

GAZZETTA ANGLORUM

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

My dear 'English'ians,

As I peruse the vibrant spectrum of academic, cultural, and co-curricular activities that have unfurled from the Department of English over the past academic year, I am suffused with a sense of quiet pride and intellectual satisfaction. This chronicle of engagements stands not merely as a list of events but as a



testimony to the department's resolute commitment to fostering critical inquiry, creativity, inclusivity, and social consciousness among our students.

From the verdant symbolism of the Environment Day treeplanting initiative to the nuanced explorations of Ecocriticism, from the intellectually resonant webinars on Disability Studies and Indigenous Art Forms to the pulsating energy of 'Rhapsodia Literaria' and 'Aura 2025', the department has curated a year of robust academic vigour and cultural vitality. The English Association's reawakening, the celebration of Translation Day with Sri K. B. Prasannakumar, and the spotlight on MT Vasudevan Nair's literary genius are milestones that reaffirm the department's literary sensitivity and social engagement.

The accomplishments of our faculty and students deserve special mention. Dr. Paul Jacob's doctoral triumph, Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy's elevation as a Research Supervisor, and Sub Lt. Justin J Thomas' successful commissioning into NCC (Naval)reflect the academic and civic leadership ethos we uphold. Equally commendable are our studentseloquent orators, budding scholars, media enthusiasts-who have brought home accolades, presented papers at national and international forums, and emerged as conscientious voices in their respective domains.

The pedagogic initiatives-from certificate courses in multimedia journalism to interdisciplinary quizzes, from dramatic interventions through Spotlight 2.0 to career guidance programmes-resonate with a future-forward vision rooted in liberal humanism. In all these, I see the essence of a department that not only teaches English but teaches through English: to think critically, to express fearlessly, and to engage meaningfully.

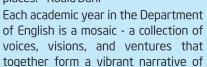
To the faculty, I extend my gratitude for their scholarly zeal and pedagogic commitment. To our students, my warmest congratulations-you are the living, breathing testimony of the department's enduring excellence.

May the pages of Gazzetta Anglorum Vol 7 continue to echo with words that illuminate, challenge, and inspire.

Prof. Dr. Indulal G.

HOD'S MESSAGE

"And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you, because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places."- Roald Dahl





learning and growth. Gazzetta Anglorum stands as a testament to that journey.

This edition documents not just our events, but the spirit behind them - the intellectual curiosity of our students, the creative spark of our faculty, and the quiet dedication that underpins it all. From literary fests to research presentations, from classroom moments to university ranks, from rehearsals to triumphs, every page reflects our commitment to both academic rigour and artistic expression.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this rich tapestry of a year, and to Dr Paul Jacob and his team behind this newsletter for capturing it so thoughtfully.

May these pages not only preserve memories, but also inspire the stories yet to come. Best regards,

Dr. Gem Cherian

ASSOCIATION INSIGHTS

As the academic year concludes, the English Association extends its sincere gratitude to all who contributed to a truly enriching period.

This year saw the successful execution of a diverse range of initiatives, each designed to foster intellectual growth and cultural engagement within the English Department. The success of



these endeavors was a testament to the collaborative spirit of the faculty, whose unwavering guidance proved invaluable. The dedication of the executive committee and enthusiastic volunteers was instrumental in bringing these programs to fruition. Crucially, the active participation and keen engagement of students, the very heart of the department, animated every event and served as the ultimate measure of the Association's impact.

As the torch is passed, confidence remains high that the English Association will continue its vital role, building upon the established foundations. Continued active involvement from all members of the departmental community is encouraged to ensure the sustained growth and vibrancy of this essential organization.

Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim, President, English Association 2024-25



EDITOR'S NOTE



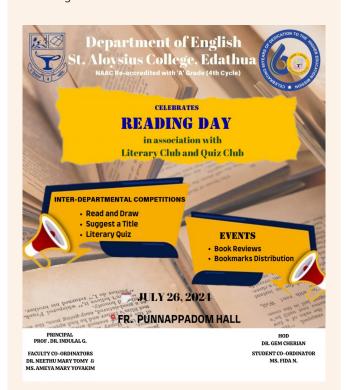
It is with considerable enthusiasm that we present the seventh issue of Gazetta Anglorum. This newsletter serves as a vibrant chronicle of the myriad activities, initiatives, and achievements that have enriched the Department of English at St. Aloysius College, Edathua during the academic

year 2024-25. It is our privilege to celebrate the collective spirit of learning, creativity, and engagement that defines our department. We trust you will find this glimpse into a year filled with intellectual discourse, artistic expression, and remarkable accomplishments both informative and inspiring.

Dr. Paul Jacob

Reading Day Programme

The Department of English organised a vibrant and engaging Reading Day Programme on 26th July 2024, designed to cultivate a love for reading and enhance literary appreciation among students. The celebration included diverse activities such as 'Read and Draw', a Literary Quiz, 'Suggest a Title', Book Reviews, and Bookmarks Distribution. Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy and Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim ensured the smooth running of this enriching event.



Disability Studies Webinar

A insightful webinar on "Disability Studies: An Introduction" was organised by the Department on 18th July 2024. The objective was to broaden understanding and foster inclusivity regarding disability. Mr. Aby Johny, Assistant Professor of English, St. Dominic's College, Kanjirapally, served as the esteemed Resource Person, with Sub Lt. lustin I Thomas coordinating the event.



Environment Day Celebrations

On 5th June 2024, the Department meticulously planned and executed World Environment Day celebrations, aiming to raise awareness about environmental conservation and promote sustainable practices. The day featured a tree plantation drive, a letter writing competition on "A Letter from Nature to Us," and a seminar titled "Reading for Resilience: Ecocriticism and Strategies for a Sustainable Future." Dr. Paul Jacob and Sub Lt. Justin J Thomas expertly coordinated this vital programme.





Webinar on International Day of World Indigenous Peoples

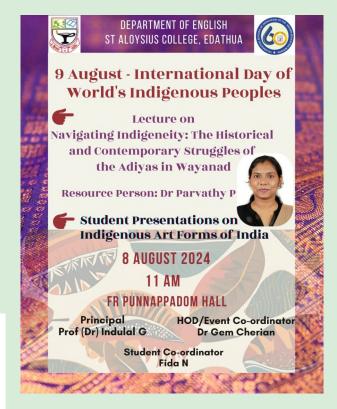
To honour and explore the rich cultural heritage of indigenous communities, the Department of English organised an invited lecture on 8th August 2024 by Dr. Parvathy P, former Faculty of the Department, as part of International Day of World Indigenous Peoples. Dr. Gem Cherian coordinated this culturally significant programme. Following the lecture, students showcased India's diverse indigenous art forms through a series of captivating presentations, including:

- 1. Gadhika Fida N, III BA
- 2. Vattakkali Geo, III BA
- 3. Sarpamthullal Muhsin, II BA
- 4. Mudivattam Karthika Babukuttan, IBA
- 5. Tribal Paintings Sharan, IBA

Certificate Course: English for Multimedia Journalism

The Department organised a certificate course on 'English for Multimedia Journalism: Reporting and Anchoring', aimed at equipping students with practical skills essential for a career in multimedia journalism. Ten students from various departments successfully completed the course, coordinated by Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy.





International Youth Day: Open Mic Talent Fest

To celebrate the spirit of youth and provide a platform for artistic expression, an Open Mic Talent Fest was organised on 12th August 2024 as part of International Youth Day. Twenty-three students from the department showcased their diverse artistic skills through live drawing, declamation, book reviews, solo performances, and group songs. Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim coordinated this lively event.





World Photography Day Celebrations

To encourage visual creativity and observation, the department marked World Photography Day on 19th August 2024 with a Photo Exhibition on the theme 'Shades of Perception', alongside a Photography Competition and a Caption Writing contest. Ms. Cibyna Thomas coordinated these visually engaging activities.



