

Department of English in Perspective

The Department of English is one of the first four departments started in 1967 by Osmania University at its P G Centre in Warangal. It has got a strong foundation laid by the scholars from the parent department. Since its inception, the Department has made significant strides as a centre of academic excellence. The Department organized its Silver Jubilee Celebrations in 1992 with an International Seminar on Literatures and Films and Alumni Meet. To commemorate the occasion a Souvenir and *Abstracts of Kakatiya Dissertations in English Studies (KDES)* were published. *KDES* has referential value as a compendium of research work done at the Department during 1976-1992.

The Department's Golden Jubilee (1967-2017) was celebrated in 2017. An Alumni Meet was organized on a grand scale in January 31, 2017. To mark the occasion of the Golden Jubilee, a comprehensive volume of the 'Author Index' of *Kakatiya Journal of English Studies* Volumes 1-36 was brought out along with a Souvenir with names of all PG batches since inception, M.Phil and Ph.D awardees.

Teaching Staff

The Department has **five** Professors (Prof G. Damodar, Prof M. Rajeswar, Prof V. Srinivas, Prof K. Purushotham, Prof S. Latha), **two** Associate Professors (Ms. E. Renuka, Mr. K. Damodar Rao), and **four** Assistant Professors (Mrs. Nirmala, Dr M. Prabhakar, Mrs. B. Deepajyothi, Dr R. Meghana Rao) as on today. Though eleven Professors (Prof S. Laxmana Murthy, Prof A. Jaganmohana Chari, Prof C. Varada Chary, Prof D. Ramakrishna, Prof P. Shiv Kumar, Prof K. Indrasena Reddy, Prof T. Vinoda, Prof J. Yellaiah, Prof P. Mallikarjuna Rao, Prof V. Gopal Reddy, Prof M. Rajagopalachary, Prof P. Shailaja) have retired from the Department, their services are available for the department. **Eight** teachers have been working on contractual basis (Dr V. Rajasekhar, Dr. P. Babitha, Mr. Chandulal, Dr. J. Satyanarayana at the University Arts and Science College, Subedari, Dr. K. Yakaiah, Dr. P. Kiran Kumar and Dr G. Mallesh at University PG College, and Dr. K. Kavitha at PG College (Women), Subedari, Warangal, and Ms. N. Veena at the University Engineering College, KU).

Awards

In recognition of the valuable services rendered by the teachers of the Department, Prof S. Laxamana Murthy, Prof P. Mallikarjuna Rao, Prof. M. Rajagopalachary, Prof. G. Damodar and Prof. K. Purushotham were honoured by the Government of Andhra Pradesh/Telangana with the Best Teacher Award in 1987, 2000, 2009, 2010 and 2018 respectively. K. Damodar Rao had won a prize from the Central Sahitya Akademi for his literary translation of N. Gopi's poems on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Sahitya Akademi's bi-monthly, *Indian Literature*.

Fellowships

Prof. S. Laxmana Murthy visited the Duke University, and the University of Missouri, USA on Fullbright fellowship in 1984. Prof P. Shiv Kumar went to study at the Hebrew Union College, USA on Scheuer Fellowship in 1976-77. Prof. D. Ramakrishna received a

Fullbright Fellowship in 1992 to visit the University of Texas and the City University of New York, USA. Dr M. Rajeshwar was awarded a Junior Fellowship by the Department of Culture, MHRD, Govt. of India, in 1998 to work on a project entitled “The Discovery of Regional Language Fiction: A Study of Ten Major Telugu Novels.” Dr M. Prabhakar visited Canada twice on Canadian grants as a Shastri Fellow at University of Toronto.

CBCS

Semester system with internal assessment is followed. Distinction, I class, II class and Pass class are awarded on the basis of percentage of marks. Choice-based credit system was introduced in 2016.

At present, the M. A. English course is offered at the University College besides three Constituent Colleges and four Affiliated Colleges of the University. The Department offers courses with specialization in ELT, American Literature, Indian Writing in English, and Post-colonial and Afro-American Literature among the electives. It provides a fairly good audio-visual back-up to teaching with the help of software from its own collection as well as from the British Council and EFLU. Audio and video sessions are regularly conducted synchronizing with the topics covered in the regular classes.

