

International Seminar on Role of International Languages in Higher Education, ISRIL'18 at Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science on 16th Feb 2018

One day International Seminar on Role of International Languages in Higher Education (ISRIL'18) was organized by Department of Languages, Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science (HITS) in collaboration with ELT@I, Kancheepuram (HITS) Chapter. The event was held on 16th February 2018. The objective of the seminar was to discuss the role of languages (**English, French, German, Japanese and Spanish**) in Higher Education and the scope of employability for students mastering foreign languages.

Dr. Akkara Sherine, HOD, Languages, Convenor ISRIL'18 and ELTAI Kancheepuram Chapter Head, welcomed the audience comprising 140 participants and delegates from institutions across India and abroad. Mr. **Emmanuel Samson Attaché for Cooperation in French Language, Embassy of France** was the Chief Guest. **Dr. P. N. Ramani Chief Academic Officer, Akara Education Chennai Vice-President**, English Language Teachers Association of India Chapter & **Mr. Jun Arisue Sensei Japanese Language Advisor, Japan Foundation New Delhi (South India)** were the Guests of Honour. **Dr. S. Ramachandran Vice - Chancellor, Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science** in his inaugural address appreciated the title of the international seminar and **stated that, "Language plays an important role in the growth of intelligence, indulgence, culture and personality"**

Dr. P. N. Ramani Chief Academic Officer, Vice - President, English Language Teachers Association of India (ELTAI) praised the organizers for bringing together participants of different international languages in one platform. He briefed about the establishment and the role of English Language Teachers Association of India and also highlighted the publication of ELTAI Journal. He emphasized that, **"Scholars should publish their papers in reputed recognized journals and develop research culture"**.

Mr. Jun Arisue Sensei Japanese Language Advisor, Japan Foundation, New Delhi (South India) said that, **"Learning Japanese is not only important in the field of business but it is vital to know the culture"**.

In his Conference Keynote Address by Chief Guest **Mr. Emmanuel Samson Attaché for Cooperation in French Language**, stated, **"Utilize Technology and break the barriers in learning Foreign Languages in classroom. Incorporate skills oriented teaching to be a global citizen since the international languages enhances employability prospects and provides a platform to learn and imbibe other cultures"**. The Chief Guest released the Abstract Volume of the presenters and the first copy of the volume was handed over to Dr. Ilavazhagan, Director Research, HITS. **Dr. Ramesh Babu HOD**, Science & Humanities, HITS proposed Vote of Thanks.

There were seven Parallel sessions and it was chaired by few notable experts, Dr. Andrew Philomin Raj, Academic & Associate Researcher, Center for Migratory and Intercultural Studies, Universidad Católica del Maule, Avda. San Miguel, Talca, Chile. **Dr. J. John Sekar**, Head (UG) & Professor PG& Research, Department of English, Dean Curriculum, Development & Research, The American College, Madurai

Panel experts for the Panel discussion on the topic, “Role of International Languages in Higher Education”, comprised language experts of French, Mr. Samson, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. IIT, Dr. Jayasudha, **Deputy General Manager**, National Instructional Media Institute Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Government of India). Ms. Inge, German Language specialist, Ms. Sofia Khandelwal, Spanish Language expert. **Dr. P.N.Ramani, ELTAI Vice-President moderated the session with several scholarly inputs from his end.**

Dr. T. Jayasudha Deputy General Manager, National Instructional Media Institute Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Government of India) was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory session. 7 Best Paper Presenters were awarded. Three best papers were also awarded.