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B.A. English – Department Activities 2023-2024

The PG Department of English organized various academic and cultural programmes for B.A. English students in the academic year 2023-2024.

1. Deeksharambh: Student Induction Programme 2023:

The academic year commenced with “Deeksharambh: Student Induction Programme 2023”. It was a six-day programme conducted from 3rd to 14th July 2023. All faculty members of the department organized sessions giving insights on various opportunities like outreach programmes, workshops, seminars, club activities and placement offered during the academic year. The first year students were encouraged and welcomed enabling them to adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment.

2. Seminar on Career Prospects:

A seminar, “Career Prospects” was organized on 31st July, 2023. The event consisted of two sessions. The first session on the topic, “Career Opportunities for English Literature Students” was conducted by Mr. George Anand, Director, Business Semantics. Ms. S. P. Mirithika, Business and Branding Consultant, Great Indian Sweets was the guest speaker for the second session on “Kickstart your Career with Skills in English.” The students gained knowledge on career development strategies and industry trends.

3. Women’s Equality Day:

Women’s Equality Day was celebrated on 23rd August, 2023 by organizing a lecture for second year B.A. students. The resource person was Dr. N. Bindu, Assistant Professor, Presidency College. Dr. Bindu’s talk titled “Why Feminism?: An Overview” outlined the phases of the feminist movement. The lecture provided clarity in difference between sex and gender. The speaker also highlighted the prevalence of gender crimes, thereby emphasizing the necessity of feminism.

4. Abolition of Slave Trade:

A lecture, “Slavery in America: Abolitionist and Slave Narrative” was organized for the second year B.A. students on 23rd August, 2023. The event commemorated the abolition of slave trade. The resource person was Dr. D. Nagarani, Assistant Professor, Anna Adarsh College. She gave a comprehensive talk on the history and abolition of slavery. The lecture elaborated on two seminal slave narratives.

5. Parent Teacher Meeting:

A parent teacher meeting was organized on 19th September, 2023 for all the undergraduate students. Parents and respective wards were requested to attend the meeting to review the academic performance of their wards in the internal examinations of 2023-2024. The class-in-charges discussed the students’ performance, the importance of regular attendance and



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discipline to be maintained while in college. Parents' queries related to their wards were clarified. Parents' feedback and their contact details were also collected.

6. Enriching Reading Activities: A Visit to British Council Library:

A lecture, "Enriching Reading Activities: A Visit to British Council Library" was organized in collaboration with British Council on 22nd September, 2023 for second year B.A. English students. The resource person of the event was Mr. Rubin Sharoon, Senior English Language Teacher, British Council. The event took place in the British Council Library. The speaker elaborated on the various library resources. Students were enlightened on the importance of visiting a library and accessing the resources for both assignment and research purposes.

7. Workshop on Holistic Wellbeing & Resilience:

A two-day workshop, "Holistic Wellbeing & Resilience" was organized on 10th and 11th October 2023 commemorating World Mental Health Day. Day 1 of the workshop consisted of two sessions, "First Aid & Lifesaving Skills Demo" by Mr. Tarun Muruges, Lifeguard Instructor & Master First Aid Trainer and "Emotional Intelligence and Life Skills" by Mrs. R. Aswini, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, DDGDVC. Day 2 comprises of sessions, "Practicing the Art of Yoga" by Kalaimani Thenmozhi Srinivasan, Yoga Therapist, Sachidananda Yoga Academy and "Self-Care and Self-Compassion" by Dr. P. Muthupandi Selvi, Associate Professor, Institute of Advanced Studies in Education. Students were taught various facets of life skills, yoga and self-care training. The awareness was created on the importance of protecting mental health and psychological wellbeing.

8. National Conference on Approaches towards Science Fiction and Artificial Intelligence in English Language and Literature:

A one-day national conference, "Approaches towards Science Fiction and Artificial Intelligence in English Language and Literature" was organized on 26th October, 2023. The conference saw a presence of total 61 paper presenters. Mr. G. Grihadurai, Dr. Raisun Mathew, Dr. Sherine Vinoca Snehalatha and Dr. Malabika Mitra were the chief guests. Presenters were exposed to multiple topics and research areas pertaining to science fiction and artificial intelligence. The feedback provided by the chair persons and the question and answer session paved for fruitful discussions.

9. Workshop on Unlocking Entrepreneurial Skills: A Synergistic Support from Banks:

A one-day workshop, "Unlocking Entrepreneurial Skills: A Synergistic Support from Banks" was organized in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Council on 22nd December, 2023 for final year B.A. English students. The resource person was Mr. Vishal S, RM Deputy Manager, ICICI Bank, Chennai. The workshop updated the students about the role of banking sector in entrepreneurship. The session also included a Power Point Presentation Competition for interested students from all the batches. Sandhiya of I BA, Devesh of I BA and Subasri of III BA were the winners of the competition.



