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Details of Seminar/ Guest Lecture/ Workshop/ SIP/ FDP/ Other Programme

Name of the Programme : International Seminar

Title : Sri Mariamman Cult

Date : 02.08.2024

Time : 8.45 a.m. To 10.00 a.m.

Venue : IT Block, Seminar Hall

Organized by College/Dept : Nehru Memorial College (Autonomous)
 Puthanampatti – 621 007.

Staff In-charge/ Organizer : Dr. A. VENKATESAN
 Principal &
 Dr. TAMILMANI K T
 Vice Principal.
 Nehru Memorial College (Autonomous)
 Puthanampatti – 621 007.

Chief Guest : Prof. Dr. NGO THI PHUONG LAN
 President, USSH-VNU HCM, Vietnam.

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organizes a **SEMINAR ON SRI MARIAMMAN CULT**
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**UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES OF
VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-HO CHI MINH CITY**

Date: 2nd August, 2024 **Time:** 8.45 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.
Venue: IT Block, Seminar Hall

Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan
President, USSH-VNU HCM, Vietnam
has graciously consented to inaugurate the seminar

Shrimathi. Vrinda Ramanan & Shri. J. Ramanan
Authors of *Samayapuram - The Sacred Seat of Shakti*
have consented to make an audio-visual presentation on
Worshipping of Shakthi and the Glory of Samayapuram Sri Mariamman Deity

Prof. M. Seran
Expert Archaeologist-Keeladi and Formerly Honorary Adviser to Ministry of Tourism
and Culture, Govt of Tamil Nadu, has consented to speak on
Unique Religious Practices of Amman Worship

Prof. Dr. Luu Van Quyet
Dean, Faculty of History, USSH-VNU HCM

Dr. Pham Thanh Duy
HOC, USSH-VNU HCM

Dr. Le Thi Ngoc Phuc
Vice Dean, Faculty of Anthropology
USSH-VNU HCM along with

Fifteen researchers from USSH-VNU HCM have consented to participate in the seminar.

Shri. Pon. Balasubramanian **Shri. Pon. Ravichandran**
President, Nehru Memorial College Secretary, Nehru Memorial College
shall preside over the seminar

Dr. A.Venkatesan **Dr. Tamilmani K T**
Principal, Nehru Memorial College Vice Principal, Nehru Memorial College
shall coordinate the event.



SCHEDULE - 2nd August, 2024 - 8.45 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

8.45 a.m.

Prayer

8.50 a.m.

Welcome Address by
Dr A.Venkatesan, Principal, NMC

8.55 a.m.

Interaction

9.00 a.m.

**Presentation on Worshipping of
Shakthi and the
Glory of Samayapuram
Sri Mariamman Deity** by
Shrimathi Vrinda Ramanan & Shri.
J. Ramanan
Authors of *Samayapuram - The Sacred
Seat of Shakti*

9.40 a.m.

**Speech on Unique Religious
Practices of Amman
Worship** by Prof. M. Seran
Expert Archeologist- Keeladi and
Formerly Honorary Adviser to
Ministry of Tourism and Culture
Govt of Tamil Nadu

9.50 a.m.

Speech by
Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan Vice
President
USSH-VNU HCM, Vietnam

9.55 a.m.

Cultural Show

10.00 a.m.

Vote of Thanks by
Dr. Tamilmani K T, VP, NMC.
National Anthem - Vietnam & India



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 To impart the right kind of knowledge among the rural students with the aid of computer and other equipment.
 To ensure social justice for the rural people through various academic and non-academic activities etc. Cultural and Literary Competitions, NSS, NCC, YMC, Gender Club etc.
 To stabilize inner peace in the minds of the young learners through meditation and yoga practice in order to ensure peace among the rural people.



Warm reception extended to Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan, President, USSH-VNU HCM, Vietnam





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Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan interacted with our college President and Secretary while witnessing the exhibits of the Seminar



Prof.M.Seran interacted with Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan



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Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan interacted with our Treasurer Mr.Surya Balasubramanian and College Committee Members Smt.Mala Balasubramanian and Ms Sreeya Balasubramanian



Dr Tamilmani, VP-NMC explained the significance of Firepot carrying in Sri Mariamman worshipping



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Exhibits of the Seminar to showcase the Uniqueness of Sri Mariamman Cult



Dr A.Venkatesan, Principal welcomed the 18 Member Delegation from Vietnam University and all the Dignitaries



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College Committee Member Ms Sreeya Balasubramanian presented a memento to Mrs Vrinda Ramanan and Mr Ramanan



Mrs Vrinda Ramanan and Mr J Ramanan made a presentation on *Worshipping of Shakthi and the Glory of Samayapuram Sri Mariamman Deity*



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Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan, President, USSH-VNU HCM, Vietnam signed an MoU for Students and Staff Exchange between NMC and VNU



Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan, President, USSH-VNU HCM, Vietnam and NMC President Mr Pon Balasubramanian and Secretary Mr Pon Ravichandran exchanged the MoU for Students and Staff Exchange between NMC and VNU



