

St Joseph's Degree & PG College

Department of English

Odd Semester Report

2014-15

Faculty Enrichment Program- June-July 2014

Ms.Bhuvana Immaculate & Ms.Sherlin Smile attended a Faculty Certificate Program conducted by EFLU , Hyderabad. The course titled **Post Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of English** focuses on Innovations in Language Teaching.

Joseph's Green Group- 16 & 17 August 2014- Tree Plantation Drive

Joseph's Green Group organizes various programs to create environmental awareness. Recently a grand "Plantation Drive" was initiated by our Principal, Rev. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas. Many

crotons and saplings were planted including a patch of "Herbal plants" which can be useful in daily life for students. Under the guidance of Joseph's Green Group Coordinator, Dr. Deepika Gardner, NSS Coordinator Mr. Sravan Kumar, Physical Director, Mr. K. Sridhar Reddy the students enthusiastically participated by

procuring plants and planting in the campus to make it "Clean & Green". St. Joseph's is working in tune with the philosophy of our Chief Minister, Shri. K. Chandrashekhara Rao of 'Haritha Haaram'. The IQAC Coordinator Ms. Anitha and Ms. Aparna Sathe were also present. Student Coordinators were Jitesh Pandey, Mudassir, Keerthi, Paul, Ram, Ekroop, Arshnoor, Ankit, Piyush, Payal and others from B.Com, B.Sc, BBA.



21 AUGUST 2014

A Brief Report On Nacc Peer Team Visit To The Department Of English

The NAAC Peer team visited the Dept of English as per schedule at 12.30 pm on 21 August 2014 at the Language lab.

The team asked the department members to introduce themselves stating their qualifications.

- Dr.Sangeetha gave a 15 minute oral presentation, highlighting the department's endeavors, with a thrust on showing how the academic flexibility was leveraged
- To introduce specialized papers in English-Functional English & Business English in 2011.
- Introduction of Literature in 2012 following the Peer Team recommendations. The team was also briefed about the management's efforts to sustain Literature despite loss of favour for humanities in the state. The team commended the efforts to promote literature.
- Curriculum Enhancement through Value addition courses/Certificate courses during Pre-Autonomy and Post Autonomy were outlined. The scope and success of BEC, IRC, and Pre-Placement modules were detailed.
- The team was given insights into the Curriculum Design & Review carried out in 2011 & 2014 to promote Skill development & Employability.
- The departmental contribution to CRT was highlighted. At this juncture when the team questioned on the limited access of the pre-placement assistance to only registered students, it was conveyed to them that apart from exclusive CRT programs, the department has Employability skills incorporated into the main stream curriculum (UG –SEM –IV)
- The team was informed about how language development is integrated with value education. It was pointed out that topics for assignments/presentations include AIDS/Indian Heritage and Culture/ Environmental Studies.
- The language cell as the special learning resource of the department was highlighted. The team was told how the idea of a language cell took shape in the need for a personalized counseling as the English language learners are known to be inhibited to open up freely and express doubts in classroom situations.
- The features of the Multi-media Lab were highlighted. Infrastructural enhancement from the previous O.U.Software which had limited features to the current multi-media lab with advanced features like voice recording, playback etc was highlighted. Particular questions on the use of teacher console in the lab were answered by Ms.Bhuvana.
- The questions regarding Business English Certificate Course were answered by Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Head of the Department English stating that St. Joseph's

name is now in the Cambridge University Database viewed by 4 million users. The students fared extremely well with 100% result!

- It was stated that the department would conduct seminars on Soft skills as part of its future vision.

PEER TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS & COMMENDATIONS,

- Peer Team suggested that PG Diploma courses in English be introduced
- It was a deeply cherished moment for the Department of English when it got the highest praise from the esteemed Peer team members as they congratulated the department saying:

“VERY GOOD DEPARTMENT, KEEP IT UP!”

Joseph Quizzer’s Club - An Inter-Departmental Endeavor!

The Joseph Quizzer’s Club was started on 28 August 2014 to fulfill the needs of the quiz enthusiasts at St. Joseph’s College. The initiative was taken by the Department of English with a view to sharpen the knowledge of Josephites and provide them opportunities for a wider intellectual exposure. Dr. Brinda ,Dean Academics& Mr. BhaskarYogendra of Department of Commerce joined Dr. Deepika Gardner, Head Department of English in this endeavor. Both Dr. Brinda & Mr. Bhaskar are great quiz enthusiasts! Mr. Ritesh Benedict of B. Com II A was selected as Student Coordinator. Dr. Deepika spoke about how and when quizzing started in India. She apprised the students about the forthcoming Sweden-India Nobel Memorial Quiz 2014 and motivated them to participate in it as it was a prestigious quiz organized by the Embassy of Sweden.

The Inaugural Quiz was conducted on 28 August 2014- The Indian Heritage Quiz. Mr. Ritesh Benedict was the Quiz Master. It was a part of the *National Integration Week* but was postponed due to NAAC visit. It was conducted at 2.00 p.m. in Seminar Hall II. About 60 students registered. There was a Preliminary Written Round after which 5 teams were selected of 3 each in a team. Total 6 rounds were conducted. It was an exhilarating experience!

