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## **B.A. English – Department Activities 2024-2025**

The PG Department of English organized various academic and cultural programmes for B.A. English students in the academic year 2024-2025.

### **1. Deeksharambh: Student Induction Programme 2024-2025:**

The academic year commenced with “Deeksharambh: Student Induction Programme 2024-2025”. It was a six-day programme conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024. 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. Library Orientation and Film Screening:**

The Department organized “Library Orientation and Film Screening of a Documentary on American History and Literature” in collaboration with the American Center - U.S. Consulate General, Chennai on 26th July, 2024. The resource person, Ms. Usha Alagappan, Programs Assistant (Reference and Outreach), American Center, gave a detailed presentation on ‘American Library Resources’. She further encouraged the students to watch an educational documentary on “American Literature”.

### **3. Investiture Ceremony:**

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2024-2025 was held for both UG and PG students on 30th July, 2024. In the ceremony, students were given their respective badges consisting the posts of President, Vice-President, Joint Secretary, Cultural Secretary and Co-ordinators followed by a vow on performing their duties diligently. The chief guest Dr. V. Rema, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRM University, imparted valuable advice to the badge holders encouraging them to serve with dedication and integrity.

### **4. Seminar on History of English Literature:**

A seminar on “History of English Literature: An Overview” was organized on 27th August, 2024. The resource person of the event, Mr. Mohamed Nazeem, Assistant Professor of English, The New College, introduced comprehensive exploration of literary developments spanning from Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century to Ted Hughes in the late 20th century. He motivated the students to appreciate the historical study by drawing connections between the past and present of English literature.

### **5. Entrepreneurial Skill Training Programme:**

In collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council, a one-day workshop on “Sustainable Arts and Designs” was organised on 13th September, 2024. The resource person, Mrs. Jayanthi Murugesu, Entrepreneur and Director, House of Kolam, encouraged the students to



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explore entrepreneurial opportunities by using and developing their skills productively. As part of the skill training programme, students were encouraged to experiment with traditional designs and incorporate their own creative ideas.

#### **6. Gender Equality:**

A lecture, “Gender Equality” was organized for the B.A. students on 21st October, 2024. The resource person, Ms. N. Krithika, Assistant Professor & Deputy Dean of Languages, Guru Nanak College, highlighted the nuances of gender norms and roles in the society by engaging the students with fun activities and interactive sessions. \

#### **7. Environmental Field Visit to Herbal Garden:**

A one-day environmental field visit to Herbal Garden, Yelagiri, was organized on 27th November, 2024, to raise awareness among students about the benefits of natural herbs and the diversity of local flora and fauna. This excursion promoted environmental awareness and encouraged students to understand and appreciate the ecosystem's importance and biodiversity.

#### **8. Industrial Visit to Uncle Bernie’s Chocolate Factory:**

An Industrial Visit to “Uncle Bernie's Chocolate Factory”, Yelagiri, was organised on 27th November, 2024. The visit offered an invaluable opportunity for students to bridge the gap between their academic knowledge and the practical application of it in the real world. During the visit, students got a behind-the-scenes look at the chocolate making process in the factory. Students were encouraged to create their own art through activities like pot painting and art on soap. The entire trip marked the significance of making any product and its value through simple activities.

#### **9. Life Skill Training Programme:**

A Life Skill Training Programme was conducted on 30th January, 2025. The first session, resource person Dr. Hussain Basha, a psychologist, and CEO of Master Mind International (UAE & India), trained the students on the topic “Discover Yourself”. The speaker of the second session, Mrs. Ramya Raju, a child development specialist, and counseling psychologist, talked on “Anger Management”. The session encompassed discussions on understanding the psychology behind anger and learning effective techniques to manage it constructively. The programme highlighted the importance of self-awareness and personal growth.

#### **10. Parent Teacher Meeting:**

A Parent Teacher Meeting for BA English students was conducted on 14th August, 2024 and 31st January, 2025 respectively for both odd and even semesters of the academic year 2024-25. Parents and respective wards were requested to attend the meeting to review the academic performance of their wards in the internal examinations. The class-in-charges discussed the students’ performance, the importance of regular attendance and discipline to be maintained



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

### **11. Literosody 2025: An Intercollegiate Literary Fest:**

An intercollegiate literary fest, "Literosody 2025" was organized on 21st February, 2025. The annual departmental event witnessed the presence of eminent actors and performers with more than 600 student participants from colleges in and around Chennai. The chief guests of the event were Thiru. Tiruttani. S. Chandran, Dr. Mary Matilda and Mr. Magizhan Paridhi. The event had competitions both offline and online such as poetry writing, designing book cover, book review, creative writing, face painting, literary tableau, Mr & Ms Literosody, monologue, best professor and skit. The main objective of the cultural festival was to enhance the talents of the students.

### **12. Workshop on Eco-Friendly Consumption: Changing Habits for a Greener Future:**

In collaboration with the Institution Innovation Council, a one-day workshop titled "Eco-Friendly Consumption: Changing Habits for a Greener Future" was organized on 28th February, 2025. Mr. Adarsh Sridhara, the founder of Balcony Crops elaborated on green entrepreneurship, an approach that prioritizes environmentally conscious business practices. He explained how sustainability can form the cornerstone of innovative business models that balance profitability with environmental responsibility.

### **13. 2nd International Conference on Navigating Sustainability: Multidisciplinary Approaches In English Language, Literature & Society:**

The Department organised the 2nd International Conference on "Navigating Sustainability: Multidisciplinary Approaches In English Language, Literature & Society" in blended mode on 28th February 2025. A total number of 450 participants including students, scholars and faculties actively took part in the event. Around 200 papers were presented in both online and offline sessions. Dr. S. Armstrong, Professor & Head, Department of English, University of Madras, Dr. Narayanan Kannan, Environmental Scientist, Malaysia, Ms. Reena Osaki, Lecturer of Happy Science, Japan, Mr. Moustafa Armnazi, English Language Lecturer, and Ms. Raya Ali, Research Fellow, Syria were the chief guests. Presenters and participants were exposed to multiple topics and research areas pertaining to sustainability. The feedback provided by the chairpersons and the question and answer session paved for fruitful discussions.