PROFILE
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

2016-2017
Board of Studies

The meeting of Board of Studies was organized on 25.7.16 at 12:00 Noon to revise the syllabus of P.G(M.A English Literature), U.G(B.A English Literature) B.A/B.Sc/B.Com (Foundation Course) and Add-On Course (Spoken English and Creative Writing).

The following members were present in the meeting:-

1. Chairman - Dr. Anita Shankar
2. Subject Expert V.C. Nominee - Dr. Savita Singh
3. Subject Expert Principal Nominee - Dr. Santosh Singh
4. Subject Expert Principal Nominee - Dr. Tarlochan Kaur
5. Shri Santosh Agrawal - Industrialist
6. Ku. Indranee Borkar - Ex-Student

The following objectives were kept in mind while formulating the syllabus-

At Graduation level, the students of literature should have knowledge about the important literary movements, genres, various ages, evolution and development of literary forms too.

They may be acquainted with the political, economic, social, and intellectual background of various ages to know the works of authors.

The students should have knowledge about various critical theories formulated by eminent critics through the ages from Aristotle to Modern Age.

To make the students familiar with the literature by American authors.

To make them competent in the field of linguistics and phonetics.

To popularize the Add-on course in Spoken English and creative writing among students to develop their communicative skills and creativity in writing.
**Formation of English Literary Association**

ELA has been a prestigious Association in our college since the inception of P.G classes. It has been working rigorously during the past few years focusing on the improvement of reading, writing, speaking and listening skills of the students in our college. The ELA in our college constitute an executive committee including a teacher in charge, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Joint Secretary. With the new session an executive committee was announced by the Principal, Dr. R.N. Singh on 31 August 2017.

Dr. R.N. Singh in his speech said that our vision is to make the college where each student speaks and communicates through English. We know that it is a Herculean task still we aspire and labour for it. A Chinese proverb says “if you are planning for a year sow corns, if you are planning for a decade plant trees and if you are planning for a life time, educate people.” Language is the medium through which educational process fulfills its aims. So it is highly essential that students should be able to handle language in its best level. The ELA has been conducting many varied activities and competitions to improve the language skills of the students. He urged the students to focus on NET also while pursuing M.A.

Dr. Anita Shankar, the Head of the Department announced the names of the office bearer:

President – Mrs. Shubhalaxmi Mohbe

Vice-President – Neeraj Sahu

Secretary – Leeladhar Sahu

Joint-Secretary – Hina Nishad

Treasurer – Neha Sinha
Thereafter all the office bearers took oath to fulfill their duties with allegiance and honesty. The Principal suggested to make houses for the literary competition and announced a cash prize of Rs. 5000 for the best house of the session. At the end, Dr. Neelu Shrivastava proposed the vote of thanks and the anchoring of the program was done by Mr. Bhupendra Yadav.
Green Day Celebration

To infuse the love for nature among students and make them realize the need for green and healthy earth, the Department of English celebrated “Green Day” in the college premises on 11th of August 2016. The classrooms were beautifully decorated in green theme and thoughts emphasizing the importance of plants. Students looked attractive draped in their green colored attires. Their teachers made them aware of the need of protecting their environment and the role they could play to do so. Besides an awareness campaign they planted saplings like Myrobalan (Aanvala), Rosewood (Sheesham), Drumstick tree (Munga), etc and voiced the need to “Plant Trees, Save Environment”.

Dr. Anita Shankar, Head of the Department highlighted the importance of our nature. It consists of all the living beings in earth, which are mutually dependent on each other. But due to the pollution caused by human beings, many species are becoming extinct and the global climate is also changing at a very fast rate. It’s influencing our health and also going to give a long term effect on our future. We know that millions of people in the earth depend on forest for their livelihood. Every living being is dependent on trees. Only the tree can make their food itself. But, we people are degrading the forest very much. With the aim of protecting the environment, which is getting uncongenial day by day, Green day is to be observed by spreading awareness among the younger generation.
The Principal Dr. R.N. Singh in his speech highlighted the importance of celebrating “Green Day” as it not only attached the man to its environment but also taught him/her to keep it green and clean. He also stressed on avoiding junk food and consuming more and more of green vegetables as it would help them to remain healthy and lay the foundation of a progressive nation.
Extempore Speech Competition

Extempore is the art of public speaking that is carried out without preparation or forethought. It puts to test one’s ability to think on the spot and also their spontaneity. Students need to speak well in their personal lives, future workplaces and social interactions. Extempore is one such method which assists the students not only in thinking on their own but also in voicing their creative ideas with precision. To imbibe a true spirit of learning in students and to enhance the communication skills in them, an Extempore Competition, was held in the English Department on the 3rd and 10th September, 2016.

