



ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (Autonomous), PALAYAMKOTTAI – 627 002.

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ENGLISH RESEARCH CENTRE (2011)

The English Research Centre witnessed significant academic activities during the 2024-2025 academic year. Three full-time and one part-time research scholar were admitted under the guidance of faculty members. In terms of research progress, Dr. V. Ajitha successfully defended her thesis on postcolonial themes in Ben Okri's fiction, while Pre-PhD presentations were conducted for Ms. R. Gurunagalakshmi and Mr. Oswin Barnabas. Ms. R. Gurunagalakshmi also submitted her thesis in March 2025. Scholars actively contributed to academic discussions by presenting research papers at national and international seminars on diverse topics, including postcolonial studies, ecofeminism, digital humanities, and partition narratives. Additionally, they participated in various conferences and workshops focused on translation, literary criticism, AI in research, and interdisciplinary studies. Specialized training sessions on bibliometrics, research methodologies, and AI tools for education further enhanced their academic competencies.

The research centre also saw significant scholarly publications. Several scholars published research articles in SCOPUS-indexed journals, covering themes such as migration, race-based trauma, and literary critiques. Others contributed to reputed interdisciplinary journals with papers on feminism, trauma narratives, and postcolonial literature. Faculty development and training programs played a crucial role in strengthening research capabilities, with scholars attending multiple FDPs and short-term training programs on AI in research, literary theory, research writing, and patent filing. To further augment their academic credentials, some scholars completed certification courses, including SWAYAM courses on soft skills and AI-related subjects. These activities collectively reflect the Centre's commitment to advancing research, fostering academic discussions, and equipping scholars with the necessary skills for future academic and professional pursuits.