



*DEPARTMENT
OF
ENGLISH*

*NEWSLETTER
ACADEMIC YEAR
2022-2023*

PROFILE OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of English, established in 2002 is marching proudly towards 25th year of service, catering to the higher educational needs of thousands of students every year. Being the backbone of the college, the department has faced many challenges and hurdles in realizing its ultimate good of empowering women learners by offering them unlimited tools and techniques of higher education. At the beginning, Department offered Part - II English and one certificate course. Now the department has achieved voluminous growth and offers B.A., M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D., programmes. The department has a bunch of well qualified and adequately experienced and inspiring faculties who untiringly work towards the progress of the students. The language lab helps the students to achieve effective communicative skills. The Literati association of the student in the department organise various programmes to identify, nurture and nourish the innate literary skills of the students. The department has MOUs in various institutions to provide our students the opportunities of Internships, Practical exposures and training. Thus, the department had grown beyond boundaries and committed itself to the growth of women.

VISION:

To arise, awake and shine in scholastic and non-scholastic sectors with effective communicative skills.

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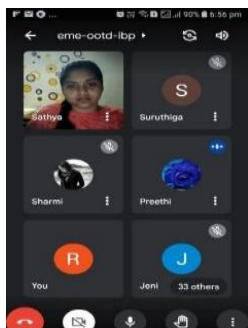
- To devise and implement strategies to improve communicative skills of rural and Tamil medium students.
- To mould and groom the women learners to emerge effectively in all sectors

ENGLISH FOR YOU – INTERMEDIATE:

The English for You - intermediate was conducted from 02.08.2022 to 06.08.2022. Totally 357 students attended the programmes. The structure of the sentence, the use of clauses and phrases, framing dialogue, comprehend a passage and creative writing were taught to the students. Exercises and activities were given to the students. On the whole the programme benefitted the students to a greater extent.



HUMAN VALUES AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS:



The Department of English organized a Lecture on Human Values and Professional Ethics programme, "Moral Values in Age of Dryden" on 08.08.2022. Ms.K. Sathyalakshmi MA.B.Ed. English Teacher, Thamarai International School, Thanjavur spoke about the Age of Dryden. She described about the moral values in the plays in the age of Dryden. 60 students participated and were greatly benefitted.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Entrepreneurship development programme titled “Build your own business” was conducted by the Department of English on 16.08.2022. The resource person, Ms.Rajamaheswari demonstrated the steps to start our own business. She gave tips to conduct market research, write a business plan, get funds for the business to pick up the location, open a business bank account and apply for licenses. 106 students participated in the programme.



STUDENT INDUCTION PROGRAMME – I BA

Students Induction Programme "Deeksharambh" was organised by the department of English from 18.08.2022 to 25.08.2022 for the I BA Mr.Arun Chandran, Speakeng Education Private Kodaikanal was Limited, the resource person. Our faculty members Prof. T.Joseph Pandian, Dr. Jasmine Sunthira Devi, Mrs. B. Hemavathy, Dr. Arockiados Esther Shanthini, Dr. K.Shibila, delivered topics such as LSRW skills, student support programmes, programme outcomes, anti-ragging course outcomes, department activities and time management.



BRIDGE COURSE

The Department of English of Bon Secours College for Women conducted Bridge Course for all the first year undergraduate students from 23.08.2022 to 02.09.2022. The course was conducted for the new entrants to facilitate them with essential language skills. Totally 1002 students undertook their bridge course and acquired knowledge on LSRW, Grammar & Vocabulary skills. The entry level and exit level test were conducted.



EXTENSION PROGRAMME



The Department of English in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City conducted an extension programme entitled “Inclusive Duniya Reading Circle” at Bluebells Academy, Thirukanurpatti on 18.08.2022. 2 students with a faculty took classes for the fifth standard students. The students were shown PPT to educate them to be inclusive with everyone, especially with physically challenged students. They were given activities to write related to the stories. They were gifted with story cards.

RESEARCH WORKSHOP

A Research workshop titled “Philosophy of Research” was conducted on 29.08.2022. Dr.Arunachalam, Head, Associate Professor of English, Rajah Serfoji Government College (A), Thanjavur, was the resource person. 26 M.A. students and 88 III B.A. English participated in the workshop. He highlighted the philosophy of research



STUDENT INDUCTION- PROGRAMME – I MA

The Department of English on 02.09.2022 - 05.09.2022 organised Students Induction Programme “Deeksharambh” for the I MA students. Dr.Mayilraj, Associate Professor, A.V.V.M Poondi Pushpam College was the resource person. Our faculty members gave orientation for students on programme outcomes, Anti- ragging and department activities.