On 3rd of September, the competition was open to all the students of English department. The topics for speech were:-

a. Globalization  
   b. Co-education

c. Women’s role in society  
   d. Importance of English

e. Mobile: boon or bane  
   f. Technology, etc.

All the participants tried well and gave an enthusiastic performance.

On 10th of September, Inter-Group Competition was organised. Two participants from each group were called for Extempore-Speech. All were at their best and were judged on the basis of confidence, fluency, and relevance to the topic, body language and overall impact. The
winners of the competition were: Priyanka Dhole [1st], Shubhlaxmi Mohabe [2nd], Kishor Kumar [3rd], and Bhupendra Yadav[3rd]
Proverb Expansion Inter House Competition

Proverb Expansion Inter House Competition was organized at DMV by ELA on 17th of September 2016.

Each House was given a different proverb. The students were given the proverb on the spot, they were explained the meaning of the proverb and were supposed to write a story in 250 words including the proverb in the story. The judges of the competition were Dr Anita Shankar, HOD and Dr Neelu Shrivastav. The judges mentioned that they had a great experience and loved reading all the nice stories. They thanked the Activity Coordinator, for giving them the wonderful opportunity. It was a difficult task for them to judge the competition.

The first prize was bagged by Leeladhar Sahu from William Shakespeare House, second prize was bagged by Enka Sahu from Emily Bronte House, the third prize by Alka Sahu of Charles lamb House and the fourth prize by Manisha Singh of Francis Bacon House.
Dictation Competition

On 24th of September the *Dictation competition* was held by the literary association. The students of English department participated enthusiastically. Two participants participated from each group. The students were paired for the competition. One of the pair recited the given paragraph and the other wrote the paragraph. The competition was to check and inculcate reading, listening and writing skills among the students.

Winners of the competition were:

Rashmi Sancheti (1st),

Virendra (2nd),

Shalini Todon (3rd),

Neha Sinha (4th)

Dr Anita Shankar, H.O.D concluded the program by her words of wisdom.
Poem Recitation

Shakespeare centenary year was celebrated by ELA by organizing A Poem Recitation competition on 8th October 2016 at smart class in Govt.D.M.V. Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words. To reiterate this, students participated ardently in the competition. They came up with different poems. Students of P.G and B.A (literature) participated in the competition and recited the poem with proper stress and intonation.

Dr .Anita Shankar & Dr. Neelu Shrivastava adjudged the competition. The Principal awarded the winners and congratulated the ELA for organizing such a competition where in the students was able to put forth their talent.

Winners:

1st. Priyank Borkar
2nd. Shalini Tandon
3rd. Anjali bnjare
Guest Lecture by Dr. G. A. Ghanshyam

Enhanced communication skills in English can result not only an improved social life, but also better job opportunities in the future. From job interviews to the actual professional world, communication skills are very crucial, and being proficient in English means being able to communicate clearly and effectively. In job interviews, most interviewers conduct interviews in English. Interviewers quickly make judgments and give great importance to first impressions. Poor skills in the language can mean smaller chances of landing a job. On the other hand, being proficient in the language can help one leave a good first impression which means higher chances of getting the position one is applying for. English is the most commonly used language in the business world. Most job interviews are done in English. Most business contracts are written in English. Handling international business deals require effective skills in English. English is the preferred business language because it is an exact language. So in order to have an increased competence in the professional world, one should have a very good grasp of the English language.

With this aim the Department of English organized a guest lecture on Employable skills in Commuative English on 22.10.2016. The guest lecturer was Dr. G. A. Ghanshyam, Professor of English, Govt College, Chirmiri. He presented a very insightful lecture using PowerPoint. His lecture was focused on the communication skills which are very much essential for one's professional growth. The ability to express fluently in both written as well as oral form of language is very much essential for the career growth. He put his points effectively by using audio video clips during his lecture session. The Students of M.A, B.A(Lit), Add-On-course attended the lecture and were highly benefitted by his lecture.
The department of English along with its PG students and faculty members went for extension activity to the adopted village of the college, Surgi on 22nd November, 2017, to inculcate the feeling and habit of giving service to the society apart from their studies. The students along with the teachers decided to teach the students of the higher secondary school of the village. The students had prepared their teaching plans for class 9th and 11th. After reaching the school, the students taught the children with great enthusiasm in a very effective manner. They taught basic grammar like Voice, Tense and Vocabulary for teaching. They also satisfied the queries of the children after the class. The teaching was highly appreciated by the Principal as well as the students of the school.
"Presentation skills are important". What we really mean is, "Effective presentation skills are important". "Presentation skills" is not a black and white off/on switch. It is a rainbow of colors. Everybody has presentation skills. Some are better than others. The primary goal is for your presentation skills to be better than your competition, whoever and whatever that is. The secondary goal is for your presentations to get better with every presentation that you deliver.

