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Department of English

The Department of English Language and Literature is back again with the ninth issue of the quarterly digital newsletter **ENGLISH MAHILA** covering the events during May 2023-August 2023.

Classes commenced in full swing from the first week of July and academic work went on smoothly. The first and third semester results were very encouraging. The Literary association activities conducted on every Saturday in the department are planned well in advance by the research scholars filling the students with more enthusiasm thereby ensuring active participation of all the students. Appreciation and congratulations to the winners of Poetry Recitation competitions.

I would like to express my profuse thanks to Prof. C.R. Visweswara Rao, Rtd. Professor, Department of English, S.K. University and Former Vice Chancellor, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore for his encouraging feedback on ENGLISH MAHILA which is included in the last page of the newsletter.

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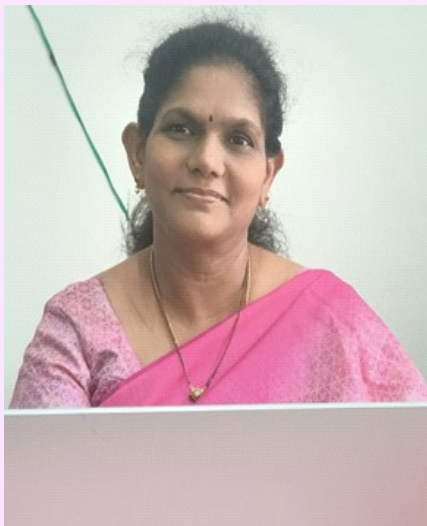


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Faculty Activities...

Prof. T. Bharathi

- Attended a virtual meeting of Board of Studies in English Department, ParvathaReddy Babul Reddy Visvodaya Institute of Technology and Science, Kavali on 20.06.2023.
- Attended the online BoS Review meeting of Annamacharya Institute of Technology and Sciences on July 12, 2023.
- Participated and presented a paper entitled “Do Parents discern their role in the Nation Building?” in a Two Day International Conference cum Workshop - Building Competent Youth for a Powerful India organized by World Congress of Psychologists during 27th and 28th July 2023, Tirupati.

Prof. Y. S. Sharada

- Conducted open seminar of Ph. D. candidate as Chairperson, BoS, Dept. of English, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore on 24.06.2023.
- As Dean, Student Affairs, organized World Population Day on 10th July 2023 on the theme “Safeguarding the Health and Rights of Women and Girls”.



- Published a research paper titled “Kocharethi –Interrogating the issue of culture and M odernity” in the book *Indigenous India: Revisiting the Cultural Legacies of the Nation*, published by IQAC, Annamalai University in July 2023 . ISBN: 978-81-963401-6-2.
- Attended Viva-voce examination online as the Chairperson, BoS of the Dept. of English, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore on 17.7.2023.
- Participated in 7 days online International Professional Development Program organized by the Dept. of English, Patrician College of Arts and Science, Chennai from 22-29 July 2023.
- Ph. D. Degree has been awarded to Ms. V. R. Gayathri under her guidance for the thesis titled “Diasporic Concerns in the Select Novels of Monica Ali: A Study” July, 2023.
- Received Educationist Award from Avishkar Foundation, Solapur.



- Attended the two-day Malathi Chandur Endowment Lecture Programme organized by Telugu department on 21st and 22nd August, 2023.
- Nominated as a member by APSCHE to give feedback on Proposed Skill Development/ Life Skill courses in the HE curriculum.
- Nominated by APSCHE as a member of the committee constituted for the preparation of syllabus for screening test to be conducted for the applicants of Assistant Professor posts in the universities through APPSC.
- Served as translator for three sessions of Training Workshop on Smart Skills for Women Entrepreneurs, NGO representatives and students organized by Center for International Relations, SPMVV and SPMVV – UN – APCICT WIFI Sariskara Tirupati on 17th and 18th August, 2023.



Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

- Participated and spoke about my role as translator at the book release of *Prasna Enduku?* at the virtual 174th monthly Telugu Vennela meet on 14-05-2023. Ted Agon, the American author of the original book *The Human Key* also spoke at the meet organised by the Vanguri Foundation of America.
- The Sunday magazine of the Telugu daily Eenadu carried a three page cover story of *Prasna Enduku?* on 21-05-23.
- Participated in a Two-day Workshop on “Dasa Sahitya” organized by the Department of Music, Dance and Fine arts, SPMVV and Dasa Sahitya Project, TTD on 16th and 17th June 2023.
- Attended the online Symposium on “Politics of Welfare Schemes & Development” on 22nd June 2023 organized by Forum for Democracy and Development.
- Presented a paper on “Role of Digital Media in the Teaching of English at Higher Education Level” at the Two day National Conference on Innovative Teaching and Research Practices in Higher Education Institutions for Sustainable Development organised by Dr.B.R Ambedkar University, Srikakulam on 18-19 July 2023.
- Published the chapter “Role of Digital Media in the Teaching of English at Higher Education Level” *in the book Innovative Teaching and Research Practices in Higher Education Institutions for Sustainable Development* ed. Santosh Ranganath by Forum for Intellectual, Academicians and Researchers Publications: Visakhapatnam. July 2023. ISBN: 978-81-947515-0-2

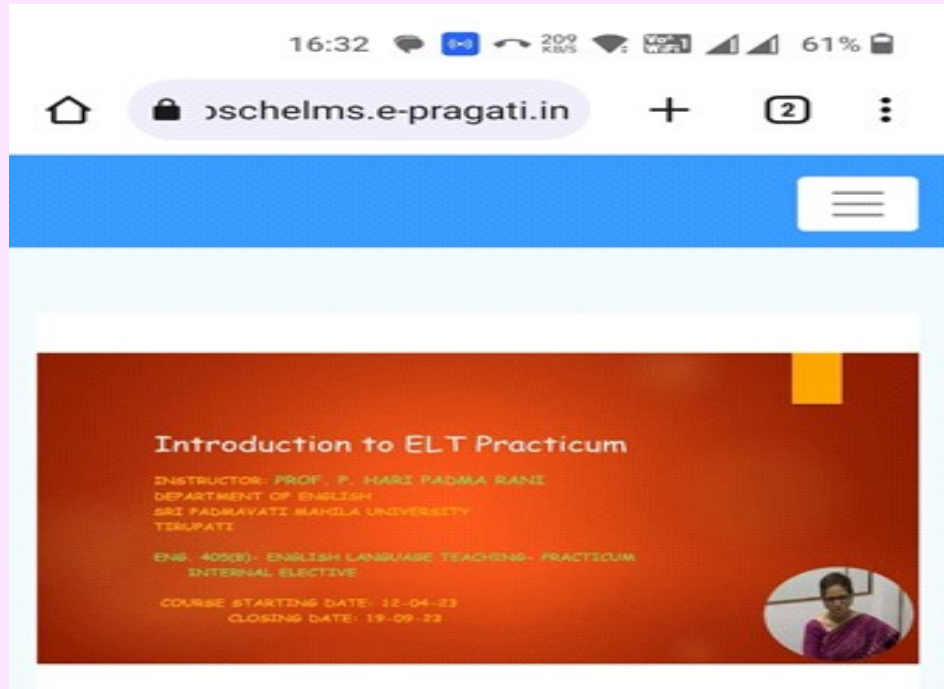
- Served as translator for four sessions of Training Workshop on Smart Skills for Women Entrepreneurs, NGO Representatives and Students organised by SPMVV, Tirupati on 17th and 18th August 2023



- Delivered an endowment lecture on " The Novels of Women Writers- Malathi Chandur's Reviews" on 21st August 2023 at the Malathi Chandur Endowment Meet organised by the department of Telugu, Sri Padmavati Mahila University



- Uploaded 150 minutes of video content on the APS CHE -LMS Portal related to the ELT-Practicum course.



Prof. M. Neeraja

- Conducted Ph.D. Viva - voce examination as external examiner at JNTU, Anantapur on 08.06.2023.
- Nominated as Subject Expert, for guest faculty selections at National Sanskrit University, Tirupati on 19.07.2023.
- Participated in the 7 day International Professional Development Programme (from 22.07.2023 to 29.07.2023) organized by the department of English, Patrician College of Arts and Science, Chennai.

