



ONLINE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (FDP)

THEME:
ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION (ELE): TEACHING, RESOURCES, AND EVALUATION

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(Wednesday to Tuesday)

Conducted and hosted by
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ABOUT VASAVI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Founded in 1981 by Vasavi Academy of Education, Vasavi College of Engineering represents a rich tradition of excellence in technology-based education. Affiliated to Osmania University, Vasavi College of Engineering owes its vision to Sri Pendekanti Venkata Subbaiah, a veteran statesman of Independent India.

The college offers 7 UG and 5 PG programmes in various engineering disciplines.

The college has been granted autonomy by the UGC, New Delhi and Osmania University, Hyderabad for all the programs for six years with effect from 2014-15. It is also accredited by the NAAC with an 'A++' Grade. The autonomous status has been extended for 10 years from the session 2021-22 to 2030-31.

ABOUT H&SS DEPARTMENT

The department of H&SS offers English, Economics, skill development and elective courses. It has eight well-qualified and highly dedicated faculty specialized in various areas of English studies, namely, pragmatics, interpersonal communication, virtual learning, employability skills, literature, multilingualism, learning strategies. The department plays a key role in developing the language and communication skills of engineering students and grooms them appropriately to face the challenges of the real world. The department has 4 doctorates, and 4 more faculty are due to receive their PhDs, and all have are involved in active research and publishing. One faculty of the department has earned 'NPTEL discipline star' in Management.

In keeping with the mission of the department which is to nurture the budding professionals to face dynamic situations of the business world through training, mentoring, and counseling by creating a 'learning-rich' environment, the curriculum caters to enhancing the communicative competencies, employability skills, and professional development of the learners.

The department has three well defined language laboratories, viz., Reading, Phonetics, and Interactive Communication Skills established in 1999. The learners' decision-making, problem-solving, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal and communication skills are further enhanced.

The 11th International & 47th Annual ELTAI Conference in 2016 and the 5th AINET International Conference in 2020 were organized by the department. We are committed to organizing FDPs, workshops, conferences, and seminars on a regular basis which keeps us abreast with the latest 'savoir faire' in language and literature.

ABOUT OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

Osmania University, established in 1918, is the seventh oldest in India, the third oldest in south India and the first to be established in the erstwhile princely state of Hyderabad. Throughout its existence of over ten decades, it has shown remarkable progress and sustained an integrated development of all faculties. It has significantly contributed to the academic and economic development of not only the region but also of the country. Osmania University is re-accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (an Autonomous Institution of the University Grants Commission) with 'A++' Grade and recognized as UPE.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

The Department of English was started in 1918 with Prof NG Welingker as its first Head. English was offered as a subject in the Intermediate course. It was introduced in undergraduate courses in 1921. The MA programme was started in 1937 and the MPhil in 1973. The first PhD was conferred in 1965. In addition to Arts College, MA English is offered at three constituent colleges – Nizam College; University College for Women, Koti; and Post Graduate College, Secunderabad – and 12 affiliated colleges. The department was the first in India to offer American Literature (1956-57), General Linguistics with Spoken English (1972-73), and Commonwealth Literature (1978) in the MA programme.

The *Osmania Journal of English Studies (OJES)*, launched in 1962, brings out general as well as special numbers. The department was awarded the UGC Special Assistance Programme (UGC-SAP) in 2009, and after the successful completion of its first phase (DRS-I) in 2014, the second phase (DRS-II) was sanctioned in 2015 and was completed in 2020.

The department has had on its faculty many eminent scholars such as Prof MS Doraiswami, Prof Shiv K Kumar (Padma Bhushan awardee), Prof VK Gokak, Prof Vasant A Shahane, Prof Isaac Sequeira, Prof M Sivaramakrishna, Prof RS Sharma, Prof D Venkateswarlu. Prof MS Doraiswami was Vice-Chancellor, Osmania University (1955-57), Prof Shiv K Kumar retired as I/c Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hyderabad (1980), Prof Sunaina Singh was the Vice-Chancellor of The English and Foreign Languages University (2012-17) and is currently the Vice-Chancellor of Nalanda University (2017-), Prof E Suresh Kumar is currently the Vice-Chancellor of The English and Foreign Languages University (2017-). Presently, the Dept. is headed by Prof C Muralikrishna since 2019 and its CBoS is Prof YL Srinivas, who is also a current Member of the EC, NAAC.

THEME OF THE ONLINE FDP

English Language Education (ELE): Teaching, Resources, and Evaluation

The teaching of English, like other disciplines, is undergoing an unprecedented paradigm shift today owing majorly to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new scenario poses several challenges to teachers and students. In this context, there is a need to ensure that skills of the English language are imparted to all students sufficiently so as to enable them to acquire 'communicative competence'. This has propelled the English teaching fraternity to newer frontiers of online language teaching, assessment, and evaluation.

A thorough rethinking of the role of teachers as facilitators and collaborators in the teaching-learning process, well equipped with the requisite motivation, knowledge, social sensitivity, skills, strategies, and techniques enabling students to acquire 'communicative competence' can be fulfilled. At the same time, online assessment and evaluation of the communication competence of students and teachers have become two defining criteria, especially in the last one year.

This FDP will highlight the latest trends in the practice of ELT, its related research and also consider the manifold aspects of the problems, paradoxes inherent in teaching language competencies and the connection between teaching and research as is practiced in engineering colleges today. The programme will also emphasize very pertinent themes such as material production, evaluation strategies, tools, publishing papers, and other related matters.

SUB-THEMES:

1. New perspectives on Communicative competence: Revisiting the role of teachers and students in globally challenging times.
2. Learner autonomy and its aspects.
3. Enhancing creativity and critical thinking.
4. Soft skills and Persuasion techniques.
5. Blended learning: The need of the hour.
6. Research: Stairway to individual success and national progress.
7. Use of 'Realia': Materials for offline and online teaching.
8. Learning Strategies.
9. The new idiom of language use on social media.
10. Translanguaging in the English Classroom.
11. Conventional and non-conventional modes of testing.
12. Deconstructionism in contemporary novels and texts.
13. Contemporary literary research and dynamics of academic publishing.

PAYMENT PROCESS

Step 1: The participants shall make the prescribed registration fee of Rs.500/- through NEFT/IMPS to the following account:

Step 2: Participants need to fill up the online application form by using the link given below with all the required details before **October 18, 2021**.

Step 3: After successful registration & payment, the participants will receive a confirmation via email to join the official "WhatsApp" Group.

Please note that the FDP will be conducted on Microsoft Teams Platform and a link will be sent on 18th October, for a run through session.

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