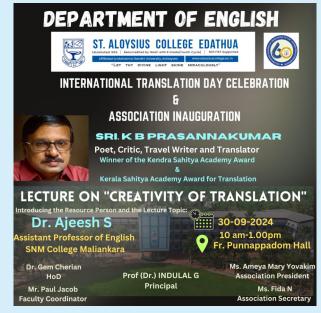
Spelling Bee Competition: 'lust a Word'

On 30th August, the Department organised an interdepartmental Spelling Bee Competition titled 'Just a Word', designed to enhance vocabulary and spelling proficiency among students. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation across various departments. Geo George (III BA English) secured the first prize, Nithin Raj (III BA English) the second, and Aswin Omanakuttan (II B. Com Computer) the third. Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy served as the coordinator for this competitive event.



English Association Inauguration, International Translation Day & Newsletter Release

A significant event took place on 30th September 2024, as the Department of English, St. Aloysius College, Edathua, hosted a programme to commemorate International Translation Day and officially launch the English Association. The purpose was to highlight the importance of translation and inaugurate the departmental association. The programme featured a captivating lecture on "Creativity of Translation" delivered by Sri. K B Prasannakumar, a renowned Indian translator. The Department Newsletter, Gazetta Anglorum Volume 6, was also officially released by the chief guest. Dr. Paul Jacob and Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim coordinated this momentous occasion.









'RI HUNT 2.0'

The Aloysian Media Club, in association with the Department of English, successfully conducted the 'RJ HUNT 2.0' programme on 24th July 2024. This event aimed to identify and nurture budding radio personalities among the student body. Archana S (IB.Sc Physics) was deservedly selected as the Best Student RJ for the academic year 2024-25.







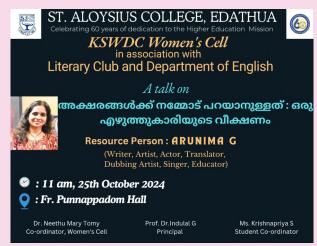
PTA Meeting

A Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting for all degree classes was arranged on 10th October 2024, facilitating crucial communication and collaboration between parents and faculty regarding student progress and welfare.



Lecture by Arunima G

The Women's Cell, in association with the Department of English, organised a lecture by Arunima G titled 'അംക്ഷരങ്ങൾക്ക് നമ്മോട് പറയാനുള്ളത്: ഒരു എഴുത്തുകാരിയുടെ വീക്ഷണം" (What Letters Have to Tell Us: A Writer's Perspective) on 25th October 2024. The lecture aimed to provide students with insights into the creative process from a writer's viewpoint. Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy coordinated this enriching session.



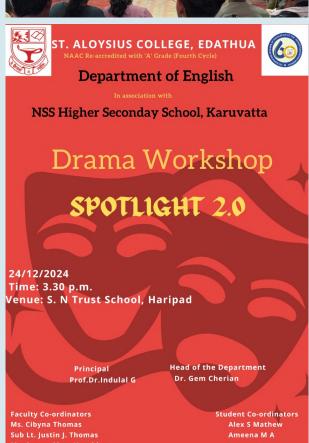




Drama Workshop: 'Spotlight 2.0'

The Department of English organised a drama workshop, 'Spotlight 2.0', on 26th December 2024 for NSS volunteers of DBHSS, Thakazhy, and on 24th December 2024 for NSS Higher Secondary School, Karuvatta. The workshop's objective was to stimulate interest and engagement in drama among young students. Nine students from our department led the workshop, guiding participants through various activities and exercises. Ms. Cibyna Thomas, Sub Lt. Justin J Thomas, and Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim coordinated this outreach programme.







Career | wala

Career Guidance Session: "Career Jwala," a comprehensive career guidance session, was successfully conducted on 31st December 2024, from 1:45 PM to 3:45 PM in Fr. Punnapadom Hall. Organised by the Department of English in collaboration with the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau (MG University, Kottayam), the session aimed to provide valuable career insights and guidance to students. Fifty-one students participated in this beneficial session, coordinated by Ms. Cibyna Thomas.







