

## St. Joseph's Degree & PG College Department of English

### ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

#### **Curriculum Design and Development:**

##### **Introduction of Discipline Specific Elective:**

As part of the recently introduced choice based credit system, the department of English offered Academic English as a Discipline Specific Elective course to B.A(JPE) students with an **objective** to equip them to meet the challenges of using English in the global business world.

##### **Objectives:**

- **To familiarize the student with formal methods of writing and equip them with the ability to write research papers, proposals and their thesis.**
- **To equip the students with the tools & formats necessary to carry out literary research.**

##### **Learning Outcome:**

- **To ensure that the students can produce academic work in accordance with global norms.**

The curriculum designing has been translated into effective curriculum transaction with appropriate teaching methodologies, worksheets, innovative assignments/ Skill based test, standard internal question papers in addition to timely intervention programmes that included guest lectures, Mentoring, and individual counseling sessions. A host of club activities added a different dimension to the learning experience.

LSRW Skills ( Listening,	SOFT	EMPLOYABILITY
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Speaking, Reading ,Writing)	SKILLS/PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT	SKILLS
Paragraph Writing: Connectives/Discourse markers	Goal Setting	Resume Writing Cover Letter Job Correspondence
Correctives English: Common Errors in Concord/Article/Prepositions	Time Management/Personality Development (SWOC)	Interview Skills Group Discussion Statement of Purpose ( Vertical Mobility)
Editing Skills: Punctuation	Positive Thinking	
Description and Narration: Describing objects/Processes	Team Building/Social Responsibility	
Reading Comprehension	Problem Solving	

## INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR BA JPE STUDENTS

The Department of English in collaboration with MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM organized an induction session for the fresh batch of BA JPE students on 28 June 2017 for acclimatizing them with the campus, culture and its academic climate.

The session opened on an auspicious note with a prayer song rendered by the college choir, ANNA DOMINI. Ms. Aliza Virani, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology gave a brief introduction about the college, giving an overview of the college achievements and rankings. . Father SVD Kingston, HoD, Department of Mass Communication briefed the students about what they can expect from the department and what the department expects from the students. He also outlined the rules to be followed to sustain the discipline on the campus. Dr. Sangeetha HOD, Dept of English addressed the students on need for blending their innate creativity with stringent self discipline and commitment to court success like that of Bahubali.

The Principal Reverend Father Vincent Arokiadas in his motivational address, addressed the students on the importance of being strategic and focused, while being dynamic and outgoing.

He congratulated the students, for their creative temperament and expressed his pride at the increasing number of students showing an inclination to Humanities and Social Sciences.

Father Solomon,the Secretary,in his inspirational address spoke about the need for holistic development that combines faith in God and belief in the Self.

Professor P.L. Vishweshwar Rao, Director, St. Josephs Degree and PG College familiarized the students with the norms of the college and enlisted the skills required to stand out in the field of Journalism. He ended his note with one of his mottos in life, “SMARTWORK AND NETWORK LEADS TO SUCCESS.”

Controller of Examinations, Mr. B Satyanarayana Rao gave an insight into the examination system of the college.

The senior students shared their memories over the years with words of wisdom on how to have an enriching campus life with healthy relationships.

The concluding note was struck by Dr.Sangeetha hosting an ice breaking session which included fun filled team building games that gave a scope for social interaction among the fresh entrants.

### **ENTRY LEVEL LSRW ASSESSMENT TESTS:**

ENTRY LEVEL DIAGNOSTIC TESTS were conducted for the fresh batch of UG students to assess their English Proficiency between 1-07-2017 to 15-07-2017. The LSRW assessment helped the department to assess the language proficiency of the students in all the key four key areas viz., Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing in order to customize the remedial measures. The broad spectrum of tests included personal introduction round, wherein a scope was created to gauge the communication skills and the confidence levels of the student. The test used LSRW testing methods commonly used in competitive exams like IELTS, BEC (Cambridge).

