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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**2021-2022**

### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TEACHING STAFF:**



The Department of English organised Faculty Development Programme on “Emotional Intelligence” on 19.06.2021 through online. Mrs. Saraswathi, language and soft skill trainer delivered the keynote address on Emotional Intelligence. Emotional intelligences are the ability to recognize, understand and manage our emotions. She traced how the word was coined and about the people who popularized emotional intelligence. She examined its importance and analyzed the characteristics of emotional intelligence. All the faculty members attended the faculty development programme.

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF AMITAV GHOSH**

The Department of English celebrated the birth anniversary of Amitav Gosh on 12.07.2021. Mrs.P.Suruthi, Teacher, Anjaman Matriculation School, Aiyampet, Papanasam, Thanjavur gave a lecture on Amitav Ghosh and his works. Ghosh’s stories center on his idea of life changing, self- understanding, national identity and spiritual liberation. This created awareness among the audience on the concepts of his novels.62 students participated in the programme.



### **GENDER EQUITY PROGRAMME:**



The Department of English jointly with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage city organized Lecture on “Be Healthy” on 20.07.2021.Dr.B.Thamaraiselvi M.D., DGO. Gynaecologist, N.M.Hospital, Thanjavur delivered a lecture on “Be Healthy”. She mentioned that women are the cornerstone of a family's overall health. She emphasized that menstrual health has direct correlation with maternal mortality Rate and Infant Mortality Rate. 80 students participated in this programme.

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY- RENAISSANCE DAY:**

The Department of English and the Department of Tamil combined together organised Commemoration of “Renaissance Day” on 23.07.2021 through online. Dr.Pon Manikavalli, Head, World Thirumantra and Yoga Research Centre, Thanjavur spoke about the Age of Renaissance. The world was emerging from the Middle or Dark Ages. She described the development of humanistic ideas, such as the dignity of



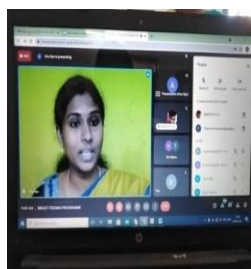


man, scientific enquiry and exploration. She also mentioned that this was the time of the Protestant Reformation and the invention of the printing press. 60 students benefitted through this programme.

### **GREEN PRACTICE:**

The Department of English organised a Lecture on “3R- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” on 27.07.2021 through online. The resource person was Dr.Manikandan, Assistant Professor, PRIST Deemed University, Thanjavur. He expressed his views on the 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle which helps to cut down on the amount of waste thrown away. It conserves natural resources, landfill space and energy and the 3Rs save land and money. All the communities must learn to dispose of waste in landfills. He explained in detail about the 3Rs and gave some tips related to 3R. 70 Students participated and were greatly benefitted through this programme.

### **GENDER EQUITY PROGRAMME:**



The Department of English in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City organised Breast feeding awareness programme on 09.08.2021 through online. Dr.V.Anusuya, MBBS, DGO, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist gave a lecture on the importance of breast feeding. She told that the Breast feeding is one of the most effective ways to ensure child health. She stated that woman who feeds her child also has a lower risk of breast and ovarian cancers. 100 students participated.

### **OLIVIAN FEST'21:**

The Department of English organised OLIVIAN FEST'21 on 11.09.2022. Olivian club members encouraged the students to participate in co-curricular activities. Olivian club members Co-ordinated the participants with the help of the faculty members and conducted the events. Mrs. B. Farhath Banu, Head of the Department, Mr. T. Joseph Pandian and Dr.M.Subramaniam were the judges of the events. The literary activities such as skit, tableau, poem recitation, essay writing and elocution were organised. Students of the English department displayed their talents.



### **OUTREACH PROGRAMME:**

The department of English conducted an outreach programme with Inner wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City, Thanjavur entitled “Family Values” on 03.09.2021. 45 students were emphasised with the qualities that are significant to a family such as trust, respect, honesty, etc. They were advised to spend quality time with the family members.

### **CUL FEST' 21:**



The department of English conducted CULFEST'21 on 15.09.2021 to help the students to exhibit their skills and talents. The following events were conducted for the English department students: Song, Dance, Pencil Sketchery, Mime and Henna. Students enthusiastically participated in all the events and won many prizes. The winners were awarded with certificates.

