



WELCOME TO OUR  
**Hexennial Newsletter**



This newsletter is an amalgamation of the activities organised by the Department of English, St. Ann's College for Women, Hyderabad over the last five years. From the pre-covid days through the tumultuous COVID era and the great return post it, the Department has worked tirelessly to provide quality English Language Learning and ensure all round development of our students.

Let us take a trip down the memory lane and view the highlights of our endeavours!





STUDENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES



To foster all-round development in students, Guest lectures and workshops were conducted on a variety of topics: Leadership and Entrepreneurial skills, Interview Skills, English for Competitive Examinations, sessions on GDs and soft skills, Effective Communication, Writing for Print Media.



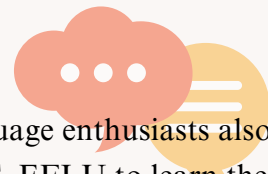
Our department also collaborated with the Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media, Bengaluru which gave our students and opportunity to interact with seasoned journalists who gave valuable inputs on Careers in the Print and New Media.



The Department coordinated with the Department of Information and Library Science to conduct the 'Ann Mega Quiz' to orient the I year students with the campus ethos, infrastructure, the library and its facilities.

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A fieldtrip was organised to the English and Foreign Languages University which gave the students valuable inputs on career opportunities in Language Studies.



Our language enthusiasts also interned at EMMRC, EFLU to learn the nuances of producing English Language modules for the Media.



The students visited the audio-visual production and research center at the B.R. Ambedkar Open University where they received insights into the functioning of the AVPRC.





As a part of its outreach programme, the Department shared the Language Lab facilities with the students of Vijayalakshmi School, Mehdipatnam and acquainted them with the intricacies of listening skills.



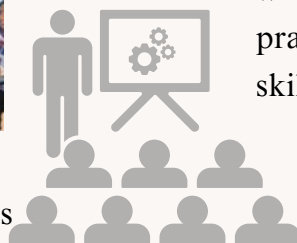
A mock session was organised to exhibit the functioning of toastmasters club to the students. The ground rules were explained to all and the courtesies of the club were followed. A regular toastmaster speech was given by Vijayshree and some other members spoke extempore on Table Topics.

## 2019 - 2020

### STUDENT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES



The Department organised a spectrum of events to give additional inputs to students and enhance their reading, writing and speaking skills. Experts were invited to enlighten the students about Importance of Communication Skills, Basics of English Phonetics and Pronunciation, Journalism and Opportunities in the Media.



A Workshop on 'Reading and Writing' was organised by HydRaw- Literary Club. Our students interacted with the team members who shared their experiences and gave practical tips to hone reading and writing skills.





## 2019 - 2020

A One-Day TSCHE sponsored National Conference on 'Language, Literature and Media' was organised by the Department. The key note address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Prof. T.Vijay Kumar, Head Department of English, OU. The Guests of Honour, Mr. Sushil Rao, Editor Special Reports, Times of India (TOI) and Ms. Swapna, RJ- Big FM, Managing Editor, 10 TV also shared their expertise with the participants.



The Conference brought together eminent speakers for the technical sessions from varied fields ranging from Phonetics, Digital Marketing (Social Media) and Journalism to name a few. The research scholars, students and academicians actively participated and presented papers at the Conference.



A Panel discussion was also organized post the technical sessions with the panelists from various fields like, advertising, theatre, media etc.



The Conference concluded with a valedictory session by alumnus of St. Ann's College for Women, Dr. Shugufta Shaheen, Dept. of English, Dean International studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) Hyderabad.

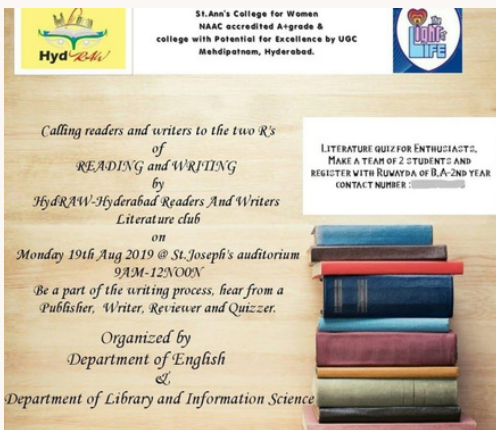


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The Department of English conducted tailor-made activities and competitions which are student friendly and encourage the students to keep their channels of communication open.