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10. Educational Field Trip to Auroville, Pondicherry:

A one-day educational field trip to Auroville, Pondicherry was organized on 23rd December 2023. The non-profit organization and the community residing in Sadhana Forest, Auroville educated the students about the lifestyle, living conditions, vegetation, culture, and principles of the community members. They were introduced to a gadget-free, environment friendly, vegan atmosphere and lifestyle. The students were also provided with the opportunity to explore French Colony and Puducherry Beach. The trip allowed students to explore colonial buildings and traces of French settlement, providing a historical perspective on the region.

11. Literosody'24: An Intercollegiate Literary Fest:

An intercollegiate literary fest, "Literosody'24" was organized on 17th February, 2024. The annual departmental event witnessed the presence of eminent actors and performers with more than 300 student participants from colleges in and around Chennai. Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Mr. Chrine Astle, Ms. Priya, Mr. Lokesh Pop Addy, Mr. Sabarish Nanda, Mr. Vasanth Ravi, Mr. Ajmal Tahseen were the chief guests. The event had both offline and online competitions such as creative writing, collage, adzap, litmime, litshow, Mr. & Ms. Literosody, e-doodling and book trailer. The main objective of the cultural festival was to enhance the talents of the students and gain wider perspective on the various aspects of their innovative, intellectual and creative prowess.

12. Workshop on Radio and Video Jockey:

A two-day skill enhancement workshop, "Radio and Video Jockey" was organized on 6th and 7th March, 2024. The resource person of the first day of the workshop was Ms. RJ Uma Vijayakumar, Senior RJ, Rainbow FM. Day 2 of the workshop was conducted by Mr. Ashraf, Senior VJ, Agayam Tamil. The resource persons shared their expertise and encouraged the students to get into media. The students learnt various techniques on compeering programme, writing a script and career opportunity in the field of media.

13. Parent Teacher Meeting:

A parent teacher meet for the even semester was organized on 12th February, 2024. A total number of 157 parents and their wards attended the meeting. The class-in-charges discussed the students' performance, the importance of regular attendance and discipline to be maintained while in college. Parents' queries related to their wards were clarified and feedbacks were collected. The meeting helped in better understanding of students' behaviour and performance.

14. Rhetoricians: An Efficacious Speaking Forum:

The Rhetoricians club organized a number of hands-on training sessions, activities and competition in the academic year of 2023-2024 to encourage undergraduate students in enriching and developing skills of public speaking.

Enhancing Public Speaking Skills:



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A session, “Enhancing Public Speaking Skills” was organized on 25th July, 2023. The session welcomed the club members, encouraging them to talk on any topic of their choice. The students based on their performance were instructed on the importance of appropriate posture, gesture, level of confidence, tone and content in the session.

Debating Ideas:

A session, “Debating Ideas” was organized on 23rd August, 2023 in which students were asked to suggest topics of their choice. A group debate was conducted by ensuring participation of all members of the teams. The audience was encouraged to provide feedback on the debate session.

Extempore Session:

An extempore session was organized on 27th September, 2023. The students were given topics for which they were asked to give an impromptu talk. The session ensured overall participation of club members. The essential tips and pointers were provided based on their performance.

Conversing through Games:

A session “Conversing through Games” was organized on 20th October, 2023. The students were encouraged into public speaking with the help of conversation games. The activity inspired students to express their views confidently and enrich the skills of effective communication.

Oratorical Competition:

An oratorical competition was organized on 15th March, 2024 for the undergraduate students. Ms. Sunitha Raja, Entrepreneur and Translator was the chief guest. The students were asked to choose a topic from the syllabus. Kavya Sre (I BA), Thanuja Sri (II BA), Antony Alex Paulson (II BA) and Sandhiya K (I BA) were the winners of the competition.

15. ABL Club: Activity Based Learning:

ABL Club conducted sessions in an attempt to improve grammar, vocabulary and language skills through fun activities.

Gamification with Modals

A session, “Gamification with Modals” was organized on 28th July, 2023. The session consisted of various activities like learning modals through question making, traffic rules and modals, crossword puzzle and modal verbs. Other activities were held for understanding speaking etiquettes amongst students in the classroom.

Understanding Adverbs



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The club organized “Understanding Adverbs” on 22nd August, 2023. The session consisted of various activities like guess the adverb, act it out, crosswords, word search and comic strips using ICT tools. The session was held to enhance their learning and understanding in Adverbs.

Writing Skills in English:

A session, “Writing Skills in English” was organized on 20th October, 2023. The session was held to enhance their writing skills in English. The session consisted of various activities like taglines, story writing and practicing tense. The students were also asked to convert a provided poem into essay in an attempt to encourage their creativity.