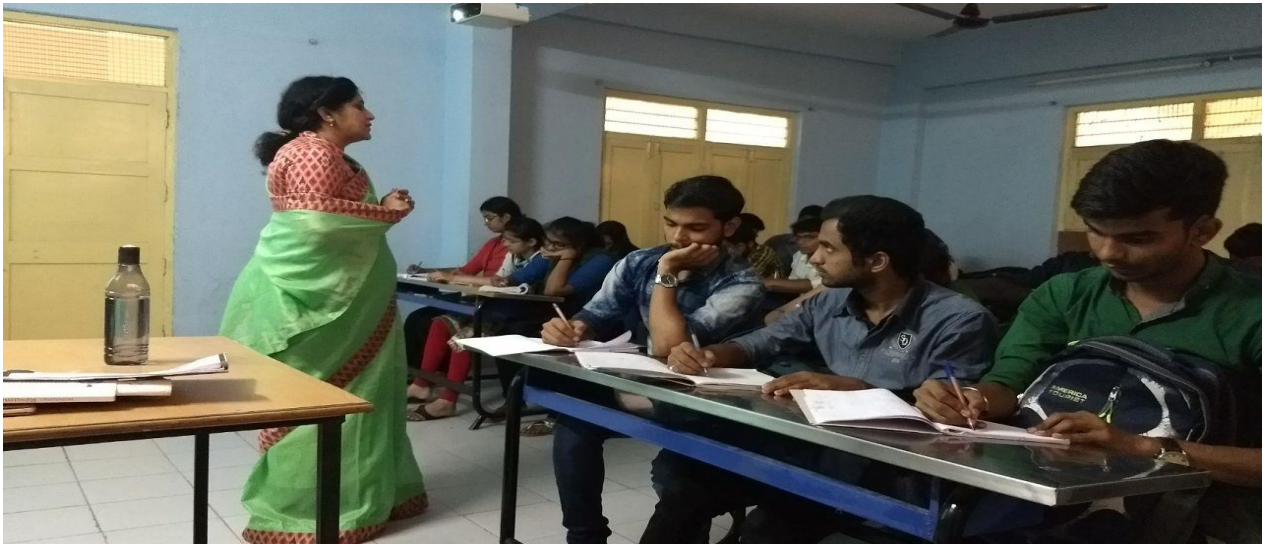
### **A Workshop on Effective Resume Building:**

A two hour workshop on Effective Resume Writing was conducted by Dr.Sangeetha Motkar, HoD, Department of English, for UG students as part of Campus Recruitment Training Program on 24 October 2017.

The workshop focused on the Do's and Don'ts of Resume drafting. 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 session.



## St. Josephs collaborates with Telangana Cyber Police for Cyber Safety Campaign on Social Media Day:

St. Joseph's Degree and Pg College (accredited by NAAC with A grade) in collaboration with TS Cyber Police and Lead Life Foundation organized Cyber Safety Campaign to mark International Social Media Day on June 30, 2017. The students of St. Josephs found a new purpose to celebrate the Social Media day by spreading cyber safety awareness through a flash mob and a street play which dwelt on the many aspects of social media abuse and cyber crime with a valuable message on how to stay happy and safe on social media. The thought provoking campaign conducted both on the college campus for fellow students and at Prasad's IMAX for larger public rendered a powerful message against social media abuse and cyber safety.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Sri Raghuvver, initiated the campaign by sending posters and pamphlets with precautionary measures to be followed for Social media safety, which included a few pointers, viz., - *use of Privacy Settings, changing the password, not sharing personal information to strangers* etc. Added to this vital information, The Cyber Police shared with the students and general public their help line numbers on FB, Twitter, and Whatsapp for them to reach out in times of need.

The campaign was formally flagged off by the college Principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas who wished students a happy and safe social media experience. Dr. Sangeetha, HoD, Department of English spoke on how cyber safety is an emerging concern in modern times where increasing number of youth and women are falling victims of cyber crime as social media has become a necessary evil which cannot be wished away.

Mr. Raghuvver, ACP, Telangana cyber police congratulated the students on being agents of social change and reinforced the crucial importance of making cyber safety awareness an integral part of public education.





## **National integration week**

The Department of English organized National Integration Week on the campus from 8 To 15 August 2017 for the students of St.Josephs as a forerunner to 70th year Independence Day Celebrations. The week long Events were aimed at promoting National consciousness among the students, to instil in them a sense of responsibility towards safeguarding the hard won independence and sustaining its progress.





