

## **A Two-Day National seminar on Subaltern Literature: Quest for Identity, Equality and Fraternity.**

A Two-Day National seminar on Subaltern Literature: Quest for Identity, Equality and Fraternity, was held on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2019. **Major R.Venkatachalam, Principal A.V.V.M Sri Pushpam College, Poondi** delivered the Inaugural address. Dr.P.Jayapriya of Mother Teresa University delivered the keynote address. She said, "Subaltern literature tries to focus our attention on the marginalized sections of the society which grapples with identity and even survival. In spite of enactment of laws protecting them, they have been denied equal treatment and always remain sidelined by the mainstream social life. Fraternity eludes them as the social interaction between communities has become virtually non-existent." Speaking on the occasion Dr.D.E.Benet, Associate Professor of English, pointed out the evolutionary phases of subaltern studies.He said, "Improved material conditions assuring a minimum standard of living and political conditions of uncensored discourse and association will bring marked changes in the lives of women, Dalits, physically challenged and even differently sexually oriented." There were ten resource persons gracing the occasion from Pondichery and Tamil Nadu and 244 participants from almost all the southern states of India. Dr.C. Santhosh Kumar of Annamalai University delivered the valedictory address and distributed the certificates.