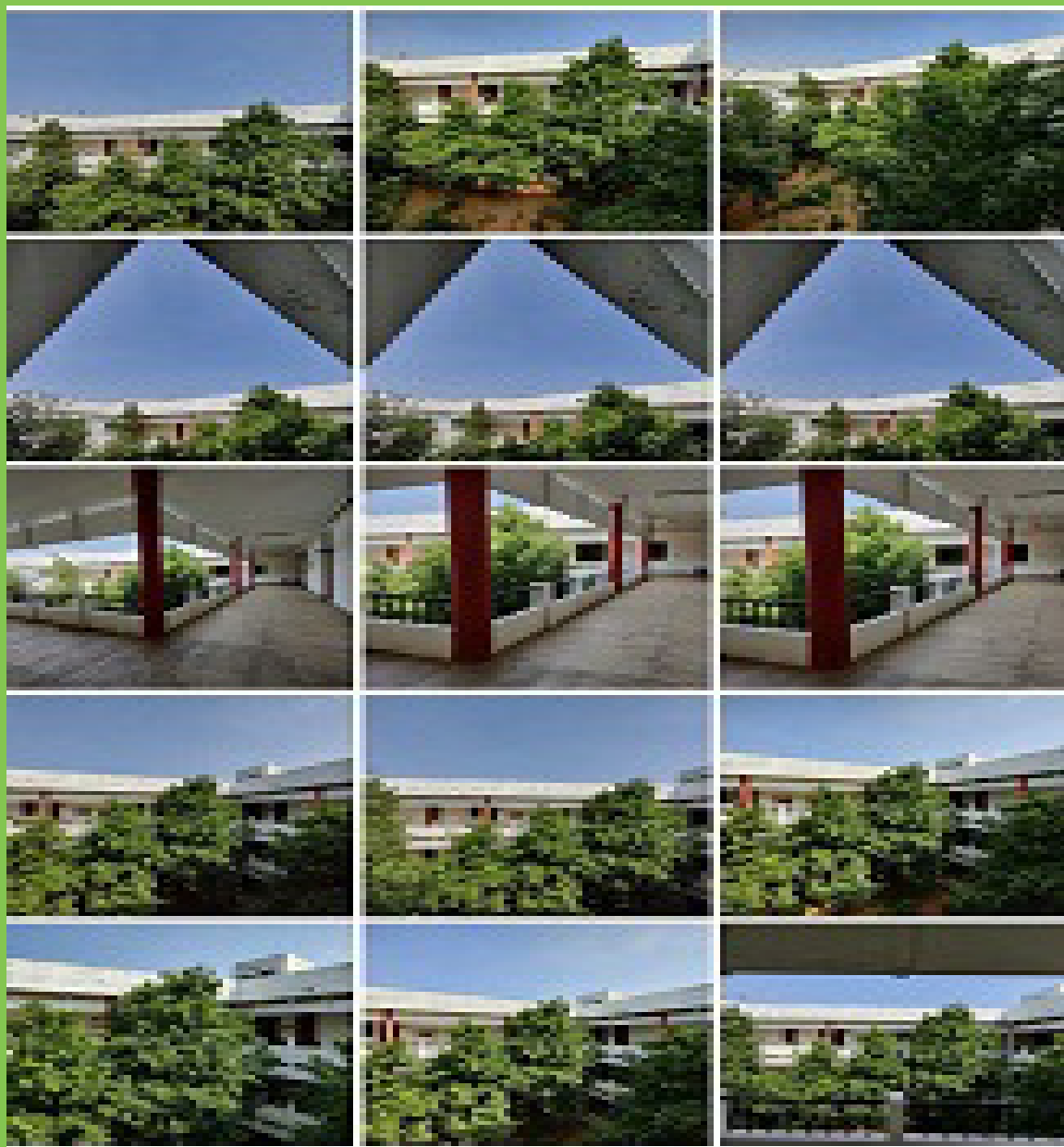


ENGLISH MAHILA

**A Digital News Letter of
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

SRI PADMAVATI MAHILA VISVAIDYALAYAM, TIRUPATI

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A Photomontage of the images of the Department

The Department of English Language and Literature is happy to bring out its first digital news letter **ENGLISH MAHILA**, an idea that has been on the anvil for quite sometime now . The main objective of this news letter is to reach out to the alumnae, friends and well-wishers of the Department and other English Departments in the state, country and the world. The Department, established in 1983, has been academically active offering M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D programmes . Yet very little is known about its activities to the alumnae or the English community outside. We hope this news letter will keep them connected to the Department by keeping them abreast of its different activities and the achievements of the faculty, research scholars, students and alumnae.

