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A Report on
Two-day International Conference-cum-Workshop on Language and Literature (ICWLL 2024)
“Trends in Language Teaching, Literature, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics”
Organised by Department of English & Foreign Languages
from 12.06.2024-13.06.2024



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Participants: 85 participants including 60 paper presenters

Mode of Conduct: Online

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Resource Person Details: Dr. V. K. Karthika, Assistant Professor, NIT Tiruchirappalli

Dr. C. Govindaraj, Professor and Head, Department of English, Periyar University Centre for PG and Research Studies

Prof. Feroza Jussawalla, Professor Emerita, University of New Mexico, USA

Dr. Kandharaja K M C, Assistant Professor, IIITDM Kanchipuram

Dr. Zareena J. M. from Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Hamirpur

The two-day International Conference-cum-Workshop on Language and Literature (ICWLL 2024) was aimed at providing a unique international level opportunity to hold an in-depth discussion on recent trends in the field of English literature, cultural studies, and English Language Teaching. Therefore, the theme of the conference was titled “Trends in Language Teaching, Literature, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics”. 85 participants including 60 paper presenters, including those from central universities and deemed-to-be-universities, joined both online and in contact mode for the conference.

Day 1:

The events of Day One of the two-day International Conference-cum-Workshop on Language and Literature (ICWLL) 2024 began with a grand inauguration ceremony.

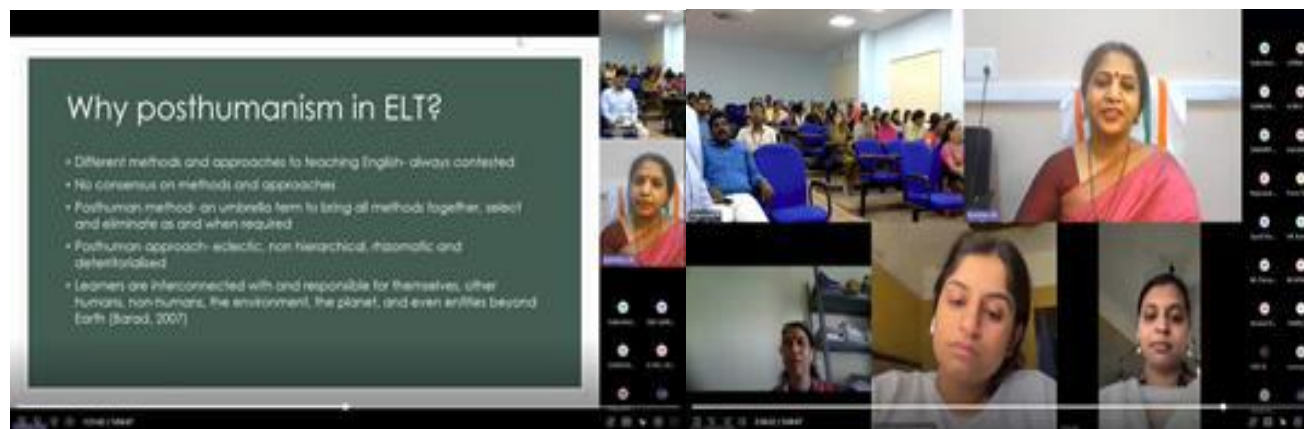
Inauguration

The inauguration was hosted by Dr. K. Shaheen in Seminar Hall B, MITS. She invited the Chief Guest of the ceremony Dr. V. K. Karthika, Assistant Professor, NIT Tiruchirappalli, who joined the event online. She also invited the convenor of ICWLL 2024, Dr. P. Athahar; Principal of MITS, Dr. C. Yuvaraj; and the guest of honour, Dr. C. Govindaraj, Professor and Head, Department of English, Periyar University Centre for PG and Research Studies, Tamil Nadu. The inauguration was also attended online by Prof. Feroza Jussawalla from USA, who was the international speaker for Plenary Session 2 (Day Two).

The inauguration ceremony began with the tradition of lamp lighting by the dignitaries. It was followed by a cheerful welcome address by Dr. Athahar. Following that, Dr. Yuvaraj highlighted the achievements of the department and emphasized how such events will enhance the academic vigor of the participants. Dr. R. Sriganesh read out the concept note of the conference highlighting the importance of the conference for both MITS students and external participants. Dr. Sriganesh introduced the chief guest, Dr. Karthika to the audience before her inaugural address. In her inaugural address, Dr. Karthika noted that it was quite rare that an English department organizes an international conference and appreciated the institution and the department for the initiative. Following the inaugural address, the conference proceedings were released, and the guest of honour was felicitated as is the tradition in Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Sriganesh proposed the vote of thanks for the inaugural event.