With this aim the Department of English organized a special lecture on **Presentation Skills** on 24.10.2016 at Dept. Of English. The resource person was Dr. Rukhsana Khan. The session dealt with the Importance of Presentation Skills in the Workplace. Good presentation skills require organisation and confidence. Being well presented in the workplace – in a presentation, in a meeting, during a discussion with a colleague or client is essential. She added if your career matters to you – develop your presentation skills! A presenter or staff member is given an added advantage over someone who is less than polished in public speaking (i.e. someone who actually avoids it like the plague), when he or she can get up and deliver a well-constructed, confident presentation in front of a group of colleagues.

Presentation skills and public speaking are a “learnt” skill – by working on these skills, the quiet and shy person can learn to present with confidence and evidentially “Find their voice”

Apple is acknowledged as offering leading edge technology and Steve Jobbs is often modeled as a superior presenter. If you are not the Apple of your industry just imagine how much better your presentations need to be. Business leaders are often expected to present their message with confidence and clarity to staff, clients, partners, investors and sometimes the public. Millions of dollars can ride on these presentations.
Developing good presentation skills is as important as gaining relevant experience in a business organization. Experience develops one’s wisdom; strengthens one’s knowledge, but in order to make it obvious, there is a need for powerful presentation. Though it is disappointing to note, but it’s a fact that there would be very low chances of success in terms of your professional growth and development in the future if you do not give a thought for developing your presentation skills.

If your objective is to climb the corporate ladder or work as a manager or supervisor, it is necessary to improve presentation skills. It must be noted that every profession requires leadership role and in order that an effective leadership role may be practiced, developing presentations skills is of obvious importance.

Good presentations skills are useful both internally and externally. Various tips were given by her to make the presentation effective.

The response of the students was overwhelming and encouraging. They were eager to learn and know the nuances of the particular subject. Their enthusiasm and interest is the gain and earning for us.
Workshop for Beginner and Advance Learners

English is a determinant of socio-economic status, and learning English can make some learners feel stigmatized. Exposure to English is also limited in rural India so learners lack an environment in which to practice and learn from their mistakes. The department of English provided the environment by organizing workshop for beginner and advance Learners from 5th December 2016 – 11th December. Mr. Praveen Tiwari, Raj Spoken Classes, Bhilai was the resource person. The Advance learner session was conducted from 11:00am to 01:00Pm .ADD-On students and B.A( Lit) Final year attended the session.

The Beginner Learner session was conducted from 02:00 PM to 04:00PM for the first year students.
He made the session interesting by including YouTube clippings, images, activities. Students were highly benefitted by the session.
Valedictory Function of Free Spoken English Class

The Valedictory function of the Free English Spoken Class was held on 6th January, 2017. With 60 students of the Course attending the function, Dr. R. N.Singh, Prinipal, Dr. Anita Singh, H.O.D, Dr. Neelu Shrivastava, Miss Roopali Burande participated in the function.

Presided over by Dr. R.Singh, the function began at 11 a.m. in the Smart Class of the B Block, with prayer by the students of M.A. English. While welcoming the participants, Dr. Anita Singh, mentioned the contribution that DMV is making to Spoken English a pioneer in the field of communication and said the Principal Dr. R.N.Singh has proved himself to be educational administrators of eminence.

The Principal, Dr. R.N.Singh, in his presidential remarks, referred to the importance of good communication skills which are indispensable for the success of any professional. If one wants to reach out to people, he or she has to speak their language. The English language, in particular, has become essential in the lives of young people who aspire to advance their careers anywhere in the world. English language learning has therefore become a must for any Indian student today.
In his valedictory, Prof. Singh spoke on the scope of the course as a professional one and appreciated DMV for being the only College here in offering the course. He also mentioned the keen interest that DMV has in the spread of awareness in new knowledge fields in the domain.

The Principal, Dr. R.N. Singh gave the students his best wishes and distributed the certificates. The valedictory session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Neelu Shrivastav, Asst. Prof. of English.
Report of National Seminar

Barriers to English Communication: Its Concepts and Problems

The maiden National Seminar of the department of English was a dream, which came true in a very successful manner. This two-day Seminar was inaugurated on 19th of January, 2017. The Chief Guest, Mr. Mukesh Bansal, Collector, Rajnandgaon, shared his personal experiences and the ways to overcome stage fear. He urged the youth to make a habit of reading English newspapers daily for at least an hour.

The Principal and Patron of the Seminar Dr. R.N. Singh sir conveyed his best wishes and greetings for the success of the Seminar. The convener of the Seminar Dr. Anita Shankar spoke about the objectives of the seminar. Dr. Neelu Shrivastava, the Organising Secretary of the Seminar was the anchor of both the sessions as well as the Inaugural Function.
The Souvenir was released by the distinguished guests.

