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NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

Symposium on

"Leadership Education-Principles and Practices towards Viksit Bharat 2047"

Theme of the Year: IGNITE THE SELF; IMPACT THE WORLD

Organized by IQAC

Date: 12.01.2026

Day: Monday

Time: 9.30 am- 03.00 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall



National Youth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and intellectual fervor by organizing a one-day Symposium on "Leadership Education – Principles and Practices towards *Viksit Bharat 2047*" on 12.01.2026. The programme was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in alignment with the vision of empowering young women as future leaders, inspired by the ideals of Swami Vivekananda. The programme commenced with universal prayer *Om Saha Navavathu*, followed by *Tamil Thai Vazhthu* and a Prayer Song. The Youth Day Address (Online) was delivered by Prof. Kathleen Westman, International Higher Education Consultant, Fulbright Hays Scholar and Professor of Higher Education Sociology, who has worked extensively across the Philippines, Cambodia, the UK, France and India. In her insightful address, she emphasized global perspectives on leadership, youth empowerment and the role of higher education in shaping socially responsible citizens, resonating strongly with the theme *Viksit Bharat 2047*. The Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. (Smt.) B. Parvathi Devi, Vice Principal. Yatiswari Thavapriya Amba, Secretary, offered her blessings to the students and highlighted that strength and mental resilience are the foundation of success. The Introduction of the Chief Guest was given by Dr. N. Booma Devi, Joint IQAC Coordinator, who briefly highlighted the academic and social contributions of the Chief Guest. The Youth Day Address on the topic "Vivekanandam" was delivered by Dr. Muthu Sundaranandam, the guest of honour. His inspiring address in the Prayer Hall emphasized Swami Vivekananda's vision of youth leadership, character building, discipline and national development. He urged students to ignite their inner strength and contribute meaningfully to nation-building. A Book Releasing Ceremony was held thereafter, wherein the books titled "Gandhian Principles and Practices for Sustainable Development" and "Vivekananda Pillai" were released by Yatiswari Thavapriya Amba, Secretary and received by Dr. Muthu Sundaranandam, marking significant academic contributions of the institution. The programme continued with the collective rendition of the motivational song "பெண்ணே நீ மகத்தானவள்", celebrating the strength, dignity and leadership potential of women. The Prize Distribution Ceremony for the Tamil Essay Writing Competition, sponsored by "சுதேசி விழிப்புணர்வு இயக்கம்", was conducted to encourage linguistic and intellectual expression among students. The Felicitation Address was delivered by Prof. (Major) P. Chandrasekaran, Director, who, in his speech, emphasized that students must evolve as leaders for societal change, underscoring the importance of responsibility, values and service to the nation. Dr. A. Mahalakshmi, IQAC Coordinator proposed the Vote of Thanks. The sessions provided a vibrant platform for students to present papers on leadership, youth empowerment, ethical governance and nation-building in the context of *Viksit Bharat 2047*. The discussions were interactive and intellectually enriching.