We invite the alumnae to partner with the faculty by actively engaging in the development of the Department. The alumnae and readers of this news letter can reach out to the Department at maenglishalumnae21@gmail.com. We would be happy to hear your comments and suggestions . Please keep us informed about your professional accomplishments .

-editor

FACULTY

1. Prof. T. Bharathi

Dean, SSSHM, Warden & Head I/C,
Department of Psychology

2. Prof. G. Sheela Swarupa Rani

Head

3. Prof. Y. S. Sharada

Dean, Student Affairs

4. Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

Chair Person, BOS

5. Prof. M. Neeraja

In Charge, Departmental Alumnae Association

6. Prof. V. Nirmala

Deputy Warden

7. Dr. K. Revathi

Academic Consultant

Clerk: K. Kotamma

Attendant: C. Rukmini

Faculty News



Faculty of the Department with a bunch of first year M A students

Prof. T.Bharathi took charge as Dean, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Management in June 2020.



Prof. G.Sheela Swarupa Rani took charge as Head of the Department in February 2020 from Prof.T.Bharathi.



Prof. Y. S. Sharada took charge as Dean, Student Affairs in July 2020





Prof.P.Hari Padma Rani



Prof. M. Neeraja



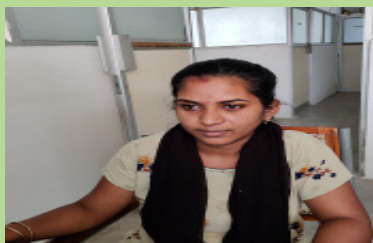
Prof. V. Nirmala



Dr. K. Revathi

Non-Teaching Staff

K. Kotamma



C. Rukmini



Prof. T. Bharathi



Publications

Books

MukhaMukhi: Interviews of Telugu Dalit Writers and Activists, 2020.

Papers

- "Civility is Beauty of Behaviour": An Interpretation of Tagore's Essay on The Poet's Religion", Journal of Scientific Computing, Volume 9, Issue 7, July, 2020. ISSN NO:1524-2560, a UGC-Care Approved Journal, Impact Factor: 6.1
- "Dalit Literature as Fourth World Literature: A Discourse". Dr. K.Thiyagaraan N.Arunagiri Ed. Voices of the Voiceless in New Literatures. Madurai: L Ordine Nuovo Publications, August 2020. ISBN : 978-93-90084-22-7.
- "Dickens' *Hard Times*: A Critique on Utilitarian Mode of Education", Journal of Xidian University, ISSN No: 1001-2400, Impact Factor: 5.4, An UGC-CARE Approved Group 2 Journal, Volume 14, Issue 9, September, 2020.
- Gave a lecture on "Suicide: A Gender Perspective", at the National Webinar on 4- 8-2020, organized by Indian Academy of Psychologists & Superannuated Psychologists Society of India.
- Organized a national seminar on **Ethical Values and Contemporary Literature**, 6-7 Jan 2020

Prof. G. Sheela Swarupa Rani

Prof. Sheela Swarupa Rani won second prize at the national level Slogan writing competition organized by FOGSI (The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India) on "Say No to Violence Against Women" in November 2020. The prize winning slogan was : **Don't Raise Your Hand against The Hand That Raised You**

Prof. Y. S. Sharada

- Delivered a lecture as Resource person on **Criteria –II –Teaching ,Learning and Evaluation** at the one-week long FDP programme on **NAAC revised Accreditation Framework-An Overview** organized by IQAC ,SPMVV , held online from **14-19 September 2020**
- Delivered Keynote address at the AICTE sponsored one week long FDP programme organized by Sree Venkateswara Engineering College,Tirupati on **Harmony in the Work Place: Effective Interpersonal & Communication Skills** held online in **November 2020**
- Delivered a lecture on **Interpersonal life skills at the AICTE Sponsored one week long FDP organized by JNTU ,Anantapur online from 14-19 December 2020**
- Organised two online awareness programmes on **Breast Cancer and Cervix Cancer** as Dean, Students Affairs in association with IQAC in November and December 2020 respectively.

Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

- Gave a lecture on the topic “The Story of Dictionaries” at the webinar jointly organized by Geetham University and ELTAI, Vizag chapter on 26-05-2020.
- Completed the six week online certificate in ‘Training for Trainers’ from TTESOL International Association in October 2020 acquiring 6 CEUs. Participation in the course was sponsored by Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

- Prepared a Digital Student Handbook for the IV Semester ELT Course to facilitate online learning.
- Gave lectures as Resource person at the HRDCs of Goa University and Sri Venkateswara University in November and December 2020 respectively.

