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Wordplay Challenge

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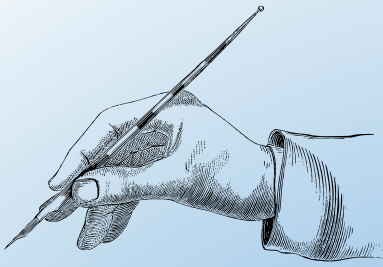
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Message Corner



Dr. T. V. Gopal

Dean, CET

It is my pleasure to greet you on the occasion of the launch of EFL Vantage. First, I would like to acknowledge the department's incredible team and partners who are transforming the lives of students through creativity in their pursuit of excellence at SRM. As a team, they have consistently shown support not only for the University's strategic priorities of education but also for the holistic development of students at the academic, professional and personal levels.

As an institution, we enter into new, innovative and creative strategies and models to ensure a sustainable and successful future. Over the next few years, as we focus on growth and sustainable development, one of our visions for SRM is international collaborations and student engagement.

We appreciate the dedication and excellence of those who have worked behind this venture. Building relationships with our students through communication and providing them with opportunities to build relationships with each other and the community is at the heart of every initiative of the Department of EFL.

I am optimistic and excited about the prospects of what we will accomplish together in the years to come.

I am happy that the Department of English and Foreign Languages is bringing its biannual newsletter - EFL Vantage, which will follow all the department's activities, programmes and initiatives. The Languages department is vital in SRMIST as they arm the students with skills necessary for their career and future.

At every dawn, a new challenge awaits, and the Department of English and Foreign Languages ensures that language doesn't become a challenge. There is a paradigm shift in the global work culture, and being equipped with proficient English and foreign languages is a prerequisite for excellence in today's competitive world.

The Department of English and Foreign Languages continues to create spaces for creativity, and the efforts will also bring out the humane side of us. The newsletter will undoubtedly become a must-read chronicle of events on our campus.



Dr. D. John Thiruvadigal

Chairperson, School of Sciences



The EFL EFFECT

The Department of English was established in 1985, and over the years, we have continuously evolved and expanded our programs to meet the changing needs of our students. We have introduced new courses, updated our curriculum, and implemented new teaching methods to ensure that our students receive the best possible education. It is a proud fact that from the humble beginning of offering just English language, on date the department offers six other foreign languages too - German, Japanese, French, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish...and counting.

Being in the teaching community, we keep ourselves abreast of the changes around the world. But in the last few years, especially the last few months, the changes we see around us are dramatically dynamic. And these changes, being quite heavy, are greatly impacting our lives, especially on the EQ. We have lost the small niceties of humaneness to what we have identified as "development" (misplaced). We have forgotten the art of smiling, appreciation, reciprocation, gratitude, sincerity, honesty, beauty, concern, compassion, kindness, unconditional love, self-respect, and congeniality – the simple feelings that prove we are humans, greatly different from other beings. George Orwell, through his astounding work 1984, had announced the kind of world that would stare at us much ahead of his times, but there was always a doubt about the role of literature. Literature has always done its best to guide, direct and warn the human clan, but we always chose to look the other way, busy creating as many 'Frankenstein' as possible.

"Literature adds to reality; it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become", C.S. Lewis. This is the connection that can be seen as one of the upsides to getting back to the brighter side of life because language connects, almost like the umbilical cord. And reinventing this connection is something that the Department of English and Foreign Languages is planning, which could initiate a shift, possible only by bringing in a balanced system of learning.

This year (2022-'23), we thought of taking a different course so that we could start focussing on adding value through language learning. In this regard, the department has taken a few initiatives, of which I would like to mention five, the most notable ones:

First was the effort to rediscover the **art of reading**. We all would agree in one voice that 'Reading' is the magic wand that can turn around and get us into actual associations. To inculcate and encourage reading habits among the first-year B.Tech students, we decided to include five texts in the extra reading list for the academic year 2022- '23. These books have been carefully selected to provide students with diverse perspectives on various topics and genres.

1. *Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life* - Francesc Miralles and Hector Garcia
2. *Small is Beautiful: A Study of Economics As If People Mattered* - E. F. Schumacher
3. *The Metamorphosis* - Franz Kafka
4. *Nine Mile Walk* - Harry Kemelman
5. *The Nine Billion Names of God* - Arthur C. Clarke

Studies have shown that reading for pleasure can have numerous benefits, including improving cognitive function, enhancing empathy, understanding, and reducing stress levels. Based on the feedback collected by the department, approximately 60% of first-year B.Tech students have already started reading these books. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of students participating in book clubs and discussion groups related to these books. This suggests that the inclusion of these books in the extra reading list has been successful in promoting this culture, which has been on the way to the exit.

The second effort from EFL, which needs special mention, is the introduction of **Project Based Learning (PBL)** for the B.Tech students in the Foreign Language Learning program. Under the PBL approach, students work in groups to solve real-world problems using the skills and knowledge they have acquired in the course. This approach encourages students to take responsibility for their learning, work collaboratively with their peers, and develop skills that are highly valued in the workforce.

Not only employers but society and our nation today are also looking for graduates who possess a range of skills, including problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills, which are all developed through the PBL approach. Furthermore, it can be added that the students who participated in PBL projects reported higher levels of satisfaction in their learning experiences with increased engagement, motivation, and sense of achievement.

Third is the rise of the **English Association - Zephyr**, the Literary Guild, a student organisation by the Department of English and Foreign Languages providing the students a platform to explore their interests and showcase their talents in literature and writing. The association hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including writing workshops, book clubs, open mic nights, and poetry readings. One of the main goals of Zephyr is to provide a space where students can develop their writing skills and receive feedback from their peers, thus enabling them in a supportive and inspiring community to explore their interests and talents related to languages.

The fourth is the introduction of the **Scholars' Meet** for research scholars to share their ideas and information. The department understands the importance of creating an environment that fosters scholarly collaboration, an opportunity for them to present their research, receive constructive feedback, and learn from each other. Such an informal platform allows research scholars to expand their knowledge base, identify new research questions, and develop novel research methodologies.

Workshops for research scholars are also conducted under this program to provide them with training on research methodologies, data analysis, academic writing, and presentation skills. These workshops are led by experts in the field who provide hands-on training and mentorship to the research scholars.

The program has increased great confidence, interactions and collaborations among the scholars and will surely impact quality research publications. The department plans to continue organising these programs and workshops to foster a culture of research excellence among its scholars.

EFL Vantage is the fifth one, keeping in line with the motto of the department - discover, discuss and disseminate. The written word being the most valuable resource and record for disseminating information about the achievements of students, faculty, and the department, intertwined with articles on language, literature, culture, and upcoming events – saw the birth of the newsletter.

This being the first edition, contains a record of the activities of the current and the last semester. The newsletter features articles on language, literature, and culture, with an aim to educate and engage readers. The department aims to expand the horizons of the newsletter in a few years to make it a celebration among the student and faculty community and plans to continue publishing the newsletter and intensifying its reach to a wider audience in the future.

Largely, the Department of English and Foreign Languages has played a significant role in the development and growth of SRMIST, and it will continue to be a vibrant and dynamic part of the University community. Heartfelt thanks to every soul and well-wisher that has helped in paving its way to the present form. We are proud of our accomplishments over the years and look forward to continuing to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our students.

I would like to thank the management of this human institution SRMIST, the leadership of Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan, the honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, respected Registrar, Dr. T. V. Gopal, Dean CET, to have given this intellectual freedom to excel, expand experiences and understand the world through languages, so that EFL can touch and transform lives into simple and beautiful stories to cherish.



