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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Readers,

This edition promises to be a vibrant reflection of the diverse talents and pursuits of our students and faculty. The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of events, showcasing the dynamic spirit of our institution. From the state-level intercollegiate competitions in Computer Science and Mathematics to the artistic flair displayed in the Literary Association event and the Commerce Department's competition, we have witnessed a remarkable display of creativity and innovation.

The college has also been actively promoting professional development, with an FDP focused on enhancing teaching techniques. We also celebrated our rich cultural heritage with a National Conference exploring the fascinating world of Karisal Tamil Literature. And, of course, we marked our 76th Republic Day with patriotic fervour. This magazine aims to capture the essence of these events.

I must also express my sincere appreciation for the invaluable contributions of our staff and students. Their articles, covering a wide array of topics, truly enrich this edition. And a special thank you to our student photographers! Their mesmerizing photos are truly captivating. I hope you enjoy this edition and are inspired by the achievements and aspirations of your fellow students and faculty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.K.D. Krishnama Raju". It is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

A.K.D. Krishnama Raju
Editor

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KARISAL LITERATURE



A one-day national conference, organised on January 23, 2025 by the Department of Tamil in collaboration with the Virudhunagar District Administration and Karisal Literary Association, provided a valuable platform for in-depth discussions and insightful explorations of the rich tapestry of Karisal Tamil literature and culture.

District Collector, Dr. V. P. Jeyaseelan I.A.S served as the chief guest and delivered a special address focusing on the profound devotion of Andal, a revered Tamil saint-poet, and the significance of Karisal literature, which reflects the unique cultural and social landscape.

The event brought together eminent scholars, renowned poets, and enthusiastic students, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and perspectives. The students and participants were presented with the history of Karisal literature, a distinctive genre of Tamil literature that originates from the arid "karisal" (black soil) regions of Tamil Nadu, particularly in districts like Virudhunagar, Madurai, and Tirunelveli.

The speakers said that this literary tradition vividly portrays the lives, struggles, and resilience of rural communities, especially farmers who battle harsh climatic conditions and socio-economic hardships. Rooted in realism, Karisal literature captures the essence of agrarian life, the deep connection between people and their land, and the cultural ethos of the region. The conference concluded with a collective resolve to preserve and promote Karisal literature.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Our college celebrated the 76th Republic Day on January 26, 2025 with great enthusiasm, patriotic fervor, and a deep sense of national pride. The chief guest, Mr. K. S. Krishnama Raja, former international basketball player and coach, hoisted the national flag.

He shared an inspiring and personal childhood anecdote about the college's former correspondent, Shri. A. K. D. Dharma Krishna Raja, highlighting his positive influence and emphasising the importance of role models. He also emphasised three essential qualities for achieving success in life: discipline, dedication, and unwavering determination.

Dr. S. Jamuna, the Principal, introduced the chief guest, recognising his remarkable achievements as a renowned basketball player and international coach, inspiring students to pursue their passions with dedication and perseverance. The celebration included impressive and heartfelt English and Tamil speeches delivered by students, melodious patriotic songs that evoked a sense of national pride, and a captivating dance performance that showcased the rich cultural heritage of India.

TRI-FORCE EMPLOYMENT



A special lecture focusing on employment opportunities in the Indian Armed Forces was conducted on January 17, 2025, providing students with valuable information and guidance on career paths in this prestigious field. The event featured guest speakers Mr. Abhi Karan and Ms. Jenny Francina from VIZHI Foundation, who shared their expertise and insights into career opportunities in the Army, Navy, and Air Force. They provided detailed information on the various entry pathways, the types of jobs available, the educational qualifications required, and effective preparation strategies for the rigorous recruitment exams.

The lecture aimed to inspire and motivate students interested in pursuing a challenging and rewarding career in the armed forces, providing them with the knowledge and resources necessary to navigate the recruitment process. Correspondent Shri. A.K.D. Krishnamaraju, presided over the event, demonstrating the college's support for students exploring diverse career options. Student Ms. Rajalakshmi delivered the welcome address, setting the stage for an informative and inspiring session. The Principal, Dr. S. Jamuna gave the introductory speech, highlighting the importance of considering a career in service to the nation. Student Ponsuvetha concluded the event with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the guest speakers and organisers for their valuable contributions.

