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From the Chapter Convener

The Thoothukudi chapter of the English Language Teachers' Association of India proudly presents this issue of our newsletter. I am grateful to the support we have received from various institutions to collaborate with us to organize various events for the continuous professional development of the English language teachers. While COVID 19 took the centre stage of 2020 which was followed by the closure of all educational institutions. Thoothukudi chapter of the ELTAI took this as an opportunity to bring in brilliant collaboration between the faculty members of various institutions by organizing several competitions, webinars and workshops. I am thankful to all the institutions for their collaborations. This issue will present the various programmes organized during 2020-2021. I thank my colleague Mrs.A.Vinothini Sylvia for designing this newsletter in an excellent way.

Dr.A. Joycilin Shermila,

Chapter Convener Eltai Thoothukudi Chapter

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."

— Michael Jordan

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Refresher Course for the members

ELTAI Thoothukudi Chapter Organized a Refresher Course for the members of ELTAI in association with ELTAI on 28th 29th June, 2019. Following are the topics covered –

- Professional Development Dr P. N. Ramani
- Teaching Skills Dr P. N. Ramani
- Web Tools for Teaching Dr Revathy Viswanathan
- Leadership Skills Dr P. N. Ramani
- Professional Etiquette Dr Jaya Balasubramanian
- Action Research Dr P. N. Ramani & Dr Revathy Viswanathan

19 teachers of English from various states participated in the workshop.



Workshop on Teaching English for Young Learners

ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter has organized a workshop on Teaching English for Young Learners (TEYL) on 29th July 2019 for the teachers and students of Sharon Primary school, Thoothukudi. The topics covered are Best Practices in TEYL, Sounds in English, English through Cartoons, Newspapers and Moral Stories and Fun with Grammar.



Empowering Mentally Challenged Children

As an extension activity to empower mentally challenged children, the Thoothukudi Chapter of the ELTAI organized Elocution, Singing, Drawing, Fancy Dress, Games competitions for the mentally challenged wing attached to Sivanthakulam Corporation Middle School, Thoothukudi on 27th November 2019. 90 students have participated in the competitions. Certificates and prizes were sponsored by ELTAI Thoothukudi Chapter.



Workshop on Methods of teaching English

A one day workshop on Methods of teaching English was organized on 20/12/2020 for the PG students of Thassim Beevi Abdul Kader College for Women as per the MoU signed between Annammal College of Education for Women and Thassim Beevi Abdul Kader College for Women. Sessions were organized on Teaching of English Language through Content, Role of Psychology in Acquiring Language, Learning and Teaching, Ways to Teach Effectively by Using Aids and Teaching Vocabulary through Creative Techniques.



Workshop on Recent Trends in English Language Teaching



ELTAI Thoothukudi Chapter organized a Workshop on Recent Trends in English Language Teaching in collaboration with WAVOO Wajeeha Women's College of Arts and Science, Kayalpatnam at Wavoo Wajeeha College of Arts and Science, Kayalpatnam on 30.01.2020. Dr.A.Joycilin Shermila delivered the keynote address. Dr.Zulaiha Shakeel. HoD, Department of English, Thassim Beevi Abdul Kadhar College of Arts & Science, Kilakarai and Dr.Thiyagu, Assistant Professor, School of Education Central University, Kerala served as resource persons.

The resource persons addressed the gathering on the topic "Trends in Language Teaching" and "Technology Integrated Language Teaching." 108 students, 6 scholars and 16 staff members attended the workshop.

Workshop on Use of Digital Tools for Learner Autonomy in Communication Skills

ELTAI Thoothukudi Chapter organized a Workshop on Use of Digital Tools for Learner Autonomy in Communication Skills on 31.01.2020. Dr.S. Bhavani, Freelance ELT Trainer served as the resource person. An exalting demonstration of digital tools such as Nearpod, Tricider, Trello, Google Docs, Grammarly, Kahoot, Seesaw, audacity,edpuzzle, Zoho and Penzu was given to the participants by the resource person. 35 prospective teachers participated in the workshop.



Two Days Workshop on Enhancing Language Skills

A two days' workshop on Enhancing Language Skills was organised on Feb 25-26 at APC Mahalaxmi College of Arts and Science for PG and Research scholars. Dr. A. Joycilin Shermila, Principal of Annammal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi and Convener of the English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELT@I), Thoothukudi Chapter, spoke on "Listening Skills". Dr. R. Suryakala, Assistant Professor of Education, Annammal College of Education for Women, Thoothukudi delivered a lecture on "Speaking Skills". Activities were given to the students who relished and participated actively.



Dr. S. Geetha and Mrs. Mathi Mani acted as resource persons for the second day workshop. Dr. S. Geetha, Assistant Professor of English, Sri Kumara Gurupara Swamigal Arts College, Srivaikuntam, spoke on "Writing Skills". Mrs. Mathi Mani, Vice Principal (Rtd.), A.P.C. Veerabahu Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Thoothukudi delivered a lecture on "Reading Skills".

Autonomous Learning Project to Develop Speaking Skills

ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter has undertaken an Autonomous Learning Project to Develop Speaking Skills for 13 trainees with a fund of Rs.7, 000/- from ELTAI. It was a 6 months project from December 2019- May 2020.



Three days National Workshop on Bard of Avon - William Shakespeare



English Language Teachers' Association of India, Thoothukudi chapter in association with the PG and Research Department of English, V.O.Chidambaram Thoothukudi organized a three days National College, Workshop on Bard of Avon - William Shakespeare via online media (Google Classroom) from 4th to 6th May 2020. Dr.P.N Ramani, ELT Consultant, Chennai and Dr.Lal C A, Professor, University of Kerala shared their material with the participants on the play The Merchant of Venice and the History Plays of Shakespeare respectively.