Dr. L. Kavitha Nair
Professor and Head
Department of EFL

*"The beauty of a language lies in the way
it can express complex ideas with
simplicity."
-Rabindranath Tagore*



Articles



Books



Patents



New Research Scholars

Research Articles

The faculty members have produced more than ten paper publications across different platforms, including Scopus, Springer Nature, Web of Science, UGC Care, and others. Among these, research papers featured in Scopus Indexed Journals include "Sanshodhak", "Journal of Positive School Psychology", "International Journal of Health Science", and "Computer Assisted Language Learning Electronic Journal".

Additionally, faculty members have also published their works in other journals, such as "Language in India," "International Journal of Scientific Organisation," "International Journal of E-Adoption," "Journal of Psychology," and "International Journal of Innovative Research and Advanced Studies".

These publications have explored various research areas, including the effectiveness of teaching and reading comprehension, strategy-based instruction for reading comprehension, developing vocabulary through web-based and mobile-based learning, mass media and health benefits, integrated flipped learning, heterosexuality and queer trauma, the study of auteur theory, the impact of social media platforms, echoes of chaos, mental fitness, pragmatic analysis, and sports psychology, among others.

Books

Several books have been published on topics such as Communication Skills, Research Methodology, Nuances of Research in Education, Arts and Social Sciences, and Business Communication. These books cover various themes that the authors have researched and published. The themes discussed in these books include the different dimensions and purposes of communication, professional skills required for effective communication, and in-depth analysis of research methodology.

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1.	Dr. L. Kavitha Nair	3
2.	Dr. P. Tamilarasan	7
3.	Dr. M. Subbulakshmi	2
4.	Dr. A. Poongodi	1
5.	Dr. S. Ramya	1
6.	Dr. S. Mahadevan	1

S. No	Authors	No. of Books Published
1.	Dr. P. Tamilarasan	3
2.	Dr. K. Maragathavel	1
3.	Dr. S. Mahadevan	1
4.	Dr. S. Horizan Prasanna Kumar	1
5.	Dr. V. Karunanithi	1

Patents

Three faculty members have secured a patent on the topic of 'The Importance of Interpersonal Communication in Business'.

New Research Scholars

The department witnessed the admission of sixteen enthusiastic research scholars for the academic year 2023-'24. These scholars have proposed a diverse range of fascinating research areas such as Game Theory in Literature, Galician Literature, Graphic Novels-Cultural Studies, Indian Mythology and Narratology, Gender Studies, Comparative Literature, ELT, Diaspora, Ecocriticism, Study of Race and Culture, Gothic Literature, Literary Criticism, Subaltern Literature, and Post-colonial Literature.

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PhD Orientation



The department of EFL took a groundbreaking decision to conduct an orientation program for the new scholars. The Research Coordinators, Dr. K. R. Soundarya and Dr. K. Ezhil, who are also faculty members, spearheaded the organisation of the orientation programme for the calendar year 2023-'24. The programme was held on 06.01.2023 at 2:00 pm in the well-equipped conference hall, UB 1118.

Dr. K. Ezhil, Assistant Professor, extended a warm welcome to the DRCC chairperson, team members and the new bunch of 16 research scholars. The HoD and the DRCC Chairperson, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, addressed the gathering, emphasising the importance of quality research and the absolute need for discipline and dedication. Dr. K. R. Soundarya, Assistant Professor, provided detailed information on research processes and the time frame involved, from the commencement of the research journey to the viva-voce. Dr. S. Ramya shared her insights on the various co-curricular activities such as conferences, workshops, seminars and webinars, and on the significance of publications. The Research Coordinators concluded the orientation programme with a formal end note and expressed their gratitude to the HoD and the members for their invaluable support.

In summary, the message of the orientation program could be best described in the words of Sam Levenson,

"Don't watch the clock; do what it does. Keep going."

A Walk through EFL CONCLAVE

Discover, Discuss and Disseminate



In the Fall of 2022, the Department of English and Foreign Languages established a platform to explore, exchange, and propagate knowledge. EFL Conclave aims to explore the depths of languages and literature, discuss emerging trends in teaching and research, and disseminate knowledge across generations. The EFL Conclave is eager to collaborate with research bodies and individuals to facilitate quality research and discussions. The EFL Conclave has planned diverse events such as TEDx talks, summits, book launches, verse slams, inclusive talks, 'lit-athon', 'ling-athon', and other innovative and sustainable initiatives. The EFL Conclave is dedicated to creating a sense of camaraderie and strongly believes that the research community, through collaborative efforts, can grow, evolve and emerge as a dynamic platform for discovering knowledge.

Webinar Series



Webinar Series



Seminar Series



Workshops



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Talk Series



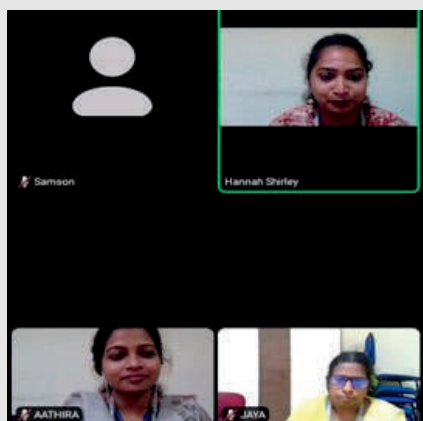
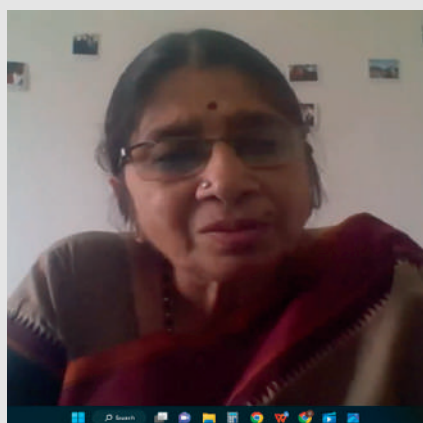
Scholars' Meet

WEBINAR SERIES 1.0 SESSION 1

Ms. Hannah Shirley M, an EFL research scholar, commenced the first session of the webinar series of the EFL Conclave on the Zoom platform at 1:30 p.m. She welcomed the keynote speaker, **Dr. Maya Rathnasabapathy, an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai, and a visiting faculty at IIT-Madras.** Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, the Head of the Department, EFL, CET, SRMIST, addressed the gathering, and Ms. Aathira A S introduced the keynote speaker.

Dr. Maya Rathnasabapathy spoke on the topic of **"Research - Boundless...Mindful...Inquiry..."**, sharing her knowledge and insights into the research process, including topic selection, the importance of the chosen area, and the meticulous practice of reading. She presented real-life experiences and discussed common issues that arose during the research period, emphasising the consistency required of researchers throughout their tenure and the utilisation of limitless online and offline resources.

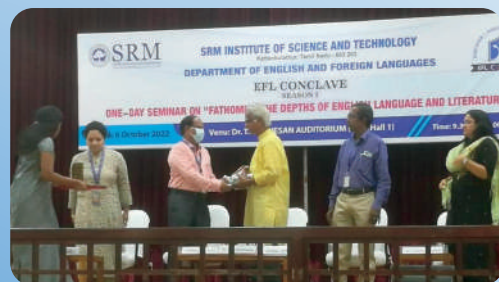
The keynote speech was followed by a Q&A session, with participants raising and discussing interdisciplinary areas of study. The feedback link for the session was then posted, and Ms. Raya Ali, a research scholar, proposed concluding remarks to mark the end of the session.