Team C were the Winners

Omer Jabri, Zakiuddin and SharfulHasan- B.Com I Honors

Team B were the Runners up

Pulkit Baid, Piyush Chowdary and Rachel Priyanka- B. Com I B

Many faculty members were present too like Dr. Jaiswal, HoD Languages, Mr. Irfan, Ms. Aparna, Ms. Angela, Ms. Bhuvana, Mr. Ashwin, MsPadmasri & Ms. Sherlin

Sweden- India Nobel Memorial Quiz 2014

The Indo-Sweden Quiz is a prestigious international quiz conducted by the Embassy of Sweden sponsored by various Swedish companies -Volvo, Tetrapack, Saab, Sandvik, ABB and many more. The Sweden-India Memorial Quiz was held on 13th September 2014 at MuffakhamJah College of Engineering & Technology, Banjara Hills, Road No. 3 Hyderabad from 9.00 a.m.to 1.00 p.m. About 30 students participated from our college.

From among 200 hundred teams a team from St. Joseph's consisting **Ritesh Benedict, Urmi Biswas and Pulkit Baid** were able to clear the

written round successfully and reached the final of the quiz. ***A noteworthy point is that they cleared this round out of 200 Teams. The top 6 teams got selected for the Finals and St. Joseph's College was one among them.***

They stood at the 6th place and were awarded books as a result of reaching the finals.



September

Junior Chamber International (JCI)

JCI collaborated with the Department of English in organizing a **Mr.Public Speaker 2014 & Ms Public Speaker 2014** on 5th September 2014. Students from UG & PG participated in the prelims and spoke on the given topic '**My Goal in life – Money or fame**'. While all participants were given certificates of participation, 4 students from the college were selected for the final round which was hosted at RBVRR college on 10 September 2014.

The four students selected for the finals were

1. Shaik Ahmed B.Com I B
2. Rachana B.Com IH
3. Netal B.Com IH
4. Mario Leanord Joseph B.Com III H

The Topic for this round was '**Resurgent India**'. Mario Leanord Joseph of B.Com III H was the finalist and was given the topic '**Social Networking**'.



Joseph's Green Group- September 2014

Joseph's Green Group works steadily to promote causes which help the society and environment. One such gesture was promoted by our Principal, Rv. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas. In order to create awareness among students about how to make use of waste paper an **"Awareness Programme- Best Use of Waste Paper"** was conducted at St. Joseph's College on 10 September 2014. It was organized by JGG Coordinator Dr. Deepika Gardner and Student Coordinator Ms. DKV Aiswarya. The Resource Person was Mr. Rajendra Rai from Vidya Kala Mandir from New Delhi. Students from B. Com I P, II P, B. Com II A& B and B. Sc. I A & B were present and benefitted from the demonstration. The faculty who coordinated were Ms. Angela, Ms. Bhuvana and Ms. Aparna. He showed students how to make use of waste paper especially gift wrapping paper to create beautiful flowers, streamers and decorative items within a few minutes. This was also done to help the Society of handicapped people as students bought books prepared by them. This falls under the category of Socially Useful Productive Work.

Date: 22 September 2014

A Workshop on Effective Resume Writing

A two hour workshop on Effective Resume writing was conducted by Dr. Sangeetha , Assoc. Professor, Dept of English for final year MBA students on 22 September 2014.

Prior to the workshop, individual resume of students were gathered and evaluated to identify the common errors made by them in resume drafting. This preliminary step paved a way for an effective workshop which focused on the do's don'ts of resume writing. Apart from giving several tips for enhancing one's resume, the talk also imparted awareness on the latest trends in resume drafting by pointing out the features which have gone redundant.

Different approaches to resume writing were highlighted, distinguishing between 'entry -level' applicants and candidates with job experience. To bring greater clarity on the right structure and formatting the students were given hand-outs of resume samples.



The student feedback gathered at the end of the workshop recorded appreciation for the program.



October

The Department of English conducted **Campus Training Program** for B.Com Final Year Students on 24 & 26 of September 2014. Dr.Deepika Gardner & Ms.Bhuvana Immaculate took two hour session each for English Grammar. The worksheets comprised of Articles, Prepositions, Concord, Synonyms, Antonyms & Cloze reading exercises.

Faculty Attended Program

Dr.Sangeetha attended a Two-Day National Conference organised by Aurora's Degree & PG College in Collaboration with Osmania University Centre for International Programmes on **Enhancing Language and Life Skills through Literature** on 17th& 18th October 2014 at OUCIP.

Objectives of the Conference

To nurture language and life skills through literature

To bring all teachers on a common platform, share their views and innovative ideas with others.

To relearn literature and bring in new methods of pedagogy with a view to enhance language and life skills.

To explore the varied perspectives of literature.

November

Faculty Attended Program

Dr. Deepika Gardner & Ms. Angela Christina attended a Two-Day National Seminar on 'Powerful Pedagogical Practices' organized by BVRIT College for Women, Hyderabad in collaboration with ELT@I Hyderabad Chapter. It was on 31st October & 1st November 2014 which focused on Skill building. The Resource persons were from Hyderabad Central University, English & Foreign Languages University, English Language Teacher's Association of India, Osmania University, & BITS Pilani. Sessions on Web 2.0 & Pecha Kucha a Japanese way of PowerPoint Presentation, were very interesting and useful as a lot of stress was put on use of technology.