On the first day of the National Integration Week, the campus reverberated with patriotic feelings as the students performed a flash mob to euphoric songs on the theme of nation. This was followed by the members of the Drama club staging a mime to portray the religious conflicts plaguing the nation, giving the message about the importance of secular and Peaceful co existence. The other events included Caption Writing, Letter to the Prime Minister etc and the integration week culminated into Poster Exhibition wherein each and every class from all streams displayed posters on various aspects of the Nation's progress .The posters included information on wide ranging topics like Indian Culture and Heritage, Indian Economy, Indian Geography, etc. The grand finale was celebrated on August 15 with Gopinath Reddy, retired IPS officer as the chief guest.



## Autonomy review inspection:



As part of the Autonomy Renewal inspection of St. Joseph's College, the department of English on 19 August 2017 had expert team comprising Prof. K. Rangappa VC, KSOU, University of Mysore – Chairman and Dr. P. Rajani Principal, Government College for Women (A),Hyderabad ,visited the department to evaluate its academic standards.

The departmental PPT presented by Dr.Sangeetha, HoD gave an over view of its innovative curriculum designing and development ,which included a detailed talk on best practices-certificate courses, creative assignments as part of skill based tests, employment oriented and skill based/ value based updations in the curriculum, club activities, pre -placement training, civic engagement endeavors, value addition courses, MOUS and collaborations ,Research and other extension activities of the department which are in perfect tandem with the goals of higher education and the vision of the college to offer "distinctive environment of educational excellence with human values and social commitment "

The team surveyed the documentary proofs that ascertained the academic excellence of the department to appreciate the efforts of the departmental members in promoting holistic development of the students to make them employable and value based citizens of the country.

The department had Mock inspection visit comprising Mrs Uma Joseph, Prof. Ravindranath , Maulana Azad University and Ex- Dean UGC Affairs OU, P L Vishweshwer Rao, Director, St. Joseph's College and Rev.Fr.Vincent Arokiadas, Principal of St. Joseph's Degree & PG College on 5 August 2017..The team surveyed the departmental documentation and best practices after which they recommended a few changes to categorise departmental information for a more effective presentation .The inspection concluded with high praise for innovation and recommended that the department take up consultancy services to enhance the quality of education in other institutions of higher education.

### **English for Employability:**

As part of Campus Recruitment Training programme Department of English Conducted a workshop titled 'English for Employability' to all the registered students. The Program was aimed to develop competency in students to succeed in language based interviews. Specifically, techniques involved with taking the VERSENT, BELLET and other verbal tests were introduced.

### **Group Discussion Workshops:**



The Department of English conducted a series of Group Discussion workshops from July 15 2017 to July 20 2017 as part of Pre-placement Training to equip the students with effective Interview techniques. The workshop conducted by Mr. Karthik for students from various streams provided guidance that boosted the confidence levels of the students and enhanced their employability skills. The students were taught various nuances of Group Discussion.

### **A Critique of Gender Representation in Popular Culture:**

As an extension activity of Human Values and Gender sensitization Course Mr. Karthik conducted a workshop titled 'A Critique of Gender Representation in Popular Culture' for BBA students to engage students in a thought provoking discussion about positive and negative representation of gender in Indian media. The workshop aimed to show the students that they need to have a critical outlook when it comes to media representations of male and female identities. The work shop was built using theories proposed by scholars like Judith Butler & Himashree Patowary.

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:



The Department of English in collaboration with India Folk, a news Analysis organization, organized a panel discussion on “ I’ll not litter again” involving former director, IIT Roorkee, Mr.Pradipta Banerjee; Ex-chief Election Commissioner(CEC), Mr.V.S.Samath and Principal, St.Joseph’s College, Fr Vincent Arokiadas as the panelists on 6 July at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. The Session opened with a presentation by our student Imran, who gave an overview of the Global Scenario in relation to Environmental Dynamics and Public Policies. Immediately followed by Father Vincent’s keynote address about the critical need and possibility of environmental cleanliness, quoting the example of clean cities like Singapore, where effective implementation of public policies yielded success. The next segment focused on the panelists answering the questions posed by the students on the accountability of government and citizens in addressing key environmental concerns. The last round of panel discussions included Dr. Sangeetha and Mr. Kartik as the moderators. The session attracted 750 students as participants from over 20 colleges of the twin cities who were also sworn in for a pledge to “Protect the Environment and never litter again”. The programme ended with felicitation of the panelists.