LITERARY ASSOCIATION EVENT



The English Department organised a thought-provoking Literary Association event on January 24, 2025. Shri. A.K.D. Krishnama Raju, Secretary and Correspondent, graced the occasion and emphasised the need for strong English skills, including a thorough understanding of phonetics and effective dictionary usage, for success in academic and professional pursuits. The Principal, Dr. S. Jamuna delivered the felicitation address. Mr. G. Sankaranarayan, Educational Consultant, underscored the crucial role of English language and literature in shaping individuals and societies. Mrs. R. Lakshmi, Head of the Department, warmly introduced the chief guest, Mr. T. Maruthanayagam, Head and Assistant Professor of English at Rajapalayam Rajus' College.

Mr. Maruthanayagam's enlightening speech, titled "The Role of Literature in Shaping the Society," explored the profound impact of literary works on individual perspectives and societal values, citing examples from the works of prominent Indian authors and their insightful reflections on social issues. Mrs. Ramani Dharmakrishna Raja, President of A.K.D. Dharmaraja Girls' Higher Secondary School, and Dr. S. Manjula Devi, Vice Principal of the college, also lent their support to the program, recognising its significance in promoting literary appreciation.

MATHEMATICAL PROWESSION & CREATIVITY



The Mathematics Department hosted a successful state-level intercollegiate meet on February 4, 2025, participating over 170 students from 10 colleges. The event served as a platform for students to showcase their mathematical prowess and creative problem-solving skills. The meet featured a diverse range of competitions, including challenging quizzes that tested their knowledge of mathematical concepts, innovative model presentations that demonstrated their ability to apply mathematical principles to real-world scenarios, artistic rangoli designs that integrated mathematical patterns and symmetry, and insightful paper presentations that explored advanced mathematical topics.

Students participated with great enthusiasm, demonstrating their passion for Mathematics. Winners in each category were awarded certificates and prizes. Student Ms. Subashini welcomed the attendees, setting the stage for a day of intellectual engagement. The Principal, Dr. S. Jamuna delivered an inspiring presidential address, emphasising the importance of Mathematics in various fields. The Principal in charge Dr. M. Lakshmi, Educational Consultant, Mr. G. Sankaranarayanan, and Head of the Mathematics Department, Ms. Meenakshi also delivered felicitations. Student Ms. Nandini delivered the vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to all the participants, organisers, and sponsors.

STATE-LEVEL COMMERCE DEPARTMENT EVENT



The Department of Commerce with Computer Applications organised a highly successful state-level intercollegiate competition on February 06, 2025, attracting 146 students from 10 colleges. Participants enthusiastically took part in a range of competitions, including the creation of short films, capturing compelling photographs, presenting insightful research papers, designing informative posters, and showcasing their artistic skills through dance performances. The competition fostered a spirit of healthy rivalry and encouraged students to think outside the box.

Assistant Professor Ms. Nandini from Vanniyar Perumal College delivered a thought-provoking keynote address, highlighting how digital transformation is preparing youth for emerging AI technologies, creating new job opportunities, and driving social change. Student Ms. Geethanjali delivered a warm welcome speech, setting the stage for the day's events. The Principal, Dr. Lakshmi, presided over the event, emphasising the importance of such competitions in fostering student development. Educational consultant, Mr. G. Sankaranarayanan gave a congratulatory speech, acknowledging the participants' efforts and achievements. Assistant Professor, Ms. Revathi provided the introductory address, outlining the objectives of the competition. Student Ms. Sakthi delivered the vote of thanks.

INTERCOLLEGIATE, CS DEPARTMENT



The Department of Computer Science hosted a vibrant state-level intercollegiate competition on January 21, 2025, attracting the participation of over 200 students from more than five colleges. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their diverse talents and engage in healthy competition. Participants enthusiastically engaged in a range of events designed to test their skills and knowledge, including challenging quiz contests that probed their understanding of various subjects, captivating dance performances that showcased their artistic expression and rhythmic abilities, and insightful paper presentations that demonstrated their research and communication skills.