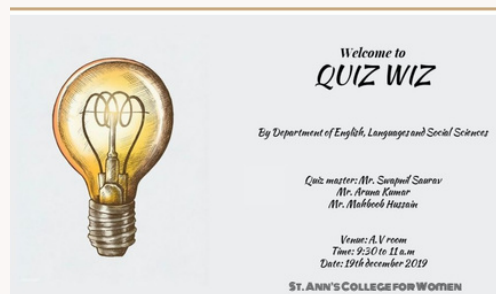


As a part of the reading and writing workshop organised with HydRAW, a Literary Quiz was organized by Mr. Swapnil Saurav for the students. The students were quizzed on various areas like literature, general knowledge, current affairs etc. Quotes from different books, questions were asked concerning various books and authors, clips of trailers were to be identified. Overall, it was an exhilarating end to a highly useful workshop.



In the annual college fest - Annofesta, the Department of English collaborated with the Departments of Languages, Social Science and, Library and Information Science to organise 'QUIZ WIZ'.

Students' awareness about current affairs, general knowledge, literature, brand theme songs, book to movie adaptations from trailers, CEOs of famous companies from pictures, etc. was tested through fun rounds.

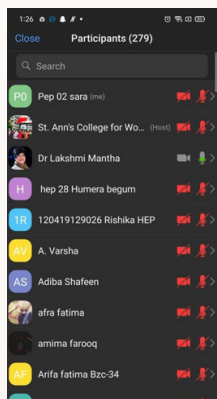
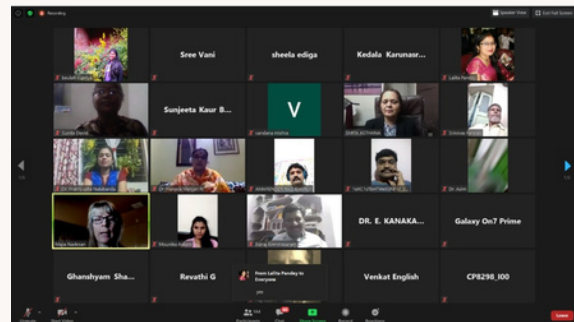


The preliminary round of a Public Speaking Competition was organised in collaboration with JCI Hyderabad Samskriti which saw the enthusiastic participation of students from various streams. The best speakers were selected to participate in the grand finale.

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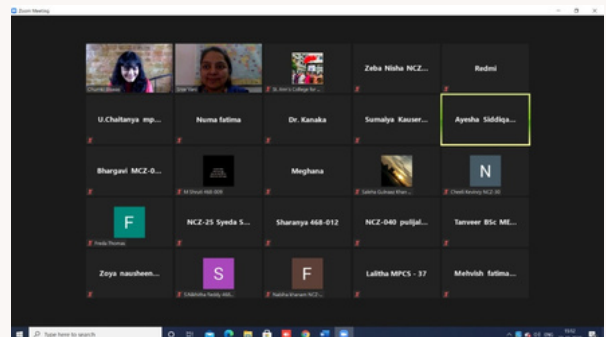
The Department did not lose its zeal to work for the betterment of our students during the COVID period. Our faculty adapted themselves to the changing teaching medium and did their best to provide excellent teaching-learning atmosphere for the students. Seminars, Workshops, Guest lectures, competitions were organised - it was just the platform that changed.