Seminar Series

Fathoming the Depths of English Language and Literature

The event gloriously started with Tamizh Thaa Vaazhthu in the Mini Hall I and Dr. K. R. Soundarya introduced **EFL Conclave** – an initiative from the Department of English and Foreign Languages. Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, Prof. & Head, Dept. of EFL, gave the welcome address, followed by the inaugural Address by **Dr. D. John Thiruvadigal, Chairperson, School of Sciences**, in praise of the Department's initiative on formulating the idea of EFL Conclave and as well reiterated the importance of literature in life. **Dr. T. V. Gopal, Dean, College of Engineering and Technology**, gave the Presidential address, where he stressed on the importance of language in life and literature's influence on life. He congratulated the team for bringing in and materialising EFL Conclave. A formal Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. K. Ezhil, Assistant Professor, EFL, thanking the gathering for joining this journey of discovering, discussing and disseminating.



Workshop Series

The Nuances of Academic Writing: A Skill-based Workshop for Research Scholars

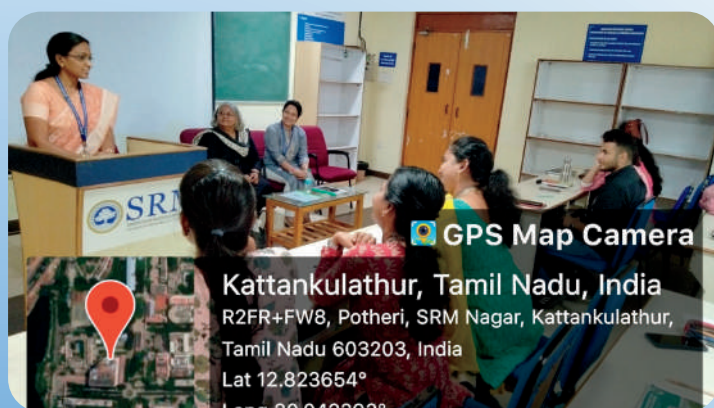
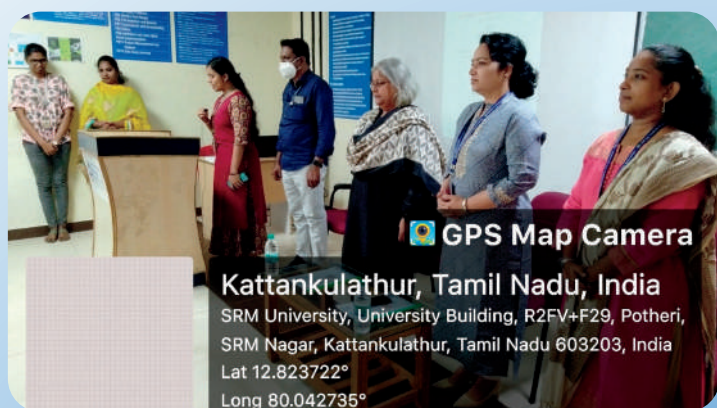


A one-day workshop on **The Nuances of Academic Writing: A Skill-based Workshop for Research Scholars** for Ph.D Scholars on the 9th of February, 2023, was organised and **Dr. Annie Kuriachen, Associate Professor and Head, Department of English, Women's Christian College, Chennai** was the Resource Person for the workshop.

The workshop commenced at 10:00 am with the rendition of Tamil Thai Vazhthu by Ms. S. Aarthimeena, research scholar, EFL, SRMIST. Dr. Horizon Prasanna Kumar, Assistant Professor delivered the welcome address, while Mr. Moustafa Armnazi, a research scholar introduced the Resource Person.

During the session, Dr. Annie Kuriachen discussed the outline to be followed while writing an article or thesis. The scholars were guided to try their hand at concept mapping to draw an outline of a topic. She also conducted a small debate to explain how to draw arguments from an issue. Additionally, she provided the scholars with a checklist to self-assess and validate the novelty of any research idea.

The scholars clarified their queries and provided their feedback, and the event concluded at 2.50 pm with Dr. A. Poongodi, Assistant Professor at the Department of EFL, SRMIST, proposing the Vote of Thanks.



FDP

Six-Day Online FDP on “Integrating the Contemporary Discourses in English Language and Literature Studies”



On behalf of English Conclave, the Department of English and Foreign Languages conducted a **Six-Day Online Faculty Development Programme on Integrating the Contemporary Discourses in English Language and Literature Studies** from 17 December 2022 to 23 December 2022. Twelve resource persons from India's premier institutions addressed various topics, enhancing teachers' and scholars' knowledge and expertise. Moreover, it provided a firm understanding of the emerging trends and techniques in language studies and literature for advancing and developing the teaching & research communities. The programme was graced with the successful participation and meaningful interaction of 170 participants.

Talk Series

Talk Series 1.1

Talk Series 1.1, as part of the EFL Conclave, commenced at 3:00 pm on October 28, 2022.

Ms. Hannah Shirley M, Research Scholar, welcomed the Chief Guest, **Prof. Dr. B. Neppolian, Dean (Research)**, SRMIST, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, Professor and Head, EFL, and Dr. P. Tamilarasan, Associate Professor, EFL, and the gathering.

Dr. L. Kavitha Nair addressed the gathering and introduced the series. The Talk Series #1 also marked the inauguration of the **Scholars' Meet**, an informal regular discussion among research scholars. During his speech, Prof. Dr. B. Neppolian shared his experiences of research and publication ethics from his time abroad in South Korea, Australia, and the United States of America. He emphasized the importance of inculcating these work ethics among research scholars to promote efficient outcomes and encouraged scholars to publish their work in high impact factor journals and aim for a greater number of publications.

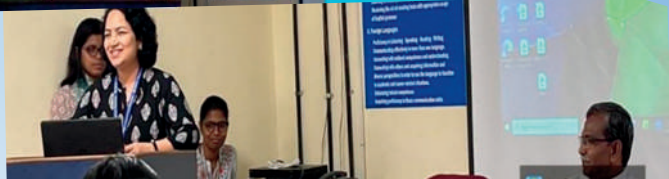
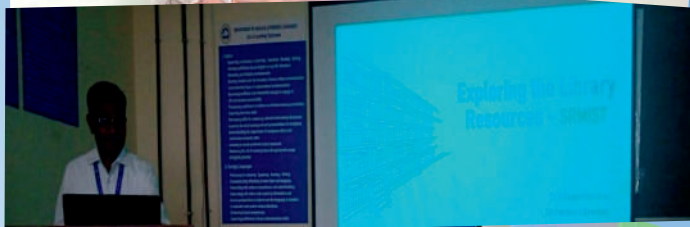


Talk Series 1.2

The Talk Series 1.2 began at 11:00 am with Thamizh Thai Vazhthu, after which Ms. Hasini Raj I, Research Scholar, welcomed the Chief Guest **Dr. P. Rajendran, University Librarian, Central University Library, SRM IST-KTR**, and

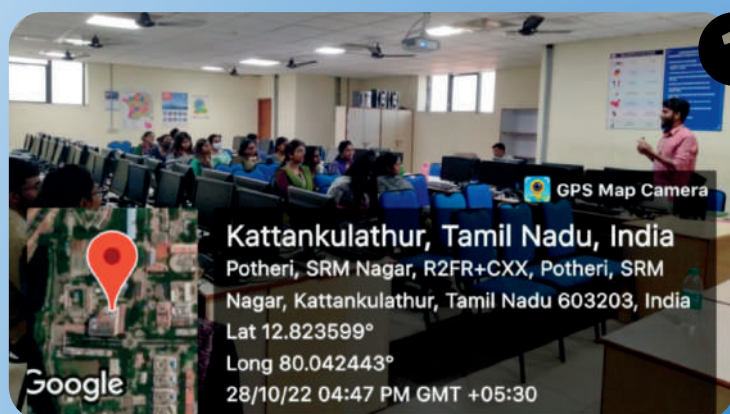
Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, Professor and Head of the Department. Dr. L. Kavitha Nair addressed the gathering emphasising the importance of the Library and its services in the research journey.

