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National Seminar on
RECENT TRENDS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
On 28th & 29th June 2019
Department of English

A Two – Day National Seminar on “**RECENT TRENDS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LITERATURE**” was hosted by Andhra Mahila Sabha Arts & Science College for Women in Collaboration with Anveshana Educational and Research Foundation.

There were 18 paper presentations and 40 colleges attended from A.P, Telangana, Karnataka and Tamilnadu. The sub themes of the Seminar are: 1. Pedagogical Approaches in English Language Teaching 2. Using Comics in English Language Teaching 3. Impact of Literature on English Language Teaching 4. Collaborative Learning and Enhancing Communication Skills

The inaugural sessions was taken place on 28th June at 10.00 AM. The Chief Guest Dr. D. Vasundhara, Research Officer, TSCHE Hyderabad speaking on occasion said “English language is living with us, as long as Shakespeare lives, so the English language.

She further stressed on to reading classics, to overcome communication skills and presentation skills. The Guest of Honor of the occasion Smt. Usha Kanda mooted on for old School of thought which should become a golden rule for growth and development. Dr. J. Savithri said “Stick to basics, language plays a major role.” And Dr. D. Sucharitha said English language learning must be a priority.

The key note speaker Dr. Mohana Charyulu, Assoc. Professor, VFST, Vadlamudi, Guntur, suggested to follow Vishnu Sharma Curriculum based school which is student centered school. He further said that “**to publish articles in the International journals**”, the research scholars have to stress on research methodology, and reasons and the arguments to be shown in their respective subject.

The College principal Dr. D. Rajeswari, Vice-Principal and Convener of the Seminar Dr. P. Rajyalakshmi presented theme of the seminar and vote of thanks was presented by Dr. K. Karuna Devi, Organizing Secretary.

The inaugural session was ended by Tea Break.

The Speakers of the Technical Session–I were Prof. Sunita, Hon. Secretary & Correspondent, AMS CTE and Prof. Selvendra, Department of Phonetics & Spoken English, EFLU. And the topic was “**Pedagogical Approaches in English Language Teaching.**”

Prof. Sunita gave an insight into the theme of the seminar and enlightened everyone with her talk. She emphasized on “Simple English, High thinking” concept. She highlighted the fact that soft-skills and body language are a part of one’s learning process. The teaching methodology should be such that it should evoke and sustain interest. Teachers must teach students to imagine because without imagination, literature cannot be understood. Practice and intonation must be focused on. She made it clear that fluency in one’s mother tongue will help the person to learn foreign languages quickly and easily. She has suggested innovative, active, well – organized teaching approaches. Respecting the individuality of students, understanding emotions and empathy will help the teachers in learning English easily and quickly.

Prof. Selvendra Jaya Raju took over the session following Prof. Sunita. Sir has emphasized on the need for following British model of language. The purpose of learning language must be intelligible to a global audience. Sir has also emphasized on the way the learning of English will

help a person in linguistic approximation. He has also stressed that listening is very important to learn English. He concluded by saying that Grammar is negotiable but not language quality.

The Speakers of the Technical Session – II were Dr. K. G. Archana, Asst.Prof. DBPM PG College for Women and Dr. K. Venkat Satish, Asst.Prof, IIT, RGUKT. And the topic was “**Use of Comics in English Language Teaching.**”

Dr. K. Archana Murthy, quoted education is information, understanding, understood gives knowledge, knowledge acquired gives wisdom & wisdom allows us to stay Rational. She said that the children must be build, crafted & moulded through comics.

He said that our grandparents are our best comic creators. He also said that the colleges & schools must not only be syllabus bounded. Learning through the Comic method should be started in the teaching method. Vote of thanks by Ms. Tahniyat (BA II Year)

Prof. Sumitha Roy spoke about Importance of English language is learnt by reading. Use poems to teach effectively.

Dr. Melissa said and focused on spending time in reading classics, make group discussions and meaningful conversations.

Day – II (29.06.2019)

The panel discussion started at 10.00am and the speakers are:-

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| 1. Dr. Ashok | Asst. Prof, OUCW, Koti |
| 2. Dr. B. Vijaya | Associate Prof. of English, Arts College O.U |
| 3. Dr. Ch. Suvarna Ragini | Asst. Professor, CBIT |
| 4. Dr. Md. Sami Siddiqui | Asst.Prof of English, MANUU |
| 5. Dr. Sarala Mahidhara | |
| 6. Dr. Zareena Sultana | Associate Prof of English ISL Engineering College |
| 7. Dr. Sharath Chandra | (Moderator) Asst.Prof of English, MANUU |

Dr. Ashok emphasized that language has a vital role in socio economic and political changes. He stressed on the role of language in literature.

Dr. Ch. Survarna Ragini gave her opinion on collaboration in classrooms and said that this is the best strategy to improve communication skills and enhances self-esteem of the students. She focused on project based learning and guided to design mini projects and its strategies.

Dr. Sami Siddiqui, said the talk was on collaboration between un-equals and constructivism – the basis of collaborative learning.

Dr. Sarada Mahidhara – Collaborative learning is a skill itself not talking about it, we have to cultivate it.

Dr. Zareena Mam said cooperation, collaborative, Communication, Creative thinking, Choice of students. Today a read –Tomorrow a leader. We need motivation in every step of life.

Soon after this the participants and scholars presented their research articles through PPT's. Valedictory function will be presided by OU CIP, Dr. K. Nageshwara Rao. Joint Director, OUCIP, Osmania University

Deliberations: The thought process of this Two day National Seminar is to bring awareness to research scholars, academicians and practitioners in respect to current and recent trends in English language Teaching and Literature, inputs given by all the speakers during technical sessions on the given topics were really help in giving a kick start of new thinking in a new direction of **ELT and Literature**.

Conclusion: As a conclusion, the take away of the two day national seminar was to be pro-active, keeping track of recent, current, changes and happening trends English Language Teaching and Literature, advices given by various speakers, academicians, practitioners, presentations given by presenters were really helpful and can be implemented in the colleges while teaching English in a very professional and sophisticated way.