Research Work

The faculty members are actively involved in serious research and all of them have research degrees of M. Phil. and Ph. D. The teachers have been guiding the students for M. Phil and Ph. D degrees in contemporary literature on thrust areas like *Post-Colonial Literatures, Indian Writing in English, English Language Teaching, British Literature, Translation Studies, Women Studies, Literary Criticism, Comparative Literature and American Literature*. As on today, as many as 186 candidates have obtained Ph. D degrees from the Department and 151 candidates have got M. Phil degrees under the supervision of the staff.

Awards received by the faculty during last 5 years:

Name of the Award	Number of Awards	Name of Awardee
Best Teacher Awards	5	Prof. S. Laxmana Murthy Prof P. Mallikarjuna Rao Prof. M. Rajagopalachary Prof. G. Damodar Prof. K. Purushotham
Best Teacher-Researcher Award	1	Prof. M. Rajagoplachary

Fellows on professional bodies/academies:

Name of the Body/ Academy	Position, if any
National Level	Prof G. Damodar is Visitor's Nominee to Dr Harisingh Gour Central University, Sagar, MP and a member of Boards of Studies, Academic Senate of other Universities
International Level	Prof M. Rajeshwar is consultant to some international journals

Details of Collaborative Programme (Teaching, Research and Extension Activities)

- (a) Intra and Inter Department : Teaching, Research with the Departments of other languages like Telugu, Sanskrit
- (b) National Organizations : U.G.C., New Delhi
- (c) Non-Government Organizations : Career Guidance Programmes with Lions Club of Hanamkonda, Dist 324 C 3
- (d) Other Institutions : 1. APSCHE, Hyderabad
2. School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, KU, Warangal
3. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Open University, Hyd, A.P.
4. Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur
5. SV University, Tirupathi
6. Cambridge University Press.
7. Macmillan
8. Orient Blackswan
9. Oxford University Press

Books in the Departmental Library: 1200

Total no. of Journals (Indian/Foreign) subscribed annually: 18 (13 Indian, 5 Foreign)

The syllabus for different courses in the Department last restructured/revised:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Year of revision</u>
U. G.	2021
P. G.	2022

Kakatiya Journal of English Studies

The Department has been in the forefront in teaching, research and extension activities. It has been bringing out *Kakatiya Journal of English Studies*, a research journal of repute annually since 1976. It is a well-known fact that sustaining a print journal over a period of time is more difficult than starting it. This is all the more so in university departments. It involves labour of love and requires a collective effort. In fact, *Kakatiya Journal of English Studies* was sustained by pooling the individual research grant of teachers of the Department, a tradition continued to this day. It started with the pioneering initiative by Late Prof. Satyanarain Singh, Founder-Head of the Department of English, KU, when in March 1976 he brought out its first volume, a Special Number on Rabindranath Tagore. He followed it up with a special number on Mulk Raj Anand in 1977 the launching of which was organized on a grand scale in the Seminar Hall of Kakatiya Medical College, a memorable event graced by the noted novelist himself.

The Head of Department is the Editor of the journal. As a tribute to the Heads and the Faculty who have partaken of this noble enterprise over a long period, a comprehensive 'Author Index' to *Kakatiya Journal of English Studies*, Volumes 1-35 was prepared and included in KJES Volume 35.

It is only appropriate to remember the efforts of the first generation teachers, Prof. Satyanarain Singh, Prof. S. Laxmana Murthy, Prof. A. Jaganmohana Chari, Prof. P. Shiv Kumar, Prof. C. Varada Chary and Prof. D. Ramakrishna who put in untiring efforts in sustaining the *KJES* despite many odds, and at a time when computers were not in vogue. The second and third generation teachers have continued the tradition. The cooperation of the university authorities as well as the participation of the Faculty members helped the Department journal to chart such a long journey. Following are the details of Special Numbers of *KJES* and the Editors:

Volume 1, 1976: Rabindranath Tagore. Editor: Satyanarain Singh.

