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Annual Report 2024 - 2025

FOLKLORE RESEARCH CENTRE (1992)

The PG & Research Department of Folklore at SXC organized various academic and cultural events under its association, Manavar Manram, throughout the 2024–2025 academic year. The association was inaugurated on July 25, 2024, with an address by Dr. Samuel Asir Raj. Subsequent meetings featured diverse activities, including a documentary screening by filmmaker K. Ramachandran, book reviews by student Ms. P. Anzanai, an interaction with puppeteer Mr. Raju Rao, and a discussion with poet Ms. M. Indhumathi. The valedictory function was scheduled for March 12, 2025, featuring Dr. V. Manickam as the keynote speaker. Additionally, the department hosted a Workshop on Folkloristics in collaboration with MSU colleges on September 12, 2024, with expert lectures by eminent scholars.

A Divisional Level Folk Arts Festival took place on January 10, 2025, featuring traditional performances such as Villuppattu, Tholpavaikuthu, and Therukuthu. The Prof. Tho. Pa. Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Bhakthavatsala Bharathy on February 18, 2025. The department also conducted the Dr. S.D. Lourdu Endowment Lectures on February 19, 2025, and the Rev. Fr. V. Britto S.J. Endowment Lecture on February 26, 2025, with the release of monographs from past years. An interaction with author Dr. T. Sanathanan took place on February 16, 2025, focusing on his book on Jaffna murals. Additionally, the department organized around ten Na. Va. Karkai Vattam events, seven Ki. Ra. Kathai Solli Koottam sessions, and three film screenings as part of the DoF Film Club. These initiatives highlighted the department's dedication to folklore research, cultural preservation, and academic discourse.