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**SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE
(UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)**

EVENT REPORT

NAME OF THE EVENT: ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL COLLOQUIUM (Visits from CCAC Pennsylvania)			
DATE	DEPARTMENT	COMMITTEE/SOCIETY	COORDINATORS' NAME
4 January, 2024	Principal Office		Dr. S Krishnakumar
TIME	VENUE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NATURE: Outdoor/Indoor; online/offline/hybrid
10:00 to 1:30	New Committee Room	60	Offline
FINANCIAL SUPPORT/ASSISTANCE (if any):	IQAC		


BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITY

TOPIC/SUBJECT OF THE ACTIVITY	Academic and Cultural Colloquium held as part of the visit of the delegation from Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) Pennsylvania, USA.
OBJECTIVES	To Facilitate
METHODOLOGY	Interactions with the professors from CCAC and Sri Venkateswara College
INVITED SPEAKERS WITH AFFILIATION DETAILS (IF ANY)	Prof. Srujana Kanjula, Prof. Swarn Singh, Prof. Ratna Raman, Prof. Steve Wells, Mr. Subas Mahapatra, Mr. Rahul Jha, . Prof. Debbie Conway, Dr. Namita Pandey , Dr. Latika Bishnoi, Dr. Haokam Vaiphei, Prof. David Maniel, Prof. Rebecca Senkowicz , Dr. Kameshwar Sharma , Dr. P Devaki , Dr. Narendra Gaur , Dr. Deepa Singhal, Dr. Robin Suyesh.
OUTCOMES	Towards promotion of cross cultural understanding between countries and different cultures.

PROOFS & DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (Tick mark the proofs attached):

1 Notice & Letters	2 Number of Participants & Name of participants	3 Video clip	4 Photos	5 Feedback Form & analysis
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6 News clip with details	7 Sample Copy of the Certificate	8 Posters/ Invites	9 Event report Attested by Event Coordinator & IQAC Coordinator	10 Any other document

IQAC Document No: IQAC/BURSAR/03	Criterion No: VII
Departmental file no: IQAC/BURSAR/03	IQAC file No: IQAC/2023-24

NAME OF TEACHER & SIGNATURE	NAME OF HEAD/ COMMITTEE INCHARGE & SIGNATURE	IQAC COORDINATOR (SEAL & SIGNATURE)
Dr. S Krishnakumar		

For Reference

Criterion I	Curricular Aspects (planning & Implementation)	Criterion V	Student Support & Progression
Criterion II	Teaching Learning & Evaluation	Criterion VI	Governance
Criterion III	Research, Innovations & Extension	Criterion VII	Institutional Values & Best Practices (√)
Criterion IV	Learning Resources and Infrastructure		



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PERMISSION FOR ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS

NOTE: 1. Please ensure that the completion certificate of the event is physically signed by the Convener of the event, IQAC Coordinator and Principal after the event report is made.
2. Please ensure a pre booking of the venue before getting the permission letter signed.
3. A copy of this duly filled form signed by the TIC/ Convener and Principal shall be submitted to ICT sysadmin@svc.ac.in, Caretaker sandeepthra@svc.ac.in, IQAC Coordinator iqac@svc.ac.in, Dr. Arpita Kaul arpita@svc.ac.in for commerce, NSS, NCC, EOC, Empathise, Placement and Sports events, Dr. Urmi urmi.b@svc.ac.in for humanities events, Dr. P. Jayaraj jayaraj@svc.ac.in for sciences events. (Mails mentioned in SOP) and Dr. Nagendra Kumar Kalaparathi nkalaparathi@svc.ac.in , for IQAC/ NAAC criteria 1-7.

EVENT DETAILS

1. Name of the Department/Society /Association: **PRINCIPAL, SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE**
2. Name of the ~~TIC~~ ^{Convener}/Convener (if any): Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. **S. KRISHNAKUMAR**
3. Nature of Event: Seminar/Conference/Symposium/Workshop/FDP/Public or community outreach/ skill enhancement/others... **Academic and Culture Colloquium: Visit from Community College Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**
4. Participants: Student-centric /Faculty/Both
5. Event Type: Offline/Online/Hybrid; Indoor/Outdoor
6. Collaborating Agency /Organization: **IQAC**
7. Proposed Title of the Event: **ACADEMIC & CULTURAL COLLOQUIUM**
8. Tentative List of Speakers with affiliations: **PROF. SRUTANA KANDULA, PROF. DAVID MANIEL, PROF. SWARN SINGH, PROF. DEBBIE CONWAY, PROF. STEVE WELLS, PROF. REBECCA SENKOWICZ**
9. Date, Time from to : **4th January 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**
10. Financial Assistance/ Funding received (if any) : **IQAC**
11. Proposed Budget (please attach details in a separate enclosure):
12. Faculty responsible for Geo Tagged Pictures : **Naveen**
13. Faculty responsible for Event Report : **Krishnakumar. S**
14. ICT support required, if any (ICT Lab, Laptop, LCD projector)

