

REPORT OF ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION (SHIFT - I) - (2016-2017)

The English Literary Association (ELA) commenced its activities with the inauguration of the **SPEAKPARK**, an innovative venture initiated on 5th August 2016 with Mr. V. Suresh Taliath, Associate Professor & Head, Department of English, Rajapalayam Raju's College, Rajapalayam was the guest speaker. In his address, he invited the students to possess an abiding fervor for reading as it would certainly help them in enhancing their competency in English. He also appreciated the speakers of the day. Rev.Fr.Dr.S.Basil Xavier, S.J., Principal in his presidential address laid stress on the need and importance of acquiring communication competency in the present competitive scenario and insisted the students to grab all the opportunities provided on the campus in enhancing their speaking skills in English. Around 50 students utilised the opportunity and showcased their skills in speaking. The learned faculty from various departments encouraged the students by their presence and suggestions for better performance. All the participants were encouraged with tokens of appreciations and certificates. Dr.S.Jesurajan, Head, Department of English welcomed the gathering and the secretary, English Literary Association proposed the vote of thanks.

As part of the activities of the English Literary Association, the Department of English organized its ninth edition of **THEATRE FEST** on 22nd February 2017. The event was conceived to unlock the hidden theatrical potentials of the students and in particular to induce in them an interest for English language. Dr. S.Saira Banu, Associate Professor, Research Department of English, Fatima College, Madurai and Mr Kannaiyan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St.Joseph's College, Tiruchy were the Special Invitees. Inaugurating the Fest, they instilled a festive spirit in the minds of the dramatic personae as well as the audience. Students from eight departments showcased their multi-skills of theatre arts and exhibited their proficiency in communication besides entertaining the audience with their expert performances choosing an array of themes. The first, second and third prizes were bagged by the students of Mathematics, Rural Development Science and Physics respectively. Rev. Dr. S. Basil Xavier, S.J., presided over the Fest. Rev. Dr. Amal Kulandaisamy, S.J., Rector and Rev. Dr. M. Albert Williams, S. J., Secretary offered their felicitations. Dr. S. Jesurajan, Head, Department of English welcomed the gathering.

English films were screened regularly for all I & II UG students to enhance their spoken skills and theatrical aptitude. With a view of promoting the presentation skills of the students, documentaries and audio CDs were played periodically. These documentaries and audio lessons helped developing their communication and the analytical skills. The ELA also displays words and inspiring quotes on the board for everybody's view under activities named *Wordsworth* and *Wisdom Ever Green* respectively.

The valediction of **SPEAKPARK** was conducted on 22nd March 2017. Dr. R. Antony Paul Gnanasekar, Head & Associate Professor of History was the resource person; in his address

he encouraged the students to utilize opportunities like **SPEAKPARK** in enhancing their communication competency.

COFFEE HOUSE, a literary circle launched by the Department of English (Aided) provides the faculty, openings to discuss a literary work in which each member has a voice and chance to share ideas in the form of paper presentation every month. The presenter breathes life into a written text by applying a literary theory or critically evaluating it from multiple perspectives that will flicker discussion and elicit deep literature response. Sr.Dr.C.Mary Lowrencia spoke on “Approaches and Methods of Teaching English as Second Language” on 1st August 2016. Mr.P.Kalaivanan, made his presentation on “Thematic Concerns- Select Novels of J.M.Coetzee” on 30th September 2016. Ms. J. Josephine, Assistant Professor of English (Shift II) presented a paper on “Conflict and Identity Crisis in Arun Joshi’s *The Foreigner*” on 8th February 2017. All the presentations led the house for a vibrant literary interaction. The faculty of English of both shift – I & shift – II have been zealously involving themselves in this unique project since its commencement.