### **STUDENT INDUCTION PROGRAMME – IB.A & I M.A:**

The Department of English organised Student Induction Programme for the first year UG and PG students from 20.09.2021 to 22.09.2021. Each day there were three sessions and for each session one resource person was allotted. Resource persons gave lectures on various topics. SIP programme helped the students to feel comfortable in the new environment and adjust to the customs and practices of the college. The programme helped the students to understand and have better relationship with the faculty members for setting the pace of fruitful teaching learning experiences. All the first year UG and PG students attended the programme.



### **BRIDGE COURSE:**



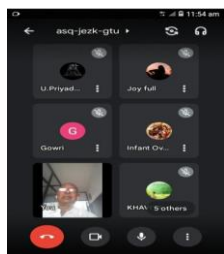
The Department of English organised Bridge course for the first year UG students of all the departments from 23.09.2021 to 05.10.2021. The Department of English took more efforts to give training in the communicative skills to all I UG students. Drills were given to enhance LSRW skills. Students were trained with the sounds of English language. Students were drilled with games like words building, cross word puzzles, rhyming words etc. 1115 students actively participated in all the activities and learnt to speak English fluently.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY – TRANSLATION DAY

The Department of English and the Department of Tamil organised a programme on “World Translation Day” on 30.09.2021. Dr. M.Subramaiaam, Professor of English, Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur and Dr.Sathya, Assistant Professor of Tamil, Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur were the resource persons. Dr.M.Subramaniam spoke about the reason to celebrate International Translation Day.100 students participated in this Programme.



## ENGLISH FOR YOU – BASIC:



The Department of English organised English for You – Basic for the first year UG Tamil medium students from 05.10.2021 – 09.10.2021.17 staff members trained the students effectively. The training focused on improving the language skills of the students. Students were given vocabulary games. They were asked to perform day today conversations in pairs. They were trained to do give instructions and suggestions in English. 357students were benefitted.

## ENGLISH FOR YOU – INTERMEDIATE:

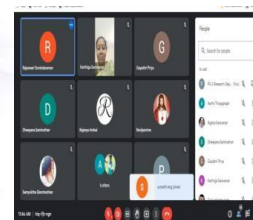


The Department of English organised English for you – Intermediate for the second year UG Tamil medium students from 04.10.2021 – 09.10.2021.10 staff members from the department of English trained the students. The students were given activities to learn the synonyms and antonyms. They were asked to make sentences with confusing words. They were given task to explain the proverbs in pairs. The students actively took part in the reading activities.575 students were benefitted through this programme



### **HUMAN VALUES AND ETHICS:**

The Department of English organised Human Values and Professional Ethics programme entitled "Moral Values in 169 century British Literature" on 05.10.2021 through online. Dr.Karthiga, Assistant Professor of English, Dr.M.G.R. Government Arts College for Women, Villupuram was the resource person. She analysed how moral values are portrayed in the 160 century British Literature. She laid down valuable guidelines for human conduct. She urged human beings to follow the right path in every field of life political, social, domestic etc. 50 students were benefitted through this programme.



### **TRAINING FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION:**



The Department of English organised training programme for competitive examinations from 07.10.2021 to 28.10.2021 for the final year BA & MA students. The programme was handled by 8 faculty members from the department of English. Students were motivated to write all the competitive examinations like TNPSC, SET& NET. The training was given on various topics such as reasoning, general knowledge, numerical ability, English proficiency and clerical ability. 545 students participated and benefited.

### **ONE WAY LECTURE:**



The Department of English organised Workshop on Story narration on 13.10.2021. Ms.Sujatha Singh ICF certified productivity coach, Motivational speaker, Leadership trainer and Business Story Teller gave a lecture on Story Narration. She expressed her ideas on stories, development of characterization given on the spot topic to write short stories. Students enjoyed the programme.

