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Report on

Two Day International conference- cum Workshop on Language and Literature

14 -15 October 2022



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Total Registered Participants: 135

Mode: Hybrid

Online Paper presenters: 28 Offline Presenters: 56 Only Participants: 51

Introduction

International Conference- cum-Workshop on Language and Literature(ICWLL) was conducted by the Department of English and Foreign Languages from 14th October 2022 to 15th October 2022 in Seminar Hall A, B and C. The International conference was centered on the theme of

recent trends in teaching English language, and literature. The conference aimed in bringing together the academicians and researchers to focus on the thrust areas in the field of Language and Literature and establishing new collaboration among the researchers.

Inaugural session

The program was commenced with its inaugural function on 14th October 2022. Dr. Athar Samina Khan, Convener of the Conference-cum-Workshop welcomed the gathering and addressed the participants. Dr. C. Yuvaraj, Principal, MITS delivered the presidential address, emphasizing the latest facilities available to academicians and researchers at institute campus. In his inaugural speech, the eminent academician, Prof Rajendra Prasad noted that culture and language are inseparable, and culture is the software of mind. He concluded his speech by saying that English teaching is not a product but a process. An acclaimed linguist, Prof Stephen Krashen, Emirates Professor, University of Sothern California USA had joined the gathering through live video conferencing. As a Key note addresses, he spoke on the power of self-selected reading for pleasure. He emphasized comprehensive input to mind for language acquisition by reading popular fiction. In his concluding remarks he asked the participants to read more to know more. Dr. X. John Paul, Organizing Secretary of the event had anchored the proceeding whereas the vote of thanks to the inaugural program was proposed by Mr. Monahan P.



Day 1: 14.10.2022, Friday

Five eminent resource persons addressed the participants in various sessions. The conference was organized in two plenary sessions followed by two research paper presentation sessions. The workshop has been structured in four sessions.

Conference:

The first Plenary session was chaired by Prof. Bhaskaran Nair, Formerly of Pondicherry University. He delivered his talk on 'Go for a walk and Go walking: Teaching English in India —An Evaluation'. He clearly mentioned that western theories of language teaching cannot be applied directly in India without redefining and refining them to make them more acceptable. After the plenary session, the young and inquisitive participants presented their research papers. The session was chaired by Dr. Hari Padma Rani, Professor, Padmavati Mahila University, Tirupati.

Workshop:

The workshop began with the expert talk on teaching time and enhancing learning outcomes by Prof. Bhaskaran Nair. He stressed the idea of developing the potentials in the students than mere ability. The workshop was further carried on with Dr. Hari Padma Rani's engrossing conversation on 'Learning Language through Literature: The Lexical Ways'. She demonstrated the significance of a lexical approach to language learning.

Session on Day 1 is concluded with the happy trip to Horsley Hills, coordinated by Mr. C. Purrsuhottam, Assistant Professor of the department.



Conference:

The second Plenary session of the conference was conducted by Dr. Abdul Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Associate Professor, Jamal Muhammed College Tiruchirappalli. He had articulated the role of culture in the social life of Indians. He examined Cultural texts and Textual cultures for creating Portfolio to classroom. After the engaging talk, papers presentation was held. Dr. Sr. Candy D'Cunha. Associate Professor, Andhra Loyala Institute of Engineering and Technology, Vijayawada chaired the session. She had meticulously offered insights to the young researchers. Around 28 participants participated online and read their papers. The two online paper presentation sessions were chaired by Dr. Shanmuga Priya and Dr. Laxmi Devi, professors of English, Dept. of English and F L, MITS.



Workshop:

Workshop on Day 2 was started with the informative discourse on 'Digital Micro Teaching' by Dr. Sr. Candy D 'Cunha. She had conveyed the significance of digital microteaching to benefit the present-day students. She defined micro teaching as a daily teaching strategy for s specific day for a specific lesson of a specific subject. Dr. G. Anburaj Assistant Professor, VIT Vellore had conducted the workshop in second session on 'Challenges in Value Based Learning'. He demonstrated the difficulties in implementing vale-based learning in the educational institutions. He advised the participants to imbibe the values in their personalities before implementing them in the classroom.



Valedictory Program

The International Conference- cum-Workshop on Language and Literature(ICWLL) was concluded with a valedictory session. Dr. P. Ramanathan, Vice Principal (Academics) presided over the session. In his valedictory remarks, he highlighted the significance of English across the disciplines. He congratulated the Best Paper Presentation Awards Winners, Dr. Hemangi Patil and Mr. M. Rajesh Kumar. The participants provided their feedback and shared their experience about their participation in the Conference-cum-Workshop. They had expressed their sense of gratitude towards the organizing team for the academically enriching program. The Valedictory program was concluded with the closing remarks of the convener, Dr. Athar Samina Khan and vote of thanks by Dr. X. John Paul, Senior Assistant Professor, Det. Of English and F.L, MITS.



It was such a pleasure to receive delegates from various Institutions across the country and four participants from the US and Oman as well. We are deeply thankful to Dr. N. Vijaya Bhaskar Choudary, honorable Secretary and Correspondent, MITS, Ms. Keerthi Nadella, Executive Director, MITS and Dr. C. Yuvaraj, Principal, MITS for encouraging us to uphold this breakthrough by the Dept. of English & Foreign Languages.