On 20th January 2014, the Department of English held its annual Thiru Swamikannu Endowment Lecture in MRF Hall. Dr. D. Louis Joseph Chandra, Head, Department of English, introduced the Guest Speaker for the day: Mr Garry Lyons, Lecturer in the School of Performance and Cultural Industries at the University of Leeds, and designer of a unique course (MA in Writing for Performance and Publication). Mr Lyons spoke about how writing can actually be taught, as opposed to conventional wisdom which declares it an innate gift, that one either has or doesn’t. He introduced to the audience the course he has devised, and shared his experiences as a playwright and screenwriter. Ms. Sujatha Sunil Kumar, Regional Advisor (South India and Sri Lanka) for the University of Leeds also addressed the gathering, elaborating on education prospects in the United Kingdom.