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Special Lecture Programme on “English Language Education: Ethnographic Perspectives”

13.07.2023

The English Literary Association of the Department of English, J.J College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Pudukkottai organized a Special Lecture Programme on “English Language Education: Ethnographic Perspectives” by Dr.V.L.Jayapual, Associate Professor and Head, PG and Research Department of English, ST.Joseph’s College (Autonomous) Tiruchirappalli, at 11 am on Thursday 13/07/2023. The speaker pointed out how the language and culture are inseparable and communicative competence is a mix of linguistics and cultural competence. But in English language teaching, we are facing a divide between the language and it’s corresponding culture, especially in second language and foreign language teaching. Coming to the Indian context he drew attention to pre- independence and post – independence socio-cultural situation that warranted a drastic reform of methods and materials for ELT. Infact, the emphasis has shifted from language teaching to language learning and language education. We have to teach English in situation that are based on native culture – national ,regional and local. Pointing out – the colonial hegemony of English in everyday life in such basic matter as our dress and food habits. He wanted a resurrection of the Indian cultural ethos in ELT.

The students actively participated in the ensuing discussion. Earlier K.Madhumidha II MA Student Secretary, gave the welcome address. Mrs S.Selvi, Head of Department of English introduce the Chief guest and Mr. R.Aravindh, Assistant Professor honored him with shawl. R.Avantika, III BA compered the programme and S.Sastiga ,III BA proposed the vote of thanks.

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A Special Lecture Programme on “Values of Literature” - 28.07.2023

Under the auspices of the English Literary Association of J. J. College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Sivapuram, Pudukkottai, a Special Lecture was organised on the topic “**Values of Literature**” at 11 a.m. on Friday (28/07/2023). The speaker Dr. L. Rajesh of Raja Serfoji Government Arts and Science College(Autonomous), Thanjavur, underlined the close links between life and literature. Literature reflects life, it also modifies men and life styles. Cultural values, past and present are embodied in literature in highly eloquent and inspiring terms. Literature informs, delights and transports. The right approach to literature is through emotional response and intellectual analysis. Literature has a major share in moulding human character. It turns out complete human beings equipped with not only job skills but also principles and values needed for harmonious community living. It imparts values of life, love, compassion, comaraderie and above all a spirit of tolerance and broad mindedness. The speech was enlivened with quotations from creative and critical works that revealed the erudition of the speaker and his ability to explain difficult ideas in a lucid simple manner. At the end of the speech he clarified the doubts raised by some of the students and staff.

Earlier Miss. S. Selvi, Head of the Department of English welcomed the participants and introduced the chief guest as an inspired and inspiring teacher of literature. Miss. P. Saranya of 2nd B.A compered the programme and Mr. B. Rajkumar of 3rd B.A proposed the vote of thanks.

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Workshop on Soft-Skills Development – 08.09.2023

The English Literary Association of J.J. College of Arts and Science, (Autonomous) Pudukkottai organized a **One Day Workshop on “Soft Skill Development”** to her English Literature Students of UG and PG. The resource person Dr. V. L. Jayapaul, Head of the Department of English, St.Joseph College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli outlined the importance of soft skills in the workplace and in an organization. He also explained Soft skill training is educating and teaching employees about communication skills, learning abilities, teamwork and problem – solving tactics. In addition, training includes several soft skills, such as work ethics, positive behaviour with colleagues, emotional intelligence, and the desire to take the initiative. He also said it creates an inspirational environment and encourages employees to improve their interpersonal skills. He also gave training to students to improve their interpersonal skills through group activities like Sheet reach, Role play, Story Narration etc. to improve the students' communication skills, self- esteem and positive attitude. The students took part in the activities conducted by him with much enthusiasm and interest and the training gave confidence in them to achieve success in their professional career.

Earlier Ms.S.Selvi ,Head of the Department of English welcomed the resource person and the gathering and finally Ms. Mathumitha of II M.A English, proposed a Vote of thanks.