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Prof. M.Seran made a presentation on Unique Religious Practices of Amman Worship



Prof. Phan Anh Tu interacted with the Guest Speakers



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Press Report

Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti organised a Seminar on Sri Mariamman Cult on 2nd August, 2024. A Delegation of 18 Professors of Asian Studies, Oriental Studies and Indian Studies of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, led by Prof. Dr. Ngo Thi Phuong Lan, the President of the National University of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minhcity participated in the seminar. The foreign delegation was very keen on learning about Sri Mariamman Cult. The inauguration of the seminar was presided over by Shri.Pon.Balasubramanian, President of the college and Shri.Pon.Ravichandran, Secretary of the college. Dr A.Venkatesan, Principal welcomed the gathering. Both the institutions entered into an Memorandum of Understanding on the occasion for students and staff exchange programme. Prof. Lan, President of Vietnam National University and Shri.Pon.Balasubramanian signed the MoU.

Mrs Vrinda Ramanan and Mr J Ramanan, Writer-cum-Architect who recently published a coffee-table book on *Samayapuram - The Sacred Seat of Shakti*, made a joint audio-visual presentation on Worshipping of Shakthi and the glory of Samayapuram Sri Mariamman Deity. In their address, they touched upon the matriarchal system of worshipping Mother Goddess in



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Tamil tradition. They also traced the history and deep-rooted connection of the ancient Tamil people with the Vietnamese. They also explained in detail about the concept of Shakthi, legends of Sri Mariamman, the unknown facts about power of the seat of Shakthi known as 'Samayapuram'.

Prof.M.Seran, Expert Archeologist-Keeladi and Formerly Honorary Adviser to Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Govt of Tamil Nadu spoke on the unique religious practices of Amman worship in Tamil tradition.He enumerated the different worshipping practices in different parts of Tamil Nadu. He opined that Shakthi is the enforcement of omnipresence of Sri Mariamman. In fact he hailed the penance and prayers offered by the devotees for a common cause.

The Treasurer of the college Mr Surya Balasubramanian and the Members of the college management Shrimathi Mala Balasubramanian and Ms Sreya Balasubramanian were present. Ms Sreya coordinated the event in liaison with the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, NUV. A team of students' volunteers performed a cultural show depicting Sri Mariamman Worshipping. Vice Principal Tamilmani K T, Coordinator, Deans, HoDs participated in the event.



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Vietnamese academics on a mission to find out more about Goddess Mariamman

Nahla Nainar
TIRUCHI

A team of 18 academicians from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), affiliated to the Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City, undertook a study tour of Mariamman temples in the Cauvery delta region on Friday as part of a study on historical and cultural links with the deity's shrine in the Vietnamese city.

"We have come here on the request of the authorities who manage the Mariamman Temple in Ho Chi Minh City. This shrine is called the Indian Goddess Temple in Vietnamese, but beyond this, the public does not know much about the rituals and beliefs associated with the deity. Our visit will help us record not just the original practices, but also find out more about temple architecture, which could aid conservation efforts in future," USSH president Ngo Thi



Academics from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam, with staff and student volunteers of Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Phuong Lan told *The Hindu*.

Ms. Lan added that the team's findings would be presented at a seminar to be held in Vietnam later this year.

The Mariamman Temple in Ho Chi Minh City is said to have been built in the late 19th Century by Indian trader Palaniappa Thevar, originally from Pattukottai, Thanjavur district.

"We were surprised to discover that Sri Mariamman is seen as a healer in

Tamil Nadu. Though the customs and rites may differ between Vietnam and India, her devotees in both countries consider her as a divine protector," said Ms. Lan.

On Friday, the USSH academics, from the departments of Asian, Oriental and Indian Studies, visited Sri Mariamman Temple and Sri Ujjaini Kalliamman Temple in Samayapuram and the Mariamman shrine in Punainallur near Thanjavur.

At a seminar organised by the Nehru Memorial College in Puthanampatti, J. Ramanan and Vrinda Ramanan, who recently brought out a book on Samayapuram Mariamman Temple in association with *The Hindu*, presented a brief overview on the worship of Shakti, and matriarchal theology in Hinduism besides explaining the different manifestations of Goddess Mariamman in Tamil culture.

M. Seran, archaeologist, Keeladi and former adviser

to the State Ministry of Tourism and Culture, spoke on unique religious practices in Amman worship. Both institutions entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on the occasion for a student and staff exchange programme. Volunteers presented a cultural show. P. Subramanian, president of Nehru Memorial College, spoke.

Later in the day, the Vietnamese team interacted with members of Tamil University in Thanjavur.

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புத்தளம்பட்டி நேரு நினைவுக் கல்லூரியில் மாரியம்மன் வழிபாட்டு மரபுகள் குறித்த பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம் நடந்தது. இதில் புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தம் கையெழுத்தானது.

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கல்லூரி முதல்வர் பேசினார். மாற்றிக் கொள்ள ஒப்புக் கொள்ளப்பட்டது!

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