

Report on International Conference on Language and Literature: Dynamic Resources in the ELT Classroom

A Two-Day International Conference on “Language and Literature: Dynamic Resources in the ELT Classroom” was successfully conducted by the English department of SSN College of Engineering, Chennai, during 10-11 November 2017.

Dr. NS Prabhu’s session was a ‘masterpiece’. He shared his current thoughts and critical insights into several pedagogical issues in ELT. It was webcast through Facebook. It was an enthralling experience for the participants listening to such an eminent scholar.

Prof. Geetha Durairajan from EFLU, Hyderabad, and Prof. Shrimathi V, HoD-English, Anna University delivered very insightful lectures followed by question-and-answer sessions.

The participants were from many government and affiliated colleges in India. Noteworthy among them is the participation from EFLU (Hyderabad) premier institute for language studies, NIT Andhra Pradesh, NIT Trichy (research scholars), IIT Kanpur (research scholars), IIT Dhanbad, IIT Madras and private universities such as SRM, VIT, Symbiosis University, Pune and others. The

international participants who attended the conference included I.A. University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Another highlight of the conference is that select papers are to be published in Vol 4, Special Issue 2, 2017 of Veda’s JOELL, a UGC-approved journal. This was launched at the conference venue. A few other papers will be published as a book with ISBN subsequently.

Yet another interesting outcome is that the Head, department of English, Anna University has proposed a joint conference by AU and SSN. This collaborative effort would be a unique event next year.

The sponsors of the conference include Cambridge University Press, Orient BlackSwan, Karadi Path, and Entrayan.

The participants left the conference with much intellectual enrichment and learning.

Dr Deepesh and Dr Martha were the coordinators and Dr. Thiruvenkataswami, Professor and Head, Department of English, was the convener.

- Deepesh and Martha