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Report of the Refresher Course in English

27.08.2014 to 16.09.2014.

The Refresher Course in English was organized by the UGC – Academic Staff College, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli from 27.08.2014 to 16.09.2014. The theme of the Refresher Course was on “The Recent Trends in African, American, and Canadian Literatures.” Dr. V. Vinod Kumar, Associate Professor of English, served as the Coordinator of the Refresher Course.

In this Course, 33 participants from English Departments from various institutions participated. The composition of the participants is as follows: 1 from the Bharathidasan University Department, 3 from the Bharathidasan University Constituent Colleges, 23 from the Colleges affiliated to the Bharathidasan University, 3 from Engineering Colleges affiliated to Anna University (Chennai), and 1 each from colleges affiliated to Tiruvalluvar, Madurai Kamaraj, and Manonmaniam Sundaranar Universities.

The Inaugural Function was held on 27.08.2014. Syndicate Members, Dr. Ramesh and Dr. Selvanayagam participated. Dr. M. Selvam, Director i/c, welcomed the gathering and presented the objectives of the Course. Dr. Ramesh delivered the inaugural address in which he stressed the importance of the role of the Academic Staff Colleges in developing Language Skills among the teachers. Dr. Selvanayagam delivered the presidential address in which he focused on value education among the teachers and the role of the teachers in the society. Dr. U. Alibava and Dr. V. Vinod Kumar, the Coordinators of the Refresher Courses in Tamil and English respectively, presented the themes of the Courses. Dr. J. Chandrakala, Assistant Professor and Co-Coordinator of Refresher Course in Tamil, delivered the Vote of Thanks.

The regular sessions in English began from the afternoon of 27.08.2014 and the resource persons from various institutions both within Tamil Nadu and outside Tamil Nadu were invited to deliver lectures related to the theme of the Refresher Course. The broad spectrum of the title of the Refresher Course “Recent Trends in African, American, and Canadian Literatures” could be divided into American, African American, Native American, Jewish American, Mainstream Canadian, Native Canadian, and African Literatures and the Resource Persons delivered their lectures in all these areas. Invariably all the Resource Persons stressed the impact of multi-ethnicity in these literatures and the need to have new approaches in understanding these literatures from their cultural point of view.

Assignments were given and a seminar was conducted to all the participants to assess their renewed interest and understanding of the central focus of the course. Also a Multiple Choice Question Test was conducted from the areas focused by the Resource Persons.

After a brief photo session in the afternoon of 16.09.2014, the Valedictory Function is being held with Dr. E. Ramganes, Registrar i/c and Dr. K. Sekar, Syndicate Member, as Chief Guests of the occasion.