Volume 2, 1977: Mulk Raj Anand. Editor: Satyanarain Singh.

Volume 3, 1978: Indian English Novel. Editor: Satyanarain Singh.

Volume 6, 1984: Modern Indian Aesthetic Thought. Editor: S. Laxmana Murthy.

Volume 12, 1992: Silver Jubilee Number with Special section on Regional Literatures in English Translation. Editor: P. Shiv Kumar. Associate Editor: T. Vinoda.

Volume 16, 1996: American Literature. Editor: D. Ramakrishna. Associate Editor: M. Rajeshwar.

Volume 18, 1998: Postcolonial Literatures & Mahasweta Devi. Editor: P. Mallikarjuna Rao. Associate Editor: K. Damodar Rao.

Volume 20, 2000: New Indian English Fiction. Editor: J. Yellaiah. Associate Editor: K. Damodar Rao.

Volume 28, 2008-09: Special section on Indian Literature in English Translation. Editor: P. Shailaja. Associate Editor: K. Purushotham.

Volume 29, 2010: Re-presentation of History in Recent Indian Fiction in English. Editor: M. Rajagopalachary. Associate Editor: K. Damodar Rao.

Volume 30, 2011: Gendering Indian Narratives. Editor: G. Damodar. Associate Editor: K. Damodar Rao.

Volume 31, 2012: Diversity in New Literature. Editor: G. Damodar. Associate Editor: K. Damodar Rao.

Volume 35, 2016: Special section on First Generation Telangana Short Stories in English Translation & Author Index to KJES 1-35. Editor: K. Damodar Rao

Volume 36, 2017: Special section on Telangana Short Stories in English Translation
Editor: K. Damodar Rao.

Eminent scholars like Jack Lindsay, R.T. Robertson, Alistair Niven, Saros Cowasjee, Mulk Raj Anand, Nissim Ezekiel, Krishna Rayan, Sisir Kumar Ghose, K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar and Shiv K. Kumar, K. Krishna Moorthy have contributed to this journal. Articles published in KJES by the faculty too have won acclaim in the academic world, having been cited in international editions. For instance, Prof. A Jaganmohana Chari's article on Auden's *Detective Story* has been included in the International Bibliography on W H Auden by Prof Edward Mendelson of Columbia University in 1983. An article by Dr P Mallikarjuna Rao on Kamala Das was included in the reference work on *Modern Women Writers* edited by Lilian Robinson published by Coutimun Publishing Company of New York. Four of the articles published by Prof M. Rajagopalachary in *KJES* have been included in different collections of articles by The Atlantic Publishers, Prestige Publications, and Potti Sri Ramulu Telugu University. Some of the articles of Mr. K. Damodar Rao, and Prof M. Rajagopalachary have also been cited by other scholars in their books, articles and research publications.

**THURST AREA UNDER SAP I OF UGC:
MULTICULTURALISM IN INDIAN LITERATURES IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION**

Sub-areas: a) Women's Writing and Feminist Movement
b) Dalit Writing and Movements
c) *Bhakti* Movements and Literature

The project brought out the diversity of Indian literatures of different languages with a view to relating them to the matters of culture, ideology, nationality, ethnicity, social class and/or gender as part of the Indian multicultural ethos. The perspective of multiculturalism enabled it to explore the deep structures of meaning, value systems, beliefs underlying art and literature. Multiculturalism questioned the dominant ways of seeing things and presented alternative views of the world.

An insurrectionary imagination driven by its hunger for new processes of art and protest is at the heart of multiculturalism or cultural activism. The Project, therefore, examined the ideological issues involved in the three major thrust areas stated above to examine the gender issues, Dalit problem and the mass movement of *Bhakti* which sought to transcend the barriers of caste, creed and colour. It highlighted how they have played an active role in bringing about the social and cultural change. As the project is interdisciplinary and comparative in its import, studies were undertaken in collaboration with the faculty of other departments, especially the departments of Telugu and other languages and the departments of Cultural Studies and Comparative Studies of the Universities like University of Hyderabad, English and Foreign Languages University, Potti Sriramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad, Jadhavpur University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, etc.