## Who's Clubbing at JELS

Event	Date	Winners
Quiz competition	June 22, Friday	1. Saad, Abdullah, Apoorv (IFA 1)
Elocution competition	July 19, Wednesday	1. Aryan Singh (B.Sc) 2. Nainika Dhedia(B.ScI) 3. Mihir(B.A I)
National Integration week	August 14-16	
Letter writing competition (National integration week)	August 14,	1.Srijeet Maheshwari (B.com 1) 2. Ahmed Murtuza (Bcom 2IT)
Poster Making competition (national integration week)	August 15	B. com 1B
Premier Quiz Challenge	September 18, Monday	1. Akanksha, Neha, (BBA 3IT) 2. Saad Abdullah, Apoorv (IFA 1)

**Our Student Achievers of JELS:**



**JELS Members- Akanksha and Imran from BBA won The Great Britain Debate – 2017.**

**One Act play by Kunal, Yash, Hariharan, Suraj Biyani won first prize at OU competitions 2017.**

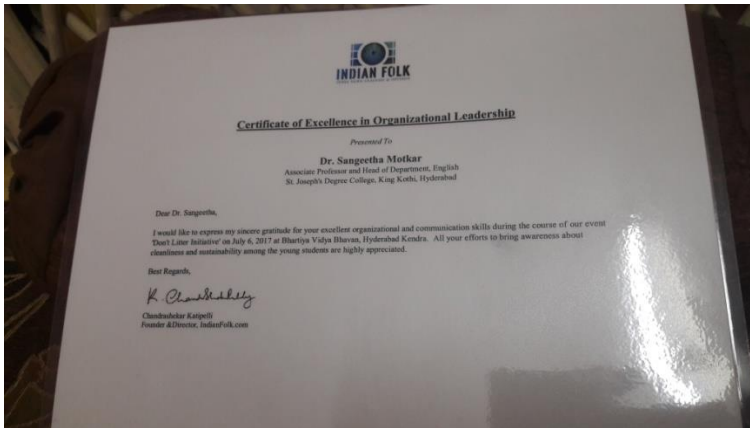
**Faculty Endeavours:**

- Ms. Vyomakesisri and Kartik .P qualified TS-SET.
- Ms.Vyomakesisri published 4 papers

### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

S.No	Article Title	Author Name	Journal Name	Volume No	Issue	Issn
1.	Challenges In Learning English As Secondary Language	Tippabhotla Vyomakesisri	International Journal Of English And Literature (Ijel)	7	6	Issn (P): 2249-6912; Issn (E): 2249-8028
2.	Presentation Of Women In Literature From Past To Present	Tippabhotla Vyomakesisri	Iosr-Journal Humanities And Social Science	22	11	E-Issn: 2279-0837, P-Issn: 2279-0845.
3.	Gender Inequity And Patriarchal Dominance In African Literature	Tippabhotla Vyomakesisri	International Journal Of English Language, Literature In Humanities	V	X	Issn 2321-7065
4.	A Study On Class Room Transaction In English At Elementary Level	Tippabhotla Vyomakesisri	International Journal Of Humanities And Social Science Invention	6	11	Issn (Online) : 2319-7722 Issn (Print) : 2319-7714
5	Jiddu Krishnamurthi's Educational Philosophy in Praticce	Pauline R Joseph	Journal of Educational Endeavours	2	1	
6	Developing spoken skills of students with language learning disabilities	Pauline R Joseph	English Language and Literature in the Era of Globalisation			ISBN -978-93-87651-03-62018 (Print)

- **Dr. Sangeetha received Award of Excellence in Organisational Leadership by India Folk for Motivating students to participate in “Anti-Litter Campaign”**



- **Dr.Sangeetha was the Judge/Moderator for ALL INDIA ICSE SCHOOLS FRANK ANTHONY DEBATE COMPETITION**



- **Dr. Sangeetha was the Judge for DRAMA FEST AT St. PETER's SCHOOL**
- **Dr Sangeetha received outstanding contributor award from the Management on the occasion of Vicennial Celebrations**



- **Dr. Sangeetha was the Moderator for The Debate Competition conducted by POWER GRID in collaboration with Department of MASS COMM St. Joseph's College as part of ANTI CORRUPTION WEEK.**





## **INTERFAITH WEEK**

The Agaaz-e-Baatcheet: Interfaith Week is a week-long event from 12th-19th November 2017 in Hyderabad. The programme celebrates religious diversity through community cohesion. *Agaaz-e-Baatcheet* is being organized by Rubaroo, a not-for-profit organization, in Hyderabad. The programme is being supported by British Deputy High Commission, Hyderabad. It also showcases a Photography Exhibition, 'Humans of Interfaith', where 15 entries from across India have been selected on different themes and how they interpret 'interfaith'.

