



SHRI GNANAMBICA DEGREE COLLEGE

(AUTONOMOUS)
(Affiliated to S.V. University)



REPORT ON P.N. PANICKER NATIONAL READING / DIGITAL READING DAY & READING MONTH – 2026

Theme: “*Read and Grow*”

Date: 20 July 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Venue: Shri Gnanambica Degree College (Autonomous), Madanapalle

Programme Coordinator: Mr. M. Mahesh, Librarian

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Introduction

Shri Gnanambica Degree College (Autonomous), Madanapalle, organised a programme to commemorate **P.N. Panicker National Reading / Digital Reading Day and Reading Month – 2026**, with the theme “**Read and Grow.**” The programme aimed to create awareness among students about the importance of reading, encourage regular reading habits, and promote the effective use of both print and digital reading resources.

The celebration was conducted as part of the Reading Month activities observed from **19 June to 18 July 2026**. The programme provided an opportunity for students to understand the role of reading in academic development, personal growth, creativity, critical thinking and lifelong learning.

Objectives of the Programme

The major objectives of the programme were:

- To cultivate regular reading habits among students.
- To create awareness about the importance of books and libraries.

- To encourage students to make effective use of digital reading resources and e-books.
- To develop critical thinking, creativity and communication skills through reading.
- To motivate students to explore diverse genres, authors and subjects.
- To promote reading as a meaningful lifelong learning activity.

Activities and Initiatives

As part of the Reading Month celebrations, various reading-oriented activities and initiatives were promoted among the students. These included **quiz activities, essay writing, elocution, storytelling, recitation, painting competitions, reading circles and group reading sessions.**

The programme also encouraged students to explore **digital reading and e-library resources**, thereby helping them understand how technology can complement traditional reading practices. Interactive sessions with librarians and eminent personalities were also encouraged to motivate students towards developing a sustained reading culture.

Book donation and book-sharing activities were highlighted as meaningful initiatives to make reading resources accessible to a wider section of students. Awareness campaigns and reading pledge activities further reinforced the message of making reading a regular part of everyday life.

Participation of Students

Students actively participated in the reading-related activities and showed enthusiasm in expressing their ideas through various literary and creative formats. The activities provided students with opportunities to improve their vocabulary, communication skills, imagination, confidence and analytical abilities.

The programme also highlighted the importance of balancing traditional books with digital resources. Students were encouraged to utilise the college library, e-books, digital libraries and other authentic online learning resources for academic and personal development.

Outcome of the Programme

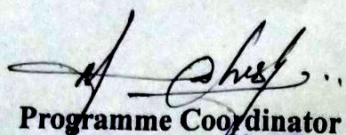
The programme successfully created awareness about the significance of reading and its contribution to the overall development of students. It motivated students to develop a positive attitude towards books and digital reading resources.

The celebration also strengthened the role of the college library as a centre for knowledge, learning and intellectual engagement. Students were encouraged to continue reading beyond their prescribed curriculum and to develop reading as a lifelong habit.

Conclusion

The P.N. Panicker National Reading / Digital Reading Day & Reading Month – 2026 programme was a meaningful initiative to promote a strong reading culture among students of Shri Gnanambica Degree College (Autonomous), Madanapalle. The theme “**Read and Grow**” effectively conveyed the message that reading contributes not only to academic success but also to intellectual, personal and social growth.

The programme concluded with a renewed commitment to encourage students to **read regularly, explore widely, learn continuously and grow through knowledge.**



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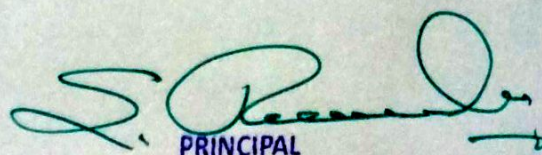
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