Winners in each category were recognised with certificates of achievement and well-deserved prizes. The program commenced with a warm welcome address by student Ms. Ponsuvetha, setting the stage for the day's events. The Principal, Dr. S. Jamuna delivered a motivating presidential address, emphasising the importance of such competitions in fostering holistic development. Felicitations were offered by esteemed dignitaries, including Educational Consultant Mr. G. Sankaranarayanan, Vice Principal Dr. S. Manjula Devi, and Head of the Computer Science Department, Ms. Dhanalakshmi, who shared their words of wisdom and encouragement. Student Ms. Muthuselvi concluded the successful event with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

PRE-BUDGET IDEATION WORKSHOP



A Pre-Budget ideation workshop, thoughtfully organised by the Department of Commerce and Commerce with Computer Applications provided students with valuable insights into the intricacies of the budgetary process and its profound impact on the national economy. Educational Consultant Mr. G. Sankaranarayanan, served as the resource person, delivering an informative and engaging lecture to the students on key aspects of the budget, including economic growth strategies, tax exemptions, and government policies. His expertise helped students unravel the complexities of the budget, understand its underlying principles, and analyse its potential implications for various sectors of the economy.

The workshop fostered a deeper understanding of economic policy and encouraged students to engage in informed discussions about the budget's potential impact on their lives and the nation as a whole. Assistant Professor, Ms. Revathi warmly welcomed the attendees. The Principal, Dr. S. Jamuna delivered the presidential address, emphasising the importance of understanding economic policies and their role in shaping the future of the country. Student Ms. Harini delivered the vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to the speaker, organisers, and participants for making the workshop a valuable learning experience.

FDP ON EFFECTIVE LECTURING TECHNIQUES



A Faculty Development Programme centered on "Feynman's Technique for Better Lectures" was conducted on January 27, 2025, aiming to enhance the teaching skills of faculty members. Mr. G. Sankaranarayanan, Educational Consultant, led the informative session, emphasising the importance of effective lecturing and continuous professional skill development for educators in the modern classroom. He provided a detailed explanation of Feynman's Technique, which involves a deep and thorough understanding of the subject matter, simplifying complex explanations to make them accessible to students, and achieving clarity through repeated practice and self-reflection.

The Principal, Dr. S. Jamuna shared her valuable insights on effective teaching methodologies and meaningful classroom interaction in her presidential address, stressing the importance of creating a conducive learning environment. Ms. P. Meenakshi, Head of the Department of Mathematics, extended a warm welcome to the participating faculty members, and Ms. B. Jegadeeswari, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, concluded the program with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of the speaker and organisers.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP FOSTERS INNOVATION



A Robotics Workshop, a collaborative effort by the Departments of Physics and Computer Science, conducted on February 7, 2025, provided students with invaluable hands-on experience in the exciting field of robotics. Special guest Ms. Abirami, an expert in robotics, participated in the event and explained the fascinating synergy between Physics and Computer Science in the creation and operation of robots. She emphasised the crucial role of Physics in the design and construction of the physical components of a robot, while highlighting the importance of Computer Science and coding in programming the robot's actions and behaviors.

Ms. Abirami also conducted a practical training session for the students, allowing them to engage in hands-on activities and gain practical experience in building and programming simple robots. This workshop provided students with a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of these two critical disciplines and develop their problem-solving and technical skills. The event was inaugurated with a welcome address by Ms. Dhanalakshmi, Head of the Computer Science Department, followed by an introductory speech by Ms. Jenifer, Head of the Physics Department, who highlighted the growing importance of robotics in various industries. The Principal, Dr. M. Lakshmi delivered the presidential address.

STUDENT SUCCESS: WETLAND PHOTOGRAPHY



Ms. Juwalika, a student of the Department of Commerce with Computer Applications, achieved remarkable success by winning the first prize in the Wetland Photography Competition organised by the Meghamalai Tiger Reserve in Thiruvilliputhur.

