

St. Joseph's Degree & PG College

Department of English

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

– Nelson Mandela

The new academic year started with the Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. V. K. Swamy declaring it as “The Year of Research”. The department planned academic and varied co-curricular activities for both the semesters. The main thrust of the syllabus being on Communication skills, Personality Development and Employability skills through activity based skills testing of their creative abilities. In order to enhance these skills and improve the quality of English language learning, new Multi media and Advanced Communications software was installed in two laboratories. The principal activities conducted are given under.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS TEST - ELST 2012

- The English Language Skills Test was designed under the guidance of the Course Coordinator Dr. Deepika Gardner, Associate Professor & Head of the Department & conducted for all the students of I year from all branches i.e. commerce, science, mass communication and management on 11 July 2012. It is a mandatory test conducted basically to check the level of English language of students at the point of entry at degree level. It gives assistance to the faculty to gauge the students' knowledge and impart instruction accordingly. This is being done at St. Joseph's as part of one of its 'BEST PRACTICES' for efficient teaching- learning environment. A total number of 538 students were enrolled for the examination and appeared for the same.

BRIDGE COURSE

- The Department of English had designed a special Bridge course incorporating the basic concepts of English Language which commenced on 8th August 2012 .The Bridge Course was formulated for the First year

students of all streams who obtained D grade in their **ELST** so that their language skills as well as communication skills could be honed.

- The course comprised of Basic Grammar & language components such as tenses, concord, prepositions, articles, voice, speech, punctuation. The other components included reading and writing skills. The course was designed for 20 modules for 20 hours. A large number of students took the benefit of the course. Nearly 125 students attended the Bridge Course from 8th August to 13th September 2012. This program was initiated to enhance the basic skills in grammar, reading, writing, comprehension & communication skills. Certificates were awarded to all the students to show their linguistic competency in the English language. A copy of this certificate has to be attached with their application for the End-Semester Examination.

EFLU SCHOLAR

A special Vocabulary Intervention Program of three weeks was conducted by an M. Phil scholar Mrs. Clementine from English & Foreign Languages University for B. Com II year students. A pre-test was taken then, they were exposed to new vocabulary. At the end of the program again a test was taken to check their skills. It was found that they did benefit from it.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Deepika Gardner Conducted a Faculty Orientation Program along with Dr. S. Brinda, Dean Academics on- '***The Need for Research and Research Methodology***' on 4th June, 2012.
- Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Associate Professor & Head Department of English & Ms. Sherlin Smile presented a Paper on '***BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING & LEARNING***' in the National Seminar on Role of IQAC- Sustenance & Enhancement of Quality in Higher Education Institutions sponsored by NAAC on 25th & 26th September 2012 at St. Joseph's Degree & PG College, King Koti, Hyderabad.

- Dr. Deepika chaired a Plenary Session on *'Sharing of Best Practices'* at the IQAC National Seminar held in September, 2012.
- *The Elocution Team* trained by Dr. Deepika Gardner for The Hindu Newspaper won the **First place** for St. Joseph's in Inter-College competitions held at TTKR Group of Institutions, Hyderabad.
- *The Drama Club 'Spotlight'* started under the aegis of Joseph's English Literary Society won the **First place** at the Osmania University Youth Festival, 2012.
- *A Ten-Day MBA Campus Recruitment Training Program* was designed and conducted by Dr. Deepika Gardner from 26th November to 6th December 2012. It focused on the written paper segment relating to proficiency in English, Resume writing and Interview skills.
- Dr. Deepika wrote three articles for the E-Zine Magazine of Crucibles from Indian Institute of Planning & Management (IIPM), Erra Manzil, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.
 1. *'Shared Leadership' is the new Mantra for Success!*
 2. *'Time to Rethink, Rebuild & Reinvent Management Fundas'*
 3. *'Indo-China Trade Relations'*
- Dr. Deepika attended the First *Sweden -Indo Nobel Memorial Quiz* held at JNTU, Hyderabad along with five teams from the college.
- Mrs. Bhuvana Immaculate attended a Certificate course on *'Soft-Skills'* Osmania university Centre for International Programmes in June, 2013.
- Mrs. Angela Christina, the College Choir In-Charge worked hard with the College Choir and did a wonderful job throughout the year. The Choir won several accolades round the year.
- Mrs. Sherlin Smile Passed the *Andhra Pradesh State Eligibility Test for lecturers.*

SEMINAR ON "WORKPLACE ENGLISH"

Department of English is introducing a certificate course called **BEC - Business English Certificate** from ESOL conducted by Cambridge University for the degree students. A Seminar on "Work Place English" was conducted on 8 August 2012 to create an awareness about the significance of Business English in workplace. Mr. Joshua Gnanankan, Consultant Workplace Assessment, University of Cambridge ESOL from Chennai, interacted with the students focusing on the need and significance of Business English in today's global scenario.

International Faculty Enrichment Workshop

The faculty attended a Workshop organized by Dr. Deepika Gardner, Head Dept. of English- *'Training the Trainer'* conducted by Dr. Asha Varma, Professor in English on 16 February, 2013. She gave training on how to approach teaching of International ***Business English Certificate (BEC) Course which is conducted by Cambridge University, UK.***

Biodiversity Day was celebrated at St. Joseph's Degree and P.G College on 11 October 2012 in order to generate awareness among the youth. Principal Rev .Fr. Dr. V.K .Swamy envisioned a green and a peaceful St. Joseph's for green and peaceful earth. Rev. Fr. Gowa Shouri addressed the students on the need to conserve the natural resources. Megha II B.A gave small tips to conserve biodiversity and Dileep I B.A spoke on ***International Girl Child Day***. Dr. Deepika Gardner HOD English spoke about conservation of natural resources and apprised the students that ***11 October 2012 has been declared by UN as the International Girl Child Day.***

A ***Song on Biodiversity*** was composed and set to music by the ***College Choir Anno Domini headed by Michael*** of B.Com III Year. It was beautifully rendered by the choir. Various competitions like Rangoli, Posters, writing Articles, and Poems on biodiversity were conducted for the students.

“ Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going. ”

–Rita Mae Brown