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PG Department of English

Report on Department Activities 2022-2023

The PG Department of English organised various academic and cultural programmes in the academic year 2022-2023.

The department organised **‘DEEKSHARAMBH – Students Induction Programme PARAMBH 2022’** on 22nd and 23rd August for students to understand the facets of Behavioral Psychology. Day 1 - The resource person, Ms. Thenmozhi Srinivasan talked about the importance of healthy daily routines in her lecture titled “Nuances in Enriching Health and Behaviour”. Day 2 - The resource person, Ms. Jothi, in her talk entitled “Conceptual Frames of Personality Determinant” informed about the behavioral etiquettes to the students.

The department also conducted a guest lecture on **“Exploring American Center Resources”** in collaboration with the **American Center, US Consulate General** for the benefit of its students on 23th August 2022. The resource person Ms. Usha Alagappan from American Center gave a detailed presentation on ‘American Library Resources’.

The PG Department of English conducted a guest lecture titled **“Ocean and Literature: Blue Humanities”** on 1st September 2022. The resource person Dr. S. Armstrong from the University of Madras focused on the emergence of various humanities such as Brown humanities, Blue humanities and Green humanities.

On 20th September 2022, the department conducted a seminar on **“Career Opportunities”** to create awareness among the students on the available career opportunities in the literary field. The resource person for the seminar, Dr. V. Meena Kumari from Anna Adarsh College listed several fields and areas where the literature students can be recruited.



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The lecture titled “**British Council Services**” in collaboration with the British Council Library was conducted by the PG Department of English on 12th October 2022 to develop the research knowledge and skills of the students. The resource person, Ms. Asha from the British Council, elaborated on the ways in which the library resources can be accessed.

The PG Department of English also organized an “**Experiential Visit to Anna Centenary Library**”, one of the largest libraries in Asia, for the benefit of the students to explore the resources on 31st January 2023.

On 4th February 2023, the PG Department of English conducted a **National Seminar** titled “**Emerging Perspectives in English Language, Literature and Culture**”. More than 70 papers across the nation were presented and selected papers were published in two edited volumes titled *Contemporary Contemplations* and *Ruminations*.

On 7th February 2023, the PG Department of English in collaboration with the IIC conducted a one day **Entrepreneurial Skills Training Programme** on “**Aesthetic Digital Designs**”. The resource person was Mr Venkatasubramanian, CEO of Steam Troops Innovation Labs. He stressed on the skills that will empower English graduates to become entrepreneurs and freelancers.

Apart from these academic events, the department encourages the students to present and publish in various reputable institutions. 31 students from MA English had presented their papers in the **National Conference** organised by **Jamal Mohamed College**, Trichy on 22nd February 2023.

On 6th March 2023, the department conducted “**Literosody**”, an Intercollegiate Literary Fest. Students from various colleges exhibited their talents in several events like ADZAP, Litshow, and Creative Writing, Collage, and Mono acting - Mr & Mrs Literosody.

The PG Department of English conducted an **Extension Activity** to make the students understand ‘extension as the third dimension of higher education’. For the stated purpose, the III BA students were taken to Chennai Government Higher Secondary School, Choolaimedu on 12th April 2023. The students were asked to engage the school students with topics like digital privacy, career guidance and emotional intelligence.



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The PG Department of English also conducted an **Outreach Programme** on 13th April 2023. The students of I and II MA English organized an awareness and cultural programme in Sankalp, The Open School at Shenoy Nagar.

The department also organised two **five-day workshops** on “**Competencies to Enhance Research Writing**” in October 2022 to develop the creative writing skills of the students and on “**Magnifying Proficiencies towards Employability**” in February 2023 pertaining to career development and employability skills. It organised two **one-day workshops** as well in collaboration with Chennai Literary Festival on “**Film and Literature**” in December 2022 and on “**Film Appreciation and Adaptation**” in January 2023 respectively. In addition, on 20 and 21st March 2023, the department conducted a **two-day workshop** on “**Art of Filmmaking**” for the students to learn about film distribution, marketing and the commercial side of the film industry.