Prof. V. Nirmala

- Conducted Ph. D. Viva-Voce examination at JNTU Anantapur as an external examiner on 03.06.2023.
- Participated in Ph. D. Presentations of International Students in Center for International Relations, SPMVV on 23.06.2023.
- Participated in the National Webinar on “Writings of Amitav Ghosh” organized by the department of English, SGK Government Degree college, Vinukonda, A.P. on 11.07.2023 and presented a paper on “Social Consciousness in the Novels of Amitav Ghosh”.
- Published a research paper titled “The Adivasi Will Not Dance: A Multi-fold Narrative of an Insider” in the book *Indigenous India: Revisiting the Cultural Legacies of the Nation*, published by IQAC, Annamalai University in July 2023 ISBN: 978-81-963401-6-2.
- Participated in the 2-day Faculty Orientation Programme organised by APSCHE in collaboration with WADVANI Foundation on 13th and 14th July 2023.
- Participated in 7 days online International Professional Development Program organized by the Dept. of English, Patrician College of Arts and Science, Chennai from 22-29 July 2023.
- Attended the two-day Malathi Chandur Endowment Lecture Programme organized by Telugu department on 21st and 22nd August, 2023.
- Edited the course material for “Communicative English” to be offered to the students of M.Sc. Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics from DDE, SPMVV.
- Took charge as Chairperson, BoS from August 2023.

- Served as the facilitator and translator in the Training Workshop on Smart Skills for Women Entrepreneurs, NGO representatives and students organized by Center for International Relations, SPMVV and SPMVV – UN – APCICT WIFII Sariskara Tirupati on 17th and 18th August, 2023.



- Received Best Inspiring Teacher Award from Avishkar Foundation, Solapur.



Dr. K. Revathi

- Attended a Two Day Faculty Orientation Program conducted by Wadvani Foundation on 21st Century Employability Skills on 13th and 14th July 2023.
- Prepared Course Material for Foundation Course in “Communicative English” for M.Sc. Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics offered by DDE, SPMVV, Tirupati (Submitted Dt: 31-07-2023).
- Attended to LLB 3 and 5 year Sem- I Spot Valuation in Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa on 7th and 10th August 2023.
- Published an article, *Assessment and Evaluation Tools in E-Teaching-Learning Process* in IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences in the August issue with e-ISSN- 2279-0837, p-ISSN- 2279-0845.

Scholars' Achievements...

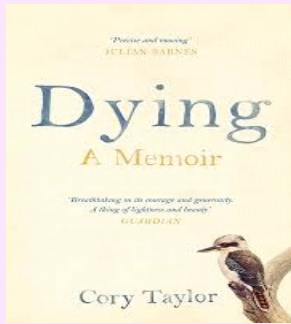
- P. Sujatha, Research Scholar has cleared NET exam held in June 2023.

Alumnae Achievements...



- Our Alumnae, L. Susmitha, 2017-2019 batch who is presently working in Sakshi TV as a reporter was honoured by Telangana Government for her exceptional work in Journalism.

Book Review



Dying - A Memoir

Death is an unavoidable phase in the life of any individual. The process of facing the death differs from one another. People usually become depressed, detached from reality during the process of facing death. Dying makes the people to anticipate death negatively. Standing apart from the pessimistic views, Cory Taylor's "Dying" makes the reader to think about the last phase of life in a positive way. After going through brain surgery, melanoma and many diagnoses, she feels depressed in the initial stage but in the due course of time, there is a huge transition in her towards the good aspects of the situation rather than the bad ones in her last stage. Her reminiscences offer insightful advice on how to deal with difficult circumstances, boost poor self-esteem, and prioritize one's own needs. She endures the same agony as her mother because of her egotistical father. Her relationship with her siblings was never harmonious. Her travelling experiences from her childhood drive her to understand the world better. The language is lucid and her words allow one to grasp her feelings.

Taylor's "Dying" is a provocative memoir, where one can realize the courage and knowledge required to embrace death. Her optimistic view makes the reader to view the bright side of dying. She persuades the reader to accept the dying process. She acknowledges the process of dying and feels it as an opportunity to bid farewell to her family, friends and well-wishers with peace.

G. Bhargavi

Research Scholar (Full-time)

Literary Association Activities



Activity: Adjectives through alphabets - 22.07.2023

conducted by T Sireesha,G Bhargavi..