An International seminar on Crisis Communication: Relevance and Practice was organised in co-ordination with Dr. Majia Nadesan, Professor of Communication, Arizona State University

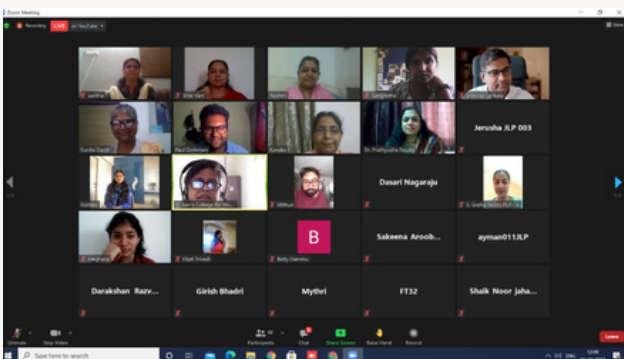


A workshop for job skills, 'Accelerate Your Future', was organised with Prof. Lakshmi Mantha, OU, as the resource person.

Dr. Chumki Biswas, Assistant Professor of English, Mumbai University shared language skills CV writing, Emails, Vocabulary building with a webinar on The power of Written words

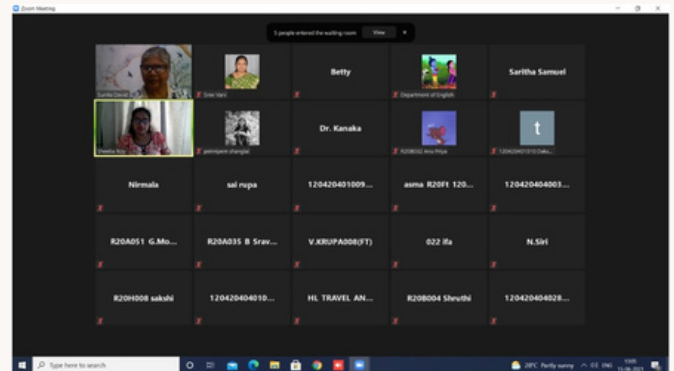


A Panel Discussion on 'Social media and Its influence on Journalism' was organised by working Journalists of News Minute and alumni of Indian Institute of Journalism & New Media, Bengaluru. Our students were informed on aspects of journalism such as reporting, storyline, social media trolling, citizen journalism etc. It was moderated by Prof.Srinivas Lankala, Dept.of Communication EFLU.



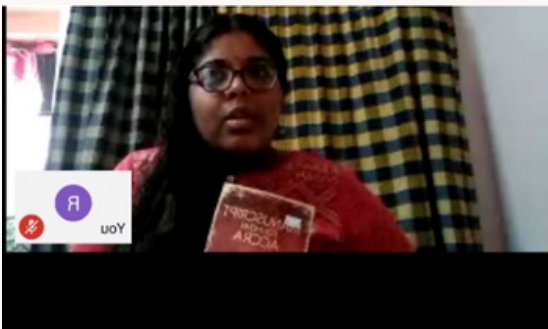


Telangana State Social Welfare co-ordinated with St. Ann's College for Women for an orientation on 'Her Leadership Alliance Fellowship' programme. Senior Academic Fellows in Higher Education Ms. Sheeba Roy and Ms. Shanglai shared details of the programme for guidance in studying abroad.

