

B.A.ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ACTIVITES 2019-2020

1. Report on Art of Editing :

The Department of English Literature conducted a workshop for the final year undergraduate students titled ' The Art of Editing' on the 13th of July 2019. The aim of the workshop was to promote better understanding of editing and the operation that takes place in the news media. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Keerthana , Assistant Editor / Special Correspondent , 'The Hindu'. The speaker was introduced by the head of the department, Ms. M. Jayalakshmi .

The workshop chiefly focused on sub-editing and the role of a sub-editor in print media. Through various videos and a PowerPoint presentations the resource person highlighted the significance of reporters and sub-editors in print media. The students were also asked to produce a report on a subject they were interested in. The speaker engaged in lively interaction and also occupied the students with various activities involving editing. After the activities , the speaker, Ms. Keerthana took questions from the students. The feedback from the students was positive.



2. Lecture on Literature :

The Department of English Literature conducted a lecture on literature on the 1st of August 2019 for the final year undergraduate students and the first-year postgraduate students. The aim of the workshop was to promote better understanding of literature and its influence. The resource person for the lecture was Christine Berberich, Senior Lecturer- University of Portsmouth, UK. The resource person was introduced to the students by Mr. Muraliganam, Head, and Department of English Literature and felicitated by Ms. M. Jayalakshmi, Head, and Department of English Literature.

The lecture focused on the importance of reading. She spoke on how politics impacts the fiction of that particular period. She discussed how few classics monopolized literature and how it reflected on popular literature. She emphasized on the different perspectives of critics and general readers on classics and other forms of literature. She expressed her view that classics are not the only form of literature and that students should explore different forms of

writing that are now developing in literature. She ended the session by answering questions from the audience. The lecture was well received and appreciated by the students.



3. Workshop On Reporting :

The Department of English Literature conducted a workshop on reporting on the 10th of August 2019 for the final year undergraduate students. This was the second session of the workshop on the 'Basics of Journalism'. The aim of the workshop was to promote better understanding about reporting and the operation that takes place in the print media. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Keerthana, Assistant Editor/ Special Correspondent, 'The Hindu'.

The workshop chiefly focused on reporting in print media. Through various PowerPoint presentations, the students were educated about the significance of reporters in print media. The students were given various activities involving reporting. The speaker engaged in lively interactions with the students and explained about the tasks that reporters undertake in their work environment. At the end of the session, Ms. Keerthana was open for questions from the students. The students were also made to submit a report at the end of the class. The feedback from the students was positive.



4. Activity On Shakespeare Paper(PowerPoint Presentation):

The Department of English Literature conducted a Power Point Presentation on "Shakespeare age" for the Third year students on the 28th of August 2019. The main

objective of the Power Point Presentation was to encourage the students ability in the creation of new things. It was a new way of learning which is like an enrichment activity that made the students confident to present in front of a large crowd.

The Power point Presentation was based on the Shakespeare drama and students tried to present about many themes and different ideas like Women characters of Shakespeare, The Opening Scene of Shakespeare and so on .

5. Rendezvous 2019:

Rendezvous 2019, the alumni meet of the department of English literature was conducted on the 10th of September,2019. The programme was intended to gather the alumni of English literature department. Mrs. Jayalakshmi ,Head, Department of English literature embraced the alumni with her words. The alumni was felicitated by Mrs. Lakshmi, Head, Department of English.

The students welcomed the alumni with a dance performance. The programme had various games and events which included Ramp walk, Cross talk, Master says and Dance show. The alumni shared their memories and experience with the students. They volunteered themselves to participate in every game show. The winners were judged by the faculties of the department and were given prizes.

The event which was a great success was co-ordinated by faculty Mr. Praveen Prabhu and student coordinator ,Eraiarasan of Department of English Literature. The feedback from the students was positive.



6. Workshop on English language teaching :

The Department of English Literature conducted a workshop for the final year students on English Language Teaching on the 24th and the 25th of September 2019. The aim of the workshop was to promote better understanding about the duties of an English teacher and the role they play in the students' career. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Nalini Singaravel,Former Head, Department of English Literature, Women's Christian College, Chennai.

The workshop chiefly focused on the importance and the role of a teacher. Through various activities the resource person highlighted the various aspects on which an English teacher should concentrate in a classroom. The workshop also focused on listening and speaking skills. The resource person conducted a mock group discussion on various topics and guided the students on the basics of a personal interview. The speaker also engaged the students with an activity at the end of the session involving listening skills. The students were made to prepare questions from the perspective of a teacher based on a video. The session was interactive and largely informative for the students who are looking for a career prospect in the field of teaching. The feedback from the students was positive.

