

Department of English

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Australian Studies Partnership Program

It was a proud moment for the Department of English when its PG students won laurels in a program conducted by Australian Consulate, held at University of Madras, on 18th June, 2019. More than 30 colleges participated in the program. Mr. Andrew Collister, Second Secretary and Vice-Consul at Australian Consulate-General, Chennai, who was the chief guest, gave a detailed report on Australian Studies.

As a proof of collaborating with Australian Studies, an agreement was handed over to Mr. Duraiswamy, Vice-Chancellor of the University. It may be remembered that the University is already in collaboration with Canadian, Italian, Spanish and Chinese studies. As part of the program, 60 books related to Australian Studies were distributed by the Consulate to the University. Earlier, Prof. Armstrong, Head, Department of English had given a welcome address. Dr. Indra, former Head, Department of English, was also present on the occasion. The faculty members of the English Department had taken part in the program.

Alumni Interface - On Theatre

With a view to improving the theatrical skills of the students, the Department of English conducted Alumni Interface, here on 4th July, 2019. Ms. S. Meenakshi, research scholar, Pachayappas College of Arts and Science, and Alumna of Patrician College of Arts and Science, was the chief guest. She detailed the nuances of the skills by conducting various activities and providing tips for improving their skills. The students were also enlightened on Absurd theatre. The genesis of the theatre and how the theater was structured to replicate the absurdity of life in the dramatic mode were detailed by the chief guest. Earlier on the occasion, Professor Dharmendhar, Department of English, gave a welcome address. The program came to an end with a vote of thanks and a feedback session.



Faculty members of the department honouring the guest, Ms. S. Meenakshi

Approach to Literature

“An Approach to Literature”, a seminar organized by the Department of English, here on 30th July, 2019, was a real eye-opener for the students of the first-year Under graduate. Ms.Poovilangothai, the guest speaker of the seminar, illustrated the difference between the plot and the story by referring to the story of Lobo, a brave wolf and detailed how he was undefeatable and invincible and how his life ended in tragedy.

She then precisely delineated the sequence of actions with the zigzag movements of time in the past and the present and how such a plot which is consciously plotted by the author has created space for the emergence of the story of the novel. The participants viewed that the content of the lecture has provided a highly informative and insightful account of the narrative techniques applied in the forms of literature. The seminar was held at the AV Room of ‘C’ block.



Seminar on Approach to Literature – Address by the Resource Person Prof.
Poongothai

English as a Post-Colonial Linguistic Capital

Being in the country which has a high population of second language learners of English in the world and being the students of English literature, the participants of the seminar entitled, “*Engaging with English As A Post-Colonial Linguistic Capital*”, were doubled up with self-motivation when they were triggered to discuss various issues on the challenges and pitfalls

faced by the learners for mastering the language. This international conference was conducted by Anna Adarsh College for women, on 31st July, 2019. The conference was an attempt to find out new avenues that could be explored for the advantage of the advanced learners of English. It also enlisted a plethora of possibilities available outside for those having their investment in this globally acclaimed language. The workshops, conducted as part of the conference, were centred on the enhancement of the creative aspect of the language by enacting theatrical skills. The participants viewed that the conference had shown unseen opportunities for the learners of English and improved the language sense of the students of literature by juxtaposing literature and language.

Report on the Debate – 13 August 2019

The Department of English organized a debating event on 13 August 2019 in Room No. 58, D Block, ground floor. The proposition for the debate was “The New National Education Policy is an Abstraction”. The mover of the proposition was Kevin Paul of II MA English and the opposer was Joe Steve of II MA English. The mover was followed by Ashwini of III BSc Vis Com, Raj Kumar of II MA English.

The proposition was opposed by Akash of I BCom. Other team members also spoke alternatively. The observer was Vijayaganesh, Assistant Professor. When all the speakers finished, the mover, Kevin Paul availing of his right of reply forcefully replied to the debate and had the motion carried to the acclaim of the audience. Ms. Mohana Priya, Head of the department of English, judged the performance of the individual speakers. The debate concluded with Vijayaganesh proposing a vote of thanks.