Lectures and GDs

The Department periodically organises lectures, symposia and group discussions on multiculturalism focusing on the ideological issues of caste, gender, religion, and the social

movements affecting Indian literatures written in different languages and regions to bring out the cultural diversity of our country. The programmes enlighten the students and scholars about the nature of Indian literatures, the ideological and cultural deep structures lying behind them, and the way the multiculturalism of the writers has questioned the established beliefs and systems to uphold humanism based on the values of liberty, equality, and fraternity.

Publications

The Department published papers and books and prepared monographs on the findings of research on the thrust areas. They include: *The Oxford India Anthology of Telugu Dalit Writing*, *Interrogating the Canon: Literature and Pedagogy of Dalits*, *Black Lilies: An Anthology of Telugu Dalit Poetry*, *Multiculturalism in Indian Tradition and Literature*, *Bakti Movement and Literature*, *Flowering of Indian English Literature*, *Post-colonial Indian English Fiction: De-Centering the Nation: Dalit Literature: Emerging Trends*, *Women Autobiography in India: Theory and Practice*, *Translations: Telugu to English*, *Bhakti Literature: Select Bibliography*, *Dalit Literature: A Classified Bibliography*, *Indian Fiction and Multiculturalism*.

Extension Activity

The Department has contributed immensely in developing textbooks and study material at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels for the School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education, Kakatiya University, Warangal, Dr B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, and SV University, Tirupathi. The research work of the department is being utilized as reference work by scholars. The publications of the staff have often been cited by other critics. The teachers of the Department have undertaken assignments of prestigious institutions like APSCHE, UPSC, APPSC, PPSC, TSPC other universities and leading publishers such as CUP, Macmillan and Orient Blackswan. Further, the faculty members of the department have been delivering extension lectures as resource persons at different institutions.

Linkages

Train-the-trainer programmes are organized for teachers using the expertise of different corporate agencies. Spoken English classes are conducted under CELT for improving the communication skills of not only the campus students but also others. Experts are drawn from different industries and sectors as members of the Board of Studies to understand the needs of the industry and train the students accordingly to improve their employability skills.

Consultations

The articles and books written by the teachers of the department are consulted by research scholars and cited by critics in their works. Thus they are useful for knowledge dissemination/development in teaching. Innovative teaching methods are experimented at Centre for English Language Training by individual teachers. Textbooks and study

material with audio CDs are developed by the faculty for the undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Visits of Eminent Scholars

Foreign: Prof. Esthor Dubin (UK), Prof. Lynn Innes (UK), Prof. Abdul Rajak Gurnah (UK), Prof. Louis James (UK), Prof. Claudio Gorlier (Italy), Prof. Joel Kuortti (Finland), Prof. Alessandro Monti (Italy), Dr Michael Hensen (Germany), Prof Linda Dittmar (USA), Prof Barry Richard Burg (USA) Mr Bo Leavander (Sweden) Prof Susan Hallam (UK) Dr. Christopher Rollanson (UK), and Dr Sushmitha Ray (USA)

Indian: Prof C.D. Narasimhaiah (Mysore), Dr. DVK Raghavacharya (Guntur), Prof Sisir Kumar Ghose (Calcutta), Prof K. Krishna Moorthy (Dharwar), Prof. U.R. Anantha Murthy (New Delhi), Prof. Meenakshi Mukherjee (Hyderabad), Prof. P.C. Kar (Baroda), Prof. Shiv K. Kumar (Hyderabad), Prof. Nissim Ezekiel (Bombay), Prof Bh. Krishna Murthy (Hyderabad), Prof. S. Nagarajan (Madras), Prof Mohan Ramanan, Prof Satchinanda Mohanthy (Hyderabad), Prof. K.R. Prema Nandakumar (Srirangam), Dr Sujit Mukherji (Hyd), Prof CR Vishweswara Rao (VC, VSU), Jasbir Jain (Jaipur), Somadatta Mandal (Shantiniketan), RK Dhawan (New Delhi), Manju Jaidka (Punjab), Dr Muneer (Agra), Prof Rambhau Badode Prof Rajesh N. Karnkal (Mumbai), Dr RK Dhawan, Dr Suman Bala (Delhi), Prof Md. Asaduddin (Jamia Milia), Prof GJV Prasad (JNTU, Delhi), Prof Makaran Paranjape (Delhi), Prof R. Vishwanatha Rao (AU, Kakinada), Prof H. Kalpana (Pondecherry University) Prof Subhendu Mund (Orissa) Prof N. Ramaswamy (Bangalore).

