



### ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The genesis of The Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College for Women stands on the strong base of empowering women in the field of education in the semi-urban town of Sivakasi. Established in 1968 in memory of the philanthropist and fireworks industrialist Thiru N.R.K.K. Rajaratnam, through its fifty years of intensive service, the institution has stitched a place for itself in the fabric of this cracker city's rich history and heritage. The intellectually challenging environment constantly steers young women towards intellectual, social and financial mobility. Being affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, bestowed with Autonomy in 2005, re-accredited in 2008 and 2012 with 'A' Grade status by NAAC and recognised as 'College with Potential for Excellence' in 2011 and granted extension upto 2022 by UGC, the college is a much sought after women's institution in the neighbouring region.

### ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of English with the luminous history of 50 years is an icon of the golden legacy of SFRC. This milestone has been achieved by the collective contribution of each member of the department who with steely determination realizes the noble objective of shaping young women into all-round personalities. The Department offers two streams of UG, (Regular and Self-Financed), PG and M.Phil programmes and Business English Certification Programme and a Certificate Course in Vocational English which foster creativity and enhance employability potentials through effective communication skills in English. The Department pursues the herculean task of grooming the students with updated curriculum to match the demands of the twenty first century and mentoring them with moral values and principles to confront the challenges in the society.

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The main focus of the One-Day International Conference on "Women in Contemporary Society: Chances and Challenges" is to make scholars and students analyse women's lives and their experiences in a multi-disciplinary mode through highlighting upcoming trends in fields like women studies, women's writing, art, media, science, etc., A woman who holds a very powerful place and has a chance still faces lots of challenges and it's high time issues like these are brought under discussion. Women, no doubt, have acquired constitutional rights of equality with men, but the change in social attitudes towards women is yet to be achieved. In such a scenario, her journey from 'margin' to the 'centre' becomes even more challenged.

The conference aims to discuss how literature as a powerful medium of reform helps to bring out the chances and challenges that women face in their everyday life today. In collaboration with the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, the Department of English of SFRC feels privileged to host the One-Day International Conference on "Women in Contemporary Society: Chances and Challenges", on 11th January, 2019.

### SUB THEMES

#### Humanities and Social Sciences

- Women represented in Literature
- Gender Issues
- Role and Representation of Women in Politics
- Representation of Historical and Mythical Women
- Women and Legal Studies
- Women and Sustainable Development
- Women and Social Activism
- Women, Migration and Statelessness
- Challenges before Women Entrepreneurs

(Apart from the above mentioned sub themes, papers will be accepted on topics relevant to the main theme. Faculty and Scholars from Language Departments may send their papers in their respective languages.)

### CALL FOR PAPERS

- Full Paper not exceeding 5 pages along with an abstract in about 200 words and Key Words to be sent in the form of Soft copy to [sfrcengconference69@gmail.com](mailto:sfrcengconference69@gmail.com) on or before 05.10.2018
- The paper should contain the Title, Author's name, Designation, Official Address, E-mail ID and Mobile Number
- Format : Times New Roman - Font size 12 - 1.5 Spacing - Paper Size A4
- Parenthetical Documentation and Works Cited as instructed in the MLA Handbook to be followed
- LCD facility is available for Power Point Presentation
- Prizes for Best papers and Certificates for Participation will be given
- Selected Papers will be published in a UGC Approved Journal with ISSN on the day of the Conference
- Editorial Board's decision is final

### KEY SPEAKERS:

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\*Thiru.S.Venkatesan, Tamil Writer, Sahitya Akademi Award Recipient for Kavalkottam, General Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Progressive Writers and Artists Association.

### REGISTRATION FEE

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| Participation                    | - Rs.300  |
| Paper Presentation               | - Rs.700  |
| Publication in Journal with ISSN | - Rs.1200 |

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Submission of Paper with Abstract | : 05.10.2018 |
| Date of Confirmation              | : 17.10.2018 |
| Last Date for Payment of Fee      | : 26.10.2018 |

### NOTE

- \*DD should be drawn in favour of "The Principal, SFRC College for Women, Sivakasi" payable at Sivakasi.
- \*Co-author has to pay the Registration fee
- \*Contributors of published articles are entitled to a copy of the Journal
- \*No TA/DA will be provided
- \*Accommodation to be arranged at one's own expense

### FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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