

MES ASMABI COLLEGE, P VEMBALLUR
PG and Research Department of English
National Reading Day Observance

Name of the Event : Readers' Fiesta: A Two-day Celebration of National Reading Day

Dates of the Event : 19-06-2025 and 20-06-2025

Coordinators : Ms. Jameelathu K A, Ms. Sinsy Siddiq, Mr. Mohammed Shan K S

Programmes Organized :

- 1. Inauguration & Invited Talk by Shri. Siddharthan Punnakkal**, A Retired Higher Secondary School Principal from Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- 2. Thou art on Stage: Recreations of Dramatic Scenes by the Students of the Department**
- 3. Unveiling the Book: Spot Competition of Book Guessing**
- 4. Purple Patches: Reading out favourite lines by faculty of English dept.**
- 5. If Your Life were a Book... What would you name it?: Speak-off Contest**
- 6. Books-to-Reel: Book Reel Competition**
- 7. Literati Hour: Engaging students in the world of books through utilising library**

Detailed Report of the Event:

1. Inauguration & Invited Talk

The Department of English, in collaboration with its literary clubs—Reader's Forum and New Critics Review Club—organized the inaugural ceremony of Reader's Fiesta on 19th June 2025, aiming to celebrate the joy of reading and promote literary activities on campus.

The event began with a welcome address by Ms. Jameelathu K.A., who introduced the vision behind the initiative. Dr. Reema Mohamed, Principal, presided over the function and stressed the importance of nurturing reading habits in a digitally driven age.

The invited talk was delivered by Shri. Siddharthan Punnakkal, noted writer and retired Principal from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Drawing from his 31 years of experience, he shared insightful reflections on the power of books and narrated rich experiences from his time in the islands.

Dr. Sanand Sadananda Kumar, HoD of Political Science, offered felicitations. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Sinsy Siddiq, who expressed gratitude to all contributors and participants.



2. Thou art on Stage! Recreating Dramatic Scenes

As part of the Reader's Fiesta celebrations, the **Department of English** staged a dramatic presentation titled "***Thou Art on Stage***" on **19th June 2025**, immediately following the inaugural ceremony. The event was a tribute to the timeless legacy of **William Shakespeare**, bringing his iconic tragedy ***Macbeth*** to life through a vibrant student-led performance.



A Glimpse to the performance:

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3. Purple Patches: Reading out Favourite Lines by Faculty of English Dept

As part of the Reader's Fiesta, the Department of English organised a literary session titled *Purple Patches* on 19th June 2025. In this intimate gathering, faculty members shared their favourite lines and passages from various literary works with students, reading aloud excerpts from their favourite books. The event also witnessed beautiful renderings of poems composed by students.



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4. Unveiling the Book: Spot Competition for Book Guessing

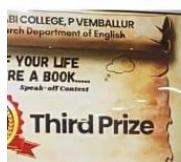
As part of the *Readers Fiesta*, the students of the Department of English organised an exciting spot competition titled *Unveiling the Book* on the afternoon of 19th June 2025. In a creative twist, English department students made surprise visits to various classrooms of other departments, engaging their peers with spontaneous questions related to books and films. Winners who answered correctly were rewarded with prizes on the spot, adding an element of fun and surprise to the academic atmosphere.



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5. If Your Life were a Book... What would you name it?: Speak-off Contest

As part of the *Readers Fiesta*, a speak-off contest was conducted on 20th June at 11:30 AM. The topic of the contest was *If Your Life Were a Book... What Would You Name It?* Students shared interesting and thoughtful titles for their life stories and spoke about the reasons behind their choices. The event saw active participation and a lot of creative responses.



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6. Books-to-Reel Competition

As part of the *Readers Fiesta*, a fun and engaging competition titled *Books to Reel* was conducted and winners were announced on 20th. In this event, students were asked to create short reels or videos inspired by books they love—bringing characters, scenes, or themes to life through creative visuals. The competition encouraged students to combine their love for reading with digital storytelling, resulting in a vibrant mix of imagination and media skills.



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7. Literati Hour

As part of the *Readers Fiesta*, the Department of English conducted *Literati Hour* on the afternoon of 20th June 2025. During this session, students were taken to the college library to spend time exploring the world of books. The event aimed to encourage quiet reading and help students reconnect with the joy of reading in the serene and silent atmosphere of the library. Students actively participated and engaged with a variety of books, making the session both relaxing and enriching.



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