ENGLISH FOR YOU – BASIC

The English for You -Basic was conducted from 5.09.2022 to 9.09.2022. It focused on basic English sentence formation, idioms and phrases, basic grammar and conversational English. The students gained knowledge and insight on basic language skills. 300 students were benefitted by the programme



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:



The Department of English conducted Faculty Development Programme on “Technology Enabled Teaching and Learning Strategies” from 12.09.22 to 14.09.22. Dr. P. Paul, Trainer, motivational speaker, Trichy was the resource person. The speaker shared information and guided the faculty members on the areas to be focused in order to update the skills and potentials. He gave some tips on how to be effective in technology-based teaching using some LMS and other apps.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR

The Department of English went for an educational tour to the Tamil university library on 20.09.22. 47 students with 2 faculty members went to the Tamil university library. The director of the library in the university briefed the students on how the library originated. He showed us different sections of the library. Different sections like periodicals, thesis and dissertations, reference sections, stack sections.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The Department of English in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City conducted an entrepreneurship development programme titled “Training on Making Paper Bags” on 28.09.2022. The resource person, Ms. Hemalatha listed the things to make a paper bag. She demonstrated the steps to make paper bags. The students made the paper bags along with her. Later they practiced making in different sizes.

RESEARCH FORUM

The research forum was organized by the Department of English on 28.10.2022 Ms. D.Anisha, Research Scholar, gave a detailed explanation about the themes of Zadie Smith’s novels. She elaborated on the literary styles and techniques adopted by him. The session was very useful for the students. On the whole the session benefited budding research scholars.



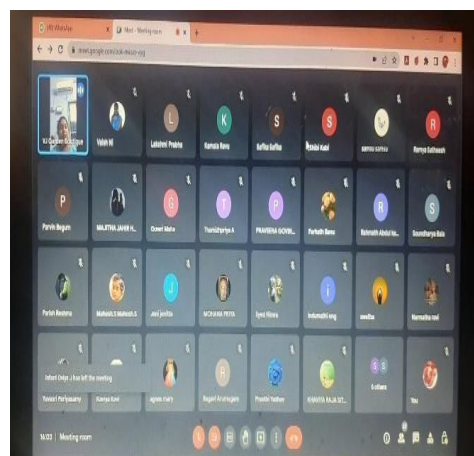
EXTENSION PROGRAMME



The Department of English in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City conducted an extension programme entitled “Training on Communicative skill at Language lab” at English Language Lab, Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur on 02.12.2022. 55 students from Thirumagal Higher Secondary School, Thanjavur were given training at English Language Lab. The students were given practice pronouncing the phonetic sounds.

GREEN PRACTICE

A Green practice programme entitled “Indoor Gardening” through google meet was organised in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City on 21.12.2022. Ms. Ozycin Thomcy, Landscape artist, VJ Garden was the resource person. Indoor gardening can be considered a good therapy for the mind, body and soul. She listed different gardening that can be done in our homes. The different plants suitable for each type of gardening were also suggested.



FIELD VISIT



35 first year students along with 2 staff members were taken to Eachankottai village for a field visit on 21.12.2022. Students were divided into two groups and they visited the rain water harvesting spots. The students explained to the village people about the importance of rain water harvesting and methods to save the rain water. The students interacted and gave them awareness on Women’s health care- the breast cancer, navigating career and motherhood, increasing rates of maternal mortality, health issues, water management and recycling system.

POEM WRITING COMPETITION

The Department of English in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City conducted poem writing competition on 29.10.2022 to inculcate the creative thinking and writing skill for our college students. Totally 62 students participated and the winners were awarded with certificates.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

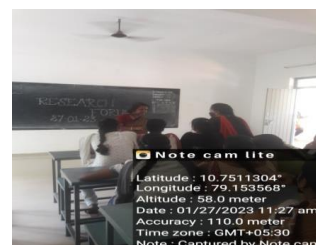
The Department of English in collaboration with Inner Club of Thanjavur Heritage City conducted photography competition on 28.10.2022. Totally 45 students participated and gained the knowledge on writing skill, creativity and photography skill. The winners were awarded with certificates.

ENGLISH FOR YOU – ADVANCED:

The English for You-Advanced was conducted from 02.01.2023 to 07.01.2023. The students were taught on content writing, English for specific purposes, academic writing, article writing and essay writing. Activities such as brain storming, debate, enacting short skits were given to the students. Totally 357 students participated and got benefitted.

RESEARCH FORUM

The Department of English organized the research forum on 27.01.23. MS. Shirley Mary Vinitha, Research Scholar, rendered an interesting lecture on Rabindranath Tagore and his writing. She spoke about the adaptations of Tagore's writings. The students gained knowledge on research.



ICT PROGRAMME



An ICT programme entitled “Workshop on CANVA” through google meet was organised on 30.01.2023 by the Department of English in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City.