Following is the prize-winning photograph that captures the serene beauty of the wetland ecosystem:



PHYSICS TEAM AT EGRL



The recent visit of the Physics Department our college to the Equatorial Geophysics Research Laboratory (EGRL), Tirunelveli, was an enriching experience that broadened our understanding of geomagnetism, atmospheric electricity, and gravity measurements. The EGRL team provided a comprehensive theoretical foundation through a PowerPoint presentation, explaining the significance of the geomagnetism center's location. The staff and students gained valuable insights into space weathering and its effects.

COMMERCE STUDENTS@ANJAC

A team of 21 students from the Commerce Department participated in the intercollegiate meet organised by the Department of Commerce at Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College, Sivakasi, and brought laurels to our institution. Our students secured top positions in various events: Add Act – 1st Prize: M. Jenifer, K. Muthumeenachi, R. Muthupriya, S. Sakthi Sabari Eswari, V. Sowmiya (I M.Com); Journal Maker – 2nd Prize: G. Jeyanandhini, P. Sudhamary (II M.Com) and Logo Builder – 2nd Prize: V. Sowmiya (I M.Com).



The Power of Self-Determination



Ms. P. Revathi

Assistant Professor of Physics

Life's journey is a deeply personal exploration of who we truly want to become. It's about making choices that align with our inner calling rather than external expectations. The phrase "Whatever you want to become, do it fully. Don't give that decision to others. Your life is in your hands. Whether it brings hardship or rewards, you can choose to embrace the challenges along your chosen path" reminds us of the importance of self-determination and responsibility in shaping our destiny.

Embracing Authenticity

In today's world, external voices—family, friends, and societal expectations—can easily sway us. However, true personal growth and success stem from fully committing to what we truly want to become, independent of others' influence. This authenticity requires autonomy—the ability to make choices based on our true desires, rather than external pressures.

Autonomy and Self-Direction

The next part of this thought is equally significant: "Don't give that decision to others." This is a call for autonomy and ownership of one's decisions. Too often, we let others dictate our paths or seek validation before making choices. While seeking advice can be helpful, allowing others to dictate our path can lead to regret. True fulfillment comes from trusting our instincts and taking responsibility for our choices.

Embracing Challenges as Opportunities

Life is not a linear path; it's filled with unpredictable challenges, setbacks, and

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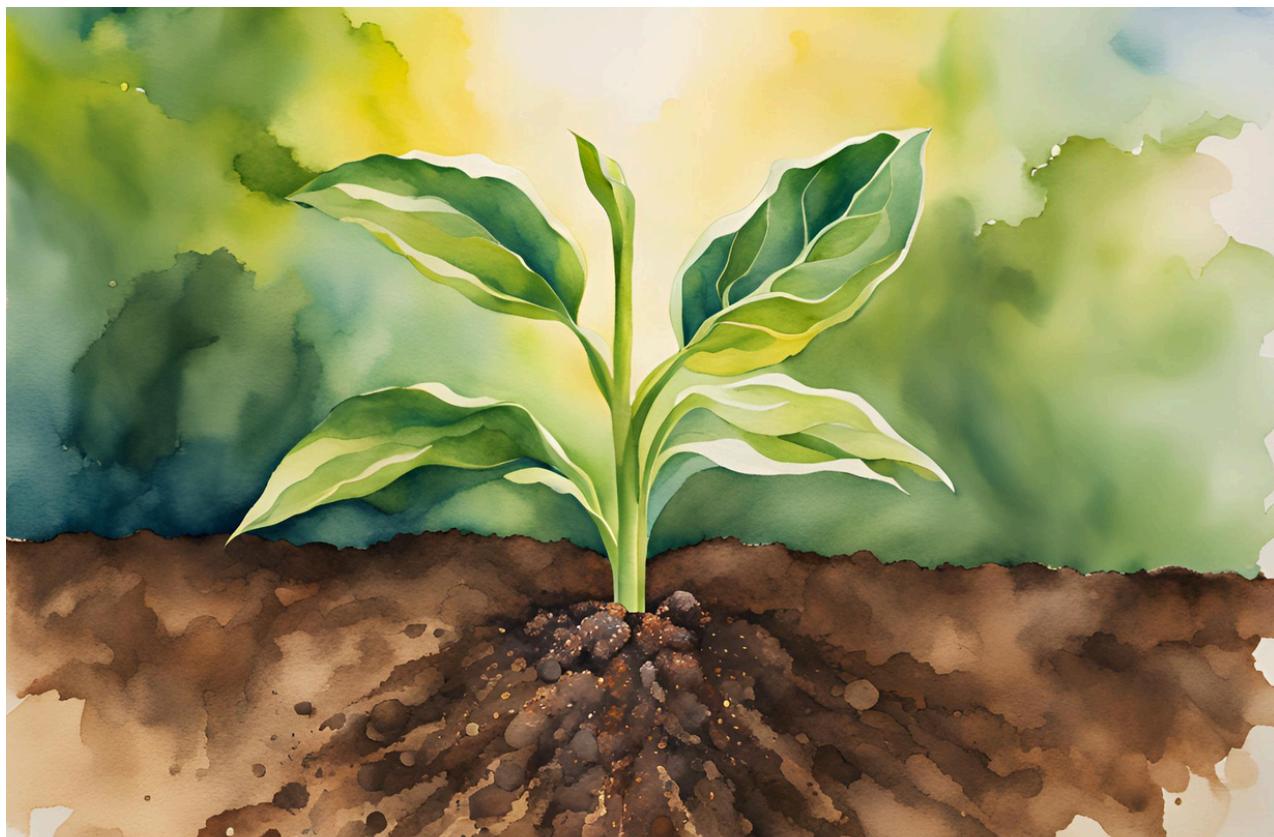
moments of doubt. Hardships are not roadblocks; they are stepping stones that shape our resilience and strength. Every choice, risk, and challenge contributes to our growth. When we embrace challenges, we develop resilience, strength, and a profound sense of purpose.