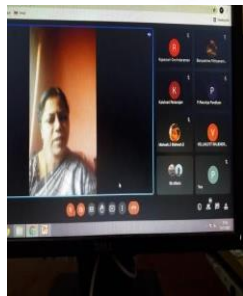
### **INTERNATIONAL DAY – NATIONAL DICTIONARY DAY**

The Department of English, the Department of Tamil, the Department of History and the Department of Social Work joined together and organised “National Dictionary Day” on 16.10.2021 through online. Dr.R.Komahan Kavirinadan, Associate Professor of English, Nehru Memorial College, Puthinampatti was the resource person. He described that National Dictionary Day was created in honor of Noah Webster's birthday. He mentioned that Celebrating Dictionary Day is best done by



expanding your vocabulary to broaden it and perhaps take an opportunity to expand our language to the full scope of the tongue's diversity. 80 students participated in this programme.

### **HUMAN VALUES AND ETHICS:**

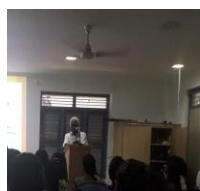


The Department of English organised Human Values and Professional programme on “Moral Values in Shakespeare plays” on 15.11.2021 through online. Dr.A.Suraiya, Head, Assistant Professor of English, Bharath College of Arts and Science, Thanjavur was the resource person. She analyzed how moral values are portrayed in Shakespeare plays. She described the value of love and harmony through the characters such as Rosalind and Orlando, Celia and Oliver, as well as Phoebe and Ganymede. Students gained more knowledge about Shakespeare's plays through this programme.

### **TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF:**

The Department of English organised Training programme for non-teaching staff members entitled “Spoken English” on 12.11.21. Dr.Esther Shanthini, Asst Prof, Department of English, Bon Secours College for Women and Dr.Subramaniam, Professor, Department of English, Bon Secours College for Women conducted the classes in an effective manner. They trained the drivers and conductors to converse us English in day today life. 54 drivers and conductors were benefited.

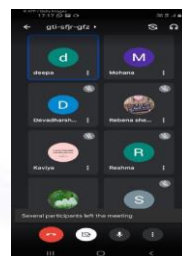
### **INTERNATIONAL DAY – WORLD EDUCATION DAY:**



The Department of English organised International day programme in commemoration of “World Educational day” on 24.01.2022. Dr. M. Subramaniam, Professor of English, Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur spoke about the significance of education. He emphasized that the most important transformations had to be nurtured to realise everyone's fundamental right and build a more sustainable society. He also stated that global education helped students to develop their capacity and to be a responsible citizen. 77 students & 5 staff members participated and got benefited.

### COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES JOYCE:

The Department of English celebrated the birth anniversary of James Joyce on 02.02.2022. Ms.P.A.Mohana Priya, Teacher Kendra Vidhyalaya, Thanjavur gave a lecture on James Joyce and his works. Joyce's stories centered on his idea of life changing, self- understanding, national identity and spiritual liberation. This created awareness among the audience on the concepts of his novels. 65 students participated in this programme.



### ONE WAY LECTURE:



The Department of English organised Workshop on “A Guide to Write a Poem” on 04.02.2022. Mrs.S.Umayal, Writer, Director, Squirrel play school, Thanjavur gave a lecture on “A Guide to Write a Poem”. She expressed her ideas on poetry, power of imagination and word selection for writing short stories. She also motivated all the students to become a poet.115 students

benefitted through this programme,

### ENGLISH FOR YOU –ADVANCED:



The Department of English organised English for You – Advanced from 21.02.2022 to 25.02.2022 for the second year UG Tamil medium students. According to the schedule, 17 staff members handled the allotted classes. The students were drilled to make sentences with idioms. They were asked to match words with the meaning to know about homonyms. They were given picture writing to enrich their vocabulary skills. 575 students were benefitted.

### RESEARCH FORUM:

Research Forum was organised by the Department of English on 22.02.2022. Dr.A.Esther Shanthini was the resource person. The main concepts of her research were how to evaluate the bridge course materials, analyze whether the course covers the four skills of English Language and offer the remedial measures for the future successful bridge course programme in the colleges.20 faculty members of English department participated in this interactive session.





### **HUMAN VALUES AND ETHICS:**

The Department of English organised Human Values and Professional Ethics Programme on “Moral Values in 14<sup>th</sup> century British Literature” on 23.02.2022 through online. Mrs. Shirley Mary Vanitha, Assistant Professor of English, CARE Engineering College, Trichy was the resource person. She



shared her expertise on human values in the 14<sup>th</sup> century British Literature. She examined how moral values have been incorporated in the 14th century British Literature. 100 students were benefitted through this programme.

