

Department of English

Enhancing Communication Skills in English

Objectives:

- To identify steps in taking responsibility for one's own communication.
- To explore the use of words, tone of voice and body language.
- To enhance speaking and listening skills

Report: A one-day workshop on **Enhancing Communication Skills in English** for I and II-year students of B.A./B.com/ B.sc. was organised by the department of English at Seminar Hall, VGDC from 9.00A.M. to 4.30 P.M. **on 5th November, 2018.**

Ms Bangla Bharathi, senior faculty, department of English welcomed the Principal **Dr.S. Srinivas Rao** and resource person **Ms. Angel Mathew Meagher**.

Ms. Anita Abraham, head department of English, briefed about the workshop in her opening remarks.

The workshop was inaugurated by the principal, Dr.S. Srinivas Rao, in the presence of vice principal, Ms Nirmala, Head department of English, Ms. Anita Abraham, Resource person, Ms. Angel Mathew Meagher, and faculty members. Dr. B. Srinivas Rao, urged the participants to make use of the workshop to the maximum extent possible, in order to enhance their communication skills.

Ms Angel Mathew Meagher, resource person, had general interaction with the students individually and in groups, so as to enlighten the students with the use of correct English and its importance. In the first half of the session, the students were divided into groups and games and activities were conducted to enhance their listening skills.

During the second half, role play sessions were conducted to help students use appropriate language and improve their speaking skills. Students were involved in various activities throughout the day, which enabled them to learn English through fun and games. The sessions were interactive and full of knowledge and learning.

- The valedictory programme was held at 4.30 P.M. certificates were distributed to the participants. The participants gave their feedback explaining how the programme helped them improve their communication skills and made them more confident of using English in a better way.
- **Dr.B. Suchitra Singh** faculty member proposed vote of thanks;

Outcome:

- The students understood the power of communication.
- Developed interpersonal skills.
- Learnt techniques to manage and ensure proper communication.
- The feedback form of the participants indicated that the objective of the workshop was largely realized.



FIELD TRIP TO HYDERABAD LITERARY FESTIVAL (25-27 JANUARY 2019)

Objectives:

- Expose students to all forms of literary events, talks, walks, readings and workshops and interdisciplinary approaches.
- Facilitate an opportunity to students to interact with artists, writers, Scholars, Filmmakers, and theatre artists.
- To attend workshops of their interest.

Department of English had organized a field trip to Hyderabad Literary Festival at Hyderabad Public School; a three-day event that celebrated creativity in all its forms. 150 students, from B.A., B.Com. and B.sc. attended the festival along with the faculty.

25th January: the festival began with a host of authors, artists and literature enthusiasts converging at the Hyderabad Public School Campus at Begumpet. The festival focused on Gujarati regional language and China was the guest nation for the 3-day programme. The faculty and students attended the opening ceremony, followed by panel discussion on the ragging issue of “**Me TOO**”, the students actively participated in the question and answer session and empathized with the victims.

The book stalls and art exhibition grabbed the attention of the students. The ambiance and elite crowd attracted the students and ignited a desire to be one among them.

26th January: The students visited **Digital Creativity Workshop** organized by R.J, Hashmi. The show demonstrate how youngsters can use the power of digital platform t bring about the positive change in the society. Students participated in the workshop and learnt how to create content on a particular topic. They were overwhelmed to learn and know about the opportunities in the digital world.

Younghistaan Nukkad Corner: The Nukkad Corner was full of energy, it enthralled the students. They danced and tapped to the music played. The show excited the students and gave wings to exhibit their talent. They also enjoyed the flash mob show and street play organized at the festival.

27th January: The students attended a **workshop on how to write a movie script**. They were introduced to the essential elements of a screen play including plot, structure, scenes and sequences to write a screen play. This was followed by **Yaadien- Kafi Azmi** read by Shabana Azmi. A documentary was screened on the life of Kafi Azmi, documenting his struggle in the film industry, his ideologies and high and lows of his life. Shabana Azmi and Amita Tiwari interacted with audience after the screening. Students actively participated during the interaction session.

The 3-day Hyderabad Literary Festival came to an end on Sunday, leaving the enthusiastic students longing for more.

Outcome:

- Students had an exposure to a plethora of literary events, activities and workshops.
- They were energized to think creatively and out of the box.
- They got to know new areas that could be explored.