The Power of Full Commitment

Fully committing to something is incredibly empowering. It's a declaration of intent and a promise to ourselves to give our best. This commitment doesn't mean obstacles won't arise; it means we're willing to face them head-on, aware of what lies ahead.

Conclusion: The Path of Self-Discovery

The message to fully commit to what we want to become and not let others dictate our path is an invitation to live life on our own terms. It's a call to take ownership of our journey, embracing both rewards and hardships, and trusting our ability to navigate through them. By owning our path, embracing both struggles and triumphs, we don't just achieve success—we create a life of deep meaning and fulfillment.



A Soaring Experience at Sriharikota



Ms. K. Malini
III B.Sc Physics

I was very happy when I got selected for the ISRO internship at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. As a physics student, I have always wanted to learn more about space and science. This internship gave me a great chance to work on real projects and gain new knowledge.

My Project

My project was "Universal Tensile Machine Towards Characterization of Nitrile Butadiene Rubber in the Light of Different Crosshead Speeds." I studied Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR), which is used in rockets. I learned how to test its elongation, tensile strength, thickness, and modulus strain at 300% using a Universal Tensile Machine.

What I Learned

During my ISRO internship, I learned how to test Nitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR), which helps prevent rockets from catching fire quickly. I used a Universal Tensile Machine to check its strength and flexibility. This experience helped me understand how materials protect rockets and make space missions safer.

Watching PSLV-C60 Rocket Launch

On December 30, 2024, at 10:00 PM, I watched the PSLV-C60 rocket launch. The rocket took off in just 8 seconds and soared into space. The bright light, loud sound, and incredible speed made it an unforgettable experience. Watching it live made me feel proud and more interested in space research.

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Best Moments

The best part was meeting ISRO scientists. They shared their knowledge about space, and visiting the labs to see new technologies was very exciting. During my one-month journey, I had many unforgettable moments. The people were very helpful, and my guide and team supported me in everything. Their kindness made my experience truly special.

How It Helped Me

This internship taught me many new things and gave me the confidence to learn more. Education is very important, but even more important is how we use that education effectively. My family and college supported me, which encouraged me greatly. This experience showed me that I should aim to do even more in the future.

Conclusion

I am very thankful to ISRO, my department staff, and my college for giving me this opportunity. Watching a rocket launch and working on space-related projects was an unforgettable experience. I hope to contribute more to space science in the future!