Prof. Dr. P. Rajendran graced the scholarly event, which is under the ambit of the EFL Conclave. Under the title, **Exploring the Repository of Information: The Library**, he enlisted various support and services provided by the University Library, including many e-resources via the Internet and Intranet. He also clarified the queries of the participants regarding library resources for research purposes. The session ended with Ms. Hasini Raj, research scholar, proposing the vote of thanks at 12:45 pm.



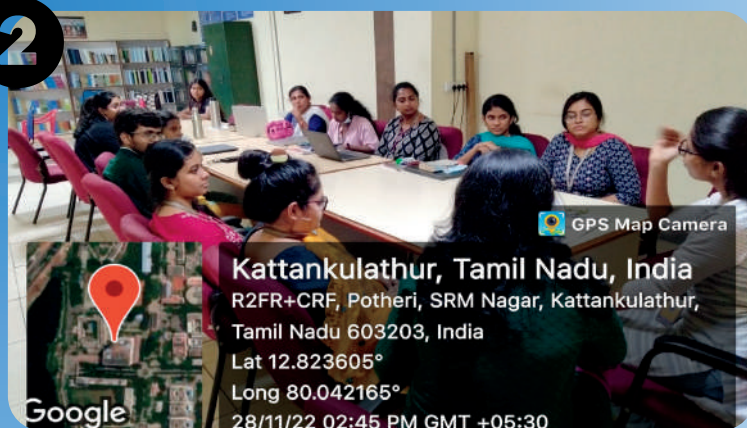
Scholars' Meet

The concept of 'Scholars' Meet', aims to establish a positive and productive environment for young minds to engage in open discussions. Starting in October 2022, the scholars of the Department of English and Foreign Languages will convene Scholars' meet once a month, where one of them will present their ideas on a specific topic related to English literature, language, ELT or any related field. Following the presentation, an informal discussion will ensue, allowing for an exchange of ideas. The primary objective of this initiative is to provide scholars with a safe space where they can freely discuss and debate ideas while gaining mutual learning experiences. Moreover, this platform will help scholars improve their public speaking skills and learn to receive counterarguments and criticism constructively.



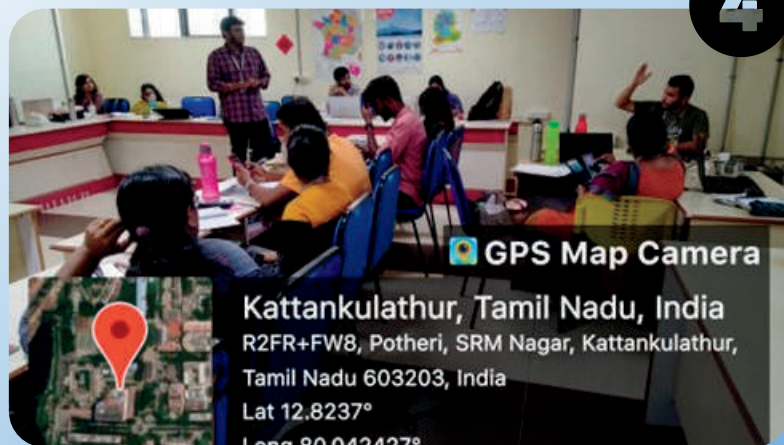
Mr. Nirmal Kumar's talk on **Finding the Right Journal** detailed on various parameters to assess a journal before considering it for publication and how to approach the process of publication.

Ms. K Eswari Sudha, Research Scholar, shared her knowledge on citations under the title, **Tips to improve the number of citations in research articles**. She detailed on the inclusion of citations in each section of a research article from title to conclusion. She also hinted on avoiding desk rejection, reasoning a lesser number of citations.



Ms. Aathira A S, Research Scholar, shared her knowledge on **The Research Prospects of Skin and Literature**. She described and initiated a discussion on the powers of skin as a substance, vehicle and metaphor. The various social, cultural and literary meanings of skin and its significance in literature were elaborated. The examples of different theoretical concepts were listed from various works of fiction.

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Mr. G Akil Raj, Research Scholar, shared his knowledge on **An Introduction to Theatre Semiotics**. He differentiated Theatre Semiotics from Theatre Semantics. He explained that theatre semiotics focuses on 1) Theatre as a sign system, 2) Stage-centred reading, and 3) Denotation/connotation dialectics. Citing that theatre in itself is a discourse, he pinned the facts of employing and exploiting body, voice and space on stage.

Mr. Moustafa Armnazi and Ms. Raya Ali, Research Scholars, shared their experience of attending a workshop on **Training Trainers**. They introduced the scholars to a few technological aids used for teaching, as mentioned in the workshop and helped them try out these tools. The scholars learnt how these tools could be used in a classroom context to encourage hesitant students to answer questions raised using QR codes. The scholars also had an icebreaking session towards the end where they had to communicate with each and get to know their likes, dislikes, and recent experiences.

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Mr. Roland Rencewigg P, Part-Time Research Scholar and Assistant Professor, CDC- CET, SRMIST- KTR, shared his metrics on publishing research articles in Web of Sciences and Scopus Journals. His inputs under the title, **Tips for Publishing Research Articles in WoS/ Scopus**, weaved an interactive thread on the pragmatics of finding optimal journals for young researchers to publish their articles. His expertise and guidance helped fellow scholars to navigate through the complexities of picking the right journal for the publication endeavour.





IWD

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATIONS
2023

The women faculty in our department, with the support of their counterparts, showed great enthusiasm and participation in all the events organised as part of the International Women's Day celebrations. Their dedication and teamwork were recognised when the department received **the overall Trophy for IWD in 2022 and 2023**. This achievement highlights the exceptional involvement and team spirit exhibited by women of "Team EFL".

CONSTITUTION OF INDIA



Ms. Malarvizhi, Assistant Professor

The uniqueness and pride of India are that people have the courage and liberty to live together in diversity. The most important reason for this uniqueness is the Constitution of India. It is the holy book of our country and guides us to live in harmony. In the Introduction of the Constitution of India, it has been stated that India, also known as Bharat, is a Union of States. It is a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic and Republic country with a parliamentary system of Government.

Structure

At the time of its adoption, the Constitution contained 395 Articles and 8 Schedules. The current version comprises 464 Articles, grouped into 22 Parts and 12 Schedules.

Preamble

The preamble to the Constitution is based on the "objective resolution" drafted and moved by Pandit Nehru and adopted by the constituent assembly. It runs as follows; "We, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its Citizens:

- JUSTICE, social, Economic, and Political;
- LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith, and worship;
- EQUALITY of status and Opportunity;

And to promote among them all

- FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nation; In our Constituent Assembly on 26th day of November 1949, do hereby ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION."

Purpose of the Preamble

The preamble to the Constitution is a key to opening the makers' minds and shows the general purpose for which they made several provisions.

The preamble serves the following purposes: -

1. It discloses the source of the Constitution.
2. It lays down the date of the commencement of the Constitution.
3. It set out the rights and freedoms the people of India wished to secure for themselves.
4. It declares the nature of the Government.

Ethics of relations with the nations of the world

According to Article 51, Government works to maintain world peace and security. To develop fair and honourable relations with all countries. To foster respect for international law and treaty obligations in the dealings of organised people with one another and encourage settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

The Vital Strength of the Indian Constitution is that it can be further evolved by necessary Amendments or interpretations such a way to enable the Citizens to grow with and inspire the world.



Diplomatic Visits to EFL

DIE DELEGIERTEN BESUCHEN DIE EFL



Ms. Bhuvana. Visiting Professor

Higher Studies in Germany

The key delegates were

- Ms. Sapna Bhosle- Senior Executive – ProRecognition
- Ms. Rumani Varunjikar, Senior Executive – ProRecognition from the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce Pune.

The key initiative and support by Dr. Kavitha Nair, HOD of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRMIST, made this program a reality on 4 Nov 2022 at Nursing College Multipurpose Hall, SRMIST, Kattankulathur.

Learning a foreign language and acquiring proficiency needs a more systematic and meticulous approach than acquiring proficiency in our mother tongue. Learning a new language is much more than the alphabet and grammar. There is more independence in handling communication and reading in the new language. It opens up new possibilities to speak to new people and cherish the experiences better when we travel.

No doubt that learning a foreign language helps in global career opportunities. Hence there is an increase in student's marketability in the global arena, especially in international business, diplomacy, and tourism. Learning a foreign language can be challenging, but it can also be rewarding. As students develop their language skills, they can also gain self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

The most significant advantage of higher studies in Germany is the low cost of living and affordable education available for those interested in learning the German language.

Keeping this in mind, to provide a common platform that will help the students to gain knowledge in the German language and identify their job opportunities, we conducted an knowledge-sharing session between Nursing students and representatives of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce and a discussion among Dr. Kavitha Nair, HoD of Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRMIST - Kattankulathur, and Herr. Prabhakar Narayanan – the Deputy Director Goethe Institute - Nungambakkam.

- The first program was on 4 Nov 2022- Higher Studies in Germany
- The second program was on 23 Feb 2023.- Discussion on strengthening the cooperation between SRMIST and Goethe Institute.



The agenda was to inform the Nursing Students about various Career opportunities in Germany. Ms. Sapna Bhosle elaborated on the Career options available for Nursing students, and Ms. Rumani Varunjikar described the technical details regarding travel and working visa.

The program concluded with an interaction with the students.

Discussion on strengthening the cooperation between SRMIST and Goethe Institute

The key points of the discussion were exploring the possibilities of introducing German as an elective subject at SRMIST, spread over 100 hours. Goethe-Institute, Chennai will help organize events for German students at SRMIST such as Study in Germany programs, creative carnivals, and cross-cultural training. Goethe-Institute, Chennai, proposed competitions for German students to increase the visibility of German.

The two meetings with the German Language Centre within five months, point out the scope of study and career opportunities in Germany. There is no doubt that many such programs in the future will further the students' insights and plan forward to pursue their academic journey.



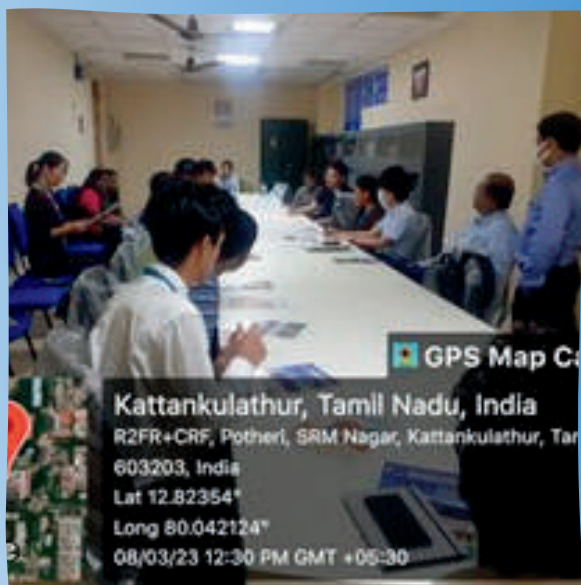
KONNICHIWA JAPANESE DELEGATION



MS. V. SUNDARAVALLI
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

On the 8th of March 2023, the delegates from Shizuoka Prefecture visited SRMIST. Shizuoka Prefecture is located in the Chubu region of Honshu, Japan. It has a population of approximately 36 lakh people. Shizuoka prefecture is known for its volcanoes, hot springs, and great tourist spots. Mount Fuji, the tallest volcano in Japan, is also partially located in this prefecture. Some leading Japanese companies, Suzuki and Honda, established their first branch in this prefecture.

The delegates visiting our college aimed to promote their prefecture and to elaborate on the evolving job opportunities. The students were asked about their interests in automobiles; the delegates also invited the students to work over there. The students found the information useful and widened their knowledge about the opportunities in their respective fields.



THE CHINESE CAME CALLING



MS. LING YUN TSAI
DIRECTOR, TEC-SRMIST

Mr. Peters Chen, Director of Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre, Delhi, and five Chinese instructors from Presidency University (Bangalore), English and Foreign Languages University (Hyderabad), IIT-Madras (Chennai), Hindustan University (Chennai), SRM AP (Andhra Pradesh) visited TEC-SRMIST and English and Foreign Language Department for observing the process of conducting the official Test of Chinese of Foreign Language in an overseas office.

The TOCFL exam was held at SRMIST, with ten students participating. The TEC-SRMIST is an important overseas test centre for holding TOCFL exams and the 1st office in South India. Students have been registering every year since 2018. The passing rate has remained at 100% from 2018 to 2023.



Director of Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center, Delhi, Peters Chen, awarded the director of TEC-SRMIST, Ms. Ling Yun Tsai. The Head of English and foreign languages department, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair was also present along with the associate director of the international relations office, Dr. Kayalvizhi Jayavel.

Director of Education Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center, Delhi, Peters Chen, and five Mandarin teachers.



"Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under thy observation in life."

- Marcus Aurelius

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY & THE LAUNCH OF GENDER STUDIES 101

The Department of English and Foreign Languages at SRMIST marked National Girl Child Day 2023 with a special celebration. The event was made more special by the presence of two distinguished speakers from the University - Dr. Nisha Ashokan, Associate Director of Student Affairs and Dr. C. Saravanan, Professor of Maxillofacial Surgery at the Dental College. They delivered inspiring talks about the importance of National Girl Child Day and girls in general. They also emphasised the significance of sex education and gender studies for both students and faculty. Furthermore, the department launched a new short course, Gender Studies 101, being the need of the hour. Dr. S. Ramya, Dr. K. R. Soundarya, Dr. K. Ezhil, and Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, the course coordinators, introduced the courses 'Fathoming the Gender Spectrum' and 'LGBTQIA+' to the audience and explained the importance, which was greatly applauded by the guests and students.



Gender Studies 101



Department of English and Foreign Languages proudly launched its first short-term course on Gender Studies. This course not only informs students about the current trends of Gender, but also creates an awareness on gender sensitivity. India is pacing up towards acceptance and neutrality, for which it needs educators, educational institutions, and human beings, who attribute importance to Gender. Here we

have two short courses under the banner – Gender Studies 101. For us, it is to grow as a community or alongside a community with a plethora of common ideals to sensitise, neutralise and accept people of all walks, genders, sexual orientations and at the same time identify and help people identify themselves.

The course propagates an objective viewpoint on gender studies, feminism, LGBTQIA+ and all the associated topics and to create an awareness in all of us to approach Gender Inclusivity and Sensitivity.

1. Fathoming the Gender
2. LGBTQIA+ Spectrum

India Taiwan Education Centre (TEC)



MS. LING YUN TSAI
DIRECTOR, TEC-SRMIST

Poems with Fan & Hand Gestures and Martial Art

Date: 29 September 2022

Time: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Venue: Taiwan Education Center, SRMIST (UB1107)

Participants: 15 Students

The event introduced two significant Chinese poems with coordinative hand gestures and martial movements. This activity grabbed students' interest and involvement in learning the culture, pronunciation and intonation of the language.

The first piece, 七夕 (Qī-Xī, "Chinese Valentines Day"), is a meaningful Chinese poem by the Tan dynasty poet 林傑 (Lin Jie). Through this poem, the students enjoyed a comprehensible input on the history of Chinese Valentines Day - 牛郎和織女 ("Niú láng hé zhīnǚ"; "The Cowherd and the Weaver Girl") and on the famous traditional activity in this unique festival – 乞巧 (Qǐqiǎo, "Begging for the better weaving skill").

The second piece, 登鶴雀樓 (Dēng guàn què lóu, "Climbing White Stork Tower"), is a classical Chinese poem by the Tang dynasty poet 王之渙 (Wang Zhihuan). It is a description of a man climbing higher for a better view. The verse says, "If you want something better, you must put in more effort."

The event instilled self-reported motivation and ease in learning a foreign language with cultural and language enrichment.



Seal Carving

Date: 1 November 2022

Time: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Venue: Taiwan Education Center, SRMIST (UB1107)

Participants: 7 Students

The event familiarized the seal culture which only the royal members of the higher-positioned authorities owned during ancient times. The seals are art by themselves and the representation of oneself. The seal is till date an invaluable personal item for Chinese people.

During the event, the students calligraphed their own unique seal. They carved their Chinese names on the rubber and printed them on the cards. Being enthused by this immersion learning, the students surfed for and penned their ideal statements on those cards. They expressed themselves in the Chinese language via Chinese culture.

The crafted cards are put on display on the notice board near the TEC office (UB1107).



Taiwan Tea Culture (Hakka Lei Cha and Woo Long Tea)

Date: 24 March 2023

Time: 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Venue: Taiwan Education Center, SRMIST (UB1107)

Participants: 15 Students

Introducing the Tea culture of the Hakka ethnic group of Taiwan is the prime objective of the event. The Hakka ethnic group is one of the three major ethnic groups in Taiwan. The history, culture and practice of Hakka tea, called 擂茶 (Léi chá) and 鐵觀音 (Tie Guan Yin Oolong tea) was detailed to the students.

擂茶 (Léi chá) comprises various nuts, seeds, tea leaves, and Leicha powder, mixed with ingredients and flavourings that each household prefers. All the ingredients need to be grounded. The fragrance released during the grounding process is believed to be a part of the healing process by the Hakka people. The mix is presented in a serving bowl with hot water.

鐵觀音 (Tie Guan Yin) is one kind of Oolong tea in Taiwan, famed for its unique aroma. TEC-SRMIST participants prepared Tie Guan Yin Oolong tea powder and added it to ice cream to taste it. The students enjoyed the exceptional taste of Tie Guan Yin and felt relieved by the aftertaste of Oolong tea in the summertime.



2023 Chinese New Year and Chinese Riddles

Date: 10 February 2023

Time: 5.20 pm – 7.00 pm

Venue: Taiwan Education Center, SRMIST (UB1107)

Participants: 22 Students



The cultural event introduced the practices of the Lunar New Year and the Lantern Festival of the Chinese community. Students from Hindustan University were invited to participate along with SRMIST students. One of the rituals during New Year is pasting paper cuttings on their doors to celebrate and frighten the monster called "Year." The participants were guided to try on various paper cuts symbolising different aspects of life by which they experienced the soul of Chinese celebration.

The Lantern Festival culminates on the last day of the Chinese New Year. During the Lantern Festival, people carry lanterns and guess lantern riddles. The right answers are bestowed with a gift, but the riddles are usually challenging, like shooting a tiger, for which guessing lantern riddles is called "shooting the tiger."

Dyslexia

WORLD OF DYSPLEXIC THINKING



MS. HANNAH SHIRLEY M,
RESEARCH SCHOLAR

Unlocking the Potential of Dyslexic Students is my quest for raising the public consciousness of dyslexic learners. Dyslexia is a neurological condition that affects learning and thus making it challenging to comprehend and process written language. As a result, many dyslexic students struggle in school and are often misdiagnosed with other learning disabilities. My quest to identify the most effective remedy by raising public consciousness had officially begun when I registered for my PhD at SRMIST in the Department of English and Foreign Languages.

To gain insight into the challenges and opportunities for dyslexic students, I visited special schools and conducted interviews with teachers and experts in the field. My visits included Saksham School for special children, Chitlapakkam; DKS Learning Centre, Tambaram; Madras Dyslexia Association, T Nagar; Dlearners, Nungambakkam and Government School, Alapakkam.

I was overwhelmed by the commitment and the assiduity of the staff and teachers at these special schools. The nurturing environment, the ongoing guidance and extreme support stand conducive to dyslexic learners. Besides, they are taught to advocate for themselves, enabling them to take ownership of their education and responsibility for their own learning. Support is the paramount need to keep dyslexic learners motivated, is what I observed in every age group of dyslexic learners.



I also observed that early identification is the fundamental step towards aiding them. Through my observations, I have noted that most parents simply do not understand the concept of dyslexia and are unable to identify its symptoms in their children. It is either the lack of awareness or the unwillingness to accept in both parents and teachers. Subsequently, dyslexic learners are neither noticed or equipped at an earlier stage. It is to be noted that not all schools have special educators.



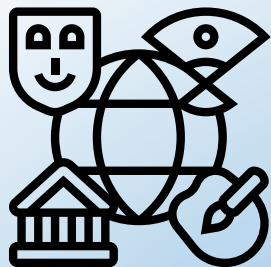
As a step forward, "Dyslexic Thinking" has been updated in LinkedIn as a professional skill.

I came across an innovative platform, "DLearners" for supporting dyslexic learners whose head, Mr. Arun Fernandez himself is a dyslexic learner. The Head of the Department, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair invited the DLearners Team over to SRMIST Campus and had a discussion with the team. The Head of DLearners with his colleague Dr. Prasanna shared their personal experiences of battling and understanding Dyslexia and insisted on the need to create awareness among Educators and Parents. The team further highlighted the importance of bridging the gap between the parents and teachers by creating awareness about Dyslexia and ways to cope with it.

We must recognize that dyslexic students have the potential to achieve great things if given the right support and resources. It is my hope that my quest to raise public consciousness will spark a new wave of understanding and acceptance of dyslexia. We must take action to unlock the potential of dyslexic students and create a brighter future for them. My research is a step towards it and SRMIST would become the first Engineering Institution to host a 'dyslexic friendly campus.'

It is more common than you can imagine. You are not alone. And while you will have this the rest of your life, you can dart between the raindrops to get where you want to go and it will not hold you back."

—Steven Spielberg



In-house Events



Dr. Monika Nair
Assistant Professor

All the cultural/regional programmes of the department are organised by the faculty welfare team, comprising Dr. B. Monika Nair and Ms. Ratnakumari, under the able guidance of the head of the department, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair.

In collaboration with UGC and AICTE, the Government of India initiated the programme - **Har Ghar Tiranga campaign**. As a team, the department celebrated Independence Day on August 12, 2022, on similar lines and uploaded the photos on the AICTE website.

A **10-day yoga** programme was scheduled from 28 August to 14 September 2022 in the department for the faculty members. **Mr P. Sudhan**, Teaching Associate, Directorate of Learning and Development, a passionate yoga practitioner, shared the significance of Yoga on health and mind. He taught Yogasanas like Surya namaskar, meditation, brain stimulation asanas, power yoga, breathing



exercises, flexibility exercises, and memory-boosting yoga. The instructor also shared the history and science of Yogasana and how it can help people who practice them regularly. The Instructor was felicitated for his service on September 15, 2022, by the Head of the Department.

To create awareness about the importance of UHV and value education, **Dr P. Supraja, UHV coordinator**, conducted a one-hour faculty awareness programme on December 14, 2022, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The department can now proudly proclaim that 98% of the faculty members have completed UHV I, and around 50% have completed UHV II.

Ganesh Chaturthi and Navaratri were celebrated on 1 August 2022 and 30 September 2022, respectively. A beautiful multidisciplinary theme-based Golu adorned the department office for 10 days.

The Department celebrated **Christmas** between 14 and 24 December 2022 by creating a crib and decorating it with glowy string lights and greenery, in the most minimalistic way.

The faculty welfare team also organised **farewells as our team members** bid goodbye. The farewell of Dr K R Soundarya, Assistant Professor; Ms M Thanam, DTP operator; and Dr L Sundaram, Associate Professor of Tamil, were hosted in 2022-'23.



The department also celebrated the International Women's Day program on 8 March 2023 with many fun activities like musical chairs, finding my partner, dancing within limits, trivia, and saving my balloon. Arranging various programmes aims to strengthen team spirit and create a congenial environment to work in peace and happiness.

Training to Break Language Barriers



Dr. M. Alagesan
Assistant Professor



The Department of English and Foreign Languages offers a 30-hour Remedial Course for non-English-Speaking International Students with a view to breaking the language barriers in academics as well as in interpersonal communication of non-English-Speaking International Students. Recently, the department trained six students from Togo. The course was conducted four hours per week between 27 October 2022 and 9 February 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The students were engaged in learning vocabulary, basic grammar, listening and speaking activities, and reading and writing

practices. Periodical oral tests, written assignments, and final tests were given for the continuous assessment of their learning. The 30 hours of rigorous training in improving their basic communication skills in English have emboldened them to communicate with teachers, peers, and others.

*One language sets you in a corridor for life.
Two languages open every door along the
way."*
- Frank Smith



Zephyr - The Literary Guild of the Department of English and Foreign Languages (EFL) kicked off its inaugural year with a bang by hosting its first-ever event, Unscripted. Serving as a prelude to the upcoming inaugural program, Unscripted was an impressive display of the talent and skills of the participants who wowed the audience with their impromptu speeches. Their exceptional performances left the audience captivated and impressed.

On the 11th of October 2022, **Zephyr - The Literary Guild** was officially inaugurated at the EEE Conference Hall, ESB Block, under the auspices of EFL. The ceremony was graced by the presence of several notable figures, including Dr. L Kavitha Nair, the Head of the EFL Department, **Mr. Kartar Singh, the Director of International Relations**, and **Dr. Nisha Ashokan, the Associate Director of the Directorate of Student Affairs**. Adding to the grandeur of the occasion was the presence of the esteemed **Mr. J Sam Daniel Stalin, Bureau Chief of NDTV**, who honoured the event as the chief guest. The successful inauguration was the result of the tireless efforts of the committee members and faculty who worked hard.



Zephyr - The Literary Guild wasted no time in continuing their mission of promoting language and literature, as the very next day after their successful inauguration, they held "The Languages Day 2022" at Mini Hall-1 on 12 October 2022. Dr. Manjula Rajan, a motivational speaker and visiting professor at IIT Madras, graced the event as the Guest Speaker and presided over the proceedings. The event saw a colourful and vibrant display of culture and diversity, with stunning performances of instrumental music, dance, and a play that highlighted the importance of embracing different cultures and languages with tolerance. Zephyr - The Literary Guild has been working tirelessly to organize and conduct events that encourage students to appreciate and cultivate a passion for English and other languages while also striving to enhance their language skills through events like "The Languages Day 2022,"

Zephyr's **first book reading session** took place on November 1st, 2022, and approximately 40 students gathered to share their favourite books and engage in insightful discussions with fellow book enthusiasts. It was an enriching and informative experience for all involved. To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the release of the first Harry Potter book, Potterheads from across SRM came together on 3 February 2023 for a special event named Wizarding Friday - A Discussion on the World of Harry Potter. The event was unlike any other book club session, featuring surprise quizzes, debates on unpopular opinions, and a range of other exciting activities.


With the expert guidance of the Head of the Department, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, Zephyr collaborated with the Department of International Affairs to successfully organize International Students' Day 2023. The week-long event, which was themed "Celebrating Diversity," took place from January 19 to 25 January 2023, and featured a wide range of engaging activities. The Zephyr Literary Guild took charge of the event, organizing a series of events such as discussion day, sports day, cultural day, and fashion day. These events were designed to provide a unique and memorable experience for both international students and organizers alike.

On 24 February 2023, Zephyr Literary Guild hosted its very first Debate Competition, titled **Speaker's Corner - A Presidential Debate**. With over 40 participants registered, the event was held in multiple stages from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, promising a plethora of unforgettable memories, thought-provoking ideological discussions, and of course, enlightening debates. Speaker's Corner propelled Zephyr to new heights. The competition attracted a diverse array of participants, each of whom brought their own unique perspectives and insights to the table. The event was a testament to the club's commitment to fostering critical thinking, analytical skills, and a passion for intellectual discourse among students.

On 17 March 2023, Zephyr Literary Guild organized a **Tolkien book club event** titled **Journey to Middle Earth: A Discussion on the Themes of Tolkien's Masterpieces**. The event was a tribute to J.R.R. Tolkien, the renowned English fantasy writer and philologist. The event attracted approximately 30 attendees, each of whom shared their thoughts, opinions, and interpretations of their favourite passages from Tolkien's books that they had selected for the day. It was a unique opportunity for book lovers and Tolkien enthusiasts to delve deeper into the themes and motifs that underlie Tolkien's timeless masterpieces.

Zephyr organized a workshop on Public Speaking, **Alumni Connect**, on 12 April 2023, with the aim of helping the members improve their communication skills. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Yashab Abbas, a former Aerospace engineering student of the 2016 batch and the alumni advisor of Zephyr. Currently, he is the lead strategy consultant of Automatic Data Processing (ADP). Mr. Abbas shared his debating experiences and provided valuable advice to the attendees, making the session interesting and informative.

Zephyr - The Literary Guild has been actively organizing and conducting events to instill a love for English and other languages in students, with the aim of improving their language skills. The club has made a commendable effort to contribute to the enhancement of its linguistic abilities.



It is more common than you can imagine. You are not alone. And while you will have this the rest of your life, you can dart between the raindrops to get where you want to go and it will not hold you back."

- William Shakespeare



EFL Revamped



Dr.S.Horizan Prasanna Kumar
Assistant Professor

The **Language Resource Centre (LRC)** is a state-of-the-art facility that features 75 computers equipped with the latest software and fully air-conditioned. The LRC's primary objective is to provide an interactive space where learners can acquire basic language and communication skills through listening and comprehension exercises. It caters to learners of different levels, including beginners, intermediate, and advanced, and is highly beneficial for developing communication skills. The inclusive monitoring of each student's learning abilities allows learners to work independently with the guidance of a facilitator. This modern, scientific method of developing communicative language skills is undoubtedly one of the best available today.

The Language Resource Centre and Conference Hall were inaugurated on 6 April 2023 by **Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar of SRM Institute of Science and Technology**. The inaugural program was organised by the Department of English and Foreign Languages and graced by the presence of esteemed guests such as **Dr. Revathi Venkatraman, Chair of the School of Computing, Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Associate Director of Campus Life, and Dr. R. Balaji, Associate Director of ITKM**. Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, the Head of the department, warmly welcomed the gathering and shared her thoughts on the Language Resource Centre. The event was concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. S. Horizan Prasanna Kumar, Assistant Professor.

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The recently launched **Conference Hall** is a symbol of pride for the Department of English and Foreign Languages, which was also inaugurated along with LRC. The Department of English and Foreign Languages takes great pride in the newly launched Conference Hall. The hall has a seating capacity of **60** and is equipped with advanced technology and facilities for meetings, seminars, and discussions. Emphasising sustainability, it features a projector, excellent audio equipment, air conditioning, and a comfortable U-shaped seating arrangement. The Conference Hall is sure to be a valuable space for intellectual exchange and collaboration. e Registrar of SRM Institute of Science and Technology. With a seating capacity of 60, this hall is outfitted with state-of-the-art technology and facilities to hold meetings, seminars, and discussions. Notably, the hall emphasises sustainability and has been equipped with a projector and excellent audio equipment. The air conditioning and U-shaped seating arrangement add to the comfort and ease of holding discussions in this space.





The Evolution of Language Models

 **Ms. Ratna Kumari**
Assistant Professor

Language models were much simpler and less sophisticated before chatGPT. The first language model was developed in the 1950s by Claude Shannon, who created a system that could predict the next word in a sentence based on the previous words. Over time, more advanced language models were developed, such as the Hidden Markov Model (HMM) and the n-gram model. These models used statistical techniques to predict the likelihood of a particular word or phrase occurring in a given context.

The Birth of Chatbots

Chatbots were first developed in the 1950s. Before chatGPT, chatbots were simple and limited in their capabilities. The first chatbot, Eliza, was created in the 1960s and used a simple rule-based system to mimic human conversation. Over time, chatbots became more advanced, incorporating machine learning and natural language processing techniques to improve their ability to understand and respond to user input.

The Rise of GPT

GPT, or Generative Pre-trained Transformer, is a type of language model that uses deep learning techniques to generate human-like text. The first GPT model was introduced in 2018 by Open AI, and since then, several iterations of the model have been released. Before chat GPT, language models were trained on tasks such as language translation or sentiment analysis. GPT is pre-trained on a massive corpus of text data, allowing it to generate coherent and contextually relevant responses to a wide range of prompts.

Chat GPT: A Game-Changer

Introduction

Chat GPT stands for Chat Generative Pre-training Transformer. It is a type of artificial intelligence. The model uses natural language processing to generate text-based responses to user input. The Chat GPT model has gained popularity in recent years due to its ability to generate human-like responses and its potential applications in chatbots, virtual assistants, and other conversational interfaces.

How does Chat GPT work?

Chat GPT works by using a large dataset of text to train the model to predict the next word or phrase in a sentence. The model then uses this information to generate new text based on the input it receives. The Chat GPT model is pre-trained on a massive dataset of text from various sources, including books, articles, and websites. ChatGPT was trained on a dataset of 117 million parameters. This pre-training allows the model to understand the nuances of natural language and generate more coherent and contextually relevant responses.

The Development Team

The development of Chat GPT was led by a team of talented researchers and engineers at Open AI. Among them were Ilya Sutskever, Greg Brockman, and Sam Altman. Sutskever, a renowned expert in deep learning, played a crucial role in developing the architecture of

Chart GPT. Brockman, the CEO of Open AI, oversaw the project and ensured that it aligned with the lab's mission. Altman, a prominent entrepreneur and investor, provided strategic guidance and support.

Chat GPT Logo

Chat GPT logo symbolizes the collaborative and dynamic approach to artificial intelligence. ChatGPT logo's colours symbolize growth and goodness. The green colour from the ChatGPT logo represents growth, and the white colour from the ChatGPT logo symbolizes goodness.

The Challenges Faced

Developing ChatGPT was not without its challenges. One of the biggest hurdles was training the model on a massive amount of data. The team had to gather and process millions of documents from the internet to ensure that the model had enough information to generate high-quality text. Another challenge was fine-tuning the model to generate specific types of text, such as news articles or scientific papers. This required a lot of experimentation and tweaking of the model's parameters.

The Impact of ChatGPT

Since its release, Chart GPT has had a significant impact on various industries. It has been used to generate news articles, product descriptions, and even creative writing. Moreover, Chart GPT has opened up new possibilities for natural language processing and artificial intelligence. It has inspired other researchers and companies to develop similar models, leading to further advancements in the field.

Upgrades in ChatGPT

ChatGPT-4. It can understand and process human language in a way that is very close to how humans understand language. It can interpret the meaning of words and sentences and use this understanding to generate relevant and coherent responses. It can be trained on specific domains or topics, allowing it to provide more personalised and relevant responses to specific user needs. It is, in many ways, an upgrade from the existing version and can serve human requirements better and more accurately.

What next?

The infinite potential of the human intellect is yet to be fully realised. Let's sit back and watch the mystery unravel.



**"As more and more artificial intelligence is entering into the world, more and more emotional intelligence must enter into leadership."
- Amit Ray**

FOOTPRINTS



Dr. K. Ezhil
Assistant Professor

Dr. K. Anbazhagan

"Procrastination is like a credit card: it's a lot of fun until you get the bill." - Christopher Parker

Our beloved Professor, who is known for his sincerity and punctuality, often insists on never to waste time as time offers equitable employment opportunities. He claims every human has the same number of hours and minutes each day; no amount of money can buy more hours, and that new minutes cannot be created by scientists. He preached his mantra to us that time cannot be saved to use at a later date. We promised to follow his mantra in all our walks of life.



Dr. B. Cauveri

"The poorest person on earth is not the person who has no job, no cars, no money and no house. The poorest person is the one who has no vision. Visionlessness is poverty in disguise."

- Israelmore Ayivor

Our guide and well-wisher who believes in liberty and humanity visualises and recommends that we need a little reminder that hard effort, not sloth, is what makes us cherish liberty and prosperity, even in the field of medicine. She strongly believes one should value human effort in each and every field where the technology is created, products are made and distributed. To her, honest work, that all aim to complete is the ultimate panacea for all illnesses and sorrows that have ever plagued humanity.



Dr. M. P. Devika

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." – Thomas Edison

The liberal woman who explores and identifies the philosophy of life declares that, in order to raise human life to a higher degree, civilisation entails not only the comfort of everyday necessities but also the advancement of knowledge and the cultivation of morality. She primarily enforces that no one should give up in life at any cost. She made us believe that we are not the wave that crashes and breaks but the ocean. She believes and trusts that there may be rise and fall in everyone's life, but we should rise once more with strength and wisdom. She keeps on insisting that wounds of life may take time to heal and that will never be the end.





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