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## From the Chapter President . . . . .



This is the inaugural issue of our newsletter. We are releasing this newsletter as a way of keeping in touch with English teachers, scholars and students who are an integral part of our journey. The guiding philosophy of ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter is to reach

the unreached and learning by doing. We are sure that the exposure we give to the English teaching community of our region will serve them well in their academic and professional pursuits.

Suggestions for improvement can be mailed to [ajshermila@gmail.com](mailto:ajshermila@gmail.com). Mrs.A.Vinothini Sylvia, Assistant Professor of Annammal College of Education, Thoothukudi has taken the responsibility of compiling and editing this issue. ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter whole heartedly thank her for her readiness in undertaking this work in an excellent way.

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*Literature is a comprehensive essence of the intellectual life of a nation.*

*- William Shakespeare*

## Workshop on Communicative Language Teaching



ELT@I Thoothukudi Chapter & ELT@I Ramanathapuram Chapter in association with British Council, Chennai & Annammal College of Education organized a workshop on '**Communicative Language Teaching**' on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Annammal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi. 30 English Teachers from Government Schools participated in the programme. This training programme was supported by the British Council, Chennai. Ms.Asha Shoba catered exclusively to the needs of the English teaching community with her amazing skill of an efficient trainer.



On the inspiring initial day, 17.7.17, the campaign was inaugurated with a welcome address by the Principal of Annammal College of Education. It was followed by an introduction to the trainer. The inspiring touch was that the required topics for discussion were elicited from the participants itself. They were; creating interest, good handwriting, mother tongue influence, grammar, pronunciation, creating an English atmosphere, spelling, games/activities, reading skill, level variations and speaking. Each teacher was made to create a self-estimate of himself/herself and share that with each and every one. Soon, the participants were grouped in five and a demo lesson with the theme - 'clothing' was presented vividly. It was demonstrated with a fascinating variety of activities as gossiping on their own dresses, matching pictures with their synonyms, wall crawl for prepositions and so on. A wonderful listening activity for the same lesson added the touch of a cherry on an ice-cream. The stages of teaching a lesson in English were derived as; theme (warm-up), topic, grammar/lexis, analysis, practice, personalization and follow up.



The afternoon session was activated with a 'back to the board' game involving the vocabulary of the fore coming reading lesson. The innovative techniques of reading were introduced with a jig saw puzzle task and running dictation. The entire session was illuminated with the smart and busy participation of the teachers. The first day was concluded with a home work to plan for a micro lesson.

On the stimulating second day, the forenoon session was highlighted with the group tasks for grammar structures and the magic of writing. The stages of writing were illustrated sequentially. A fabulous group writing task was conducted and it was timed too. The afternoon session was focused on the lesson plan preparation with a jig saw puzzle. It was preceded with the norms, formal utterances and a practice in a group discussion. The participants were made to teach their micro lessons which were guided by the instructor. It was an optimistic sign of success of the programme that the teachers involved with great enthusiasm in the microteaching. At the closure of the training campaign, there was a feedback and vote of thanks session presented by the participants. It concluded with a thanks giving speech by the Principal of Annammal College of Education. Putting in a nutshell, the British Council Training became an eye opener to all government English Teachers. It is sure to create a tremendous positive impact in the classrooms.

## Workshop on Best Practices in English Language Teaching

ELT@I Thoothukudi chapter in collaboration with RMSA has arranged a special address on **Best Practices in English Language Teaching** by Dr.S.A.Thameemul Ansari, Professor of English, University of Jazan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017. His lecture was attended by 60

English teachers working in Government and Government aided schools and the prospective teachers of Annammal College of Education. He spoke on the following topics: Teacher Clarity, Classroom Discussion, Feedback, Formative Assessments and Metacognitive Strategies.



## National level workshop on THE GLAMOUR OF WRITING

The Dept. of English, A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for Women, Thoothukudi, in collaboration with the ELT@I Thoothukudi Chapter conducted a one day national level workshop on **THE GLAMOUR OF WRITING (GLOW)** on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Dr.R.C.Vasuki, Principal of A.P.C.

Mahalaxmi College for Women welcomed the gathering. Dr.A.Joycilin Shermila, Convenor, ELT@I Thoothukudi Chapter, delivered the keynote address. Dr. S. Savithri, Professor of English, PSN College of Engineering, Tirunelveli, offered a Special Address.



Dr.Vinod Balakrishnan Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli was the resource person for the first session. He enriched the session with his lively presentation on creative writing and academic language. Dr.C. Praveen, Assistant Professor of Education, Government Brennen College of Teacher Education, Thalassery, Kerala, was the resource person for the second session. His session was about how to teach and learn English Grammar easily. The workshop was interactive and effective. The faculty members and students from different arts, science, education, and engineering colleges and school teachers attended the workshop. Dr.Monica Ramraj, the head of the Department of English proposed a vote of thanks.

## National Workshop on Enhancing Professional Communication Skills

A Two Days National Workshop on **Enhancing Professional Communication Skills** was conducted by ELT@I Thoothukudi Chapter in association with ELT@I BESIG on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at Annammal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi. The workshop was attended by ESL teachers and Research scholars. The inaugural address was given by entrepreneur Rtn.Mr.B.Ponsingh, Mangaing Director of Annai Gas Service.



The convener of this workshop Dr.A.Joycilin Shermila introduced the resource persons Mrs. Lalitha Murthy, Consultant – Business English, Bangalore and Brig R S Murthy , Accredited Management Trainer on Soft Skills, Bangalore.

The first day morning session was initiated by Mrs. Lalitha Murthy who spoke on Language skills, Business skills and also about Professional communication skills. The next session was by Brig R S Murthy on “Soft Skills and Business Etiquettes.” The session laid emphasis on the various etiquettes to be followed in business meetings during an introduction, handshake, small talk, telephone and mobile conversations. It was interactive

with various role plays and mock meetings. The second session of the day was by Mrs. Lalitha Murthy on “Business Writing” with special reference to email writing.

On the second day, the workshop began with the session on “Presentation Skills.” The final session was headed by Mrs. Lalitha Murthy on “Designing A Business English Course.” The valedictory function marked the end of the workshop with the valedictory address given by the convener of the workshop Dr.A.Joycilin Shermila followed by the feedback from some participants and Vote of Thanks by N.Jothi.

## Workshop on Teaching of English

As per the MoU signed with TBAK College for Women, Kilakarai a one day workshop on **Teaching of English** was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 for the PG students at Annammal College of Education, Thoothukudi. Dr.S. Rasul Mohaideen served as a resource person and presented the techniques of teaching Prose and Poetry and also the differences between teaching prose and poetry. He has used Bharathiyar’s poems also to teach the difference between teaching Tamil and English poem. Black Board sketches to teach emotions, verbs, tenses and prepositions were taught by Ms.Jinu Jenifer with the help of a team of II year B.Ed students. Ms.Infant Vinista and Ms.Jerlin Golda taught different types of chart folding. Ms.Raja Marisweri used blackboard sketches and narrated the story ugly duckling. She has also taught how different English letters can be used to draw animals.



## FORTH COMING EVENTS

- **International Conference on Teaching Literatures in English for Cross Cultural Communication on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018**
- **International Workshop on Teaching English through short stories: A practical orientation for Prospective Teachers on July 2018**
- **Shakespeare Carnival 2018 - Inter College Literary Fest on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018**