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### **Introduction**

V. T. Pathanakendram at SVTB College is organizing a lecture series in the academic year 2023-2024 on the theme of women empowerment, titled "Nārīśakti." The series is coordinated by Dr. Sruthi P. A., who is in charge of the Pathanakendram. The "Nārīśakti" lecture series aims to raise awareness about the women who were influenced by V. T. Bhattathiripad and to introduce the influential female figures active in theater arts during V. T.'s era in Kerala. This series seeks to highlight the contributions and struggles of these women, shedding light on their roles in advancing social reform and promoting gender equality.

### **First Session - Date: 06/10/2023, Time: 1.30 PM**

The inauguration function of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series was organized on October 6, 2023, at SVTB College. The event marked the beginning of a series dedicated to exploring and promoting women empowerment, inspired by the legacy of V. T. Bhattathiripad and the influential women of his era. Dr. Sruthi P. A., the coordinator of V. T. Pathanakendram, commenced the function by welcoming all the participants and invitees. Her introduction set the stage for a meaningful and engaging event. Dr. Saritha Namboothiri, Principal of SVTB College, delivered the presidential address. In her speech, she emphasized the importance of recognizing and celebrating the contributions of women who have shaped history and continue to inspire future generations. The keynote speaker and inaugurator of the event was J. Devika, a renowned historian and writer specializing in women's studies. She officially inaugurated the "Nārīśakti" lecture series and delivered an insightful talk on the topic "Women Empowerment through V. T. Bhattathiripad." In her address, J. Devika highlighted V. T.'s progressive ideas and his impact on women's rights and empowerment in Kerala. Subha I. N., Head of the Department of Computer Science and NSS Coordinator, felicitated the function. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Vijayasree K. V., Head of the Department of Hindi and Women's Club Coordinator.

### **Second Session - Date: 13/10/2023, Time: 2.30 PM**

In the second session of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series, Ms. Sara Joseph, a renowned writer, addressed the topic "Some Female Faces Influenced by V. T." The session was held at SVTB College and was highly anticipated by students and faculty alike. Dr. Vijayasree K. V., Head of the Department of Hindi and Women's Club Coordinator, welcomed Ms. Sara Joseph to speak to the students of SVTB College. In her introduction, Dr. Vijayasree K. V. noted that it was a pleasure to have Ms. Sara Joseph back at the college, recalling her previous visit in 1998.

Ms. Sara Joseph discussed the significant influence V. T. Bhattathiripad had on various female figures such as Lalithambika Antharjanam, Devaki Nilayangode, Parvathy Nenminimangalam, Nilambur Ayisha and highlighting their contributions to social reform and their roles in advancing women's rights in Kerala. The Principal of SVTB College expressed his happiness and gratitude for having such a distinguished resource person as Ms. Sara Joseph grace the event. He acknowledged the importance of her contributions to literature and women's rights and how her presence added immense value to the "Nārīśakti" lecture series. Dr. Sruthi P. A. coordinator of the kendram, expressed the gratitude of SVTB College.

### **Third Session - Date: 20/10/2023, Time: 2 PM**

The third session of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series took place on October 20, 2023, and was conducted by Kapila Venu, a renowned Kutiyattam artist on 'Women characters in theater art'. The session provided an insightful exploration into the traditional art form of Kutiyattam and its role in empowering women through cultural expression. Dr. Parvathy K. P., Head of the Department of Sanskrit, welcomed the distinguished invitee, Kapila Venu. In her introduction, Dr. Parvathy K. P. highlighted Kapila Venu's contributions to the preservation and promotion of Kutiyattam, emphasizing the significance of her work in the context of women's empowerment in the arts. Students and faculty attended the lecture. The third session of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series was a resounding success, furthering the series' goal of highlighting influential women and their contributions to social and cultural transformation.

### **Fourth Session - Date: 03/11/2023, Time: 2.30 PM**

The fourth session of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series, held on November 3, 2023, was centered on the topic "Reforming Female Minds in Early Twentieth Century Kerala." The session was delivered by a former Head of the Department of History at SVTB College, bringing a wealth of knowledge and historical perspective to the discussion. Priya M., an Assistant Professor in the Department of History, welcomed the speaker and the attendees, setting the stage for an enlightening session. At the conclusion of the session, Rajeswari R., a student in the Department of History, delivered the vote of thanks. The fourth session of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series successfully highlighted the transformative efforts in early twentieth-century Kerala, contributing to a deeper understanding of the historical foundations of women's empowerment.

### **Fifth Session - Date: 10/11/2023, Time: 2 PM**

The "Nārīśakti" lecture series concluded on November 10, 2023, with a valedictory session that was both memorable and impactful. The highlight of the concluding event was the valedictory speech delivered by K. R. Meera, the acclaimed Malayalam writer known for her powerful storytelling and advocacy for women's rights. K. R. Meera's

eloquent and inspiring words resonated deeply with the audience, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. The valedictory session marked the culmination of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series, which had successfully highlighted the significant contributions of women to Kerala's social and cultural history. Dr. Saritha Namboothiri, Principal of SVTB College, conveyed her happiness and appreciation for the wonderful lectures conducted by V. T. Pathanakendram as part of the "Nārīśakti" lecture series. Dr. Sruthi P. A., coordinator of the lecture series, expressed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of V. T. Pathanakendram.

## List of Participants

