

ELTAI COIMBATORE CHAPTER

Report of Activities for 2014-2015

1) History of the Coimbatore Chapter:

ELTAI Coimbatore Chapter was born on 25.07.1993 at Mani Higher Secondary School, Pappanaickenpalayam, Coimbatore, in the presence of Dr. B. Kumaravadivelu, Department of Applied Linguistics, San Diego University, USA. The Chapter was formally inaugurated on 19.02.1994 and the first President was Dr. M.N.K. Bose.

The 27th Annual Conference of ELTAI was conducted at Sri Avinashilingam Deemed University on 6th & 7th of January 1995, and it was presided over by Dr. S. Rajagopalan of ELTAI, Chennai and addressed by three Vice-Chancellors.

2) Report of the Activities of ELTAI

- ❖ **ELTAI Meeting** was conducted at PSG Sarvajana Higher Secondary School, Peelamedu on 19.09.2014. Thiru. V. N. Rangaswamy, Retired PG Assistant, PSG Sarvajana Higher Secondary School gave a speech on "Listening Skills".
- ❖ **ELTAI Meeting** was conducted at PSG Sarvajana Higher Sec. School, Peelamedu on 31.10.2014. Thiru. V. N. Rangaswamy, Retired PG Assistant, PSG Sarvajana Higher Secondary School gave a speech on "Speaking, Reading & Writing Practices".
- ❖ **ELTAI Meeting** was conducted at PSG Sarvajana Higher Sec. School, Peelamedu on 06.02.2015, Dr. Ratinasabhpathy, Head of the Department of English, PSG College of Arts & Science highlighted the importance of 'Materials Production'. 151 teachers attended the meeting.
- ❖ The President, Dr. N. Ramani, who is now in Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) visits schools and colleges, publishes papers, addresses conferences and seminars, conducts workshops and training programmes particularly for school teachers with reference to the implementation of CCE (Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation System).
- ❖ The Vice-President, Dr. Jayanthasri Balakrishnan, and the other Office-Bearers also visit schools and colleges to popularize the teaching of English. She had been to Canada as Chief Guest and delivered a Guest Lecture to the Tamils there and was honoured by the Canadian Government with a Certificate.
- ❖ The Secretary, Mr. N. C. Nandagopalan visited and conducted many programmes as given below:
 - ❖ Guest Lecture on "Effective teaching practices for maximum student engagement" on 26.07.2014 at School Education Conclave, Puducherry (CII-Sponsored).
 - ❖ Guest Lecture on "How to be a motivating teacher" on 06.09.2014 at Dr. G.R.D. College of Education, Coimbatore.
 - ❖ Motivational talk at the "Annual Day Celebrations" of Thambu Higher Secondary School on 25.10.2014.
 - ❖ Resource Person at the Faculty Development Programme of PSG College of Arts & Science on 01.11.2014 and delivered a speech on the Role of Teachers and Education.

- ❖ Motivational talk at the Children's Festival – Inter-School Competitions conducted by Coimbatore Ladies Circle No. 1 at Vedapatti on 29.11.2014.
- ❖ Motivational talk at the "Kumaran Fest" School Day of Sri Kumaran Matric Higher Secondary School Management on Monday 12th January 2015.

Training Programmes Attended by our Faculty

- ❖ **Dr. S. Sankarakumar**, Associate Professor of English, PSG College of Technology attended a National Level two-day Workshop on "Training the Trainers in Virtual Learning" organized

by ELTAI at TBAK College for Women, Kilakkarai on 9 & 10 August 2014.

- ❖ **Mrs. John Suganya**, Assistant Professor in English & **Mrs. Umaadevi**, Assistant Professor in English, PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore attended a Training Programme on "Developing Speaking Skills" held at Thoothukudi on 27th & 28th December 2014.
- ❖ **Dr. S. Sankarakumar**, Associate Professor of English, PSG College of Technology will be deputed to attend the National Level Conference to be held during July 2015.

N. C. Nandagopalan,
Secretary

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- Teacher:** What did you do this weekend?
Student: John and me went to the ball game.
Teacher: John and I.
Student: No, you weren't there.
- Teacher:** Who can give me an example of a double negative?
Pupil: I don't know none.
Teacher: Very good.

How is a judge like an English teacher?
They both hand out long sentences.