RHAPSODIA LITERARIA 2025

Sixth edition of the all Kerala Literary Fest: Rhapsodia Literaria 2025, the All Kerala Literary Fest for schools and colleges, was proudly hosted by the Department of English, St. Aloysius College Edathua, on 30th January 2025. This grand event aimed to foster literary talent and promote a love for language and literature across Kerala. Dr. Paul Jacob coordinated this magnificent literary extravaganza. It featured a series of exciting literary competitions:

In the Prof. Ommen Mathew Memorial Poetry Recitation Competition for College Students, 'VERSE'AURA (SENIOR)', Maria Joseph Anto from Bishop Moore College, Mavelikkara, won the First Prize. Athulya S Menon of CMS College, Kottayam, secured Second, and Feba Sabu from St. Thomas College, Kolencherry, took Third.

The 'VERSE'AURA (JUNIOR)' Poetry Recitation Competition for School Students (Classes 9-12) saw Anushka Nibu from Mathews Mar Athanasius Residential School, Chengannur, achieve First Prize. Her schoolmates, Iosia Elsa Mathew and Angelina Alice, secured Second and Third respectively.

The highly competitive Prof. Sebastian Joseph Memorial Debate Competition, 'POLEMISTA', concluded with Athulya S Menon and Gouri Krishna from CMS College, Kottayam, as the victorious team. Karishma Elizabeth Geevarghse and Safin Thomas Cherian of Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla, came in Second, while Abyson Ninan and Amal Kappil from Kristhu Jyothy College, Chethippuzha, secured Third. Karishma Elizabeth Geevarghse from Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla was named the Best Debater.

Finally, the Prof. P. V Joseph Memorial English Literary Quiz Competition for College Students, 'RAPIDE LITTERATURA', challenged participants' literary knowledge. Greeshma C Prasad and Bhadra Krishna Kumar from Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta, won the First Prize. Rhon Thomas and Malavika R, along with Rahul Jacob Alex and Anjali H, both pairs from St. Berchman's College, Changanacherry, secured Second and Third Prizes respectively.

CMS College, Kottayam, emerged as the overall champions of Rhapsodia Literaria 2025.









Media Literacy Quiz

The Media Club, in association with the Department of English and the Quiz Club, successfully conducted a Media Literacy Quiz at Fr. Punnapadom Hall on 17th January 2025. The quiz's purpose was to enhance students' understanding and critical evaluation of media. Geo George and Nithin Raj OV (III BA English) secured the First Prize, while Arjun Shaji and Adhithya Pradeep (II BCom Finance and Tax) claimed the Second Prize. Ms. Cibyna Thomas served as the quiz master.

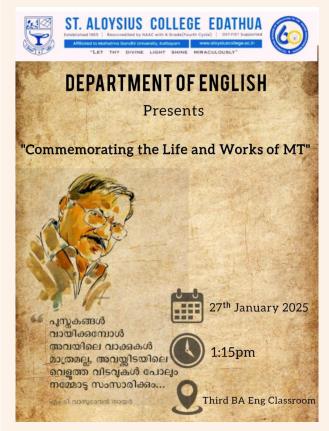






Commemorating M.T. Vasudevan Nair

The department gathered in the Third BA English Classroom on 27th January 2025, at 1:15 PM, to commemorate the life, works, and craftsmanship of the renowned Malayalam writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair. The objective was to honour his literary contributions and deepen students' appreciation for his work. Students made insightful presentations on his various works. Dr. Gem Cherian coordinated this commemorative event.







Aura 2025: Interdepartmental Media Fest

The Media Club and NSS, in association with the Department of English, organised an interdepartmental Media Fest, Aura 2025, on 20th and 21st February 2025. This fest aimed to encourage media literacy and creative expression across departments. The Research and Postgraduate Department of Commerce were crowned the overall Champions. Ms. Cibyna Thomas coordinated this vibrant media celebration.