Debate Club –Students’ Debate on “The New National Education Policy is an Abstraction” conducted and moderated by Prof. Vijayaganesh of English department on 13-08-2019

Students’ Debate on Article 370 of Indian Constitution conducted on 16th September 2019

Orientation on News Reading course:

An orientation program on a news reading course offered by Patrician College of Arts and Science and AF School of News Reading, was conducted, here in AV room, on 21st August 2019. The aim of the program was to share the knowledge of the current events to the students and the various opportunities available in different sectors. Prof N.AbulFaiz detailed the course and shared the video footage of successful news readers, who were part of AF school.



Prof. Abdul Faiz introduces the news reading course on 21 August 2019

MADRAS 360

The Department of English conducted Madras 360, here on the college premises, on 21st August 2019. As part of the program, various events like face painting, spellbee, ship wreck, quiz were conducted, most of which highlighted the specialty of Madras. Winners of the events are as follows:

The Fault in the Boards: Daniel Jeffery (I B.ScViscom), Venkat (I B.ScViscom) Joel Schellito (I BBA); **Face Painting:** Abdul Rahman.A and Kevin Benher.U (III Bsc.CS), Muthuraman and AkashKumar.R (III Bsc.Psychology), Charumathi.P and Sneha.S (II Bsc.Mathematics); **Blind Art:** Sreeranjana.S and Bradley Rock Huggins (I BBA), Jonathan Daniel.N and Jefferin.E (I BCA), John Santhosh.M and Kishore Samuel.R (III Bsc.Psychology); **Shipwreck:** Irfan (I Bsc.Viscom), Yuvashri (II Journalism), Sean Abraham Joseph (II BBA); **Spell Bee:** Mathunandhan (I Bsc.Psychology), Steffy Gladys (II BCom General 'C'), AliasgarJuzer (II BBA); **Quiz:** Alet Xavier and S.Saijith (BBA), Arvind.N and Manoj (BSc.CS), Sudarshan and Joshua Joseph (B.Sc Psychology).



Madras 360 celebrations on 21.08.2019 Prayer



Madras 360 celebrations on 21.08.2019 Dance Performance by English department students



Madras 360 celebrations on 21.08.2019 - Address by Prof. Dr. Pencier of Loyola College



Madras 360 celebrations on 21.08.2019 - Performance by English department students – “City of Life”

Educational trip

As part of educational tour, the students of I MA visited Auroville on 31 August 2019 accompanied by a faculty member. During this visit, there were taken to the hall of portraits which represent the significant events held in Auroville and their mission statements. Also, they watched a short documentary about the birth and growth of Auroville. They were taken on a guide tour to Sadhana Forest in Auroville. Students learned the art of living in harmony with nature from the people who settled there.



Students of I MA at Auroville, Pondicherry

Workshop on Translation

The Department of English organized a one-day workshop on “The Problems of Morphemes in Translation”, here at AV Room, on 5th October 2019, for the UG and PG final-year students of the Department. The workshop was conducted to give them practical knowledge about the usages of morphemes in the process of translation and help them identify the problems of morphemes in the process of translation and learn to overcome them.

Prof. Sivakumar, former Associate Professor at Presidency College was the resource person. Based on his observations on the pre-test given to the students, he discussed the problems involved in the translation of morphemes. In addition to this, he reiterated the importance of reading for translators and also introduced a few little magazines in Tamil. Students actively interacted with the resource person.

Rereading the Canon: Relevance and Implications

The Department of English organised a State-level seminar on “Rereading the Canon: Relevance and Implications”, here on 10th December 2019. The main objective of the seminar is to reread the canonical texts in their socio-political contexts.