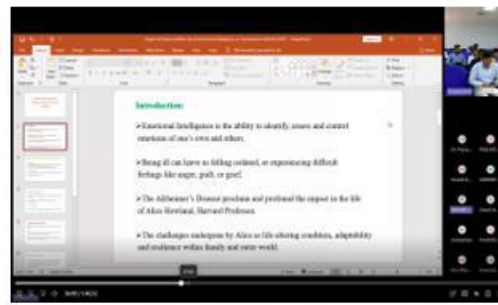
Plenary Session 1:

The inauguration was followed by Dr. Karthika's plenary session on Green English Language Teaching. During the session she described the post-human method of teaching where several methods are considered for teaching, and the suitable method is chosen based on the situation and context. Language teaching can also spread to multiple arenas, thereby transcending the borders of teaching a language. Post Covid, teaching has already crossed the physical border. Likewise, other borders also shall be crossed and environmental justice, gender justice, human and nonhuman justice, and nature justice can be incorporated into teaching and research. She gave an example of how taking up environmental issues in classroom triggered students to write petitions and speak to authorities about the environmental concern in the education institution. Dr. Sriganesh proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Karthika.



Conference Session 1:

Following the plenary session, Conference Session 1 was held from 12 Noon to 1:30 PM. It was chaired by Dr. Govindaraj and Dr. S. Shanmuga Priya from the Department of English & Foreign Languages, MITS. 12 participants from both MITS and other institutions presented their paper via contact mode.



Workshop 1:

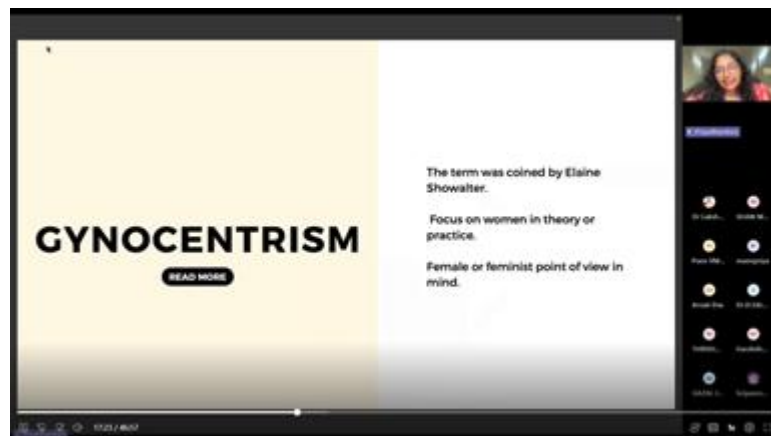
At 2:15 PM there was a workshop on Academic Writing by Dr. Kandharaja K M C, Assistant Professor, IITDM Kanchipuram. Dr. Sriganesh introduced the resource person to the audience. It was followed by an engaging and interactive session on academic writing. It began with the simple activities aimed at identifying the difference between academic and nonacademic writing. Later, the session was intense, and activities were challenging and useful to understand several nuances of academic writing. In particular, the resource person emphasized the need for information packing, use of metaphor, and epistemic hedging in an academic writing. Dr. Sriganesh proposed vote of thanks for the workshop.



Conference Sessions 1A and 1B:

Session 1A of conference paper presentations, held from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, was chaired by Dr. K. Lakshmi Devi and Dr. K. Shaheen from the host department of MITS. This session had about six online presenters and three contact-mode presenters.

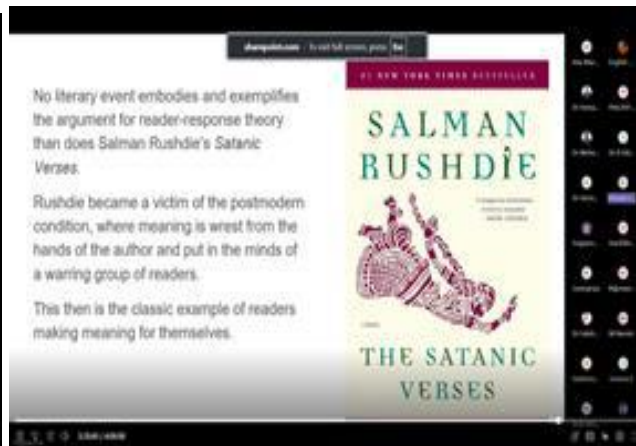
Session 1B was held from 3:30 PM to 5 PM and was chaired by Dr. S. Mohankumar and Dr. Saktheeswar V. B. from the host department. 14 presenters, mostly from MITS presented their papers in contact mode.



Day 2:

Plenary Session 2:

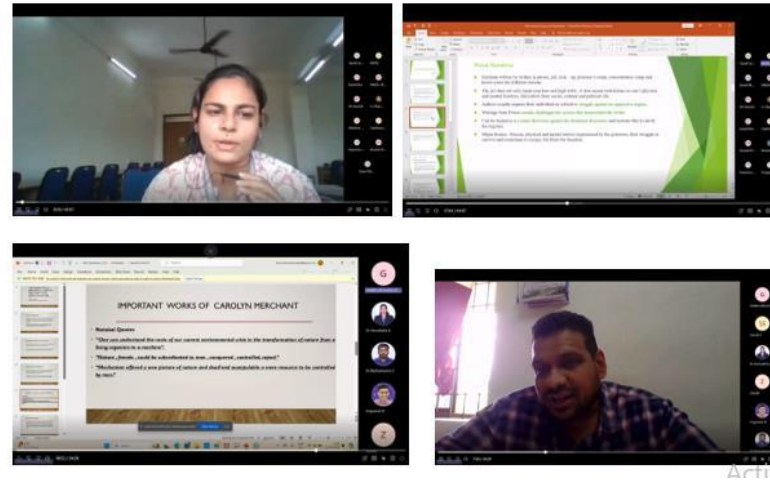
The sessions of Day Two began at 9:50 AM with reading the report of Day One by Dr. Sriganesh. It was followed by the Plenary Session 2 by Prof. Feroza Jussawalla, Professor Emerita, University of New Mexico, USA. Dr. B. Anitha from Department of English & Foreign Languages introduced the speaker to the audience. Later, Prof. Jussawalla stated the importance of an author by emphasizing that the work of an author remains to be talked about even after the death of the author. She also described the works of Salman Rushdie and others through the lens of Reader-Response theory. She emphasized the importance and need for deconstruction with reference to Derrida's work on literary criticism. Dr. Anitha proposed a vote of thanks.