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

An extension programme entitled “Literary Gala” was arranged by the Department of English in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City at Govt. Middle School, Nanjikottai on 31.01.23. 2 staff members and 6 students went to the school to conduct literary competitions. The students enthusiastically participated in poem recitation, essay writing and oratorical competitions. College students organised the events.



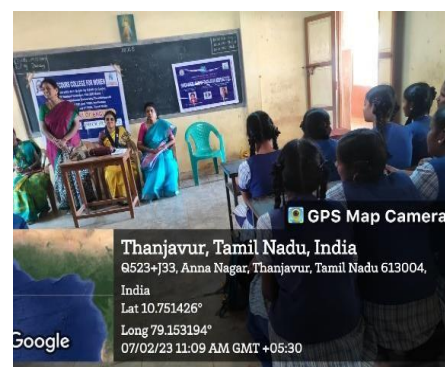
SOFT SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The Department of English in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City conducted a soft skill development programme on 03.02.23 through google meet. Mr.A.Subramaniam Dealer principal, Annamlai motors Pvt. Ltd was the resource person. Strategies to develop relationship-building, teamwork, communication, problem-solving and leadership were demonstrated. 71 students participated in the workshop.

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

The Department of English in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City conducted an extension programme entitled “Career Guidance” at Christ, The King Higher Secondary School, Thanjavur on 07.02.23. The resource person, Ms. Poonkodi Director, Vetri IAS Academy offered them career guidance. She demonstrated avenues in which to start their careers after their schooling. 45 school students participated.



EXTENSION PROGRAMME



The Career Education programme was arranged at Corporation Higher Secondary School, Thenkeelalangam, Thanjavur on 09.02.23 in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club of Thanjavur Heritage City. The resource person, Rtn. Rathnasabhapat offered them career guidance. He listed the popular courses that can pursue as career after 12th standard. 2 staff members, 48 school students participated in the programme.

WORKSHOP ON PHONICS



The Workshop on Phonics was held on 14.03.23. The resource person, Mrs. Umayal, Writer, Trainer, Director, Squirrels Play School, Thanjavur stressed the importance of phonics. The resource person demonstrated clearly the different phases to teach phonics.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS

Training programme for non-teaching staff members was conducted for the bus drivers, conductors and office staff entitled “Professional English” on 15.03.2023. The resource person, Dr. Arockia Doss Esther Shanthini, Assistant Professor English rendered a vibrant lecture on the importance of English and English Grammar in order to speak correct English. 48 non-teaching staff members participated.



LIT FEST'22



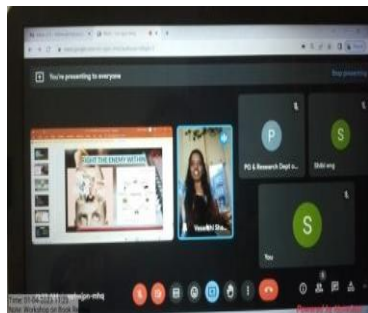
LIT FEST'22 was organised by the Department of English, Bon Secours College for Women, Thanjavur on 24.03.2023 under the theme, Cultural Spectrum. 92 students from various colleges participated in the following events- quiz bee, tableau, soliloquy, impression express, skit, drop a book, spin or rhyme, face painting. Dr. Baskaran Assistant Professor of English, Rajah Serofiji Arts and Science College, Thanjavur was the chief guest. The winners were awarded with shields and certificates.

WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The Department of English organised a Workshop on Research Methodology, titled “Interdisciplinary Research” on 31.03.23. 83 students participated in the workshop. Dr. R. Karthikeyan, Associate Prof of English, Anjalai Ammal Mahalingam Engineering College, Kovilvenni was the resource person. He analysed how English can be used in interdisciplinary research. It involves the combination of multiple academic disciplines into one activity. It creates something by thinking across boundaries.



WORKSHOP ON BOOK REVIEW



The Department of English organised a Workshop on Book Review on 01.04.23. Ms.S.Vasanthi, a DMIT practitioner, student counsellor, writer, project officer and cluster coordinator for relief projects, Scotland was the resource person. An assessment of the book's strengths and weaknesses was given. She taught the elements of book review and the steps to be followed.

GENDER EQUITY PROGRAMME

The Departments of humanities organised Gender equity programme by conducting poster making competition on Gender equity on 01.04.2023. The theme of the competition was Gender equity. Students from Humanities participated and displayed their artistic skills through an array of posters. The overall objective of gender equality is a society in which women and men enjoy the same opportunities, rights and obligations in all spheres of life.



WORLD CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

The departments of Humanities celebrated World Cultural Diversity Day on 3.4.23. Cultural competitions like solo song, solo-dance, group song and group dance were conducted. 82 students participated and showcased their talents. The winners were awarded with certificates.