### **FIELD VISIT:**



The Department of English organised field work for the I year B. from 14.02.2022 to 14.03.2022. The field work is mandatory in the curriculum for environmental studies course for the first year B.A students. So the field work was conducted. All the first year students along with 2 staff members were taken to Villar for a field visit on 10.03.2022. Students explained to the village people about the importance of wastewater management. The students interacted with the village people and gave them awareness about water management and recycling system. 57 students participated in this field visit.

### **CHAIRS OF LITERARY GENRES:**

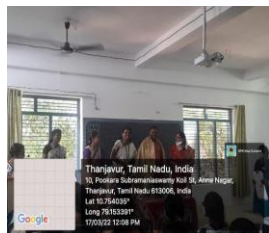
The Department of English arranged the Chairs of Literary Genres – “Objective Poetry” on 15.03.2022. The resource person illustrated how the poet acted as a detached observer and expressed what he had seen or heard. He shared the features for objective poetry such as lyric, ode, sonnet and elegy. 91 students from II B.A were benefitted.

### **GEORGE THARIAN ENDOWMENT LECTURE:**

George Tharian endowment lecture on Literary Theory "Marxism" was held on 16.03.2022. Dr.L.Baskaran, Assistant Professor of English, Rajah Serfoji Government College (Autonomous), Thanjavur, delivered a special lecture on literary theory "Marxism". The resource person highlighted the key ideas of Karl Marx such as false consciousness, ideological control, how the bourgeoisie exploited the proletariat, capitalist theory, etc. 54 students from I M.A & II M. A were benefitted by the lecture.



### **REXY ENDOWMENT LECTURE:**



Rexy Endowment Lecture on Translation - Journalistic Translation was organised on 17.03.2022. Dr.L.Rajesh, Assistant Professor of English, Raja Serofoji Government Arts College, Thanjavur delivered a lecture on “Journalistic Translation”. He illustrated the strategies involved in the translation of content written by journalists for the media which include

written press, digital media and audio-visual media. 102 students from III B.A participated in the lecture.

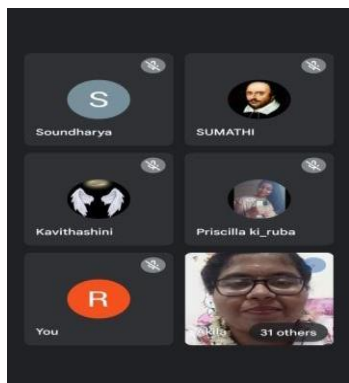
### **RESEARCH FORUM:**

Research Forum was organised for 21 faculty members on 18.03.2022. Dr.K.B.Jasmine



Suthanthira Devi, Assistant Professor of English elucidated about her Ph.D. topic. The main concept of her research was “unity is strength”. She explained how when people are not united, things fall apart. She illustrated the methods she has used in her research. The session helped to widen the faculty members’ knowledge regarding research.

### **HUMAN VALUES AND ETHICS:**



The Department of English organised Lecture on "Moral Values in 15th century British literature" on 16.03.2022 through online. Ms.Akila. Teacher, Christ International School Thanjavur was the resource person. She spoke about the morality plays which were popularized in 15th century. She explained how they used allegorical stories to teach moral values underpinned by Christian teachings. She said that the essential theme of the morality play is the conflict between the forces of good and the forces of evil

for the possession of man's soul. 60 students participated in this programme.

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY –WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY:**



The Department of English, the Department of Tamil, the Department of History and the Department of social work organised Cultural Competition Programme to celebrate the “World Day for Cultural Diversity” on 19.03.2022. Dr .Karpagalakshmi, Head, Assistant Professor of Botany, Bon Secours College for Women and Dr.Sivaranjini, Assistant Professor of Bio-Technology were the Chief Guests. Students participated in various competitions like Dance Competition, Singing Competition and Drama competition and exhibited their talents through their performances. The Student performances indicated the rich cultural heritage of India. The winners were awarded with certificates.

