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organizes

A Two-Day National Level Externship on **Ecological Concerns through Eco-Narratives**

(As a part of Research Project entitled "Developing Scientific Temper through Eco-Narratives in Indian Literature among the Students of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu")



06 January 2024 & 17 February 2024
(Phase I) (Phase II)



Madurai Kamaraj University
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Department of English



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Madurai Kamaraj University

Madurai Kamaraj University (MKU), a state university, founded in 1966, was honoured in 2007 as an academic institution with the potential to achieve excellence in "Teaching, Research and Outreach". The University is accredited with "A++" Grade in the NAAC assessment in its fourth cycle in 2021. Faculty members and students of MKU are actively engaged in cutting-edge researches contributing to the advancement of knowledge and technology. The research programmes in many academic departments of MKU are sponsored by funding agencies like DST, MHRD, ICSSR, DRDO, ICAR, DBT, DAE-BRNS, CSIR, UGC, MOEF, etc. With a determined social commitment, Madurai Kamaraj University has actively been participating in community development programmes as well.

Directorate of Distance Education

The Directorate of Distance Education at Madurai Kamaraj University established in 1971 has been a pioneer in providing quality education beyond the traditional classroom settings. The Distance Education programs at Madurai Kamaraj University encompass a broad spectrum of Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Diploma and Certificate courses, catering to the educational needs of working professionals, homemakers, and individuals seeking flexible learning options. In fact the Directorate of Distance Education at MKU is a leading authority in the field of Distance Learning, influencing the educational landscape via its dedication to quality and inclusiveness. The Directorate of Distance Education, MKU, has earned recognition for its degrees, meeting the rigorous standards set by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Distance Education Bureau (DEB). This acknowledgement underscores the MKU's dedication to maintaining high educational standards in the realm of Distance Learning. In essence, MKU stands as an eminent force in the realm of distance learning, shaping the educational landscape with its commitment to excellence.

Department of English

The Department of English of the Directorate of Distance Education, Madurai Kamaraj University has been working on a project entitled "Developing Scientific Temper through Eco-Narratives in Indian Literature among the students of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu", funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. As a part of this research project, the Department plans to conduct a Two-Day Externship (in two Phases) on ecological concerns among the students of higher education.

About Externship



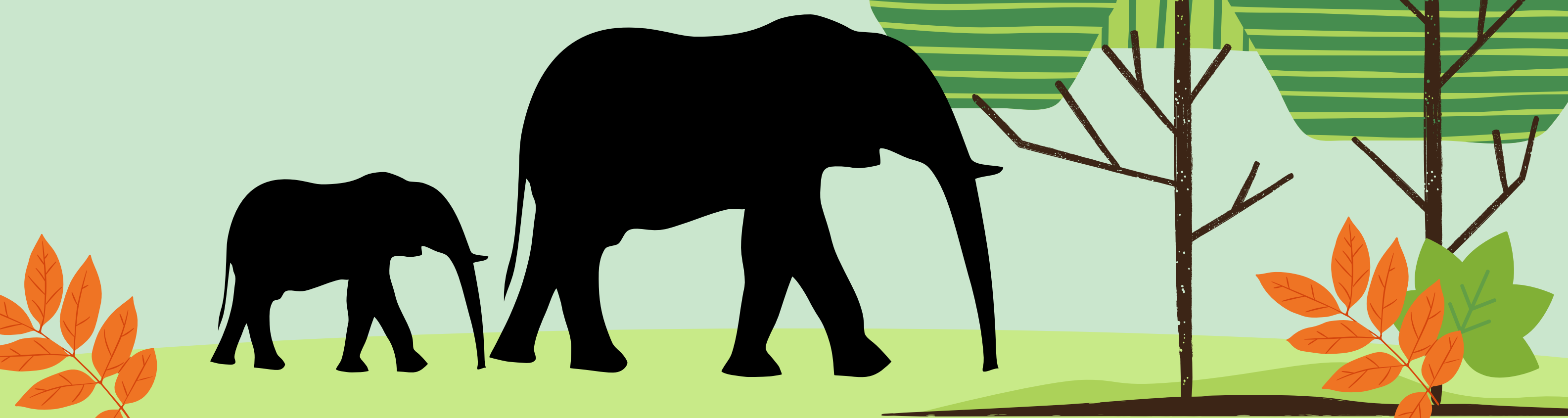
In the era of the Anthropocene, inculcating Ecological Consciousness in young minds is a need of the hour. In the present global scenario, India; as a developing country, resolved in its G20 Summit in 2023, to give highest and foremost priority to Green Development, Climate Finance and LiFE. "Science Communication Research and Science Media and Developing Scientific Temper" is one of the vital green efforts that the Government of India has been undertaking under the NCSTC scheme.