Prof .V. Nirmala

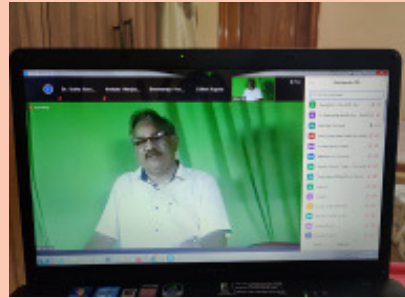
- Delivered a talk on “Eco Critical Perspectives in Literature” on 28th July 2020 in the Three-Day National level FDP on “Literature: Trauma, Eco-criticism and Oral Narratives” organized by the Dept. of English & Foreign Languages, MITS, Madanapalle .
- Delivered a talk on “ Feminist Literary Criticism: An Overview” in the Refresher Course in Languages at ASC , SVU on 23rd December 2020.

Dr. K. Revathi

Published an article “Innovations in Teaching Literature: In the Perspective of Past and Present.” Research Journal of English, volume-5, Special Issue-3, Aug. 2020. Print. ISSN: 2456-2696.

WEBINARS

1. Prof. Sheela Swarupa Rani organized a webinar on **Reflections on Covid and Literature** on 18.11.2020 with Prof. B. Thiruapti Rao, Dravidian University, Kuppam as Resource Person



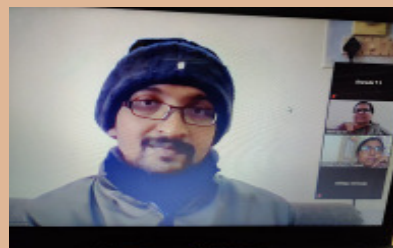
2. Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani organized a webinar on **The Dialectics of Nature and Culture** on 01.12.2020, with Dr. Shruti Das, Head, Department of English, Berhampur University, Odisha as Resource Person.



3. Prof. Y. S. Sharada organized a webinar on **Revitalizing Teaching Literatures : A Plea for "Signature Pedagogy"** on 10.12.2020, with Prof. Ch. A. Rajendra Prasad, Dravidian University, Kuppam, as Resource Person.



4. Prof. M. Neeraja organized a webinar on **Understanding Language Use for Academic Purposes** on 19.12.2020, with Dr. C. Vijaya Kumar, Associate Professor, BITS Pilani, Rajasthan, as Resource Person.



Prof. Veena Noble Dass Endowment Lecture



Professor N.Nagaraju, Vice Chancellor, GM University, Odisha delivered III Professor Veena Noble Dass Endowment Lecture on 18th December 2020. The endowment lecture was instituted in 2017 by her daughters Hepsiba and Sherin who live in Australia. The first lecture was delivered by Ms. Sherin in December, 2018 and the II lecture was delivered by Professor G. Mohana Ramanan ,Former Professor of English,UOH on 6th December 2019.

This year the endowment lecture has gone online and it was delivered by Prof. N. Nagaraju on **“Voicing Nature” : Relations with Nature and Possibilities of Restitution.**



Alumnae News

Dr. Lakshmi Devi (2001-2003) who did her Ph.D. also from the department is working as an Assistant Professor at Sri Padmavati Degree College, Tirupati. She received the **Savithri Bai Phule Best Teacher award** on the 5th of January 2021 from the Ambedkar Study Centre, S.V University. Congratulations to her!



Alumnae D. Poornima Reddy and P. Jyoshna interacting with the students

Student Achievements

One of the best practices the Department has been following for a decade now is to confer titles on and award prizes to some of the outstanding outgoing students of the Department. Details of the awardees for the year 2020 are:

- A.Divya-- **The Most Hardworking and Sincere Outgoing Student.**
- Y.Hema Deepthi-- **The Most Widely Read Outgoing Student.**
- V.Preethi-- **The Most Friendly Outgoing Student with a Good Sense of Humour.**
- L.Sai Priyambada Reddy-- **The Most Creative Outgoing Student.**

The first year M.A students M.Sireesha, Mary Prashanthi, Ellen Mary Glynn and Kanthi Sri have won second prize in the DST-CURIE-AI sponsored virtual event **Ideas Festival 2020**, organized by Sri Padmavati Mahila University in April 2020.



The outgoing batch of students enjoying themselves at the Farewell Party just before the lockdown was announced in March 2020

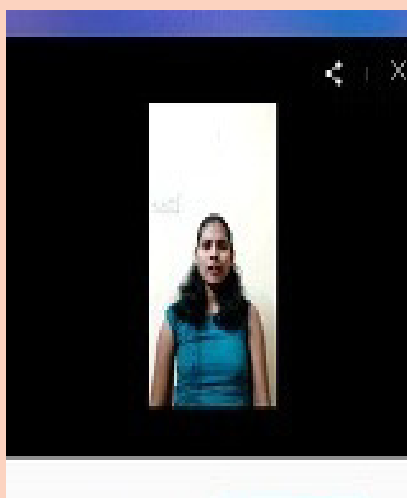
Our III Semester students Ellen Mary Glynn and Mary Prahsanthi, who got selected to teach online for **English Direct**, an International Organization feature on their Website.



