

International Conference on Dictionary and its Etymological Research

English and Tamil Departments, Loyola College in collaboration with Directorate of Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project organized an International conference on *Dictionary and its Etymological Research* on 17.12.2018 to inaugurate 'Word Collection Box', explore the means to translate the newly added and not-so-exactly translated English words in to Tamil and initiate students into nuances of research on dictionaries.

Dr S. Vincent, Dean of Research, presiding over the programme, brought out the sociological aspects of Dictionaries.

Mr. Thanga Kamarasu, Director, Tamil Etymological Dictionary Project explained the dynamics of the conference highlighting the importance of the use of dictionary.

Thiru R. Venkatesan, IAS Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department spoke on the significance of research on Dictionaries and said that researchers require the patience and responsibility to accomplish the task.

Inaugurating the Word Collection Box, **Thiru K. Pandiarajan**, Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture solicited the cooperation of students and staff in harnessing the necessary words from world languages into Tamil and assured all researchers and scholars of possible financial assistance.

Dr Madhan Karki, Director, Karki Research Institute introduced the participants to all possible use of e-dictionaries and initiated to translation of English words into Tamil words.

Mr. Sachithanatham, Director, International institute for higher education, Paris traced the history and evolution of dictionaries and pinpointed the use of dictionaries.

Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Head, Department of English recalled a number of English words being etymologically traced to Tamil words. Further, he said that in this context of news words being coined, derived from other languages and newer technological developments, it is imperative to do research and contribute newer knowledge to the existing bundle.

Dr. Daniel, Head, Department of Tamil emphasized the use of pure Tamil words even in the context of modern technological world.

Finally, students were awarded with certificates for their suggestions of new Tamil words translated from other languages.