ALBERTIAN KNOWLEDGE SUMMIT-2021

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in association with Office of the Dean, Research conducted the very first Albertian Knowledge Summit 2021- an International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research on ‘Communication At The Crossroads- an International Conference on Intersections of Language, Literature and Journalism’ on 29th March, 2021.  Prof. Nikitha Shaji Thomas, HoD, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and Prof. Aleena Mathew were the faculty coordinators for the same. The event was inaugurated at 12 PM and the felicitation speech was delivered by Dr. Rosalind Gonzaga.  Student coordinators, Angela and Keerthana (I BA English Triple Main) guided the event as emcee’s.

The first talk was delivered on the topic ‘contextual concerns in foreign language learning’ by Dr. Sheng Hui Cindy Huang, Professor and Dean, College of Arts, National Changhua University of Education, Taiwan.  It was an insightful lesson where the participants learnt about the different education systems in Taiwan and the various models implemented to learn the English language and how the environment we are in, like our family, peer circle influence our language learning.

The second talk was delivered by Ms. Pavithra Nandanan Menon, Research Scholar, Comparative Asian Studies, National University of Singapore on the topic ‘English- A Global Language or A Social Ladder.’ The subtle politics behind language and how it influences us as an individual was discussed and the participants learnt to winnow language from power politics. The various dialects and how one standard language is selected and promoted as part of the class struggle was also touched upon.

The final talk was delivered by Ms. Ranjita Dilraj, Communication and Programme Associate, United Nations Development Programme on the topic ‘The Mindful Integration of Inclusiveness and Diversity in Language, Literature and Journalism.’ The session was informative, engaging and fruitful as the participants learnt about various facets and angles to language learning and journalism.

The Albertian Knowledge Summit ended with the vote of thanks by Asst. Prof. Phrimna Valerious.