

Report on the Inauguration of "Beyond the Horizons" Lecture Series and Invited Speech

Date: 24 October 2025

Location: S.N. College Chempazhanthy, Thiruvananthapuram

Keynote Speakers: Dr. V. Rajakrishnan,

Topic: Literary Modernism

The Post-Graduate Department of English at S.N. College Chempazhanthy successfully inaugurated its new lecture series, "Beyond the Horizons," on 24 October 2025. The event was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and featured an insightful invited speech by the distinguished academic, Dr. V. Rajakrishnan, Professor of English (Retd), Institute of English, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The programme was anchored by Ms. Balamani D. and began with a prayer by Ms. Charukeshi Shibu. Ms. Adithya, the Undergraduate programme student coordinator, delivered a warm welcome speech. Following this, Dr. Bhavya Prakash, the programme coordinator, introduced the esteemed guest, Dr. V. Rajakrishnan, highlighting his significant contributions to the field of English literature.

Prof. Dr. Raakhee A.S., the Principal of S.N. College Chempazhanthy, delivered the presidential address, commending the department's initiative and emphasizing the importance of such academic endeavours in broadening the intellectual horizons of both students and faculty.

The centrepiece of the event was Dr. Rajakrishnan's compelling and erudite presentation on "Literary Modernism." He delved into the complexities and nuances of the movement, exploring key themes, seminal works, and the socio-historical contexts that shaped this pivotal era in literature. His lecture provided a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and innovations that characterized modernist writing.

The lecture was well-received by the audience, which included students, faculty. The session concluded with an engaging interactive Q&A session, allowing attendees to further explore the themes presented.

The successful event concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Niyas S. Biju, the Post-Graduate programme coordinator. The inauguration of the "Beyond the Horizons" lecture series marks a significant milestone for the PG Department of English, promising a future of enriching academic discourse and intellectual exploration.