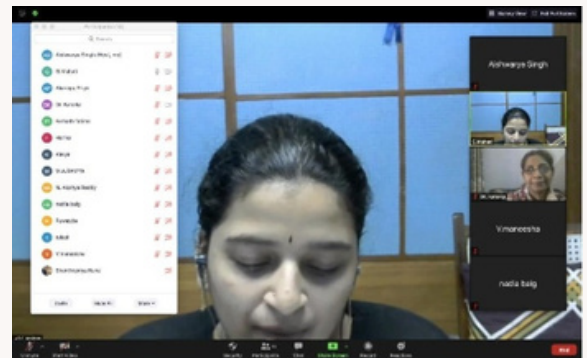


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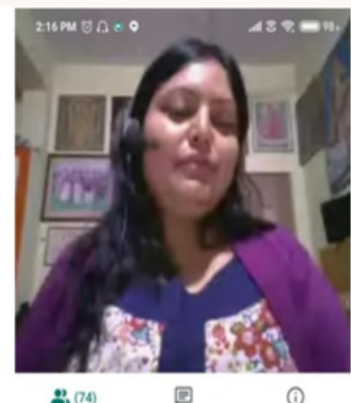
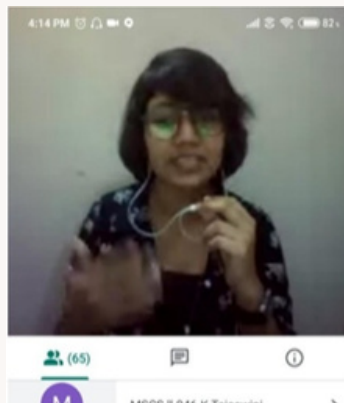
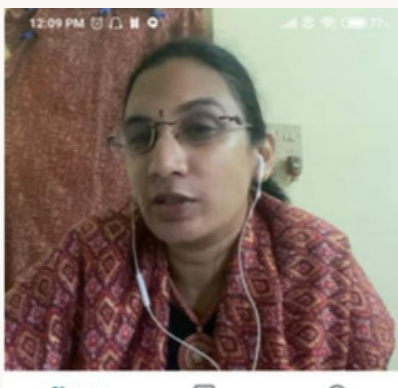
The Orators' Club, Department of English conducted an online event "Share your lockdown experience" to provide a space for students to speak about what they were grateful for and how they were being productive during the pandemic.



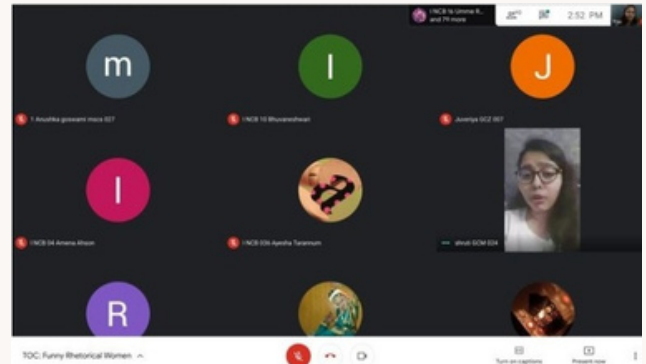
The department in association with HydRAW conducted an online presentation on "Featured talks on books" wherein the participants spoke about their favourite books.



Sessions on "Improving Focus & Setting Goals" and "Featured talk: Classical Novelists" (discussing Jane Austen, Mulk Raj Anand and Christopher Marlow) were organised in association with HydRAW.



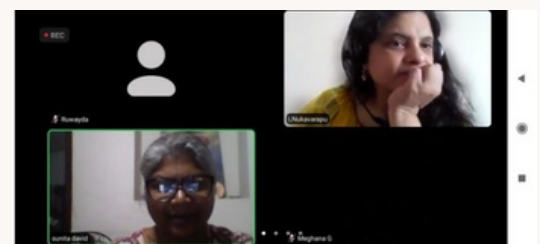
The Orators' Club, Department of English, conducted an event "Funny Rhetorical Women" to provide a platform for stand up comedians.



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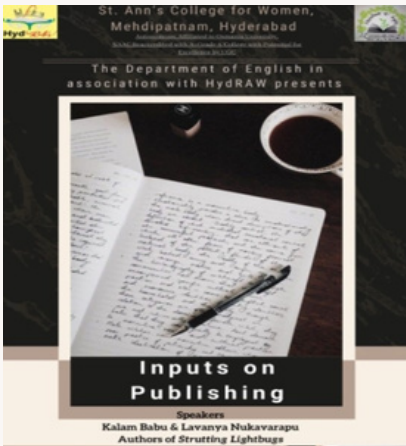
The Department of English and the Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with HydRAW conducted an online workshop on Poetry and Publishing Anthology. The speaker - Ms. Lavanya Nukavarapu - spoke about poetry and the definition of a poem. Different forms and techniques in poetry were explained with examples for the better understanding of the students.



A panel discussion on 'Science Fiction' was also organised by the Department of English in collaboration with HydRAW. The panel consisted of Mr. Mahboob Hussain, Dr. Rizia Laskar, Mr. Rohit Verma, and moderator Ms. Lavanya Nukavarapu. The students gained invaluable insights on the genre, its writers and works.