Agaaz-e-Baatcheet is 2 month leadership journey for 125 Youth Champions from Hyderabad to explore, understand and celebrate interfaith diversity and inclusion. Students from 25 educational institutions from Hyderabad are a part of this programme including Roda Mistry College of Social Work, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Madina Degree and PG College, Babu Jagjeevan Ram Degree College, Roots Degree College, Muffakham Jah College of Engineering and Technology, Government City College, Shadan Institute of Medical Sciences, and Osmania University.



## AIDS AWARENESS DAY

**AIDS AWARENESS RALLY :** Josephites fight Stigma, Shame & Silence Josephites in collaboration with Desire Society, an NGO working for the wellbeing of AIDS affected children ,participated in the AIDS awareness program on December 1, 2017 to coincide with World AIDS Awareness Day. Under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Sangeetha 126 students from St.Josephs joined hands with various corporate houses like Rotorac, Raddison Dell, etc in zealously participating in the AIDS Awareness rally and other awareness programs conducted by the Desire Society(a home for HIV affected well being). The AIDS Awareness Rally which was flagged off by DIG Prasad started with a Walk from Shilparam to Botanical Garden along with Desire Society HIV affected Children spreading the message of "Hand up for #HIV Prevention". Josephites zealously raised their voices to shout slogans against discrimination of AIDS victims. This was followed by a formal program wherein several eminent persons from NGOs to corporate heads and medical officers educated the participants on various issues concerning AIDS like the prevention, the taboos, the facts and the medical care available. The Awareness program also included a Quiz on AIDS and Josephites were awarded for their excellence with all the three prizes First, Second and the Third. The highlights of the program included enthralling performances by the HIV affected children who are the inmates of Desire society which takes care of their education, medical care and all round development. The sensitisation program concluded with students coming forward in a spirit of brotherhood for the final segment- 'Selfie with the children









## JOY OF GIVING WEEK

Joy of Giving Week-Christmas Celebrations - 2017. The festive bells at St. Joseph are chimed through the entire advent season from 19 to 22 December by celebrating 'The Joy of Giving' week. The Josephites upheld the true spirit of Christmas as they reached out to the needy and the poor with blankets and clothes, apart from organizing flash mobs on the campus to raise funds to the tune of 50,000/- for charity. On Dec 22, the eve of Christmas, the Carnival cheer reverberated in every heart and every nook and corner of the campus as the choir visited every classroom taking everyone by a joyous surprise singing, dancing and greeting everyone "Merry Christmas and Happy New year!". The carnival indeed set out a vibrant note, with delightful food, stunning dance performances and of courses the customary carols and greetings. This was followed by a formal program where the Vice - Principal's Christmas message said, "The true spirit of Christmas has to be celebrated by embracing forgiveness" .



## **Consultancy: Guest Speaker at National Seminar on “Contemporary Relevance of English Literature”**

Dr Sangeetha, Associate Professor and HoD , Department of English had the privilege and honor of being invited as the Resource person to speak on “Identifying Soft Skills in Literature” at the National Seminar on “Contemporary Relevance of English Literature” conducted by Anwarululoom College on 21 January 2018. The resource person addressed the faculty and students from various colleges on how to identify soft skills lessons not just in mainstream Literature, but also in various other literary resources such as The Bible, The Quran and The Bhagvatgita , apart from folk literature like the Panchatantra. The highlight of the talk was in bringing to the fore several literary resources for soft skills lessons in the Pop Culture viz., Ted talks, WhatsApp posts, Blogs, etc.

The session came to a grand conclusion when the resource person was felicitated with a shawl and a memento.



## **PARENT TEACHER MEET**

The parent teacher's meeting was held on February 3, 2018. The meeting was held for class B.Com II D, in room no: 302 at 8:30: am.