Creative Writers

Dr. Mulk Raj Anand, U.R. Anantha Murthy, Mahasweta Devi, Shiv K. Kumar, Nissim Ezekiel, Ngugi wa Thiong’O, Sivagami, Ambai, Volga, Vishwajyothi, Varala Anand, Naveen, Gollapudi Srinivas Rao, Ravi Thakur, Darbasayanam Srinivasacharya, P. Laxminarayana,

Translation and Editorial Work

Apart from regular teaching and research, the faculty of the department has been active in the areas of translation and editing journals and anthologies. Prof S. Laxmana Murthy, a polyglot, rendered some English poems into Telugu and some Sanskrit writings into English. Prof A. Jaganmohana Chary captured the soul of vernacular masterpieces including Sri Sri’s *Mahaprasthanam* into English. Prof M. Rajagopalachary translated Prof. K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar’s book on *Mother* into Telugu. He has translated Ravoori Bharadwaja’s story, “Naakoo Devuni Choodalani undi” into English. He is a regular contributor of translations of extracts from the writings of Sri Aurobindo and the *Mother* to *Akhila*, a journal brought out by Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry in Telugu. He was Associate Editor of *Kakatiya Journal of English Studies* for three years. He served as the editor and course-writer for the study material for M.A. students of Dr. BR Ambedkar Open University, Kakatiya University, Nagarjuna University and SV University. He edited with Mr. K. Damodar Rao the *Kakatiya Dissertations of English Studies*. Prof G. Damodar, Ms E. Renuka, Dr M. Rajeshwar, Dr V. Srinivas, Mr. K. Damodar Rao, Dr K. Purushotham,

and Dr K. Kumar have published poetical and fictional Telugu works in English translation. Prof G. Damodar translated Shakespeare's *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* into Telugu and a few Telugu poems into English. He translated *Sri Rama Chandrudu* and *Andaalu* into English from Telugu for the Project by TTD, Tirupati, in August 2012. About 110 of Mr. Damodar Rao's poetry translations and 10 short story translations have appeared in prestigious journals as *Pratibha India*, *New Quest*, *Indian Literature*, *Haritham*, *The Literary Half-Yearly*, *Revaluations*, *Kavya Bharati* and *Replica*. Besides, he was the Associate Editor of *Kakatiya Journal of English Studies* for seven volumes. He was the Resident Editor of *Revaluations* for three volumes. Dr K. Purushotham has published his translations of about 100 Telugu poems and 3 short stories. Prof P. Mallikarjuna Rao, Prof J. Yellaiah, Dr M. Rajeshwar, Dr V. Srinivas have edited *KJES* during their Headship. Dr M. Rajeshwar edited the prestigious literary quarterly *The Atlantic Literary Review* published from New Delhi.

Centre for English Language Training (CELT)

In December 2005, the University established Centre for English Language Training (CELT) with 40 multimedia PCs. The CELT offers courses in Spoken English and Soft Skills not only to UG & PG students but also to the employees, housewives, and others. So far the CELT has organized 49 short term programmes in Spoken English and Communication Skills, of duration of one-and-a-half month each. Five batches of classes were conducted for DSC examination in English. The Centre has plans to start remedial courses for the disadvantaged sections of the society with the funds from the UGC and Social Welfare Department.

Courses for the Socially Disadvantaged

From time to time, the Department has also been offering courses and programmes to serve the needs of select sections of students and scholars. Some of them include: a) English for the Socially Disadvantaged b) Remedial Teaching c) Workshop on Situational English for the outgoing undergraduate students, d) Workshop on Creative Writing and Translation for the gifted students and seminars on different themes.

