

A special lecture was organized at the Department of English on the eve of the celebration of International Literacy Day on 08.09.2016. Mrs.A.Mathini, Head, Department of English, welcomed the gathering. Mr.T.Pushpanathan, Assistant Professor, Department of English delivered a special lecture on 'Eradication of Illiteracy in India'. He outlined the issues of illiteracy in India with statistical details. He also pointed out that India with 34.5% of her people remains illiterate and stands first in the Illiteracy rating across the world according to a recent survey (UNESCO 2015). The students of B.A., M.A. and M.Phil. English were exposed to various issues addressed on illiteracy in India and ways and means of eradicating it from India. A PowerPoint presentation was used to explain the importance of educating the illiterates in India and empower them. He requested the students of B.A., M.A. & M.Phil. English to adopt an illiterate each and educate him/her. The participants assured that they will find drop-outs and illiterates in their respective villages and elevate them in the society by educating them