Keeping this in mind, as an academic initiative, this externship is planned to instill a new green vision in Indian pupils through Eco-Narratives. Eco-Narratives usually deal with environmental issues such as pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, climate change, and other ecological challenges. Through this externship, Scientific Temperament will be created among the students by exposing them to English Literary works that illustrate ecological problems.

The first phase of the externship is entirely focusing on raising young people's understanding of ecological challenges, their significance, and the ideology behind them. This opportunity will enable individuals to enhance their understanding of ecological issues and the role of literature in dealing with them.

After three months, the same student participants will be invited to partake in a second phase of the Externship which is designed to raise awareness about environment and eco-criticism among students, to enhance their desire to investigate the connections between literature, culture and environment as well as the growing awareness of environmental issues led to the emergence of the interdisciplinary area of eco-criticism in literary and cultural studies, and also to assess their understanding of establishing **Scientific Temper** through Indian **Eco-Narratives**. Through this program, participants can deepen their understanding of our nation's ecosystem on theoretical and practical levels, and thereby they will be empowered to take action to save humanity and the planet in their daily lives. This externship will also help assess the impact of the Eco-Narratives on public perception of ecoscience in higher education.

As a part of Second Phase of Externship various kinds of competitions will be conducted for participant students.



About The Competition

The selected Participants will be invited to take part in both the Phases of Externship programme. Various competitions will also be conducted on the themes of the programme for participants to showcase their talents. Winners will be honoured with cash prizes, awards and certificates. All the contestants will receive certificate of Participation.

Kindly Remember

- Free Registration.
- Externship Kit will be given to all participants.
- Working lunch will be provided.
- Certificate of Participation will be issued to all Participants.
- No T.A & D. A for Participants .
- Last Date for Registration: 31.12.2023
Release of Online Selection List: 03.01.2024.

NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION ON GREEN ECO-NARRATIVES

Participants of Phase-I, are only eligible to attend the Phase-II.

Painting Competition (Green Earth)

Awards will be given to three
Best Artists

Photography Contest (Green Thinking)

Awards will be given to three
Best Light Artists

Essay Competition (To save Earth is to save Humanity)

Awards will be given to three
Best Narrators

Shortfilm Contest: Green Screen (Themes based on Eco- piracy)

Awards will be given to three
Best Filmmakers

Paper Presentation (Green Narratives)

Awards will be given to ten
Best Paper Presenters

The competition will be held on the day of Second Phase.

Cash Prizes and Awards will be given to all Winners.

First Prize -Rs. 3500

Second Prize- Rs. 2500

Third Prize- Rs. 1000

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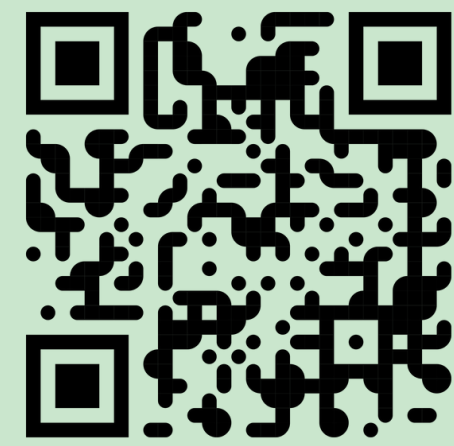


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The greatest threat to our planet is
the belief that someone else will save it

-Robert Swan

