

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

Department of English

In the month of June and July, in MA the first and third semesters, the admission work of the students was done and BA, BSc and BCom first year students were encouraged to take admission in add-on-course. There were about 185 students studying English Literature at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The first activity of the session was the meeting of Board of Studies, which was organised on 30/07/2019 at 12 noon in the English Department to review and redesign the syllabus of PG (MA English Literature), UG (BA, BSc, BCom, BCA) Foundation Course, BA English Literature; and Add-on-Course in spoken English and Creative Writing. The following board members were present in the meeting-

Chairman-	Dr Anita Shankar
Sub. Expert (VC Nominee)-	Dr. Mercy George
Sub. Expert (Principal Nominee)-	Dr Ghanshyam
Sub. Expert (Principal Nominee)-	Dr Rashmi Dubey
Advisory Member-	Dr Aaftaab Aman
Alumni Member –	Shri Chandan Soni



The department of English inaugurated its “Literary Association” on 20th September, 2019 and a Guest Lecture was organised on the occasion. The invited guest speaker was Prof I. D. Tiwari, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, CG.

The programme started with lighting of the lamp before the Goddess of Knowledge, Maa Saraswati by the guest speaker and all the members of the department. Then, Dr. Anita Shankar, the Head of the Department presented her welcome note. She also threw light on the objectives of the Literary Association.

It was followed by the declaration of the names of the office bearers of Literary Association by Dr. Neelu Shrivastava and their Oath Taking Ceremony.

President -	Miss Ranjana Ambade	M.A. III Semester
Vice President-	Miss Durgeshwari	M.A. I Semester
Secretary-	Miss Munira Haideri	M.A. III Semester
Joint Secretary-	Miss Shashi	M.A. I Semester
Treasurer-	Miss Siddhi Jain	BA II year

Thereafter, Dr. I. D. Tiwari delivered a profound lecture on “History of English Literature” and enlightened the students with it. Starting from Dark Age Dr. I. D. Tiwari dealt with different ages from Age of Chaucer to Victorian Age. He further focused on the Neo-classical, Restoration and the Romantic period. He further advised the students to read thoroughly about the cultural, social and political background of the age before reading any work of a particular author to fully enjoy the work. He also satisfied the queries of the students. He motivated the students to be a voracious reader to enhance their knowledge.

The programme was conducted by Miss. Ranjana Ambade and Miss Munira Haideri while the vote of thanks was proposed by Miss Siddhi Jain. All the faculty members; Dr. Neelu Shrivastava, Prof. Chandan Soni, Prof. Manjari Singh, Dr. Anita Saha and Mr. Leeladhar Sahu were present on the occasion.



On 05/09/2019 **Teacher's Day** was organised by students of English Department, in which the students presented books to the department as per the syllabus.

On 07/07/2019 the department of English organised **Marathan Reading**. All the students were provided with the essays of Charles Lamb prescribed in the syllabus and then they all together read the text aloud.



On 14/07/2019, the department organised the **chew & view** activity for the III & I semester students of the literature in which they watched the movie “The Guide” based on the novel of R K Narayan.



Under extension activity of English department, on 30/01/2020 all the students were taken to the Government Higher Secondary School, Tilai, Rajnandgaon; where the teachers and the students of the department explained the English Grammar in a very simple way to the students of the school. Head of the Department Dr Anita Shankar, highlighted the importance of English language along with Hindi and regional language.

Under the MoU the renowned Social Service Group of Rajnandgaon “Ek Kadam”, the students of PG along with Professor Chandan Soni contributed and participated in a program organised to save environment by discouraging the use of plastic bags and using homemade fabric bags. A stall for reasonable price cloth bags was opened in the vegetable market. The programme was executed by the Commissioner of Nagar Nigam Rajnandgaon.



Alumni Meet was organised by the department on 01/02/2020. The alumni shared their experiences as few of them are posted in some govt. schools as teachers and few are working as Guest lecturers in different Government colleges in Chhattisgarh.



On the same day on 01/02/2020, Parent-Teacher meeting was organised by the department. The parents of MA previous year were concerned about spoken skills of their wards and Dr. Anita Shankar, Head of the department informed them that for this purpose only, the department has opened Add-on Course for the PG students also. The meeting was fruitful as the parents got answers to their queries.



Another important event was PG students' participation in a Two Days International Conference on "Oral Culture in the Tribes of Chhattisgarh and first Nations of Canada" organised by Department of English, Indira Kala Sangit Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh on 28-29 February 2020.

Achievements:

1. Ranjana Ambade, MA third semester was awarded UGC-NET in the first attempt.
2. Krishnakant, MA first semester student was selected for the national NSS camp.
3. Mr. Leeladhar Sahu has been appointed as Translator in High Court, Bilaspur.

Publications: