



Government of Puducherry  
**AVVAIYAR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**

Karaikal, Puducherry (U.T.), (Affiliated to Pondicherry University)  
(Nationally Accredited at 'B' Grade by NAAC)



**Department of English**

**Avvaiyar Govt. College for Women  
(Affiliated to Pondicherry University)**

**Under the aegis of Directorate of Higher and Technical Education  
(U.T. of Puducherry)**

**Invites papers for  
Two Day National Seminar on  
*'Voices from The Margins'***

**03-04 October 2019**

National historiography, as a process, has documented the formal circumcision of marginal voices by not giving them space for representation. Post-colonial and contemporary writers across the globe took a strong stand against it and produced writings that deflates and punctures the claim of truth and knowledge of dominant history. Resistance is central to the writings by marginalized section whether in terms of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, caste, etc. 1980s was the time when Subaltern Studies and Dalit writing started questioning the dominant and nationalist historiography by producing different versions of truth through their experiential writings. Refugees show their displacement from their homeland and their precarious condition in a refugee space where they experience different kinds of existentialist questions. Similarly the graphic novels jolt the reader through black and white representation of precarity that affects the aesthetic sensibility of the reader. Feminist movement in India saw a paradigmatic change when they questioned the dominance of dominant section within feminist movement in India and started asserting their own voices in their own words. Similarly how the debate between orientalist and occidentalist or between traditionalist and modernist on the issue of the colonial legacy of English language in post-colonial situation situate the debate of language in terms of voicing their voices at national and international level. Why and how English language came to occupy central stage in language debate in India that was seen raising issues related to gender, identity, etc.

This two day National seminar seeks to deliberate some of the pertinent issues of marginal and suppressed voices that don't get substantial representation in mainstream discourse due to which they remain at periphery, at receiving end as stratified and demonized.

Some of the areas which can be covered in two days are but not limited to;

- Resistance writing
- Women writing from the margin
- Gender identity
- Dalit writings
- Muslim men and women writings
- Refugee Narratives
- Graphic novels
- Writings in translation
- English language teaching and marginality
- New Writings in English
- Disability Studies
- LGBT and Queer Writings
- Tribal Studies

- Grey Areas

Abstracts are invited from faculty, research scholars and students in not less than 250 words for the seminar on or before 01<sup>st</sup> September 2019. Abstract should be sent to [agcwenglishseminar@gmail.com](mailto:agcwenglishseminar@gmail.com)

Accepted abstracts will be intimated by 07<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and they are expected to send complete paper by or on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Registration fee for Presenter and/or Participant- 1500

For Research Scholar and Students- 1000

In-Absentia Participation/Presentation- 1500

(It includes seminar kit, certificate and lunch)

**In case of joint Co-Presenters/Authors all have to pay separately the registration fees.**

### **Payment Details**

Registration Fee can be transferred/deposited in

“Principal, Avvaiyar Govt. College for Women”

Account No: 003301000024762

IFSC Code: IOBA0000033

Branch: Karaikal, Puducherry

**Registration Amount is non-refundable in any scenario.**

Those who wish to avail the accommodation facility will have to pay a nominal charge for the accommodation.

**NOTE: Only Select papers by Editorial Board of the Seminar, free from any kind of plagiarism, will be published by a national publisher with ISBN number.**

### **Patron of the Seminar**

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