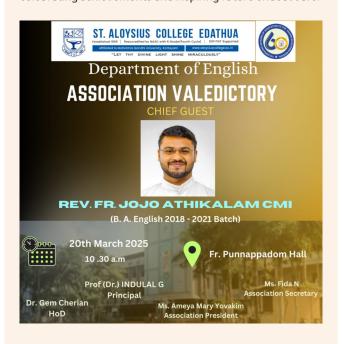




Association Valedictory

The Department of English, St. Aloysius College, Edathua, conducted the Valedictory Function of the English Association for the academic year 2024-2025 on 20th March 2025 at Fr. Punnappadom Hall. The event commenced with a silent prayer, setting a solemn and reflective tone for the occasion. The Head of the Department, Dr. Gem Cherian, warmly welcomed the gathering and highlighted the department's vibrant academic and co-curricular engagements throughout the year. This was followed by the Presidential Address delivered by Dr. Santy Joseph, Vice Principal of the college, who appreciated the association's efforts and encouraged students to pursue excellence in literature and life. Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim, the Association President, presented a detailed report of the year's activities, which included literary events, competitions, lectures, and club initiatives that contributed to the holistic development of students. The keynote address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Jojo Athikalam CMI, an alumnus of the department (B.A. English 2018-2021 batch), who reflected on his time at the college and offered insightful guidance to the current students. His presence as Chief Guest added an inspirational dimension to the event.

As a gesture of appreciation, mementos and certificates were presented to students and volunteers who contributed to the success of various departmental activities. An engaging experience-sharing session followed, in which Mr. Sanath N S (III BA English) spoke about his enriching experience as a participant in the Republic Day Camp (RDC), motivating his peers with his journey. The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Athul R (III BA English), expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty, guests, and students who made the event a memorable one. The Valedictory Function marked a fitting end to a fruitful academic year, celebrating achievements and inspiring future endeavours.



REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS **FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS**

Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy

- Recognised as Research Guide in English (under M. G. University, Kottayam) at S. B College, Changanacherry on 14 October 2024.
- Invited lecture on "Perspectives on Interpretation: Literature, Culture and Film in Context" as part of the English Association inauguration "Lit-Gala" held at Mar Gregorios' College of Arts and Science, Punnapra on 2 Dec 2024.
- Chaired a technical session in the national seminar on "Films and Contemporary Narratives" organized by Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla on February 27, 2025.
- Published a paper titled "Subverting hegemonic perceptions: decoding the liberated tribal woman in Ayyappanum Koshyum" in Feminist Media Studies by Routledge Publications (Scopus Indexed Q1) on 4 June 2024.
- Published a chapter titled "Wayanad's Wake-up Call: A Dark Ecological Perspective" in the book Research Frontiers in Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce and Mangament Vol. 2 (ISBN: 978-81-981907-8-9) in October 2024.
- Published a chapter titled "Digital Story Telling: The Impact of AI and English on Indian Food Culture" in the book "The Changing Landscape of Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce and Management" (ISBN: 978-93-48620-28-6) in April 2025.
- Presented a paper titled "The Representation of Ageing in Malayalam Cinema: A Post-2010 Perspective" at the third International Conference ELCC 2024 on 15 December 2024.
- Presented a paper titled "Ageing in the Digital Age: Intergenerational Dynamics and Social Justicein Malayalam Films" in the National Seminar on Democracy, Constitution and Social Justice at St. Aloysius College, Edathua on 10.1.25.

Presented a paper titled "The Twilight Narrative: Explaining the Socio-Cultural Inflections of Ageing as Depicted in Contemporary Malayalam Cinematic Discourse" in the National Conference on Linguistics, Indian Literature, Cultural Studies and Media Studies conducted by CLRD, Maharashtra on 4 May 2025.

Dr. Gem Cherian

• Completed the NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC) Organized by UGC-MMTTC, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram from 01-04-2025 to 11-04-2025.



• Completed the Online Weeklong FDP on Academic Writing & Publication organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Tezpur University in association with Debraj Roy College, Golaghat & Tezpur College, Sonitpur during 03-09 July 2024.