Mary Prashanthi Chilakaluri

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I am pursuing masters degree in English language and literature from Poddumavathi University, Andhra Pradesh, India. I was trained and prepared by English Direct and started teachi...



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POEM

*There was a time when I used to
visit this place
and I was welcomed every time*

Unconsciously developed a bond
with them

Then, more regular the visits became.

They welcomed me as well as others

It appeared they don't know how to
distinguish,

Between friends and foes.

Slowly the regularity reduced

There was no welcoming
environment.

Those who welcomed, their numbers
decreased.

And suddenly all welcomes stopped.

The beloved forest disappeared.

Today, I stand on a bustling place

Where live no birds no trees.

But the same once welcomed
hypocrites.

By L.Sai Priyambada Reddy,

M.A Final Year

Ph.D Degrees Awarded in 2020

1. Scholar: Dr. K. Sumalatha Mamatha

Topic: *Dalit in Select Telugu Films (1938-2008):*

A Critical Investigation

Research Supervisor: Prof. T. Bharathi

2. Scholar: Dr. M. Praveena

Topic: *The Select Novels of Raja Rao and Tripuraneni*

Gopichand: An Existential Perspective

Research Supervisor: Prof. G. Sheela Swarupa Rani

3. Scholar: Dr. R. Sujatha Rani

Topic: *Revisiting History: A Study of Amitav Ghosh's*

Select Novels.

Research Supervisor: Prof. Y. S. Sharada

4. Scholar: Dr. G. Divya

Topic: *News Bulletins in ELT: A Lexical Study*

Research Supervisor: Prof. P. Hari Padma Rani

Publications by Research Scholars

1. Anuradha, Dorepally. "Translating Purandaradasa's Kriti into English using Direct and Oblique Translation Strategies." *Perspectives on Contemporary Literature and Literary Theories in English*. Aug,2020, pp-29-34. ISBN: 9789388551052-01130.
2. Anuradha, M." Translating Purandaradasa's Kriti into English for an Insightful Understanding Using a Four-tier Model" *RJOE*, vol.5, no 3, Aug, 2020, pp.106-115. ISSN: 2456-2696.
3. Bhavani Ganga,S. "Teaching Grammar at the Primary Level in India." *Language Literature and culture in Cosmopolitan world,L Ordine Nuovo Publication*, pp.1-7. ISBN:978-93-90084-08-1.
4. Devi, Gayathri. "Do the Stories Help to Develop Communication Skills to the Students at School Level?." *International Journal of Innovative Science and Research Technology*, Vol. 5, Issue 8, Aug. 2020. ISSN: 2456-2165
5. Swati,Dhara. "How do I translate "Evandi" into English?." *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science*. 2nd ser. 25.10.2020, pp. 10-12 Print.
6. Swati,Dhara. "The Plight of the Parents of Every Bride - Dowry" *IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science*. 6th ser. 25.10 (2020): 1-3. Print.
7. Elizabeth Krapa." The Cultural Heritage of Indigenous People in Arup Kumar Dutta's *The Brahmaputra*." *Language , Literature And Culture In Cosmopolitan World*, April 2020, pp.25-27. ISBN: 978-93-90084-08-1.
8. HimaBindu, Nalli. "War and Wreckage in Parva: A Study." *Mukt Shabd Journal*, vol. IX, no. XII, Dec. 2020, pp. 761-774,app.box.com/s/ar210b9ue9gnnwnrts1xrqyb04t8wo19.
9. HimaBindu, Nalli. "Narrative Techniques in S L Bhyrappa's *Aavarna*." *Bhava Veena*, vol. 17, no. 8, Aug. 2020. ISSN No. : 2456-4702.
10. Pratyusha, Velaga. "Delineation of the Struggling Women in the Select Short Fiction of Telugu Blogger, Vanaja Tatineni." *Journal of Composition Theory*, Vol.13, Issue 2, Feb. 2020.
11. Bhargavi, P. " Activities – Enormous Importance in he Modern English Language Classroom." *Smart Moves Journal IJELLH*, Vol. 8, Issue-11, Nov.2020. e-ISSN: 2582-3574, p-ISSN:2582-4406.
12. Bhargavi, P. "The role of Translation activities as a Teaching strategy in English Language Teaching for Rural students" *SMART MOVES JOURNAL IJELLH*,8(11),88 95.<https://doi.org/10.24113/ijellh.v8i11.10836> e-ISSN:2582-3574, p-ISSN:2582-4406.



The Department with nothing but the sky above it



A peep into the sky from a corner of the department