15. Caretaker support required (tables, chairs, public addressing system, sanitation, manpower assistance) AM

16. Room requirement (Seminar/ any other) New Committee Room & Seminar Room

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Name & Signature of TIC/Convenor

[Signature]

Signature of Principal

Date: 21/1/2024

Date:



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Welcomes
delegates from
Community College of Allegheny County
Pennsylvania, USA
CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC
COLLOQUIUM



Prof. K. Chandramani Singh
Acting Principal,
Sri Venkateswara College

Prof. Srujana Kanjula,
Directors Honors Programme,
CCAC

04th January, 2024
10:00 AM - 01:30 PM
Seminar Hall

SUMMARY

Academic and Cultural Colloquium held as part of the visit of the delegation from Community College of Allegheney County (CCAC) , Pennsylvania, USA to Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi. Thursday 4th January 2024.

The delegates from the CCAC were received by the Principal Prof. K Chandramani Singh, faculty and students to the college in the front courtyard. Thereafter, they proceeded to the Seminar Hall. The meeting started with the lighting of the lamp. In his welcome speech, Dr. S Krishnakumar (Bursar, SVC) extended a warm welcome to all the delegates from the CCAC. This was the first ever time that there has been a visit from a Community College to Sri Venkateswara College. He drew attention to the pivotal role played by the community colleges in facilitating access to education among students from low-income groups in the United States and drew attention to the major makers like Martin Luther King Jr. who were part of the community college tradition of United States. He extended welcome to all of them on behalf of the college.

Prof K Chandramani Singh, Principal in his address welcomed the audience and gave a brief introduction to the College. He drew attention to the sixty plus years of the college which has recently completed its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. He welcomed the participants and further felicitated the faculty from CCAC with mementos. He was joined by some of the senior members of the faculty in felicitating the visiting faculty members.





In her introductory remarks, **Prof. Srujana Kanjula** traced the origin of the current visit to the support extended to the same by Prof. C Sheela Reddy. She thanked the college for the quick arrangement of the event and the warm welcome. She drew attention the larger programme of the group in India and was sure that this exposure would prove to be a good introduction to the plural cultures of India. Prof. Wells drew attention to the over sixty years contribution done by CCAC and was happy to know that Sri Venkateswara College too has completed over 60 years.



Prof. Swarn Singh drew attention to the changing contours of the higher education in India and the possibilities provided by the programme under NEP with the rise of skill intensive courses. He further gave a brief outline of the design of the undergraduate and post graduate programmes in our country. Under the new dispensation, it is possible to opt for courses from different other university than the parent university. Further responding to the queries from the audience, he remarked that the annual cost incurred in the form of tuition fees for any course in the college was less than Rs. 20000. The students from CCAC expressed surprise at the low levels of costs of higher education in India compared to the United States.

This was followed by a cultural performance with a set of students from the AALAP performing for the audience as well as Ms. Navya from BA (Hons) Political Science 2nd Year doing a Bharatnatyam performance. After a break for tea and refreshments, the group further met for an Academic Colloquium.



The Academic Colloquium began with the of introduction of all the participants. In her presentation on **Indigenizing the English Language**, **Prof. Meenakshi Bharat** drew attention to the many different types of Englishes in India. She argues that this has a long way away from the colonial language of governance which it was once, it has moved away from merely being a language in the mandarins of power to being a language which was connecting people who shared different mother languages. It has been contributing to the Indian languages as much as it has been adopting many words it its own. **Prof. Ratna Raman** drew attention to the influence that Indian epics had on the Indian writing in English. She further drew attention to the fact that many in India too relied on the English narration of the epics by C Rajagopalachari for understanding the different parts of the large epic. This was followed by an intervention from the part of **Prof. Steve Wells**. He drew attention to the growing cross-cultural influences and the impact it had on American literature over the years.



