

LANGUAGE LABORATORY

Department of English

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LAB – REPORT (June 2017- March 2018)

The significance of the language laboratory has been much felt in the domain of communication in our College curriculum. It is required of any learner to have a good command of the language for communication purposes, with clarity and accuracy being vital for effective and efficient communication. What helps one to acquire such proficiency in a language is the process and the method of learning that language. Our Language Lab abets students in practicing and assessing their communication skills effectively. Hence, the Lab functions from 8.30 am to 6.45 pm on ALL working days, where ALL the first year Under Graduate students are **Taught**, **Trained** and **Tested** in the most essential SKILLS – LISTENING, SPEAKING, READING and WRITING.

The objective of English Language Lab is to develop the language skills of the students with the help of the computer to teach language. There are THREE Labs with 120 computers in all to accommodate 120 students all at a time, and 03 control units to instruct and monitor the students. An additional lab with 30 terminals was established this year to house more students. All the labs function in the air conditioned environment. The language course materials are already fed into the computer and are displayed according to the features available in the system. The computers in the Language Lab are also connected to the Internet and at times it transforms into Web Assisted Language Laboratory. The electronic devices used in the laboratory stimulate the eyes and ears of the learner to acquire the language quickly and easily. The laboratory's collection is designed to assist learners in the acquisition and maintenance of aural comprehension, oral and written proficiency, and cultural awareness. The language laboratory is very useful for assessing students' speech. It provides students with the technical tools to get the best samples of pronunciation of the language. Hence, the English Language Lab is made

mandatory for all the first year UG students as part of their Part II English programme. Students attend the Language Lab class once a week in one of the Part II classes scheduled for them. At the end of each semester, they are subjected to aural, oral and written tests and undergo evaluation processes where the marks they secure are included in the CIA of the Part II paper.

List of Total Strength of the Student Takers of the Course for 2017 -2018 is given below:

Shifts		No. of	No. of classes	No. of
		Departments		Students
DAY	Aided			0704
	Shift-I	19	27	1125
Evening	Shift-II	16	22	1258
B. Voc		02	02	0093
Total		37	49	3180

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES: 2017 -2018

1. Workshop/ Training Program on "English for Specific PurposesandCommunication"

(Venue: Computer Aided Language Laboratory (CALL), Date: 26 February – 01 March 2018)

A four-day Workshop/Training programme on "English for Specific PurposesandCommunication" was organized by the Department of English, Language Lab for the Nursing Students of CSI School of Nursing, CSI Mission General Hospital, Woraiyur, Trichy from 26.02.2018 to 01.03.2018.



The
Inauguration of the
Workshop was held at



the Language Lab on 26th February 2018. Dr.S.Sobana Head, Department of English welcomed the invitees and the dignitaries. She spoke on the importance of the Language Lab in learning any language in the contemporary context. Dr.S.Valarmathi, Dean of Sciences, was the Chief Guest for the occasion. In her address, she stressed the importance of language skills for effective work management and competence. She also focused on communicative skills along with soft skills as the need of the hour.

Dr.K.Shanthi, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Computer Assisted Language Lab delivered the Vote of Thanks and followed by a brief orientation on the purpose of the workshop as to how English for Specific Purposes focuses on communication skill in specific situations in one's respective occupation. This is **a field specific training on communication skills** to the students of nursing to enhance their professional competence in contextualized-occupational situations. The students were made to analyze their vocabulary and communication ability for

better productivity, job performance and develop selfconfidence.

Sixty (60) students had hands on experience with the module designed for the workshop. Staff of the Language Lab: Mr. Prasath, Mr. Sam, Ms. Angel Jennifer, Ms. Latha, Mr. Sushikaran, Mr. Steve Loney facilitated the learning of the participants.







The Valediction of the Workshop was held on the 01st March 2018 at 5 pm. Ms. Latha, Assistant Professor of English welcomed the gathering and introduced the Chief Guest Dr. S. Ally Sornam, Head, Department of Library and Information science & Dean of Staff and Student welfare, Bishop Heber College, Trichy to the audience. Dr. S. Ally Soram motivated the participants to excel in their profession with all grace and humane attitude and she stressed the importance of English as the highly used language universally for specific purpose. She also noted that



communication and language pave the gateway for a civilized society and language is the only medium of establishing human relationship and a pivot tool for organizational skills. The Chief Guest distributed the Certificates and Books to the participants.

Three participants of the Workshop gave their feedback on the four-day programme. Dr. S. Sobana Head, Department of English, Dr. Suresh Frederick, U.G. Head, Dept. of English and Dean of IQAC and Dr. C. Dhanabal, Coordinator of SF section and Dean of Extension Activities graced



the occasion by their presence. Dr. C. Dhanabal offered his felicitations. Dr. Sushikaran, Assistant Professor of English proposed the Vote of Thanks. The Workshop ended with the National Anthem.