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Department of English

A One –Day National Conference on 21st Century Indian Writing in English- 08.01.2024

The Department of English J. J. College of Arts and Science, (Autonomous) Pudukkottai, organized **A One-Day National Conference on “21st Century Indian Writing in English”** on Monday 08.01.2024. The venue was the College Gallery Hall. Dr. L. Rajesh, Associate Professor of English Rajah Serfoji Government College inaugurated the conference and released the souvenir, and it was received by Mr. N. Subramanian, Secretary, J. J. Group of Institutions, Pudukkottai.

Dr. L. Rajesh, in his inaugural address, spoke in detail about the origin of Indian writing in English and its generic variety and richness. 21st century Indian writing in English especially reflects Pan-Indian global perspectives. Naturally it is a fertile field for research and a fit theme for conferences, seminars and symposia's.

Earlier, in her Presidential Address Dr. S Kavitha, Trustee, KVET, stressed the importance of organizing conferences and workshops as seed beds for research . Dr. J. Parasuraman, Principal welcomed the Resources persons and the gathering. Ms. S Selvi, Head, Department of English introduced the resource persons.

In the first keynote address , Dr. L. Rajesh, outlined the historical contours of Indian writing in English. From simple beginnings in genres like biography and imitative lyrical poetry, it has acquired today a truly international dimension reflecting global trends like post-modernism , post- colonialism and magic realism. He drew upon the works of writers like Aravind Adiga, Amitav Gosh, Chetan Bhagat and a host of others to illustrate his point of view.

In the second key note address , Dr. L. Darwin, Assistant professor Department of Linguistics, University of Kerala, examined the communicative issues faced by creative writers as well as society in the post digitalization era. He focused on the rhetorical , stylistic and pragmatic aspects of language-use, in the light of recent communication theory and the development of digital media.

In the afternoon session the participants from various colleges presented their papers and best two presentations were awarded prizes. At 3.00 p.m. the valedictory address was given by Dr. L. Darwin. , He appreciated the participants involvement in composing and publishing papers. Certificates for the participants were distributed by Dr. S.Kavitha Subramanian, trustee, KVET. Finally Ms. S. Selvi, Head of the Department of English, proposed the vote of thanks and the National Conference came to an end at 4.30p.m in the evening.

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Special Lecture Programme on “Society and Culture”
04.03.2024**

The English Literary Association of J.J. College of Arts and Science , (Autonomous) Pudukkottai organized a **Special Lecture Programme on “Society and Culture ”** on 04.03.2024 for her English Literature Students of III UG and PG. The resource person Dr. R.Shanthi , Associate Professor of English, AVVM Sri Pushpam College ,Poondi, Thanjavur outlined the importance of Society and Culture. **Culture** consists of the beliefs, behaviors, objects, and other characteristics common to the members of a particular group or society. Through culture, people and groups define themselves, conform to society's shared values, and contribute to society. Thus, culture includes many societal aspects: language, customs, values, norms, mores, rules, tools, technologies, products, organizations, and institutions. Culture and society are intricately related. A culture consists of the “objects” of a society, whereas a society consists of the people who share a common culture.

She also pointed out the values and beliefs of a culture can be influenced by literature. It can alter how people view themselves and their surroundings by introducing fresh viewpoints, challenging accepted beliefs, and challenging conventional wisdom. Literature can foster a sense of self and community for both individuals and groups. Literature can affect social change by drawing attention to injustices and fighting for the rights of underrepresented groups. We can better grasp societal problems via literature, and we can be motivated to take action to make the world more just and equitable. She quoted examples from Indian Writing in English, African Literature and Various periods of British Literature. She drew special attention to T.S Eliot’s conception of culture and emphasized the importance of spirituality. To conclude she said , literature has a big influence on culture and society. It gives room for cultural expression, fosters understanding and empathy, stimulates critical thought, moulds cultural values, and has the potential to spark social change. Reading and participating in literature may deepen our understanding of the world and lead to constructive social and cultural change.

Earlier Ms.S.Selvi ,Head of the Department of English welcomed the resource person and the gathering and finally Ms. Mathumitha of II M.A English, proposed the vote of thanks. Ms.Nithayapriyadharshini III B.A English compered the programme.

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