

**One- Day National Conference on ‘Synergising Sustainability Continuum:
Multidisciplinary Explorations on Eco-literary Praxis’
The Department of English, Loyola College
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The Department of English at Loyola College Chennai hosted a One- Day National Conference on ‘Synergising Sustainability Continuum: Multidisciplinary Explorations on Eco-literary Praxis’ on the 8th of December 2017, drawing a union of Teaching Faculty, Research Scholars and Academicians from Nine States across the nation to venture on an intellectual exchange of possible Interventions to conserve, preserve and consider regreening of the Earth that witnesses consistent despoliation and degradation caused by damage due to existence in the consumerist era.



The Inaugural Session was chaired by Dr. Nirmal Selvamony, Professor and Head Department of English Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Central University of Tamil Nadu. Dr. Selvamony presented the Keynote address on the topic, ‘From Sustainability to Harmony’ and delved on ecological issues underlying the relationship between the human and the non-human world and reiterated the need for ecologists to revisit facts of deep ecology to sustain life on earth at a critical moment of the Anthropocene.



The plenary session on ‘Theatre for Environmental Education’ by Vijay Padaki and his team members Ms. Chitra Badrinarayan and Mr. Murtuza Khetty from the Bangalore Little Theatre sensitised the participants on the effective use of dramatic techniques in environmental education in schools and colleges. The scholars actively participated in the interactive session which was followed by a short enactment on the protection of natural resources.

Paper presentations centred on synergising a bouquet of compatible ideals and practices that would ensure continuity of life in a flourishing environment of the flora, fauna, space and the water forms for the welfare of all the living things for all their worth. Moderators from leading city colleges were present to voice their views on enhancing natural resources for a harmonious, interconnected and interdependent existence for generations to come.



Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Deputy Principal presided over the valedictory session and distributed the certificates. The conference ended with ‘An Oath to Mother Earth’ where the participants and the dignitaries promised to stay responsible in keeping up the ethics of the ethos, in ecolect ensuring, enduring and everlasting greenery.