Seminars and Workshops

The Department has organized a number of seminars, symposia and workshops. Mention may be made of the following:

1. Seven-day Refresher Course in English for College English Teachers (1979) in collaboration with the British Council.
2. UGC National Seminar on "Modern Indian Aesthetic Thought" (1983) meant to be a kind of orientation for the uninitiated in this field.
3. Workshop on "Creative Writing and Translation" (1989) for 3 days.
4. Workshop on "Situational English" (1990) for 2 days.

5. International Seminar on "Indian Literatures and Films" (1992) brought together writers, film directors and critics.
6. Workshop on "Canadian Literature" (1994) in collaboration with Indian Association for Canadian Studies, New Delhi, to provide orientation to students and researchers in this new area.
7. UGC National Seminar on "New Directions in English Language" (1995).
8. Interdisciplinary Seminar on "Dalit Writings, Movements and Dynamics of Social Change" (1996) organized in collaboration with the Department of Sociology.
9. UGC National Seminar on "The Study of Contemporary Society: Emerging Trends" (1996) at University Post Graduate College, Nirmal.
10. Seminar on "Perspectives on Women's Writings in English" (1997).
11. Remedial Course in English (1998).
12. Inter-disciplinary Seminar on "The World of Subalterns in Mahasveta Devi's Writings" (1998).
13. National Seminar on "The Teaching of English in the Era of IT Revolution and Globalization: Challenges Ahead" (1999).
14. Workshop on "Translation of Regional Literatures into English" (1999).
15. UGC National Seminar on "New Indian English Novel" (2001).
16. UGC National Seminar on "Expatriate Indian Writing in English" (2005).
17. Workshop by Prof Susan Hallam, Head, School of Life Long Education and International Development, University of London, United Kingdom. (2006).
18. "Train the Trainer" programme for Lecturers in English, sponsored by APSCHE, Hyd. In 5 spells of 5 day duration each during 2005-06.
19. English Teachers' Regional Conference on Social Justice through English Education organized with the Students' Welfare Centre, and Placement Cell, KU, Warangal 2007.
20. "Orientation Programme on Degree English Theory and Practicals" with UA&S College, 2008.
21. "Workshop to the Teachers of English" organized by Arkbird Publications in collaboration with Department of English, KU, March 15, 2008.
22. UGC National Seminar on "Re-Presentation of History in the Recent Indian Fiction in English" 30-31 March, 2008
23. "Impressions" an intercollegiate seminar for postgraduate students, 27 February, 2009
24. UGC National Seminar on "Indian Literature in English Translation" 28-29 March, 2009
25. "Train the Trainer" programme for Lecturers in English, sponsored by APSCHE, during August 25-29, 2009.
26. "Impressions" an intercollegiate seminar for postgraduate students, February, 2010.
27. UGC National Seminar on "Gendering Indian Narratives", March 22 & 23, 2010.
28. "Perspectives" a seminar for registered research scholars, October 8, 2010.
29. International Conference on "Diversity in New Literatures", December 16 & 18, 2010.
30. UGC National Seminar under SAP-DRS-I on "Multiculturalism in Indian Literatures" during 19-20 March, 2012.
31. UGC National Seminar under SAP DRS-I on "Bhakti Literature and Social Reform" during March 20-21, 2013.

32. UGC National Seminar under SAP DRS-I on “Women’s Autobiographies in India: Theory & Practice” during 29-30 March, 2014.
33. UGC (SAP-DRS-I) sponsored 3-Day IACLALS National Conference on “Right to Write: The Culture of Literary Controversies and Controversial Literatures” during January 22-24, 2016.

Language Laboratory

The Department has established a Language Lab with 43 computers, 2 DLP Projectors, a scanner, language software, TV, VCR and Audio systems to serve the needs of the students of the backward region of Telangana.