### **WORKSHOP ON JOURNALISM:**

The Department of English organised Workshop on Ethics in Journalism on 21.03.2022. Mr. G. Srinivasan, M.Sc., PGD. Journalist., Correspondent in Deccan Chronicle gave a lecture on Ethics in Journalism and spoke about the ideas on journalism, power of journalist and evolved ethics. He also motivated the students to become a journalist. 125 students were benefitted through this programme.



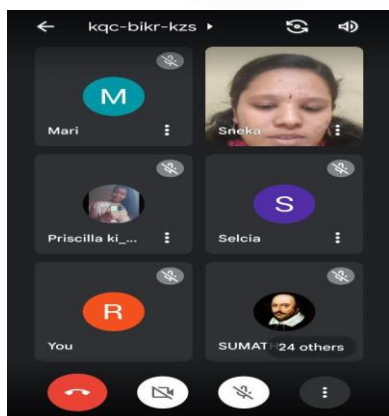
### **INTERNATIONAL DAY – WORLD THEATRE DAY:**

The Department of English, the Department of Tamil, the Department of History and the Department of social work organised Skit competition to commemorate the “World Theatre Day” on 25.03.2022. Dr .D.Heena Kowsar, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Bon Secours College for Women and Ms.K.Karthika, Assistant Professor of Physics, Bon Secours College for Women were the Chief Guests. Students were entertained and educated through the skit programmes. The students with their theatrical skills participated and performed in Tamil and English Skit competition and they gave live performances to communicate a message to the audience through gestures, speech, and song and dance. The winners were awarded with certificates.





### **GENDER EQUITY PROGRAMME:**



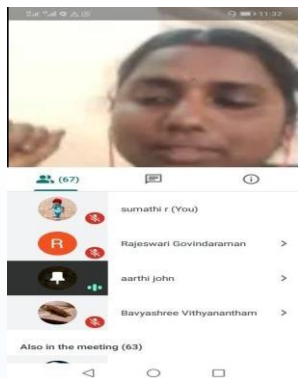
The Department of English organised Gender Equity Programme on "Physical Victimization in Indian Writing in English" on 28.03.2022. Ms.Sneka Teacher Velammal Bhodi Campus, Thanjavur was the resource person. She addressed the gathering and expressed her views on Victimization which is the process of being victimized or becoming a victim. She described the literary works of Shashi Deshpande we depicts the anxiety of the educated, independent and middle-class Indian woman Students gained awareness on violence against women, Patriarchal system and Women liberation. 100 students participated in this programme.

### **GREEN PRACTICE:**

The Department of English organised green practice on "Gardening of Herbal Plants and its Benefits" on 7.04.2022 through online. Dr.Ambiga, Head, Department of Bio-Chemistry, PRIST Deemed to be University, Thanjavur delivered a lecture on" Gardening of Herbal plants and its Benefits ". She elaborated on the medicinal uses of the herbal plants. She added that plants are generally rich sources of many natural herbal products which are mostly used for human welfare.56 students participated and got benefitted through this programme.



### **INTERNATIONAL DAY-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY:**



The Department of English and The Department of Tamil organised a webinar on the Commemoration of "English Language Day on 23.04.2022 Ms S.Uma, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Periyar Polytechnic College, Thanjavur was the resource person. She described that the celebration of English Language day is to spread awareness and respect for the history, culture and achievements of each six UN official languages. She explained the origin and significance of English language and how it plays a major role as official link languages. 90 students were benefitted in this programme.

### **RESEARCH WORKSHOP:**

One day research workshop on "Methods of Research" was organised by the Department of English in association with Institution Innovation Council on 28.04.2022. Dr. F. Mary Bridgith, Head, Assistant Professor of English, Thanthai Hans Roever Arts and Science College, Perambalur was the resource person. She discussed the two main categories of research methods, such as Qualitative and Quantitative research.



### **RESEARCH WORKSHOP:**



One day research workshop on “Strategies for selecting a research topic” was organised by the Department of English in Association with Institution Innovation Council on 29.04.2022. Dr.L.Elavarasu, Head, Department of English, National College (Autonomous), Trichy was the resource person. He explained the factors that can be used to select a research topic and listed various areas to do research.