The parents were enthusiastic about their children's welfare. The parents wanted to clarify about the closing of the college gates at 8:30 am, the reason was explained and the parents were satisfied.

The parents who had come were very positive about the infrastructure and the basic amenities provided by the college. Few parents were of the view that such meeting should be held at regular intervals.

The total number of parents responded were- 23.

The parent teacher's meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

## **GUEST LECTURE ON COPY EDITING**

A Guest Lecture on Copy Editing was delivered on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 to the students doing their Masters (first year) in Mass Communication. The lecture aimed at introducing students to the art of copy editing. The tools and techniques of the trade were discussed. The heart of the session pertained to the skills required of a copy editor, on what copy editing entails and how much of knowledge must be acquired to do the job well.







## Teaching the underprivileged: Lab to land neighborhood networks

The Department of English conducted an academic extension activity at Government High School, Vijayanagar Colony on 17 February 2018. The resource person Dr.Sangeetha, Associate Prof and HoD, department of English, conducted an activity- based teaching session on “Basic Grammar and Vocabulary “ to middle and high school students covering a range of topics like Degrees of Comparison to adjectives describing people, objects and processes. The interactive session had students participate in many word games and social interactions with the peers. At the end of the session the worthy participants were given prizes as a token of appreciation.

This was followed by the Principal of the school sharing information about the use of technology in teaching English. After a tour of the Language lab at the school, the extension activity came to an end, with the management giving a testimonial to the resource person, appreciating the efforts to reach out to the underprivileged academic communities.





## JOSEPH'S SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

B.Com II D class had organized a visit to the government school at Vikarabad. It was an Anganwadi School, which is for children who are below poverty line. We had reached the school at 9:30 am. The school was into the interior of the village. The children were of the age group of 3-6. The students of St. Joseph's College were highly encouraged to give them the items they had taken for these unfortunate children. The students sang for them, and played with them for a long time. After giving them food, the children left with contentment.



Dt:17 February,2018

Venu: Government High School,  
English and Telugu Medium,  
Vijayanagar Colony,  
Hyderabad

Class: B.Com IIA

Class Incharge: Ms Pauline R Joseph

Government High School we had visited was established in the year 1921, having a strength of four hundred students. Dr P Suresh Kumar is on deputation as the Head master from SCERT, is on the mission of improvising the school in term of academics, infrastructure and experimenting with the latest methodologies and methods of evaluation. The school is well equipped with Google Lab which can accommodate around seventy students, has all the e-learning materials , preloaded lesson, the teachers use this lab for their teaching- learning and for e- evaluation . It is supported by Google where each student is given a laptop to work and an Engineer to help the students and the teachers.

This school also has a Robotics Room which is sponsored by Creya , a customized program is available for the students , it is basically used to develop the problem solving skill in the students, the Karadi Path English is also used for the students to develop their communication skills.

It has to be placed on records that this is the first school in the entire country and in the Telangana State to be digitalized, St Joseph's students witnessed one the digital class and also had an entertainment programme for the students. The staff and the students cordially welcomed us and were very happy for all the effort made by St Joseph's students.

Following items and requirement were met by the students of St Joseph's

1. Eatables distributed to all the four hundred students
2. Stationery distributed to all the four hundred
3. Water filter (Voltas Company ) for the school





## **Report on Theatre Arts Certificate Course**

Course Coordinator : Dr.Sangeetha  
Resource Person. : Mr.Vinay Varma  
Course Fee. : Rs 3000

The Department of English conducted Theatre Arts Certificate Course from 5 to 16 February 2018 (2 to 4 pm). Mr.Vinay Varma of Sutradhar , Acting School successfully trained 52 UG students in acting, voice modulation and Body Language through interesting activities, breathing exercises and games. The 20 hour module on acting won huge appreciation from the students who demanded an advanced course in the coming year.





## **Report on BEC**

Certificate course coordinator: Karthik Teja Pulugurtha  
Collaborators: Cambridge University Press India Pvt Ltd.  
Course fee:Rs.4100(Preliminary) Rs.4800 (vantage)

The Department of English conducted a 40 - hour training for Cambridge Business English Certificate program . The training sessions conducted by Karthik Teja Pulugurtha comprised modules on Business English to equip the students with effective Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking skills in international Business contexts.