The Plenary Sessions of the Seminar consisted of the brilliant and dazzling deliverances of eminent speakers like Dr. Jacqueline Amaral, Dr. G.A. Ghanshyam, Dr. Shukla Bannerjee, Dr. Savita Singh, Dr. Neelanjana Pathak & Dr. Sisirkana Bhattacharya. They all provided interesting insights into how misunderstandings between people occur because of faulty communications, role of a teacher and teachers’ associations in the continuous professional growth, especially in the context of English Language teaching and learning, use of play way, fun activity methods to overcome the barriers in the classroom, the need of adding soft skills to hand skills. They focused on how well planned bridges can result into win-win situations and optimizing the opportunities.

The technical sessions of the Seminar brought about 60 professors and 32 research scholars across the country to share their experiences and interact on what can be done to overcome the barriers of English Communication.

The Seminar left a significant impact on its audience. The most powerful messages were – “If you don’t have skills, the society kills.”, “Don’t build walls, build bridges”, “Thought without action is abortion” “Communication never breaks down, it’s only barriers”. The feedback of the seminar was very positive. Participants greatly enjoyed the opportunities to meet and interact with the splendid and illustrious resource persons and explore their ideas. It was a success due to joint efforts of organizers, participants, guest speakers and audience as well.
The Seminar concluded with certificate distribution and *The Seminar Report* presented by Dr. Rukhsana Khan.
Inauguration of Language Lab

The Language Lab was inaugurated by Mr. Madhusudan Yadav, Mayor, Rajnandgaon, on 16th February, 2017. Below is the transcript of the Welcome Address presented by Dr. R. N. Singh, Principal, Govt. D. M. V. Rajnandgaon.

Welcome Address by Dr. R. N. Singh.

Respected Mr. Madhusudan Yadav ji, Mayor, Rajnandgaon, all other dignitaries present here and the members of the Press, On behalf of Govt. D. M. V. it is my proud privilege to extend a very warm welcome to you all to this very momentous occasion in the history of our college.

Mr. M. S. Yadav, Sir, I thank you for having spared your very valuable time to grace us with your august presence here this morning. Your being here is a source of inspiration for us all. D. M. V. has always endeavored to provide its students with that little extra something which makes this college so unique and so sought after.

We understand better than anyone else the need for continuous improvement and innovation in knowledge disbursement. As our children conquer peak after challenging peak of success we deem it our duty to provide them with all the support in the form of state of the art infrastructure, providing them with challenging opportunities to test their mettle, and last but not the least, the required guidance and motivation in the form of reward and recognition. Good communication skills are indispensable for the success of any professional. If one wants to reach out to people, he or she has to speak their language. The English language, in particular, has become essential in the lives of young people who aspire to advance their careers anywhere in the world. English language learning has therefore become a must for any Indian student today.
Some highlights of the language laboratory are:

1. It is a tool designed for teaching any language.

2. It helps one to learn pronunciation, accent, stress and all other aspects of the phonetics of a language.

3. Effective communicative training programmes for the general public, private and corporate sectors, junior and senior level officers can be given through the lab.

4. Web-content creation, the setting up of in-house news magazines, corporate publicity and identity, and teaching materials can be generated through the language laboratory.

5. General documentation, software documentation and all forms of technical documentation can be done.

6. Experts can utilize the laboratory for creating and editing scientific and technical materials for teaching language.

7. The language laboratory enables one to conduct courses for various groups of people like students, faculties, businesspeople, etc.

8. Short-term and long-term coaching classes for international examinations like IELTS, TOEFL and other competitive examinations can be organized.

9. Online courses and paperless examinations can be conducted through the language laboratory.

As the ability to communicate effectively has become the prerequisite for anyone who ventures into a new profession, the need for developing such a skill is a much-felt phenomenon today.

Though the lab presents lot of advantages like independent learning, Joyful learning, auditory oriented, better attentions and interaction, self evaluation etc., it is still an expensive proposition. The institutions have invested in them for their students’ benefit.
Parent Teacher Meeting

The college has organized a Parent-teacher meeting on Saturday, 25th Feb. 2017 in college conference hall at 11:00AM. The main purpose of meet was to create a common platform, where teacher and parents come together to enrich the student’s educational experiences and discuss variety of issues, regarding all round development of students.

The meeting was organized under guidance and president ship of Principal Dr. R.N.Singh. Teachers and parents of M.A attended the meet.

The agenda of the meeting was

Welcome and introduction of teachers and parents.

To provide information about various student oriented activities and schemes run by college.

Suggestion from parents.

Any subject with permission of chair.
Parent teacher meeting was started with welcome address and introductory speech was proposed by Dr. Anita Shakar, H.O.D/coordinator of Parent Teacher Association, she explained how PTA can offer the best possible learning environment for the students.