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**Department of English**

The department of English has always been active in organizing various activities during different session. This session too, the series of activities began with tree plantation activity. On 15th July 2021, the students and teachers brought fruit tree saplings from home and planted them near New Rusa building.

On 23rd July 2021, the meeting of Board of Studies was conducted. The invited subject experts were Dr Mercy George, Dr. Ghanshyam & Dr. Rashmi Dubey. From this year one new Paper, Research Methodology has been introduced in M.A. Final year to inculcate research aptitude among students.

Teachers’ Day was celebrated on 6th September 2021 in the department. Cake was cut in the department and the students gifted some books to the department related to the syllabus.

Under Saturday activity series, Marathon reading was conducted for students on 9th October 2012. The selected essays of Charles Lamb, which is in the syllabus, were given to them to read aloud without pause. It gave a practice to students to make proper pronunciation of English.

Another Saturday activity organised for students was “Chew & View”. It was done on 23.10.21. The students watched the movie, “Guide” based on the famous novel of R.K. Narayan, prescribed in the syllabus.

On 30th October, Cleanliness activity was organised in the department. The students actively participated in the activity.

The Alumni Meet of the department was organised on 4th January 2022. All the pass out students of last 10 years were invited. Many students turned up and their presence made the meeting very pleasant. They shared their old memories of the department.

The department also organised Parents-Teachers Meet on the same day. The parents were satisfied with the teaching but they were worried about increase in the number of Covid-19 patients, which may lead to online classes again. They expressed satisfaction for the classes and activities conducted by the department to improve English Spoken Skills of the students.

The “Literary Association” of the students was formulated on 14th February 2022 and the office bearers were nominated as President, Vice President, Secretary and Joint Secretary. The first activity under Literary Association was a three days Workshop on “Communicative English” for the students of all streams. The resource person was Shri. Rishabh Manikpuri , the founder and Director of Bhasha Academy, Rajnandgaon.

On 17th February, 2022, an interdisciplinary lecture was on “Relationship between Geography and Literature”. The invited speaker was Dr Shuvendu Jenamani, the professor in Geography. He, in a very interesting manner, explained the geographical characteristics of Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland and Europe. He highlighted the flora and fauna, landscape and climate of England and other European countries and compared it with that of India.

On 24th February, 2022, first session, an Interdisciplinary lecture, the invited speaker was Prof. Mustafa Ansari, Asst. Prof in Computer Science was organised. He dealt with the artificial intelligence, its applications and its future prospects. On the same day another Interdisciplinary lecture was on “ Hindi Vyakaran Ka Mahatv” and the invited speaker was Prof. Kaushik Bishi. He focussed on the “Rasa” theory which is a part of the Critical Theory Paper of M.A. IV Semester.

Group discussion activity was organised for the PG Final year students by the department on 5th March 2022. President, Literary Association Miss Aishwarya Shrivastava conducted the activity. On the same day chew and view activity was organised for PG previous year students. The students watched movie Lords of the Flies which is based on the novel Lord of the Flies by William Golding. Students discussed about the difference in narratives of the movie and the fiction and also discussed about the characters

Under Saturday activity, the Story telling Competition was organised in the department for PG students. The students were given an image portraying a scene and they were told to write a story in not more than 300 words in half an hour.