

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

The plan of action chalked out by the department in the beginning of the year 2009-'10 towards quality enhancement was aimed at an integrated language programme to promote communication skills vis a vis building of life skills and instilling social consciousness

Action plan for 2009-2010

- Verbal ability test for entry level assessment of language proficiency
- A need-based bridge course for I year degree students
- Unit planner chalked out with well spelt out details about the time frame and methodologies- in- use for each topic
- Continuous Evaluation of all the four skills- LSRW; Online Testing; Project-based/ Activity- based Assignments; Language Quiz.
- Literary club activities/ events planned for the year with emphasis on student – centric skills/ learning
- Communication skills/ job skills/ soft skills course planned as departmental academic extension service to the PG students (MBA/MCA/MCom.)
- Faculty enrichment programme in Presentation Skills planned as a departmental extension activity to colleagues from other departments
- Community service programs planned for **A. Women Empowerment B. Social Awareness C.Environmental Awareness**
- In-house publications like college News Digest, College Online Magazine ‘The Catalyst’ and Hand book. This also includes editing of the college reports.
- Organizing intercollegiate events to give a boost to the event management skills of the students

Curricular	Co-Curricular	Extra Curricular
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal Ability Test • Bridge Course • Unit Planner • Continuous evaluation in four language skills (LSRW) • Handled IHC, Environmental Science for degree I & II Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resume Consultation services • Club Activities- Presentation Skills Film Screening Short Film Making Event Management Skills Oratory Skills Book Reading • A 25 hour course in Communication Skills/ Job Skills/ Soft Skills for the MBA/MCA/MCom. students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical camp for Girls • Short Film Making Contest • Aids Awareness Workshop • Talent search programme by Big FM/ Radio Mirchi • Papyrus Club • In house publications- News Digest, Hand Book • Conducted Essay Writing , Elocution Competition Collage Competition • Christmas Festive season competitions • Christmas celebrations • Energy Awareness

Innovation in curriculum design and transaction :

Though the basic curriculum in English for the degree students is provided by Osmania University, the department has adapted and modified it suitably to meet the current linguistic needs of the students and also compete with the trends in the job market. The curricular designing and transaction is done in such a way, as to provide the students with global competencies .As part of this drive, the department has taken up the following activities:

- To give an enlarged scope to the given curriculum, activity-based methodology was followed. Multi purpose class room activities-- group discussions, personal narratives, book reading, debates, language quiz, advertisement drafting, role enactment, presentations and short films-- was designed in and around the prescribed curriculum to test and train the students in public speaking, personality grooming, job skills and social awareness. A break through was achieved in using multimedia; the audio-visual room was used to screen films related to the topics
- The language lab was optimally used to train the students in listening comprehension.

- Students were given regular internet updates on free websites for language learning
- Diversified instruction material was employed--News Paper cuttings, TV Talk Shows, You Tube, Blogs etc

Inter-disciplinary:

a. A 25 hour programme on Communication Skills was conducted by the Department of English for students of MBA, MCA & M.Com. The programme comprised modules on

- Communicative English & Vocabulary
- Functional Grammar
- Job Skills
- Group Discussion & Interview Skills
- Presentation Skills and Personality Development

Examination reforms implemented :

- Verbal Ability Test was administered to Degree I year students to assess their entry level language proficiency. Accordingly a Bridge Course was designed to fill the gaps in their language skills.
- Continuous evaluation through various modes – Projects, Presentations, Group Discussions, Assignments, Online Testing, Film/Book Reviews, Listening Comprehension, Classroom Interactions, Seminars, Internet Research.
- Against the traditional practice of testing the students on the written mode, diagnostic tests were designed to ensure that the students were tested on reading skills, speaking and listening skills as well.
- Mandatory End –of- the- Year assignment was designed to give the students adequate language practice on topics like – Picture Description, Resume Writing, Expansion of Proverbs, Use of Idioms etc.
- Assignments were creatively designed to enthuse the students in internet research and the use of ICT: they were encouraged to make short films and power point presentations on both subject-related topics and topics of general interest. The students were closely monitored through the projects so as to inculcate team-building and other aspects of personality development

Initiatives towards faculty development:

- Ms. Kiran Khaidem of the Department of English conducted a two-hour session on Presentation Skills for the teaching staff, focusing on the do's and don'ts to be kept in mind while making formal presentations.
- Mrs. Sangeetha attended an Orientation Programme on BEC (Business English Certificate) conducted by the British Library, Hyderabad.
- Mrs. Sangeetha was selected as a paper setter for Degree English Paper II.
- Mrs. Sangeetha completed her P.hD. in English and is awaiting the award.
- Mrs. Alankrita Mahendra was invited as a judge for two events at TANTRA- A Management Meet held at ISHRD (ICFAI School of Human Resource Management), Hyderabad

Community services:

1. Women's Empowerment Cell:

The **Women's Empowerment Cell** comprising members of the **Department of English** arranged a **Medical Camp** for Girls on 5th Nov 2009, in collaboration with the **Gynaecological and Obstetrics Society of India (Hyderabad Chapter)**. **Dr. Swarajya Lakshmi**, a renowned gynaecologist addressed the girls on **Adolescent Problems**.

2. Energy Awareness Day:

National Productivity Council conducted a one-day workshop on 'Energy Awareness' for the students of B. Sc. Department of English and Department of Science jointly organized a workshop on 16th Dec 2009, with resource persons from the A P Productivity Council. The environmental science projects prepared by students under the guidance of the English Department displayed at the event included topics like Twin Cities Pollution, Hussain Sagar Pollution, Nuclear Hazards, Solid Waste Management etc.

3. Aids Awareness Programme

Department. of English in conjunction with the **AP Dept. of Health and Family Welfare** conducted an **AIDS Awareness Programme** for Degree 2nd Year students on 29th Jan, 2010, where the students were given a two-hour presentation on the prevalence of **AIDS** and measures for prevention.

4. Short Film/Documentary Contest

To encourage creative thinking and social consciousness among students the department of English hosted a **Short Film Making/Documentary Contest** for students from various Degree & PG Colleges in the city. The theme given for the contest was Social Issues. The contest drew an encouraging response as the students came up with thought-provoking and hard hitting short films on Child Labour, Rash Driving, Global Warming etc.. A team from **Loyola Degree College** won the 1st prize, the second prize was bagged by the Josephites. A special Jury Award was also given to one of our students. Mr. Vinay Verma, renowned theatre personality, was the judge and Chief Guest at the event. The event was held at our fully equipped state-of-the art **Audio-Visual Room**.