Dr. Paul Jacob

- Received PhD from LPU, Punjab.
- Published a paper titled "The Unspoken Zeitgeist: A Cultural Materialist Exploration of Structures of Feeling in Olga Tokarczuk's Fictional World" in Library Progress International, eISSN: 2320-317X, Vol.44 No.3 (2024).
- Chaired a technical session during the International conference organised by The Achiever's Foundation for English Studies (TAFFES), MMMUT, Gorakhpur, UP and LLNH Girls College, Una (HP) during 14 to 15 December
- Presented a Paper in the International conference on Sustainable Global Goals in World Literature and Contemporary Studies: Remodelling Gnoseological Interlinkage organised by The Achiever's Foundation for English Studies (TAFFES), MMMUT, Gorakhpur, UP and LLNH Girls College, Una (HP) during 14 to 15 December 2024: "Ecofeminist Visions of Justice: Unveiling Patriarchal Violence and Animal Rights Advocacy in Drive Your Plow over the Bones of the Dead and Spoor".
- Presented a paper in the National Seminar on Democracy, Constitution and Social Justice sponsored by Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala in association with Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 10th January 2025. "When the Water Rise, We All Float Together: A Social Model Analysis of Disability Representative in the Malayalam Movie 2018".

Ms. Cibyna Thomas

Served as evaluator of YIP 6.0

S. Lt. Justin J. Thomas

- Completed 75 days of Pre-Commission (PRCN) Training at the NCC Officers Training Academy, Kamptee (Nagpur) and was commissioned in the rank of Sub Lieutenant in October 2024.
- Completed the Coursera Certificate Course Transmedia Storytelling: Narrative worlds, emerging technologies, and global audiences offered by the University of New South Wales, Sydney in July 2024.

Chaired a paper presentation session at the National Seminar on "Digital Storytelling and New Media Formats" organized by the Media Club of St. Aloysius College, Edathua on 23 January 2025.

Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim

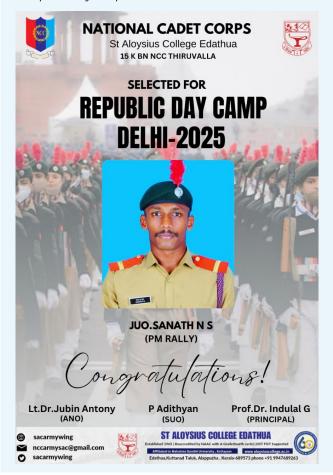
• Participated in the Faculty Induction Programme conducted by MMTTC Kannur University from 14 November 2024 to 11December 2024.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

• Krishnapriya S (2023-2025) achieved the second rank in the B.A. English Model II University Examination, a truly commendable academic feat.



• Mr. Sanath N S of III BA English proudly participated in the Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi.





- Mr. Alex S Mathew (I B.A. English) secured an 'A' Grade for elocution (Malayalam) in the MGU Youth Festival 2024-25.
- Mr. Alex S Mathew of II BA English secured the first prize in the A.D. Shroff Memorial Elocution Competition and the second prize in the National Youth Day Elocution Day contest, organised by the District Collectorate Alappuzha and SVEEP.



- Anujith S of II BA English participated in a University-level Adventure Camp at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Arts and Science, Idukki.
- Mr. Arjun S Anilkumar of II BA English participated in the PRD Camp organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Regional Director of NSS Bangalore, and Davangere University.



• Arun Sankar, Sharan R & Abin Robin presented a paper on "Performativity and Liminality in Vettakkorumakan Ritual Tradition Practised in Kerala" at the bilingual international seminar on folk cultures, organised by the School of Letters, Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam on 24th October 2024.



• Sharan R presented a paper on "The Evolving Narrative: Social Media, Videos, and Cinema" at the one-day online conference on Digital Storytelling and New Media Formats, organised by the media club on 23rd January 2025.



• Sharan R & Karthika Babukuttan presented a paper on "Exploring the Narrative Perspectives in Chekhov's "The Chameleon: an Analytical Study" at the Anton Chekhov Festival, organised by the Honorary Consulate of the Russian Federation Thiruvananthapuram in association with the IQAC, Departments of English & Malayalam, Govt. College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram on 28th January 2025.



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