

ELTAI Rajnandgaon Chapter (Chhattisgarh)

Rajnandgaon Chapter (Chhattisgarh) was established on 28.07.2012. Since its inception it has gone through many ups and downs in the past two and a half years. But despite the problems and difficulties faced, we managed to organize a series of workshops and other activities. Details of some of them are given below.

- 1. Formation and inauguration of the chapter on 28.07.2012.** Chief Guest: Dr. I. D. Tiwari, Dean Arts Faculty, Indra Kala Sangit Vishwa Vidyalaya Khairagarh; Special Guest: Dr. Savita Singh (Convener, ELTAI Raipur Chapter); Guest of Honour: Mr. Shivaji Kushwaha, President, Bilaspur Chapter.
- 2. Workshop on Classroom Activity (Dongargaon) – 07.10.2014.** Guests: Mr. Y. K. Tiwary (Senior Lecturer in English, Kanya Parisar Amba Garh Chowki Rajnandgaon) & Mr. Manoj Sonkalihari (Vice-President, Rajnandgaon Chapter). No. of Participants: 40.
- 3. Workshop on Personality Development for Students (Chichola)** conducted by Dhanesh Ram Sinha (President, Rajnandgaon Chapter). No. of Participants: 5 Teachers & 80 students.
- 4. Workshop on Vocabulary Teaching and Learning (Chichola) – 28.05.2013.** Guests: Mr. Suresh Malhar, Authority Inspector and Social Worker; Mr. Manoj Sonkalihar, Vice- President and Program Coordinator, Rajnandgaon

Chapter; and Mr. Praveen Gotekar, Senior Lecturer in English; Mr. Womendra Sahu, ELTAI Member. No. of Participants: 80.

- 5. Workshop on Mixed Ability Test And Prepositions (Rajnandgaon) – 18.08.2013.** Guests: Dr. G. A. Ayenger (National Vice-President of ELTAI); Dr. Tapas Mukherjee (President of Bhilai Chapter); and Dr. Vivek Joshi (ELTAI member from Vidharbha Chapter). No. of Participants: 70.
- 6. Workshop on Spoken English (Chhuriya) – 22.09.2013.** Guests: Mr. Vijay Gupta (Social Worker); Mrs. Pushpa Sinha (Social Worker); Mr. Manoj Sonkalihari, Vice-President of Rajnandgaon Chapter; and Mrs. Raj Kumari Jain, Senior Lecturer in English. No. of Participants: 90.
- 7. Workshop on Writing And Personality Development (Chichola) – 19.01.2014.** Guests: Dr. Ghanshyam Ayengar (National Vice-President,); Dr. Shivaji Kushwaha (President, Bilaspur Chapter); Mrs. Neelam Kaur (Member, Bhilai Chapter); and Mr. Rakesh Didarshika (Secretary, Bilaspur Chapter). No. of Participants: 120.
- 8. Workshop on Spoken English (Chichola) –** Guests: Mr. Kaushal Ram Chandrawanshi (Principal, GHSS Charbhata, Dongargarh); Mr. Hemraj Sahare (AT, GPS Morkutumb); Mr. Ravi Shanker Markam (GMS Rampur). No. of Participants: 65.

9. **Workshop on Constructivism in Teaching** (Lalbahadur Nagar Dongargarh) – Guest: Dr. Amol Padwad (Convener, AINET). No. of Participants: 80.
10. **Workshop on Virtual Learning** (Rajnandgaon) – 28.09.2014. Guests: Mrs. Neelam Kaur (Bhilai Chapter); Mr. Ashley Kennath Douglas (Pendra Road Chapter); and Mr. Rakesh Digrasker (Bilaspur Chapter). No. of Participants: 20.
11. **Workshop on Preparation of Examinations** – 10.11.2014. Guests: Mr. Manoj Sonkalihari, Mr. Sayeed Quraishiee, Mr. Harish Dwivadi, Mr. Asim Yadu (All ELTAI members of Rajnandgaon Chapter). No. of Participants: 100.
12. **One-Day Workshop on Innovations and New Ideas in Teaching English** (09.05.2015) in Mendha, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon and Chhattisgarh. No. of Participants: 60.
13. **District Level Quiz Contest** (28.03.2015) at Chichola (Block–Chhuria, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh). Guests: Mr. Ghanshyam Kamde (Deputy Superintendent of Police), Ms. Poonam Khobragade (Sale Tax Officer), Mr. Lekh Ram Verma (Best Teacher Awardee by the President of India), Mr. Kaushal Ram Chandrawanshi (Principal, GHS School, Charbhatha, Dongargaon, Rajnandgaon), and Mrs. Pushpa Sinha (Social Worker). 120 students of Intermediate level and 40 teachers participated.

Other Activities

1. **Workshop on Virtual Learning** on 09-10 August 2014 (Conducted by ELTAI and IATEFL at Kilakarai, Ramanathapuram) – Dhanesh Ram Sinha (President and Convener, Rajnandgaon Chapter) attended this two-day workshop.
2. **International Conference of ELTAI in Jaipur**, 21-23 August 2014 – 6 members from Rajnandgaon Chapter participated in the conference.
3. On behalf of Rajnandgaon Chapter, we visited about ten schools to tell the students and teachers the importance of English in the present context. We gave them several tips to increase their vocabulary, to face exams and competitions, and to improve their personality.
4. **Conference in Patna** (on 2 & 3 April 2015). Three teachers (Mr. Dhanesh Ram Sinha, Mr. Kishore Kumar Rath and Mr. Kaushal Ram Chandrawanshi) from Rajnandgaon Chapter attended a two-day National Conference in Patna (Bihar) on the theme 'Sustainability and Development: Implications of ELT for Individual, Society and Ecology'.
5. **Two-Day Workshop** (on 22 & 23 May 2015) at Bilaspur. Five ELTAI members (Mr. Kaushal Ram Chandrawanshi, Mr. Harish Dwivedi, Mr. Sayeed Qureshee, Mr. Gita Ram Sahu and Mr. Kernal Tiwary) from Rajnandgaon Chapter attended the programme.

Dhanesh Ram Sinha, Convener and President