

JSS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, CHAMARAJANAGAR-571313

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

DEPARTMENT REPORT - ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

The Department of English has an illustrious record of being one of the pioneer faculties of the college. Learned teachers with holistic attitude meticulously nurtured the Department right from its nascent stage. The Department of English is aware of the Challenges it has to surmount; as catchment area of the college is predominantly rural in nature. Majority of the pupils are from Kannada medium background with an inbuilt aversion to English language. Student's knowledge of English being extremely low, the department has its task cut out. However, the department has evolved an action plan to enhance the confidence and competence of the students by improving their English language skills.

The department took active participation in all the activities of the college. The faculty members are a part and parcel of all the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of the college either as co-ordinators or member of various committees. Dr. Poornima M worked as the co-ordinator of the NAAC steering committee of the college. She is also an active member of IQAC. Dr. Poornima M worked as a member of BOE in English-UG, University of Mysore, Mysuru. Yogesh M worked as a member in 'Suvarna' College magazine.

Dr. Poornima M and Sri Jayaramu, Asst. Prof. attended a One-Day Workshop on: **"Curriculum Development for Undergraduate English Courses"** held at Maharaja's College, Mysuru, on 16th January, 2018. Dr. Poornima M has prepared Reference material for English Text Book on the poem "Ajamil" by Arun Kolkatkar for academic year 2018-19 onwards for UG, University of Mysore, Mysuru. Sri Jayaramu has prepared Reference material for English Text Book on the poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear" by Rabindranath Tagore for academic year 2018-19 onwards for UG, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

The department has been regularly conducting special coaching classes in English with an emphasis on grammar and communicative English. Spoken English

Classes are conducted regularly by experienced teachers and other resource persons to make the students especially the rural background students to learn English language. On 14th July 2017 a special **Demo Class on spoken English** by **Prerana Academy**, Chamarajanagar was organised. On behalf of Prerana Enterprises, Mr. Prakash Kumar M, Retired Lecturer and Former Academic Director, BEISA International Institute of English, gave a demonstration on Communication Skills and a simple and easy method of acquiring English Language speaking skills to the students to empower themselves in the communication skills.

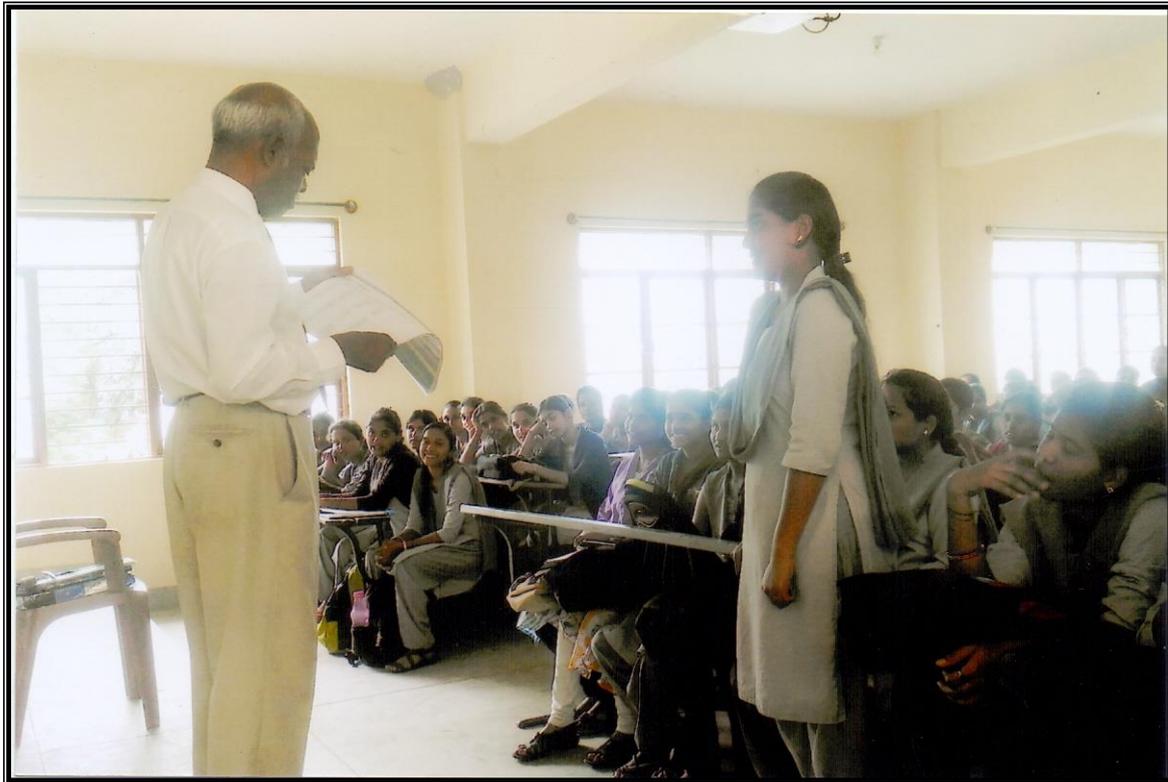
Language Lab Classes are also conducted regularly to enable the students to practice to speak English language. To enhance language skills a new software on **“Soft skills and Personality Development”** by Young India Films has been installed at the cost of Rs.1,51,000. This new software enables 30 students to learn and practice English Language skills in 30 hours. Language Lab classes are conducted for first year degree students. Students are advised to attend the class according to batch wise time table.

To enhance learning skills of the students the Department arranged the screening of the film “The Tempest” based on the Shakespearian play by the same name. The students of IV semester BA and B.Sc. had the advantage of watching this text based film show. The film facilitated the students to have a better understanding of the text with a visual effect. Watching of the film made the students to analyse the plot, structure and characters of the play in a different perspective. The students not only enjoyed watching the film but also had a deeper understanding of the play. The film was screened in the college seminar hall on 19th and 22nd February, 2018 for IV semester B.Sc. and BA students respectively. The faculty members of the department were also present in the seminar hall for the successful screening of the film.

- Faculty members:**
1. Dr. Poornima M
 2. Yogesh M
 3. Mahadevaswamy M
 4. Jayaramu

A special demo session on Spoken English organised on 14th July, 2017





Language lab classes to the students