Dr.V. Sivaraman, Associate Professor of English, Presidency College, was the chief guest. More than ten papers were presented on various topics. The students from different colleges participated in the seminar. The paper entitled “Re-Reading Amuktamalyada: A Study of the Politics of Language and Religion through the Marga and the Desi Dialectics” jointly presented by P Stephy Monisha and M Subhasree of II MA, Stella Maris College, was adjudged the best paper of the seminar.

Chennai Literary Fest

Chennai Literary Fest Chennai Literary Fest was hosted on 9th January 2019 in the college premises in collaboration with the University of Madras. Students from over 25 colleges participated and 80 students and staff registered for the event. 30 PG students from the Department also participated. The Seminar was on **Nuances of News reading** moderated by Prof. Abul Fiaz, AF School of News reading. He gave valuable insights on News reading and gave hands on experience for the participants.



Prof. Abul Fiaz, AF School of News reading addressing the students

COVID 19- Related Vocabulary Quiz report

The Department of English conducted an online quiz programme on the topic **Covid 19-related vocabulary** from 12th May to 16th May 2020. The online portal was open for five days for the participants to take up the quiz and those who scored above 50% (percentage) were given e- certificate. The total count of the participants were 6495 (Six thousand four hundred and ninety five) including students as well as faculty across the state. The quiz became an eye opener for various people involving them to know different words and to improve their vocabulary. The questions were prepared by Mrs. Lakshmi Kumari Crossbell, Associate Professor, Department of English and the technical support was handled by Mr. Dharmendar, Assistant Professor, Department of English. The programme gained positive approach and the questions were widely appreciated from the participants, they even suggested to conduct similar programmes in the future.

National Webinar Report

A free national webinar on “Women Studies” was organised by the Department of English (Shift I) on 16th of May 2020 through Google Meet platform. The benevolent resource person, Dr. Anuradha Nongmaithem, PhD, Assistant Professor of National Institute of Technology, Tripura, presided over the free webinar session on the topic 'Women's Studies'.

She frankly stated that the webinar won't deal with serious theories as it is a known fact, rather, on the practicality of such theories. She gave several examples from her life to make us understand the practical difficulties that lie in applying such theories in reality. Her down to earth session helped an audience of over 300 participants to benefit and imbibe the realities in practicality of women studies. The participants received their e-certificates shortly after the webinar.



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Saritha Venkatesan 2 mins

Informative session mam. Thank you

Abitha Manoj 2 mins

Thank you mam for an engaging session. Can you tell us about choreopoem?

Carolyn Nancy 2 mins

Thank you so much ma'am for this wonderful webinar

Mohamed Ali 2 mins


Thank you so much ma'am. From real life perspective.

Nirmala Devi 2 mins

the session is good. thank you mam

Send a message to everyone here





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Organizes
 A
 NATIONAL LEVEL WEBINAR
Women's Studies

Resource Person
 Dr. Anuradha Nongmaithem, Ph.D.,
 Assistant Professor
 National Institute of Technology
 Tripura, India

Date: **16-05-2020**
 Time: **11 AM to 12 Noon**



Registration: FREE
**Participants: Students/Teachers /
 Research Scholars**

**Last date for Registration :
 15-05-2020 - 3.00 AM**

e-Certificates will be provided after the Webinar

Contact
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Crack the NET Exam webinar on 29/05/2020

The department of English(shift I) conducted a webinar upon the topic "Crack the NET Exam", on May 29th,2020 around 11:00 am. The webinar began by invoking God's blessings, followed by the encouraging words of the Principal Dr.Usha George.

The Resource person of the day was Dr. Vasu, Instructor for NET English at Professor Academy. The speaker began the session on an energetic note. He gave a step by step systematic approach that would enhance one in preparing for the NET Exam. He insisted that one should keep on updating with the latest literary work and also quoted some important online resources for the aspirants. He also helped in boosting the confidence level of the aspirants by quoting an anecdote as to how one should keep on trying without giving up in order to crack the NET Exam. The participants found the session to be very informative and were happy to receive their E-Certificates.



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Invites You To A Webinar
On
LET'S CRACK NET EXAM IN ENGLISH
Date: 29/May/2020 ☆ Time: 10.45 a.m.
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Dr. Vasu
Translator (Freelance) @ Mozhi Trust, Chennai
Instructor for NET English at Professor Academy

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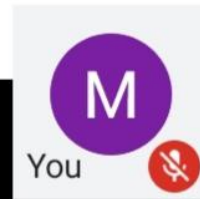
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The Spirit of Students: Quixotic

Don Quixote (1605 & 1615)

– by the Spanish writer Miguel de Cervantes

There are no birds today in yesterday's nests.



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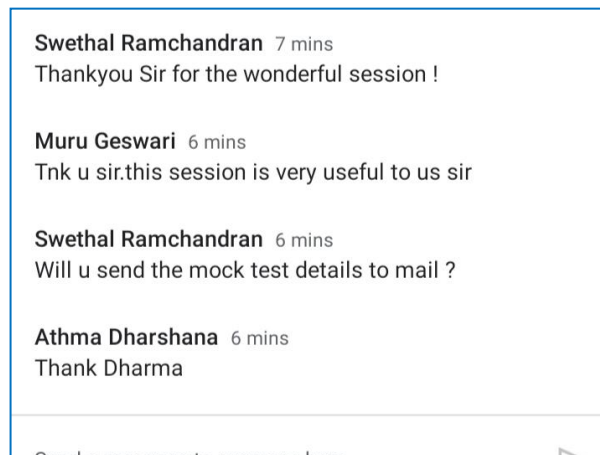
nice presentation sir

Sangeetha Sankarram 2 mins
informative one. thank you sir

VANAKAM RK TAMIZHA 2 mins
very useful.

Jyotsna Shashidhar 1 min
Very informative and fantabulous session tq very much
for the organization committee and Patrician college

Vishal Kulkarni Now
thank you Patrician college to arrange such a beautiful
session for NET preparation



Dr. Vasu, Professors Academy – Lets Crack NET Exam in English

Department of English Shift – I, Patrician College of Arts and Science conducted a Student Development Program for the college students about Enriching Soft skills for Error Free Communication in English and Personality Development on 23rd June 2020. Assistant Professor Mr Arul Jerald Raj, Department of English, Nazrath College of Arts and Science who has also worked as a Tele Counsellor Volunteer in Chennai Corporation was the resource person for the event. 150 students participated in the program which proved to be very informative where they could realize the importance of soft skills in one's personality development. The entire session was very lively where MrArul patiently answered all the questions put forth by the students in a very jovial manner.

He gave a brief description with examples to the students about the Language Family, Pidgin, Creole, Semantic Structure, Modern English and Global usage of English. The Student Development Program ended with a satisfaction amongst the students as they were able to understand more clearly about the importance of communication in their day to day life, the topic which is not given importance always. The entire session was coordinated by Associate Professor Mrs Lakshmi Kumari Crossbell and Head Department of English Mr Prithvi Raj Kumar. Department of English, Shift I extends their heartfelt thanks to the Director Rev Bro. Johnson Rex Dhanabal, Academic Director Dr Fatima Vasant, Principal Dr. Usha George and Vice Principals Dr Meena and Dr Geetha Rufus for their support throughout.



Mr. Arun Theodore Raj – Student Development Programme



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**The Department of English invites you to the
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
on 24th June 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 a.m
**TOPIC: ENRICHING SOFT SKILLS FOR ERROR-FREE COMMUNICATION
IN ENGLISH AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT**
RESOURCE PERSON



Mr. Arun Theodore Raj,
Assistant professor, Department of English,
Nazareth College, Chennai

Registration free. E certificates will be issued.
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