

ELTAI Tirupati Chapter

ELT@I Tirupati Chapter, initially with 32 members, was inaugurated by Prof. K. Elango, Secretary, ELT@I and Prof. M. A. K. Sukumar, Rector, S. V. University, Tirupati during the two-day Faculty Development Programme in Tirupati on 9th May 2012. Prof. M. A. K. Sukumar is the Honorary President; Dr. G. Reddi Sekhar Reddy is the Secretary along with other office-bearers. The chapter is committed to the cause of English language teachers' development by organizing various conferences, seminars, workshops and training programmes depending upon the requirements. Towards this end the chapter organized its 2nd Annual National Conference on 26th April 2014 in association with the Department of English, S. V. University, Tirupati. The conference got tremendous response with 200 participants and 162 paper presentations. The chapter successfully brought out a publication *English Language and Soft Skills: Problems and Perspectives* with 118 selected papers edited by Dr. G. Reddi Sekhar Reddy which was released during the valedictory function by Prof. W. Rajendra, Vice-chancellor, and Prof. M. A. K. Sukumar, Rector, S. V. University, Tirupati.

The chapter has also started a biannual journal *ELT@I Tirupati Chapter Journal of English Language and Literature*, and the first issue of the journal was released by Prof. K. Elango, Secretary ELT@I, Prof. M. A. K. Sukumar, Rector, and Prof. K. Sathyavelu Reddy, Registrar, S. V. University, Tirupati. As a member of the chapter Dr. G. Reddi Sekhar Reddy got the opportunity to attend the ELT@I International Conference 2014 at Jaipur during 21 - 23 August 2014 with the sponsorship of Regional English Language Office of American Embassy apart from attending the IATEFL-ELT@I funded workshop on Virtual Learning. One more member from the chapter was nominated for another IATEFL-ELT@I funded workshop on developing speaking skills using internet tools and resources. The chapter plans to organize annual conferences during April apart from seminars, training programmes and workshops to meet the needs of the English teaching fraternity. Further, the chapter is continuously striving to enroll new members to the ELT@I Family: at present it has 26 short-term members, one donor member and 6 annual members.

Dr. Reddi Sekhar Reddy, Secretary