7. Adaptations Of Few Scenes From Shakespeare Plays:

The Department of English Literature conducted Adaptations of Few scenes of Shakespeare plays on “Shakespeare ” for the Third year students on the 18th October 2019. The main objective of the Activity is to make the students to participate in various kinds of enrichment activities that would make the students learn the subject with a great level of innovation and involvement

The students turned up with great level of enthusiasm and came out and they tried to recreate many epic scenes from plays like HAMLET, ROMEO JULIET, AS YOU LIKE IT and so on. Students even tried to interpret the classic scenes in the contemporary life setup.

8. Lec-Dem On Translation Studies:

The Department of English Literature conducted a workshop for the final year students on lecture and demonstration session of Translation studies on 12th December 2019. The aim of the workshop was to promote Translation studies on poetry. The resource persons for the lecture were Dr.R.Azhagarasan, Professor, Department of English, University of Madras and Dr.D.Venkataramanan, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Madras.

The lecture focused on translating poems from different language and they encouraged students to translate works from their mother tongue. The speaker engaged in lively interaction and also occupied the students with various activities , giving solutions for various problems faced in translation .After the activities , the speakers took questions from the students. The feedback from the students was positive.

9. Fable:

The Department of BA English Shift 2 conducted a two day intra and intercollegiate literary fest ' Fable ' on the 20th and 21st of January, 2020, Day 1 (inter department) was had 5 events - debate , Literary Quiz , Theatre, Creative Writing and Slam poetry, Day 2 (inter college) had 8 events - Debate , Quiz , Slam poetry, Creative Writing , Theatre , Shipwreck , Stress Interview and Jam, Day 1 and Day 2 started at 9 AM and ended at 5 PM respectively. The events took place in various venues such as the Main Auditorium Mini Auditorium and BA English classrooms. The winners and runners of all events on Day 1 were presented with certificates while the winners and runners on day 2 were awarded certificates

and cash prizes. Day 2 ended with a valedictory Ceremony and the Overall Trophy was presented to the students of Madras Christian College.

10. “Catch Them Young”:

The Department of English Literature attended a lecture on “Catch Them Young” at Vivekananda Cultural Centre on 4th, 5th, and 11th February, 2020. The students were accompanied by faculty members. The session was divided into two sessions. Miss Varsha and Swami Gautamananda presided over the session. They enlightened the youth by saying various methods on how to master and control their minds to have a strong and stable mind is the need of the hour. The youth today is easily distracted hence they should have their priorities sorted out in order to become successful human beings.

The resource persons engaged the students and the lecture was highly informative and interactive.



11. Guest Lecture On English Language & Linguistics:

The Department of English Literature conducted a Guest Lecture on “English Language and Linguistics” for the second year students on the 7th of February 2020. The main objective of the guest lecture was to enable the students understand the importance and difficulties involved in linguistics. The resource persons for the guest lecture was Ms. Ashita Chandran, Assistant Professor, Department of English Literature, Women’s Christian College. Chennai – 600006..

The workshop chiefly focused on the importance of English Language and Linguistics. The students were enabled to understand why linguistics of a language is crucial and they were also taught “How to transcribe”. Towards the end of the session the students were given few sentences and phrases to transcribe as an activity. The resource persons engaged the students and the guest lecture was highly informative and interactive



12. Adaptation of 'The Cattle Thief' by Emily Pauline Johnson :

The department of English literature conducted an activity on the adaptation of the poem 'The Cattle Thief' by Emily Pauline Johnson on 12th February 2020. The main motive of the classroom activity was to involve the students in different way of interpretations of the poem. The enthusiastic activity happened under the guidance of Mr. Praveen Prabhu, Assistant Professor, Department of English Literature.

The students were given a chance to express their uniqueness through memes, mind maps and creative interpretations also by enacting it as mime and play.

13.EVS Educational Field Trip :

The Department of English Literature arranged an Educational field trip for the second year studentson February 21, 2020. They were accompanied by our staffs Mrs.DeepaBalendran and Mr. J. Praveen Prabhu. Firstly, the students were taken to the seashore to visit the nearby fishermen. They learnt about their locality and interacted with few fishermen and got to know about their lives and their daily wages.The students visited DakshinaChitra Museum in Muthukadu, Chennai. The museum is the cultural centre of heritage, art, architecture and crafts based in South India. Students were able to learn about the South Indian art and architecture. They also learned about pottery and other major jobs that are done by the common people of Tamil Nadu.Students also visited The Madras Crocodile Park in Mahabalipuram where they learnt about different types of crocodiles, turtles and their life span, their food and their habitat. They also saw different types of eggs laid by crocodiles and turtles. Finally, the students visited the light house in Mahabalipuram. They also visited Krishna's butter ball and explored the nearby places. They were excited to visit the place. They were amused by the architecture. The trip was very much informative for the students.



14. movie screening:

Movie screening of school for scandal , importance of being earnest, oliver twist was screened to the students by the faculties . this movie screening made the students to understand the plot in a better way . The visual and auditory nature of videos allows each student to process information in a way that's natural to them.