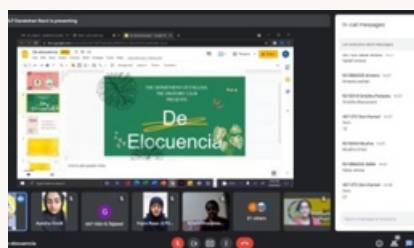
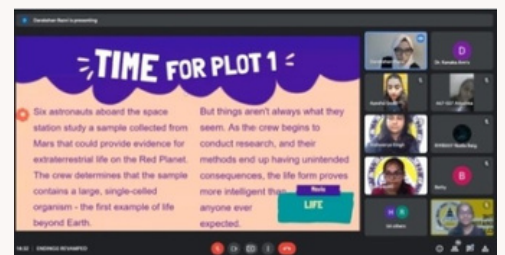
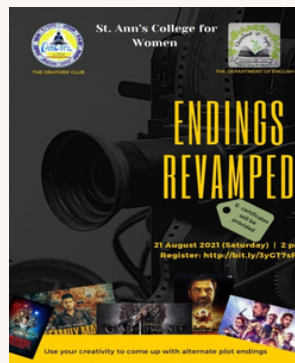
2021 - 2022



The Department of English partnered with HydRAW to conduct an offline workshop "Inputs on Publishing". Mr. Mahboob Hussain (founder) and Ms. Lavanya Nukavarapu were the resource persons. They highlighted the importance of reading and writing, and shared insights about writing and publishing.

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The Orators' Club, Department of English organised an online event "Endings Revamped". The objective of the event was to provide the students an opportunity to get creative and confident by building new endings to famous movies and presenting them. The participants were given plots from Hollywood, Bollywood and Tollywood movies and 3-5 mins to share their own endings to the given plots.



The Orators' Club, Department of English organised a second online event "De Elocuencia", with the aim of bringing out the spontaneity and helping the students build their public speaking skills and creativity. The students were given 3-4 minutes to speak on a topic that was given on the spot.



A Debate competition was conducted by the Orators' club on the topic "Freedom of speech is being violated by Social media ". The debate competition consisted of a speech round and a rebuttal round. The participants were given 3 mins after the speech round to counter their opponent. The objective of the competition was to develop strong public speaking, collaboration skills, to recognise the strengths and weaknesses of arguments of the opponents, to resolve controversies.

2022 - 2023



The publication of Dr. G Revathi's book "A Concise History of English Literature and Poetry" which is a great resource for students of English Literature.



2022 - 2023



The Department organised an FDP in collaboration with St. Pious Degree & PG College for Women. The topics covered included Academic Communication, Corporate Communication and Visual Communication. Resource persons were invited from Deloitte, IJNM, EFLU, Metaverse startup, UoH, MANUU. The FDP had 70 active participants from across India.

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A Panel Discussion on "Neutrality and Journalism in a Polarised World" was organised in collaboration with IJNM. The panel consisted of renowned journalists: Paul Oommen from The News Minute, Rishika Saddam from CNN News18, Maya Sharma from NDTV and Dakshina Murthy from The Federal - who shared their valuable insights with the audience.

2022 - 2023



The Department organised a field trip to the English and Foreign Languages University to attend ANUVAAD - The HLF Translation Festival. The students got insights on the craft of translation and the role played by the translators in enriching Literature.



A trip to the Hyderabad Literary Festival 2023 was organised for the students. The students gained invaluable inputs about the creative endeavours in writing, music, painting. The focus of the festival was environment concerns and the conservation of the rock formations of Hyderabad.



The Event “Interdisciplinary Lec-dem on Colonial Literature and Popular Cinema” was organized by the Department of English in collaboration with the SQAC. Prof. Maithry Shinde addressed a gathering on Colonialism in Indian writing in English. Mr.Rohit Kumar elaborated on “RRR a global Phenomenon-A critique of the blockbuster”.

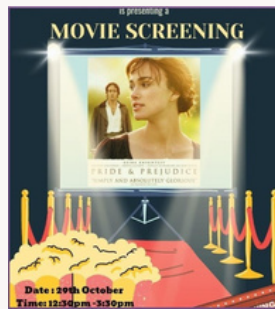




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Literary competitions were organised for the students as a part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative of the Government of India. The students participated enthusiastically and showcased their talents.