Activity: Poetry Recitation competition - 19.08.2023

Prof. V. Nirmala and Prof. M. Neeraja judged the competitions.

Creative Corner



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Ms. Sai Sushma
M. A. Final Year

Ms. P. Swathi
M. A. Final Year



A Rainy Day

It is not a usual rainy day

This time there is something more to say

Joined the trend happily with the crowd

It danced with youngsters with showers

Hid the tears in every bad mode

And mourned for the dead in tears

It cried for the lifeless tree

To create a happy scenery to see

It filled us with ecstasy

With a deep delved philosophy

Transformed into a little sea for petty paper boats

Served as an all-time theme for nature poets

Touched the feet of intellectual

Purified the souls of every fool

There is a great learning

In every rainy morning

It is not a usual rainy day

Required a great attention to pay

Ms. S. Sai Sushma
M. A. Final Year

THE PUREST LIGHT

In the garden of my heart's embrace,
A figure stands with gentle grace.
A mother- like presence, warm and kind,
Guiding my soul, forever entwined.

Her love, a beacon through life's haze,
In her care, my spirit finds its blaze.
She offers solace, a shelter true,
In her nurturing arms, worries undo.

With every step, she walks beside,
In her support, I find my guide.
A figure not born of blood, but heart,
Her love, a masterpiece of life's art.

Through challenges faced, and stories shared,
Her unwavering strength, always bared.
A mother- like figure, precious and dear,
In her presence, there's naught to fear.

For in her embrace, I find my place,
A love that time cannot erase.
Her wisdom, a lantern in the night,
A mother- like figure, the purest light.

Roopa Varshini. U

MA English final year

TEST OF TEACHER

Gone the days, a teacher was honoured;
Passed the time, a teacher was recognised;
Disappearing the moments, a teacher felt proud of service;
Obeyed those years, a teacher applied for identity;
Began another span , a teacher tested for an award.
The years may move ahead,
Teachers' Day may be celebrated differently,
Memento ceremony may ever be awaited,
There may be many more tests...
But...A TEACHER IS ALWAYS
A TEACHER
Stands to the test of time,
Never teaches awards' sake.
Because, a '*guru*' knows....
Honour is within;
Recognition lies with pupils;
Pride of service links with disciples' growth of life;
Identity spreads with '*shishya*'
And,
No test on par with the test of time to
a Teacher's mettle.

Poem by

Dr. Surekha Krishna, Alumnae

Rise High and Reach The Sky!

If someone restricts your freedom,
 Convince them and rise high!

If someone says, you cannot study further,
 Show your determination and rise high!

If someone belittles you,
 Gain confidence and rise high!

If someone breaks your self esteem,
 Pat yourself and rise high!

If someone lessens your pride,
 Show that your are worth it and rise high!

If someone criticises you,
 Ignore them and rise high!

If someone says you are incapable,
 Show that you can!

If someone degrades you,
 Show that you are valuable and rise high!

If someone scorns you!
 Neglect them and rise high!

If someone looks down upon you
 Prove that they are wrong and rise high!

If someone breaks your identity,
 Restore it and rise high!

If you lose your power,
 Kindle the spark in you and rise high!

If someone breaks your heart,
 Move ahead and rise high!

If someone lacks faith in you,
 Create faith in yourself as self belief is the best belief

More importantly, do not let yourself down,
 So, no one can stop you rising,
Just rise high reach The Sky!

**Poem by
Dr. G Serwani Swamy, Alumnae**

Feedback *from the Readers* on the *eighth issue* of English Mahila

English Mahila - 8 makes interesting reading because of its impressive account of the varied activities, academic and sociocultural, of the students and staff. Not many departments review the progress of the research work of their scholars. It's a healthy practice. The poem on a reply from heaven "mixing memory and desire" and the one on the recognition of the inner waste land, with the inner self deserted by humanity and innocence, offer refreshing perspectives. Keep on with the book review, which sharpens the critical sensibility of the students. Best wishes to all of you in the Dept, including your students.

Prof. C.R. Visweswara Rao

Former Vice Chancellor
Vikrama Simhapuri University
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A Campus click by Ms. M. Sahithi



A view of the campus from Humanities Block

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