Development of Audio-visual Educational Programmes

The Department is the first in the University to contribute 110 Radio lessons on ELT and 13 on Indian Writing in English and two video programmes to the UGC Countrywide Classroom Programme. The staff members have devised Audio lessons on ELT which were broadcast by All India Radio. Prof P. Mallikarjuna Rao has produced 3 Radio lessons on Teaching Poetry. Prof. G. Damodar and M. Rajagopalachary have produced a few Radio lessons on different subjects including English Language Teaching.

Expertise as Resource Persons

Senior Professors of the Department of English have been regularly serving as resource persons at Refresher Courses as subject experts at interviews, etc. Prof P. Mallikarjuna Rao, Prof M. Rajagopalachary, Prof G. Damodar, Prof. M. Rajeshwar and Prof. K, Purushotham have delivered several extension lectures at different Universities in the state and outside as Resource Persons in the Refresher Courses, Departments, Seminars and Workshops.

English Studies through Distance Mode

The School of Distance Learning and Continuing Education (SDLCE) has been offering M.A and M. Phil programmes in English for the last fifteen years. The School has begun a short term Certificate Course in Communication Skills to meet the needs of the student community.

Research Projects

The faculty received and completed several minor and major research projects sanctioned by the UGC, Department of Culture and Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

Services Abroad

The teachers and students of this Department have joined the institutions in India and abroad and served the National institutions like University of Asmara, Eritria, Atlantic Community College, New Jersey, USA, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages.

Prof K. Indrasena Reddy taught at the University of Asmara, Eritrea, for four years, 1998-2002. Prof. V. Gopal Reddy, former Vice-Chancellor of Kakatiya University, was an adjunct faculty member at the Atlantic Community College, New Jersey, during 1992-94. Prof G. Damodar was a Visiting Scholar at the Language Learning Resource Centre (LLRC), Stockholm University, Sweden, to demonstrate his CALL packages. Dr. M. Rajeshwar offered a short course on Postcolonial Indian Literatures at the University of Turin, Italy, in May-June, 2001.

Visits Abroad

Several teachers went abroad in connection with their doctoral and post-doctoral research and extension lectures. Prof. S. Laxmana Murthy was at Duke University, North Carolina and Universities of Missouri, Rola and St. Louis City for about six weeks in 1984 on USEFI Mutual Education Exchange (Fulbright) Programme to study the course content, research programmes and evaluation mechanics related to American Literature. He also delivered lectures at these universities. Prof P. Shiv Kumar spent a year at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio University, USA, Scheur Fellowship during 1976-77 for doctoral research. Prof. D. Ramakrishna was at the University of Texas, Austin, and the City University, New York for three months in 1992 on Senior US Government Fulbright Post-doctoral Research Fellowship. Prof K. Indrasena Reddy was in England on UGC Scholarship to collect research material for about three months in 1989. Prof. G. Damodar, who was at Stockholm University, Sweden, visited twenty language centers and universities in Sweden, Denmark, and the UK on UGC travel grant. He presented a paper on ELT at 20th TASS Conference, Florida, USA, in March 2009. He interacted with Prof Rita Elaine Silver, Dept of Language and Literature, National Institute of Education, Singapore, on SL Learning Methods and Classroom Applications and studied Speak Good English Movement in Singapore during May 28 – June 4, 2012. He presented the paper, “Telangana Telugu and American English: The Classical Touch” (with M. Rajeshwar) at SLIN 16 Conference on “Linguistic and stylistic variation within and across periods, genres and authors” by Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Genoa, Italy, during May 30 – June 1, 2013. Dr D. Venkat Rao and Dr Syed Mujeebuddin went to the University of Kent, England for research to obtain Ph.D. Degrees. Dr. M. Rajeshwar attended the Second International Conference on “Postcolonial Studies: Globalization and Nationalisms,” at the University of Vigo, Spain, and visited Finland to lecture at various Finnish universities as part of the Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Finland. Dr M. Prabhakar visited Canada on Fellowships in 2010 & 2016.

Alumni Association

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Department in 1992, an Alumni Association was formed and it has been active ever since. The alumni of the department are actively associated with the academic and extra-curricular activities of the Department. A Golden Jubilee Alumni Meet was organized on a grand scale on March 31, 2017.