

Editor's Note



The Department of English, Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology conducted the Second National Conference with the theme **ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & CULTURE** on 9th February 2018. Our goal was to enable faculty members and research scholars of colleges in the region to present their research findings and their thoughts on the inter-relationship between language, literature and culture, especially relating to learning and teaching of English as a second/foreign language.

This volume presents selected papers presented in the conference. Papers focus on topics directly relevant for the teaching and learning of English at the collegiate level. Social themes relating to family life, inter-personal relations, patriarchy, place of women in the society, social and political oppression, various aspects of diaspora, etc. are dealt with in these papers.

Through reading literature, we gain knowledge about our own culture and life even as we know other cultures and societal issues around the world. Reading literature enables us to improve and increase our vocabulary, sentence construction and expression of our thoughts - personal, inter-personal and global business. Language learning is greatly facilitated by reading literary works. The papers presented in this volume will be found useful for classroom activities even as these help research scholars do more research on the selected topics.

Addresses of authors of the papers presented in the volume are given at the end of each article. You are most welcome to correspond with the authors using their email addresses. Such communication will be useful for all of us and will be greatly appreciated by the authors themselves. We are glad that the research findings of the

authors of this volume will be freely available for all around the world through Language in India www.languageinindia.com.

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I am glad to inform you all that **Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology** has planned to hold National Seminars on various aspects of English language teaching and learning every year. Suggestions from authors, readers, and scholars are most welcome. We the Faculty Members of Kongunadu College of Engineering and Technology fully support and follow the vision of the leaders of the College to be socially and culturally relevant even as we impart high quality and relevant education to our students.

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