

Re-reading the folktale by Dr. Mary Vidya Porselvi

The book launch of Dr. Mary Vidya Porselvi's 'Nature, Culture and Gender' was held at the Lawrence Sundaram Auditorium on September 2nd 2016 at 11:30 am. The session began by invoking God's presence through a prayer song sung by the department choir, followed by lighting of the Lamp.

Thiru .D.Pandian-former Member of the Parliament and senior Leader of CPI was the Chief Guest and Rev.Fr.MichaelAmaladoss, S.J -Director, Institute of Dialogue with Culture and Religions was the 'Guest of Honour.' Rev.Fr. A.M.Francis Jayapathy, SJ Rector, Loyola College, Prof.Pencier- Vice Principal and Associate Prof.of English, Loyola College and Prof.Dr.Joseph Chandra- Head Department of English, Loyola College were also present to grace the occasion. The welcome address was delivered by Dr.Joseph Chandra, HOD of English and the dignitaries were felicitated with a sapling.

Dr. Mary Vidya Porselvi rendered some inputs about the book. Dr. Porselvi was of the view that nature was her main source of inspiration and that the book houses seven exclusive of introduction and conclusion. The recurring motives of the book revolve around 'Shakthi consciousness', 'Ahimsa consciousness' and 'Shanthi consciousness' while unleashing several questions on nature, culture and gender. The book equally indulges in portrayal of the realistic picture of women. Dr.Porselvi also acknowledged her supporters and well wishers.



(From left) . Rev.Fr. A.M.Francis Jayapathy, Rev.Fr.MichaelAmaladoss, Thiru.D.Pandian, Dr.Joseph Chandra and Dr. Porselvi

Thiru.D.Pandian, re-iterated the thought that we should learn from nature. He added that Nature is a 'giver' and not 'taker.' While protecting nature we protect our own system of life. This was followed by Fr. Rector's sharing. Rev.Fr.MichaelAmaladoss, SJ stated that the book is the need of the hour and attributes new vision to balance nature with development. The culture of development should abstain from slapping a deleterious effect on nature.

The book was released was released by Thiru.D.Pandian, and a copy of it was offered to the dignitaries. The event concluded with the Vote of Thanks being proposed by Ms.Nancy -PhD Scholar.