The Department observed Austen Week to commemorate Jane Austen's works. Book reading session, Ballroom Dancing in the quadrangle and a screening of the film adaptation of Jane Austen's most loved work 'Pride and Prejudice' were organised as a part of this event.



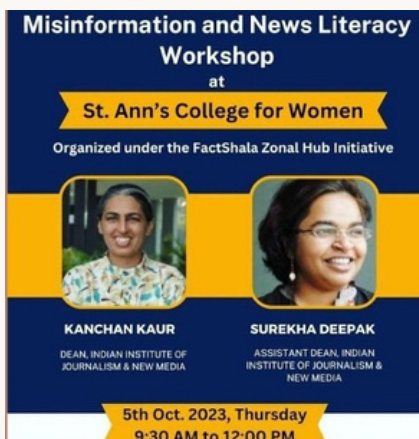
ANNOFESTA - the annual festival of literature organized by the English & Language Departments, celebrated the integration of art and reading relevant to the theme of Indian Culture. A variety of activities including Poetry Competition, Fun with Storytelling, Literary Extempore, etc., gave a creative platform to the students to explore their talent and imagination.



## ANNOFESTA



2023 - 2024

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A workshop on Misinformation and News Literacy was organised by the Department in collaboration with IIJNM. Ms. Kanchan Kaur and Ms. Surekha Deepak were the resource persons for the event.

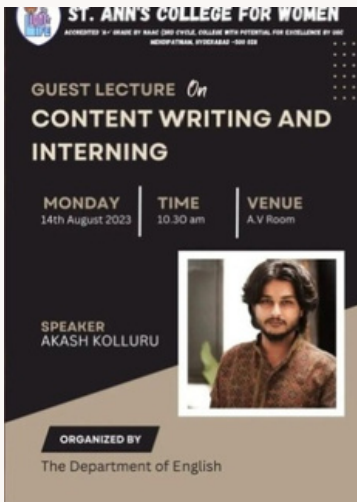
A session on 'Writing for Print Media' was conducted by the Department, with Mr. Arun Daniel Yellamati, faculty of Villa Marie College, as the resource person. He shared invaluable inputs on media writing with the students.



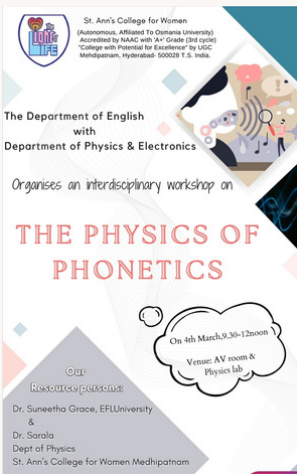
Ms. Ravalli, co-founder of the non-profit Esther Foundation, was invited by the Department to address and guide the students on 'Making a Career in the Social Sector'.



2023 - 2024



The Department of English organised a guest lecture for the students on "Content Writing and Interning". Akash Kolluru, a journalist, was invited to enlighten the students about content writing and internships.



The Department of English with the Department of Physics & Electronics organised an interdisciplinary workshop on 'The Physics of Phonetics'. Dr. Suneetha Grace from EFLU and Dr. Sarala from the Dept. of Physics, St. Ann's College for Women were the resource persons who explained the intricacies of Phonetics'.

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A small exhibit on Shakespeare's famous tragedy "Macbeth" was organised by the Department. The students creatively presented their take on the play.



2023 - 2024



As a part of our Community Outreach Programme, our faculty and students visited the Zilla Parishad High School, Manikonda



The Department of English, in collaboration with the Department of Languages, organised CONFLUENCE '23 - celebrating the diversity of our country. The event highlighted how the confluence of different linguistic and cultural streams in an educational institution enhances the learning experience, fostering a sense of unity, understanding and shared identity.



The Department organised a visit to the Hyderabad Literary Festival 2024, held at Salarpuria Sattva Knowledge City.