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English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELT@I) Tirupati Chapter organized its 6th Annual International Conference on *“Recent Trends and Innovative Practices in Teaching English Language and Literature”* in association with *Chdawalada Ramanamma Engineering College, Tirupati* on 16th & 17th February 2018.

The conference aimed to provide an excellent professional platform to the teachers and research scholars to get awareness on the recent trends and innovative practices in teaching English language and literature for professional excellence as the best teachers/mentors/facilitators.

The theme of the conference made it a unique event with 190 participants. Apart from the keynote address and plenary lectures; 180 research papers on various recent trends and innovative practices were presented by the delegates attended from all corners of the country and abroad. Selected qualitative papers were published in the conference proceedings and the Journal of English Language and Literature; both were released in the inaugural by the guests.

The keynote speaker and chief guest of the inaugural Prof. D. S. Kesava Rao, from NIT Warangal, spoke on *“Dynamic Assessment: A Viable and Better Alternative”* and enlightened on the different aspects for effective outcome based assessment. In his plenary lecture Sri Dhanappa M Metri, Head of the English department and Vice-Principal of Sangameswar College, Solapur stressed on *“Self-Directed Professional Development for English Teachers”*, he provided awareness on various ways and opportunities for professional development in spite of many hardships in the profession at present. In his plenary lecture Prof. Madhuranthakam Narendra from Sri Venkateswara University focused on *“the innovative methods to teach literature in the changed scenario”*. Dr. G. Reddi Sekhar Reddy, Former Professor and Freelance Trainer strived to enhance confidence among the teachers with his pragmatic observations on the challenges English teachers are facing for teacher development in the present scenario. Prof. M. A. K. Sukumar, Emeritus Professor and Former Rector, Sri Venkateswara University took the delegates to the world of Shakespeare with his plenary lecture on *“William Shakespeare: An Overview”* and advised how literary texts can be used for better facilitation and professional development.

Dr. G. Reddi Sekhar Reddy, Secretary Tirupati Chapter and Director of the Conference in his conference report said that the chapter cherished with the overwhelmed response of the intellectual delegates from faraway places in the country and abroad with their experience oriented research papers and presentations. Some of the delegates opined that they got a wonderful opportunity to listen, interact and share the information related to the various recent advancements in the form of recent trends and innovative practices in teaching for professional development. The Director put on record the affectionate pat of encouragement from Dr. Lou McLaughlin, Associate Representative & Trustee and Alison Schwetlick, the Editor, *“Voices”* of IATEFL, London and Prof. S. Rajagopalan, patron and all the office bearers of ELT@I. Conference was dedicated to all English teachers determined to the professional development in spite of many hardships they face.

Thanking you,

Dr. G. REDDI SEKHAR REDDY

Founder & Secretary, ELT@I Tirupati Chapter,