

**REPORT ON THE FIVE DAY NATIONAL LEVEL WEBINAR - FDP ON "THE USE OF
ICT IN SUPPORT OF LANGUAGE TEACHING & LEARNING"**

18-22 MAY 2020

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Hyderabad)**

Language education is an area where open access resources, online courses, virtual classrooms & social networks based on Information & Communication Technology (ICT) are being increasingly used to give learners access to information, promote interaction & communication, and enhance digital literacy skills.

18th May 2020

There were two sessions on 18/05/2020. The First Session was by Prof. PL Vishweshwar Rao on the Topic "**Technology & Language Learning- The Need of the Hours**

Mrs. Aparna Rajhans, Assistant Professor in Sanskrit & Moderator for all the Five Days introduced the guest. Sir highlighted that no matter what technology we use, a teacher is difficult to replace. It was followed by the Question & Answer Session.



The second speaker was Prof. B. Balaswamy, Joint Director, CDET, OU. His topic was "**Use of ICT in support of Language Teaching & Learning**". He highlighted that the virtual classrooms are here to stay especially in the wake of the pandemic the entire world is going through. The session was followed by Question & Answer round.



Mrs. Padmasri, Head Department of Languages & Assistant Professor in French rendered the formal Vote of Thanks.



19th May 2020

The second day's Resource Person was Prof. Nagarjuna Sir, a senior faculty presently working in St. Joseph's Degree & PG College. He spoke on the Topic "**Language Learning Made Easy.**" Mrs. Regina, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Telugu introduced the speaker.



He worked as HIS, Govt. Institute of Printing Technology for three decades. Worked as assistant Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi. His talk was very interesting, informative & educative. It was followed by the Question & Answer Session.



20th May 2020

The Day Three of the Webinar focused on the Indian Languages Hindi, Telugu & others in general & Sanskrit in particular.

The Guest Speaker of the day was Dr. D. Narsing Rao Sir & the Topic was "**Holistic Development Through Language Learning.**"

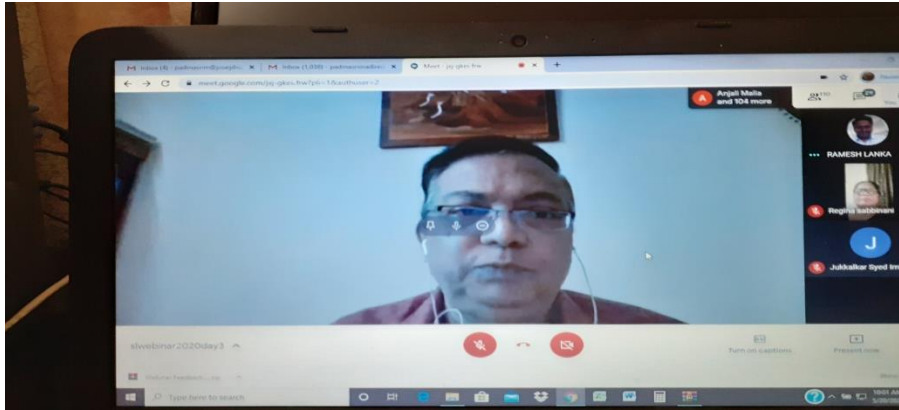
Dr. Shaikh Sadiq Pasha, Assistant Professor in Hindi, introduced the speaker.



Dr. Narsing Rao retired from Pragati Mahavidyalaya, worked also in IIMC College & presently continues to teach in Ramkrishna Math, Domalguda, Hyderabad. He also conducts Online Classes on U-tube, "Sanskrit for Beginners."

He stressed on teaching the scriptures to imbibe moral values & how a role of a teacher can never be undermined.

His talk was followed by the Question & Answer Session.



21st May 2020

From Day Four the focus shifted to foreign language.

Arabic is a Semitic language. Around 260 million people use it. It is one of the six official languages of the UN, others being English, French, Spanish, Russian & Chinese. As the language of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, it is also widely used throughout the Muslim world.

The Day Four topic was, "**Learning through Machine Translation (MT)** and the Speaker was Dr. Syed Shujaiddin Quadri Aziz.

Mrs. Aparna Rajhans introduced the speaker. He's presently the HoD & Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic, University College for Women, Hyderabad. He has several research publications to his credit.



Dr. Aziz said, Machine Translation is a challenging task that traditionally involves large statistical models developed using highly sophisticated linguistic knowledge.

Dr. Saadiq Pasha rendered the formal Vote of Thanks.



22nd May 2020

The fourth day's topic namely Machine Translation was continued. It was conducted by Dr. Irfan Moiuddin, Assistant Professor in Arabic, St. Joseph's Degree & PG College. He threw more light on the subject & told the practical difficulties that one may encounter while translating. He said MT is a subfield of Computational Linguistics that is focused on translating text from one language to another.



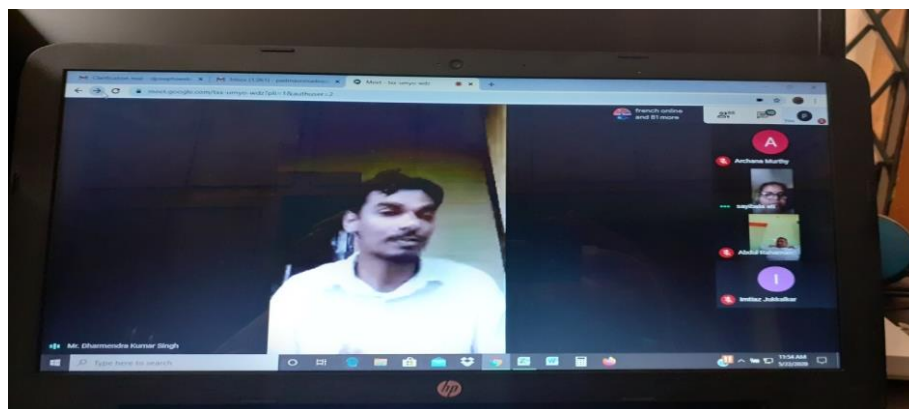
He also conducted the Question & Answer Session and answered all the queries of the participants on the said topic.

The last session was devoted to French Language. The topic was “Demand for French as a Foreign Language.”

The HoD of the Languages Department Mrs. Padmasri introduced the Resource Person, Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of French Studies, English & Foreign Language University (EFLU), Shillong Campus, Shillong, Meghalaya.

The Speaker highlighted that more than 220 million people speak French in five continents. Learning French can open up study opportunities at renowned French Universities & business schools ranked highly in Europe. Also, students with a good knowledge of French are eligible for French government grants to enroll in postgraduate courses. Learning French can also be very useful when you get employment in the hotel industry, fashion, the visual arts and theatres across anywhere in the world as French is the most spoken language in these sectors.

The talk was followed by Question & Answer Session.



Dr. Saaique Pasha briefly summed up the Five Days Webinar.

Mrs. Padmasri thanked the Principal, Management, the Collaborator, colleagues & also the technical support staff.

Feedback was administered to the participants & E- certificates were mailed to all the **228** participants.