Conference Sessions 3A and 3B

Conference sessions 3A and 3B happened simultaneously in two venues (Seminar Hall B and Scale-up classroom). Session 3A was chaired by Dr. Shanmuga Priya and Dr. Suresh Chimata. Dr. Saktheeswar introduced the chair to the presenters and invited presenters to present their papers. A total of 12 participants presented their papers online during this session.

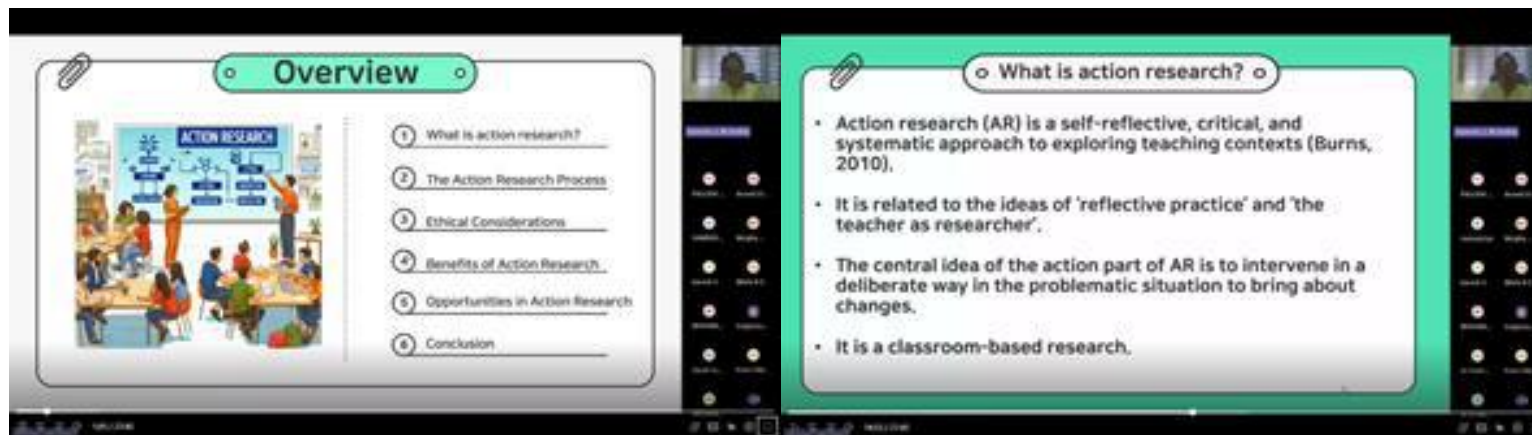
Session 3B was chaired by Dr. Parvathi Malepati and Dr. G. Hemalatha, Assistant Professors, Department of English & Foreign Languages, MITS. The session was hosted by Dr. Mohankumar. A total of 13 participants presented their papers during the session.



Workshop 2

Workshop 2 was held from 2 PM to 3 PM and was hosted by Dr. Mohankumar. He introduced the resource person, Dr. Zareena J. M. from Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Hamirpur. The workshop was titled "Action Research

She informed the process of action research and how it can be carried out by teacher-researchers of any institute. She emphasized the difference between traditional research and action research. Dr. Mohankumar proposed a vote of thanks for the speaker.



Workshop 3:

Workshop 3 was titled “Technology Enhanced English Language Teaching” and was handled by Dr. Sriganesh from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dr. Hemalatha introduced the speaker to the audience. The session covered various technological tools for various purposes and contexts in an English language classroom. Dr. Hemalatha proposed a vote of thanks for the workshop.



Valedictory Ceremony:

The valedictory ceremony began at 4:15 with a detailed report read by Dr. Sriganesh and Dr. Athahar. Dr. Hemalatha, who hosted the ceremony, invited Dr. P. Ramanathan, Vice Principal (Academics), to give his valedictory address. Dr. Ramanathan congratulated the organizing team and expressed hope that all the participants would have learnt and benefitted immensely from the conference-cum-workshop. Following the VP's address, best paper awards were announced and participants who joined in contact-mode were provided the certificates. A photo session was also held. Dr. Mohankumar read out the closing remarks and vote of thanks for the grand event.