Online National level Inter-Collegiate Competition

ELTAI Thoothukdui chapter has organized an Online National level Inter-Collegiate Competition for UG/PG students on the Title Break the Chain: A Fight against COVID -19 in May 2020.

Essay Writing: Topic - Impact of lockdown in the context of containment for COVID – 19

Poetry Writing: Topic - Real Heroes of the Nation - A Tribute to Corona Warriors

Poster making: Topic - COVID - 19 Pandemic - Be the Warrior from Home

Essay writing competition No. of Participants: 16

I Place - Sajeeda Parveen.F, N.K.T National College of Education for Women, Chennai

II Place - Arun VR, Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai *III Place* - I Sharon Retna, Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli

Poetry writing competition No. of Participants: 17

I Place - Halima Nagoor Gani, Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli

II Place - Soumyaa Jain, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Ghaziabad, Uttar pradesh

III Place - Angelin Jayahar Beaulah, St. John's College, Tirunelveli

Poster making competition No. of Participants: 20

I Place - J.Jerlin Sheefa, Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli

II Place - A.Aashika, Our Lady College of Education, Maduravoyal, Chennai-95

III Place - M.Nachiyar, Lady Doak College, Madurai.

ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter gave Rs. 1000 for I place, Rs. 750/- for II place and Rs.500/- for III place as cash prizes.

Online Creative Writing Competition COVID -19: Give Wings to Your Creativity

ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter has also organized an Online Creative Writing Competition for the teachers COVID -19: Give Wings to Your Creativity.

Essay Writing: Topic - COVID - 19: A Blessing or Curse - Looking through the Glasses of Educators

Poetry Writing: Topic - COVID -19 Short Story Writing: Topic - COVID -19



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Essay writing competition: No. of Participants: 9

I Place - Soujanya Kodali Marella, Associate Professor, Sai Tirumala NVR Engineering College, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

II Place - Zubeni Ngullie, Government Primary school, Wokha, Nagaland

III Place - Anupama S. Varma, Assistant Professor, St Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha, Kerala

Poetry writing competition No. of Participants: 33

I Place - Seetha Vijayakumar, Assistant Professor, NSS College Pandalam, Pathanamthitta, Kerala

II Place - Ramalakshmi Jonnalagadda, Assistant Professor, Jahnavi Women's Degree College Hyderabad, Telangana

III Place - Dr. Aditi Abhishikta, Assistant Professor, Baba Institute of Technology and Sciences, Visakhapatnam

Short Story writing competition No. of Participants: 9

I Place - Dr. P. Aparna, Assistant Professor, Govt polytechnic for women, Hindupur, Andhra Pradesh

II Place - Suri Neelima, GVK Chinmaya Vidayala, SPSR Nellore, Andhra Pradesh

III Place - V. V. Gurucharan, Assistant Professor, Baba Institute of Technology and Sciences, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

First Place Rs.2000/-, II place Rs.1000/- and III place Rs.500/- was sent to the winner's account.

Webinar Series - Technology Integrated Language Teaching

Ramanathapuram and Thoothukudi chapters of the English Language Association of India organized Technology Integrated Language Teaching (TILT) webinar series from 19 – 21, May 2020. The first session of the webinar which was held on 19th May 2020 was on 'Varying feedback patterns in English classrooms' which is a topic of much discussion among ELT circles. The speaker was Ms.Suchetha Nair, Acting Deputy Academic Manager, British Council, Singapore.

The second session of the webinar which was held on 20th May 2020 was on Web Tools for Teaching and Learning'. The speaker was Shamna Beegum, Research Scholar, Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education, Kanyakumari District. She has introduced Lingro, Rewordify, Vocaroo, Loom, Lumen and Nearpod web tools.



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The third session of the webinar was held on 21st May 2020 on the topic Using Google Apps in Blended Learning. The speaker was Neeraja Raghavan, English Language Instructor, IIT, Goa.



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International Webinar on Rising to the Challenge: Strategies to Deal with Difficult Learners in the Language Classroom

An International Webinar on Rising to the Challenge: Strategies to Deal with Difficult Learners in the Language Classroom was organized in association with the Department of English of APC Mahalaxmi College, Thoothukudi on 3rd June 2020. Mrs. Shobha Prakash, Cambridge Certified Teacher Trainer served as the resource person. She spoke on the Learner, the Teacher, Classroom Strategies and Teacher Reflections.



National webinar on Industry 4.0 & 21st Century Skills



A National webinar on Industry 4.0 & 21st Century Skills was organized in collaboration with ELTAI Ramanathapuram chapter on 15th June 2020. Dr.Dhanya Bhaskaran, Senior Manager, Macmillan Education served as the resource person. The speaker points out how today's students can stay competitive in a changing job market. She has pointed out Learning skills which includes critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication, Literacy skills such as information, media and technology, Life skills such as flexibility, leadership, initiative, productivity and social skills are to be developed in the students to keep pace with the changing society.

International webinar on The Post COVID Era: Towards Blended Approaches

An international webinar on The Post COVID Era: Towards Blended Approaches was organized in collaboration with The Department of English, G. Venkataswamy Naidu College, Kovilpatti on 19th June 2020. The session was headed by the Resource Person Dr. Vipin Sharma, Faculty, English Language Institute, Jazan University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In his presentation, he pin-pointed the different approaches to teaching and learning. He also discussed the creation of learning content through research, writing; packaging with visuals, dissemination of learning through classes, lectures, notes, self-study, discussions; and assessment and evaluation of the education of the learner by various methods. The webinar was followed by an interactive session where the participants too actively contributed.

