

Department of English
Annual Report: 2023-24

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The following activities were conducted by Department of English during the academic session 2023-24.

i) Induction Programme

Entrance in the institution of Higher Education is transition phase. When new students enter an institution, they come with diverse thoughts, backgrounds and preparations. They come into a new unfamiliar environment, and many of them have little knowledge of a university/college. An important task, therefore, is to welcome new students to Higher Education and prepare them for their new role. By keeping in mind this view, the Induction Programme at college level was organized in the last week of July 2023. The students of first year of all the three faculties were introduced to the Department of English on 26/07/2023. Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar, in his PPT presentation in the Department introduced the English language oriented activities the Department conducts every year. The students were introduced to Language Learning Software. Students were also acquainted with the syllabus of English of first year and the CBCS pattern introduced by SGB Amravati University. The students were instructed to plan their study so that they can achieve the expected level English Language Proficiency.

ii) e-notes : This academic year the syllabi of undergraduate classes of Semester III have been revised. There is considerable delay in publication of textbooks of the classes. Looking at the need of students the Department took efforts to prepare the e-notes containing the needed study material for students. All the faculty indulged in the work of compilation of topics and notes from various online resources. The e-resources are properly acknowledged. The material is modified as per requirement of the students. The e-handbook based on the syllabus of Certificate Course is also prepared as ready reference of students. The handbooks were released by the Principal Dr. M. T. Nikam. The soft copy of the handbooks were uploaded on college website and shared on students Whats App Group.

iii) Participation of Students in Avishkar 2023 at University Level

The Research Project titled “Spelling And Pronunciation” of Department of English was awarded Third Rank at District Level Avishkar Competition organised at Mauli Engineering and Technology College, Shegaon on 19th December, 2023. The participant research students viz. **Anuradha Ashok Kulkarni and Sejal Mahesh Chavan** were asked to participate the research competition at University Level. The students participated in Avishkar at University Level on 26th December, 2023. The research students demonstrated the project very enthusiastically to the panel of jury.

The Project was related to spelling system and pronunciation of English language. The mismatch between spelling and pronunciation was highlighted in the project. The pronunciation problems of English speakers whose mother tongue is Marathi is also one of the problems the research students worked on. Received Pronunciation symbols were also discussed in the project. In the findings of the project, the research students highlighted the use of Pronunciation Dictionary as the only way out for this problem. Participation certificates were given to the students.

Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar, HOD of English was the mentor of the research students for the Project. Dr. M. T. Nikam, Principal, appreciated the hard work of the students.

The participant students were introduced to the research area of English Language. Students came to know the method and procedure to carry out research in the area of English language.

iv) Certificate Course: Certificate Course in Communication And Soft Skill Development was organized by the Department from 10th August to 9th November, 2023. The duration of the course was 45 days/Hours. Thirty-nine students participated in the course.

The objectives of the Course are:

- i) To create awareness among students regarding importance of Communication Skill & Soft Skill Development.
- ii) To teach and demonstrate different aspects of Communication & Soft Skill
- iii) To take students participation in the activities
- iv) To prepare students for jobs in public and private sector by developing their communication and soft skills.

The major topics taught and demonstrated are:

- 1) Nature and Scope of Communication
- 2) Pronunciation (Phonetics) and Conversation

3) Soft Skills

V) One Day Workshop on Reading Skill

One Day Workshop Reading Skill was organized on 22/02/2024. Dr. S. P. More, Associate Professor, from SPM College, Chikhli was invited as Guest. He spoke about need of Communication Skill in present situation. The inaugural function was chaired by Principal Dr. M. T. Nikam. Faculty from Humanities viz. Dr. V. R. Padwad, Dr. S. M. Kalakhe were present for the programme. On the occasion students were given Certificates who completed successfully the certificate Course in Communication and Soft Skill Development.

After the inauguration, Ku. Snehal Sasane gave PPT presentation on Reading Skill, Ku. Anuradha Kulkarni and Ku. Sejal Chavan gave PPT presentation on Spelling and Pronunciation. The presentations were based on the projects presented in Avishkar Competition.

The Third Event of the Workshop was to train the students in Reading Skill. The students were given print material which contained short information about importance of reading skill, types of reading and a short story to read followed by question to test students ability related to their reading skill. Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar conducted the workshop. He explained types of reading and asked the students to read the story and to answer questions given in response sheet. Students were given fifteen minutes to fill up the response sheet. Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar guided the students and helped to fill up the response sheet. Feedback from students was also taken. Seventy-one students participated in the workshop.

v) Research Centre in English : The Department is also working as Research Centre in English. In this academic year Ms. Jyoti Ashokrao Khedekar submitted her synopsis for approval to Ph. D. Cell, SGB Amravai university. Her topic of research is “A Critical Study of Film Adaption....” She is working under the supervision of Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar.

vi) Research Contribution:

i) Synopsis for Ph. D. Approved: The synopsis of scholar, Jyoti Ashok Khedekar, titled “A Critical Study of Novels And Their Cinematic Adaptations With Reference to Selected Works of Chetan Bhagat, Jumpa Lahiri And Arvind Adiga” was approved by RRC of SGBAU on 05/03/2024. The synopsis was prepared under the supervision of Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar.

ii) Research papers published

The following research papers were published by Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar.

- i) Research Paper titled “Resistance to Perpetuation of Cultural Hegemony in Hamid Dalwai’s Novel” is published in International Journal of English Studies.
- ii) Research Paper titled “ Neocolonialism: Exploitation Masses and Women’s Revolt in Ngugi’s Devil on the Cross” is published in International Journal of Research in English.

vii) Participation in FDP

Dr. Syed Imtiaz Jukkalkar, the Head of the Department participated in the following FDP programmes-

- i) A Five Day Faculty Development Programme on “*Global Perspective in Literature and World Cinema*” organized by Amity University, Chhattisgarh.
- ii) Online Short Term Faculty Development Programme on Emotional Intelligence for Teacher in Higher Education organized jointly by Shri Shivaji Science College, Amravati and UGC- Malviya Mission teacher Training Programme, SGB Amravati from 16th to 25th Nov. 2023.
- iii) NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme organized by Malviya Mission Training Programme from 18th December, 2023 to 27th December, 2023.

vii) The Head of the Department Dr. S. I. Jukkalkar works at the following committess:

- 1) Staff Council Secretary
- 3) Chief Editor of College Magazine
- 4) Coordinator of Ph. D. Cell for SGB Amravati University
- 5) Course Coordinator of Certificate Course in Communication And Soft Skill Development



Students giving presentation in Avishkar Competition held at University (English Department)