Diamond's Tetrahedral Structure



Ms. A. Rubalakshmi
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A diamond is a precious stone made entirely of carbon, known as the hardest natural mineral on Earth. Throughout history, diamonds have symbolized love, wealth, and power, earning them a timeless place in human culture. The popular phrase "diamonds are forever" perfectly captures their enduring value and unmatched strength.

Diamonds owe their incredible sparkle and durability to their unique atomic structure. Beyond their brilliance, they are characterized by a tetrahedral arrangement of carbon atoms, which forms the foundation of their remarkable strength and beauty. Let's look into the details of this tetrahedral structure. In diamonds, each carbon atom is bonded to four nearest neighbor atoms, creating a rigid three-dimensional lattice. This arrangement results in strong covalent bonds that give diamonds their exceptional hardness.

To better illustrate this structure, I created a model using clay and sticks to represent the tetrahedral arrangement of carbon atoms in a diamond. The accompanying picture showcases this representation, making the concept easier to visualise and appreciate.



Let's Create Happiness Around Us



Ms. R. Kaleeswari
I M.Com

One day, I was traveling on a local bus. A lady who seemed to be from a remote village got on the bus with three young kids and lots of luggage. She was clearly new to the city. She looked confused and worried, not knowing exactly where her stop was. She was so anxious that at every stop, she got up to check whether it was hers. The bus conductor reassured her at every stop, saying, "I'll tell you when your stop arrives. Don't worry."

The bus kept moving. People were getting on and off. The lady, still uneasy, did not seem fully convinced by the conductor's words and kept desperately looking out of the crowded bus to check if her station had arrived.

Finally, the bus reached her stop. The conductor respectfully called her and helped her get off by lifting her children and luggage one by one. The lady, still overwhelmed, started shouting at her children, "Don't go to the road!"

The bus moved on, and so did I. I was deeply moved by the conductor's attitude. As I stood near the main door, I called out to him and said, "You are a really good conductor." He looked confused and asked, "Sister, will you please repeat your words?" When I repeated them, tears started flowing down his cheeks. He folded his hands and said, "I have been doing this for 30 years. Nobody has ever complimented me till now. Oh! How happy I am today!"

Tears welled up in my eyes too because I had not expected this reaction. The conductor's behavior opened my eyes. I realised how a simple compliment from me had created so much joy for him.

From that day on, I started complimenting people whenever a job was done with love and compassion. We don't need to perform grand acts of service to create happiness around us. Simply following the path of love in our daily lives is enough.

Nowadays, I always say "please" and "thank you." I also never forget to compliment people when they have done a good job.

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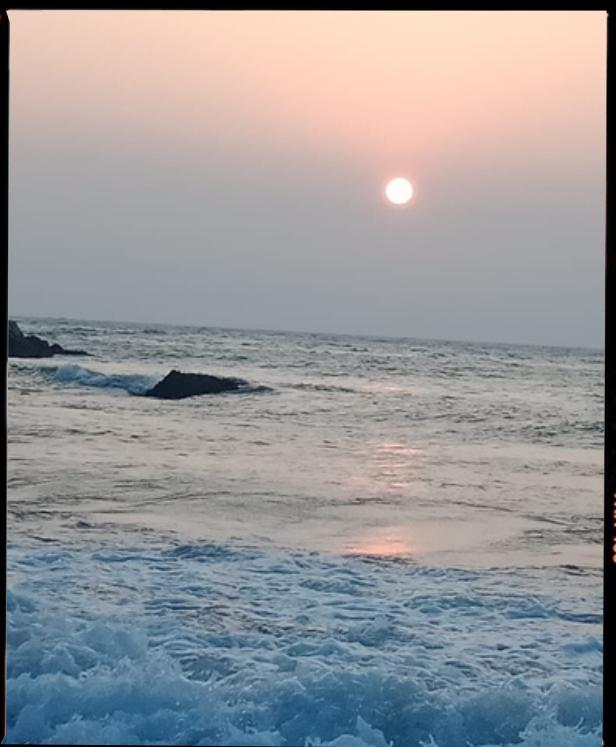


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அப்பாவின் அன்பே மிகப் பெரியது: பத்துக் காரணங்கள்

