

## **Report of the Refresher Course in English**

**12/05/2022 to 25/05/2022.**

The Refresher Course in English was organized virtually through Google Meet by the University Grants Commission –Human Resource Development Centre, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli from 12th May 24, 2022 to 25th May, 2022. The Refresher Course was titled “English Language and Literature.” The Batch II of the Refresher Course was coordinated by Dr. D. Laura Dameris Chellajothi, Associate Professor, Department of English, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

In this Refresher Course, there were forty-three participants from various institutions belonging to the Department of English. The composition consists of forty-one participants from Tamil Nadu, one from Andhra Pradesh and one from Karnataka. The Resource persons with outstanding expertise were invited to the forum from Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh to throw light on different areas of language and literature.

The Inaugural Function was held on the forenoon of 12th May, 2022. Dr. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Dr. S. Senthilnathan, Director, HRDC, Bharathidasan University joined the virtual platform and graced the occasion. Dr. S. Senthilnathan, Director of Human Resource Development Centre, briefed the rules and regulations of the programme. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. D. Laura Dameris Chellajothi, Associate Professor, Department of English, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. Dr. M. Selvam, Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University delivered the inaugural address. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. J. Chandrakala, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, Bharathidasan University.



12th May, 2022- The afternoon session was handled by Dr. E. Bennet, Associate Professor, Department of English, National College, Trichy elaborated on the title “From Modernist Era to Post- Truth Society- A Critical Survey.”

13th May, 2022- Dr. Ajay S Sekher, Assistant Professor, Department of English, SS University, Kalady in the forenoon delivered a lecture titled “Tamil and Dravidian Cultural Foundations of South Indian Renaissance and Modernity: Ayyothee Thasar and Narayana Guru.” In the afternoon, Dr. R.Jeyapragash, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichy spoke on the topic ‘Search techniques, scholarly resources for teaching and Research’ and ‘Publication metrics.’

14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – In the forenoon, Dr. S.Prabhakar, Professor, Department of English, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli gave a lecture on “Prior Knowledge and Second Language Acquisition.” Dr. Elango, Professor, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai shed light on the topic “Contextualizing & Contemporising Shakespeare in Classroom, Contemporary Indian Theatre” in the afternoon session.

15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – As part of the refresher course the participants were given time to work on Seminar Presentation, Research Project Proposal and also to prepare for the test.

16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – In the first half of the day, Dr. T. Marx, Professor and Head, Department of English, Pondicherry University, Puducherry illuminated on the topic “Marxism and Literature: Refashioning the Orient: Post War Aberrations and Literary Responses.”

Dr.Kamala Devi, Assistant Professor, Sri Saratha College of Education, Salem elaborated on “Interactive online tools for English Classroom Gamification of Evaluation- Wish of the Digital Natives” in the second half of the day.





17<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – In the morning session, Dr. R. Ranjini Selvarani, Assistant Professor, Government Arts College, Coimbatore gave a thought provoking talk on “Magical Realism and its Multiple Implications: An Inquiry.” The afternoon session was engaged by Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul who spoke about “Derrida and Deconstruction, Critiquing the Canon”

18<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 - Dr.Gullapalli Srilatha, Associate Professor, P.B.Siddhartha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada discussed the topic “Australian Aborigines – A Stolen Generations” in the first half of the morning session. As a part of the evaluation process, a test was conducted in the second half of the morning session. Dr. Mary Jayanthi, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Holy Cross College, Trichy gave a talk on “Pedagogy to Andragogy in the English Classroom.”

19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 - Dr.Kunhammad K.K., Assistant Professor, Kannur University, Kerala delivered an introductory lecture on “Trauma Theory & Testimonial Criticism: An Introduction” The first half of the afternoon session was handled by G. Sadhana, Assistant Professor, Queen Mary’s College, Chennai talked about “An Overview of Canadian Literature” and Dr. Preethi Srinivasan, Head, Department of English, Queen Mary’s College, Chennai spoke on “Life Writing and “Other Literacies” in the second half.

20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – In the first half of the morning session, Dr.N. Devaki, Assistant professor in Education, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul gave an engaging lecture on the title “Pedagogical innovations in ELT.” In the second half, Dr. Muthukumar M, Assistant Professor of English, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Kanpur gave an introductory lecture on the title “Literatures from Northeast India: An Introduction.” In the afternoon, as a part of evaluation, ten minutes were allocated to each participant and another set of fifteen participants presented their lecture in which Dr. K. Suganthi, Assistant



Professor, Holy Cross College, Trichy served as the chairperson and assessed the performance of the participants.

21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 – Dr. H. Kalpana Rao, Professor, Department of English, Pondicherry University, Puducherry delivered a lecture on “Spatial Studies” in the morning session. The post-lunch session was allotted for the evaluation. Ten minutes were allocated to each participant and fifteen participants presented their lecture. In which, Dr. Shobana, Head & Associate Professor of English, PG & Research Department of English, Bishop Heber College, Trichy served as the chairperson and assessed the performance of the participants.

22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022 - As part of the refresher course the participants were given time to work on Seminar Presentation, Research Project Proposal and also to prepare for the test.

23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 – In the first half of the day, Dr. Arunlal, Assistant Professor, Government College, Mokeri, Kerala spoke on “Theories of Fiction: the Bakhtin Turn and Further.”

In the second half of the day, Dr. Mary Magdalene Abraham, Associate Professor, Department of English, Fatima College, Madurai gave a thought provoking lecture titled “Understanding Gender.”

24<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – In the Forenoon, Dr. G. Sundar, Director, Roja Muthiah Research Library, Tharamani, Chennai stressed the importance of archiving in his lecture titled “Archiving the Print Tradition of South India.” The second half of the day was allotted for evaluation, ten minutes was allocated to each participant and fifteen participants presented their lecture. In which, Dr. K. T. Tamilmani, Associate Professor & Head, Department of English, Nehru Memorial College, Trichy, served as the chairperson and assessed the performance of the participants.





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25th May, 2022 – In the first half of the morning session, Dr. D. Laura Dameris Chellajothi, Associate professor, Department of English, Bharathidasan University delivered a lecture on “Fallacies in Research Writing.” As a part of the evaluation process, a test was conducted in the second half. In the afternoon, an open session was allocated for discussions and resolutions. The participants actively participated and provided their valuable input. Dr. Aparna initiated the discussion on how to streamline English learners of all disciplines in her college. Dr. Ashita Chandran of Women’s Christian College, shared how they have successfully streamlined different levels of English learners for the past 20 years. They then decided to collaborate and share the English learning expertise. Some of the participants have decided to adopt the rural libraries near to their institutions and make this one of the best practices of their college. nearer to their location. Dr. Amutha shared her experience that they had started in Auxilium College, Vellore of loaning and keeping books in autos for dissemination of knowledge. The open session was very productive and fruitful as participants have resolved to work on the inputs that they had received from the Refresher Course

The Refresher Course came to a fitting end with the Controller of Examinations and Librarian presenting the Valedictory address and Dr. Vinod Kumar, Prof and Head, Department of English, offered his felicitations. The 14 day Refresher Course came to an end, with the vote of thanks by Dr. Angkayarkan Vinayaka Selvi, Associate Professor, Department of English and



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