen Kaur (Assistant Professor, Multani Mal Modi College, Patiala, Punjab):** Gender, Violence, and Resistance in MC Jithin's *Sookshmadarshini*
2. **Dr. Debobani Biswas (Assistant Professor, The Neotia University, Kolkata):** Voices from the Margins: Gendered Vulnerability and Resistance in Dalit Women's Narratives
3. **Himadri Gogoi (Research Scholar, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya) and Dr. Gayatri Das (Assistant Professor, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya):** Birthing Inequality: Precarity and the Economics of Surrogacy in *A House for Happy Mothers*
4. **Dr. Alizehra Haider Raza (Assistant Professor, Parul University):** Precarious Lives, Powerful Rhymes: Poetry as an Act of Indigenous Resistance

5. **Insha Qayoom Shah (Independent Scholar) and Dr. Sheetal Lalotra (Guest Faculty, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh):** Life Amidst Conflict: Analyzing Farah Bashir's *Rumours of Spring* through the Lens of Vulnerability Studies

6. **Nishtha Pandey (Independent Scholar):** Postcolonial Precarity and the Hungryalists

12.00 pm- 1.00 p.m.

Panel III

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Intersecting Vulnerabilities: Gender, Power and Precarity in Cultural Expressions

Venue: P.G. Seminar Hall

Chair: Ms. Sreedevi N.S., Assistant Professor and Head (English), Sree Sankara College, Kalady

Presenters:

1. **Surya R (Research Scholar, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kollam):** Vulnerable Bodies Navigating Precarious Lives: A Study of Widowed Elderly Women Depicted in Select Films.
2. **Annet Anna Koshy (PG Student, Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta):** Lullabies of Oppression: Unveiling Gendered Vulnerabilities in Malayalam Lullabies
3. **Sahala Zanam (PG Student, St.Xavier's College, Aluva):** Emergence of 'New Powers': Reading Characters in South Indian Cinema
4. **Mathiusinliu Clare T Panmei and Kedinsi Nchang (MA Students, St. Xavier's College, Aluva):** Understanding Gender and Vulnerability in a Conflict: The Case of Manipur
5. **Aiswarya L R (Research Scholar, Mar Ivanios College , Thiruvananthapuram):** Gender Precarity and Vulnerability Amidst the Covid-19 Lockdown: A Critical Study on the Malayalam Movie *Wolf*
6. **Chaithanya Elsa Achankunju (Assistant Professor, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor):** Politics of Governmentality and Power Amplifying Vulnerability in *The Plague Upon Us*

1.00 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Lunch Break

1.30 p.m. -2.45 p.m.

Plenary Lecture IV

Chair: Dr. Minu Susan Koshy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor

Lecture: "Resilient Voices: Disability, Vulnerability and Survival in Indian Narratives"

Ms. Haifa N.K.

Assistant Professor (English),

MES College

Kunnukara

2.45 p.m.- 3.00 p.m.

Tea Break

3.00 p.m. -4.00 p.m.

Panel IV

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**Precarious Lives: Reading Human Rights Violations and Environmental Crisis
in Contemporary Narratives**

Venue: P.G. Seminar Hall

Chair: Ms. Abina Sulhath, Assistant Professor (English), MES College, Kunnukara

Presenters:

1. **Vivek Madhu Kaippilly (Research Scholar, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam)** The Everlasting Thirst for Humanity: Understanding the Different Degrees of Helplessness
2. **Sandra Lis Sebastian (Research Scholar, Sacred Heart College, Thevara) and Dr. Rajesh M. (Assistant Professor, Sacred Heart College, Thevara):** The Waste of Humanity: Reading *Perariyathavar* through Human Rights and Vulnerability Studies
3. **Neethu Varghese (Assistant Professor, BCM College, Kottayam):** Surviving Surveillance: Gender, Biopolitics and Illness Narratives
4. **Aiswarya Ashok (PG Student, Kerala University) and Aswathi Santhosh(MA Student, Kerala University):** Precarious Labour and Social Injustice in "Bethimaran"
5. **Diya Saji (PG Student, Sacred Heart College, Thevara) and Angel Raju (PG Student, Sacred Heart College, Thevara)** The Silent Scars: Unravelling the Endosulfan Tragedy Through the Lens of Environmental and Gender Vulnerability
6. **Maria Sebastian (Research Scholar, CMS College, Kottayam)** Climate Change and Disillusionment: Analysing Vulnerability and Precarity of Women in Postcolonial India

4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Valedictory Session

Prayer

Welcome Address

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Head, Department of English

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Dr. Letha P. Cheriyan

Principal

Feedback

Certificate Distribution

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Minu Susan Koshy, Conference Coordinator

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