In the next session on *Tradition to Transition: Indian Society in Flux*, **Mr. Subas Mahapatra** (Assoc. Prof. Dept of Sociology) drew attention to the tension between modernity and tradition through which India has been traversing through. He provided a nuanced sociological analysis of Indian society's evolution from tradition to modernity. He

astutely observed that in India, the dichotomy between tradition and modernity is not stark but rather interwoven, with both elements coexisting and influencing societal norms and practices, underscoring the intricate interplay between cultural heritage and contemporary values, challenging conventional perspectives that posit a clear demarcation between the two. He emphasised how tradition serves as a foundation for identity and continuity, while modernity introduces innovation and adaptation thus enriching our comprehension of the multifaceted nature of societal transition in the Indian context. Picking up from there, **Mr Rahul Jha** provided a coherent analysis of India's demographic advantage and its anticipated trajectory of growth. What distinguishes India's growth narrative was its profound connection to tradition, characterized by principles of inclusivity, tolerance, and mutual respect. Jha supported his argument with contemporary examples, such as India's environmental policies and its approach to public health during the COVID-19 crisis, emphasizing how these initiatives reflect the ethos of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam." He further drew attention to the coexistence of contrasting ideologies like Advaita and Charvaka. He highlighted the importance of leveraging tradition as a catalyst for sustainable and inclusive progress. **Prof. Debbie Conway** contributed to the discussion in this regard.



Introducing her colleagues of the Department of Political Science, **Dr. Namita Pandey** said that India was witness to a change which was unprecedented with respect to both representation as well as political and social empowerment at the grassroots level. In her presentation, **Dr. Latika Bishnoi** drew attention to the issue of people living in the margins being overlooked for decades, even when the Indian state has established village panchayats to enhance local governance, inclusiveness and participatory democracy. She further drew attention to the asymmetric burden being borne by women, particularly in rural areas, with respect to addressing issues of water scarcity, their having to walk kilometres to collect water. As against this is lavish use of water in urban areas. Sustainable solutions to such nagging problems have to be worked out. The women self help groups through local governance; and also community development programmes through people organically working for rain water harvesting for agriculture are some of the interventions.



Dr. Haokam Vaiphei highlighted some of the major concerns of public administration in India. Addressing corruption at various levels, streamlining bureaucratic processes to improve efficiency and reduce red tape and ensuring effective and equitable delivery of public services in rural and marginalized areas should be prioritized. Bridging the gap in social infrastructure and transportation across different regions of the country should be a priority along with policies targetting poverty alleviation. Dr. Vaiphei submitted that all of this would be possible only if sustainable resource management through the strengthening of local governance institutions which assures enhanced citizen participation is assured.





Elaborating on the Aristotlean concept, **Prof. David Maniel** drew attention to how important it was to talk and discuss politics. The fact that politics is so less talked about and emphasized is a concern in western societies. His further discussion goes on to understand the study of Bhagwat Gita in his course and finding an understanding with western political philosophy.

The teaching and learning of the mathematics and the teething problems associated with the same was the point of discussion between the mathematics professors: **Prof. Swarn Singh and Prof. Rebecca Senkowicz**. Prof Singh drew attention to the initiative of SCUDEM , i.e., an American initiative on differential equations modelling of which he was a part of . They were on the same page that technology has also become handy in furthering math teaching.



Following the colloquium there was a brisk tour through the college. They were greeted by the College Hostel Wardens **Dr. Kameshwar Sharma** and **Dr. P Devaki** and were taken to the facilities in the Hostel Cafeteria. The wardens updated them about the last decade of the college hostel.



Further they were accompanied to the College Sports Facility and the sports facilities. **Dr. Narendra Gaur** accompanied by Mr. Chetan drew attention to the leading cricketer in India Rishabh Pant who was an alumnus of the college along with the laurels brought by the students to the college. The visitors were impressed by the facilities in our library and spent sometime over there too. **Dr. Deepa Singhal** and her team were only too happy to be good hosts. On the way back to the Conference Venue at Durgabai Deshmukh Hall, they spent a few minutes atop the building where they were introduced to the solar/ renewable energy facilities by **Dr. Robin Suyesh**. The members of the IQAC Prof Nandita Narayansamy, Dr. Shruthi Mathur and Dr. Sharda Pasricha were there

throughout. Though there was an interaction with a set of students at the cafeteria and from different cultural groups, due to the university examinations it was limited.

The Principal handed over the certificates to the members of the visiting faculty and the faculty members Dr. Nandita Narayanasamy and Dr. Namita Pandey handed it over to the students.



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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the Academic and Cultural Colloquium during the visit of the Community College of Allegheney County, Pennsylvania was successfully conducted on (2nd January 2024) from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM by IQAC/ College Office in the (Online/Offline/Hybrid) mode and its event report has been submitted to IQAC for records.

Dr. S Krishnakumar

Event In-Charge

Prof. Swarn Singh

IQAC Coordinator

Prof. K Chandramani Singh

Principal

