# MoU Activities Conducted by the Department of English, Aquinas College, Edakochi with The Cochin College, Cochin

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

**Signed Between:** 

- Department of English, Aquinas College, Edakochi
- The Cochin College, Cochin

## **Date of Signing:**

• 16th December 2021

## Overview

The MoU between the Department of English, Aquinas College, Edakochi, and The Cochin College, Cochin, was established to promote academic collaboration, knowledge exchange, and mutual growth between the two institutions. The agreement has led to a series of joint activities aimed at enhancing the educational experience of students and faculty from both colleges.



#### **Activities Conducted Under the MoU**

#### 1. Invited Talk by Veena Venugopal

- Date: 2022-2023 Academic Year
- Location: The Cochin College, Cochin
- Speaker: Veena Venugopal
- Summary: The Department of English at Aquinas College facilitated an invited talk by the renowned author and journalist Veena Venugopal at The Cochin College. Veena Venugopal is known for her insightful commentary on contemporary issues and her engaging writing style. The talk provided students with an opportunity to interact with a professional from the literary field, enriching their understanding of modern writing and journalism.

### 2. Invited Talk by Dr. Augustine George

- **Title:** "Envisioning Transcendence: Portraying Transhumanist Philosophy through Manga"
- Date: 12th February 2024
- Location: S.H. College, Thevara
- Speaker: Dr. Augustine George, Assistant Professor
- Summary: As part of the MoU-related activities, students from the Department of English at Aquinas College attended an insightful talk by Dr. Augustine George. The presentation focused on the concept of transhumanism and its depiction in manga, a popular form of Japanese comic books and graphic novels. Dr. George's lecture explored how manga serves as a medium for expressing complex philosophical ideas, particularly those related to the future of human evolution and technology. This event broadened the students' perspectives on literature and its intersection with other disciplines.



The activities conducted under the MoU between the Department of English at Aquinas College, Edakochi, and The Cochin College, Cochin, have significantly contributed to the academic and intellectual development of the students. The invited talks by distinguished speakers like Veena Venugopal and Dr. Augustine George have provided invaluable learning experiences, fostering a deeper appreciation for literature and its various dimensions. The continued collaboration promises to bring more enriching opportunities for both institutions in the future.