- அம்மா 10 மாதம் சுமக்கிறார், அப்பா 25 வருடங்கள் சுமக்கிறார், இருவரும் சமம், ஏன் அப்பா பின்னால் இருக்கிறார் என்று இன்னும் தெரியவில்லை.
- அம்மா சம்பளம் இல்லாமல் குடும்பம் நடத்துகிறார், அப்பா தனது சம்பளத்தை எல்லாம் குடும்பத்திற்காக செலவு செய்கிறார். இருவருமே சமமான உழைப்பு. இன்னும் அப்பா ஏன் பின் தங்குகிறார் என்று தெரியவில்லை.
- அம்மா உனக்கு என்ன வேண்டுமானாலும் சமைப்பார், அப்பா உனக்கு என்ன வேண்டுமானாலும் வாங்கித் தருவார், அவர்களின் அன்பு சமமானது. ஆனால் அப்பா ஏன் பின்னால் இருக்கிறார்!



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4. போனில் பேசினால் முதலில் அம்மாவிடம் பேச வேண்டும், கஷ்டத்தில் இருக்கும் போது அம்மா என்று அழுவாள். உங்களுக்கு தேவைப்படும்போது மட்டுமே நீங்கள் அப்பாவை நினைவில் கொள்கிறீர்கள், மற்ற நேரங்களில் நீங்கள் அவரை நினைவில் கொள்ளவில்லை என்று அப்பா ஒரு போதும் வருத்தப்படவில்லை. குழந்தைகளின் அன்பை பெறுவதில் தந்தையர்கள் ஏன் பின் தங்குகிறார்கள் என்று எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை.
5. அலமாரியில் கலர்புல் புடவைகள், நிறைய குழந்தைகளின் உடைகள் இருக்கும். ஆனால் அப்பாவின் உடைகள் மிகக் குறைவு, அவர் தனது சொந்த தேவைகளைப் பற்றி கவலைப்படுவதில்லை, இன்னும் அப்பா ஏன் பின்தங்கியிருக்கிறார் என்று தெரியவில்லை.
6. அம்மாவுக்கு நிறைய தங்க ஆபரணங்கள் உள்ளன, ஆனால் தந்தைக்கு திருமணத்தின் போது கொடுக்கப்பட்ட ஒரே ஒரு மோதிரம் மட்டுமே உள்ளது. இன்னும் குறைந்த நகைகள் இருக்கிறது என்று அம்மா புகார் செய்யலாம். ஆனால் அப்பா புகார் செய்வது இல்லை, ஆனால் அப்பா ஏன் பின்னால் இருக்கிறார் என்று இன்னும் தெரியவில்லை.
7. அப்பா தன் வாழ்நாள் முழுவதும் குடும்பத்தைக் கவனித்துக் கொள்ள கடினமாக உழைக்கிறார், ஆனால் அங்கீகாரம் என்று வரும் போது அவர் ஏன் பின்தங்குகிறார் என்று எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை.
8. பண்டிகைக்கு எனக்கு புடவை வாங்கித் தாருங்கள் என்று அம்மா சொல்கிறார். ஆனால் அப்பா புது உடை பற்றி யோசிக்கவே இல்லை. இருவருக்கும் சமமான அன்பு இருக்கிறது, அப்பா ஏன் பின் தங்குகிறார் என்று இன்னும் தெரியவில்லை.
9. பெற்றோர்கள் வயதாகி விட்டதால் குழந்தைகள் சொல்கிறார்கள், அம்மா வீட்டு வேலைகளை கவனிக்க குறைந்தபட்சம் பயனுள்ளதாக இருப்பார். ஆனால் அப்பாவால் பயனில்லை.
10. குடும்பத்தின் முதுகெலும்பு என்பதால் அப்பா பின்னால் இருக்கிறார். மேலும் நமது முதுகெலும்பு நம் உடலுக்குப் பின்னால் உள்ளது. ஆனால் அவரால் தான் நாம் தனித்து நிற்க முடியும். ஒரு வேளை இதனால் தான் அவர் பின்வாங்குகிறாரோ....! என்னைக் கேட்டால் அப்பாவின் அன்பு அம்மாவை விடவும் அதிகம்....!

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