

Maris Stella College, Vijayawada

Department of English
Departmental Activities

2020-2021

- **Webinar**

The Department of English organized a Three Day National Level Webinar & FDP on " English Studies in the New Millennium - Adapting to New Texts." On June 11th, 12th & 13th, 2020. Eminent professors and specialists, Dr B. Parvathi, ANU, Dr, Rositta Joseph V, Gitams Institutions, Dr. Swetha Mukherjee, Christ Institutions, Dr B. Umamaheswari, EFLU and Sri Mohan Krishna Indraganti , Film Director and Screenplay Writer dealt with different aspects of English Studies in the New Millenium. Nearly 105 faculty members and research scholars attended and considered the webinar a useful platform for exchanging their ideas in the realm of English Studies in the new Millenium.

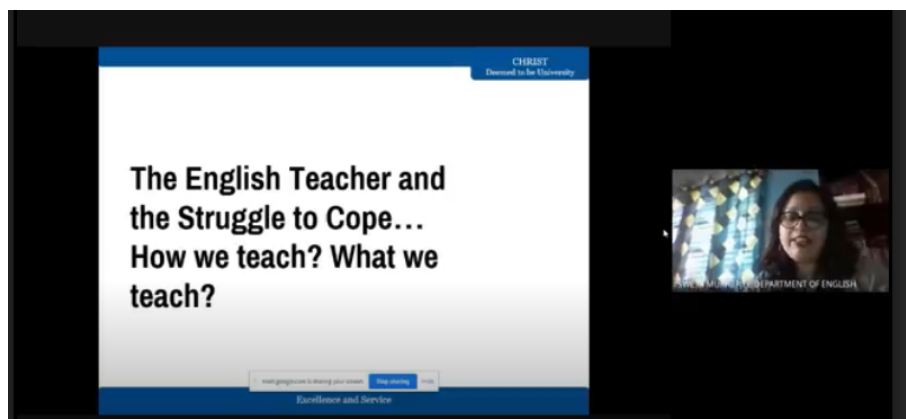
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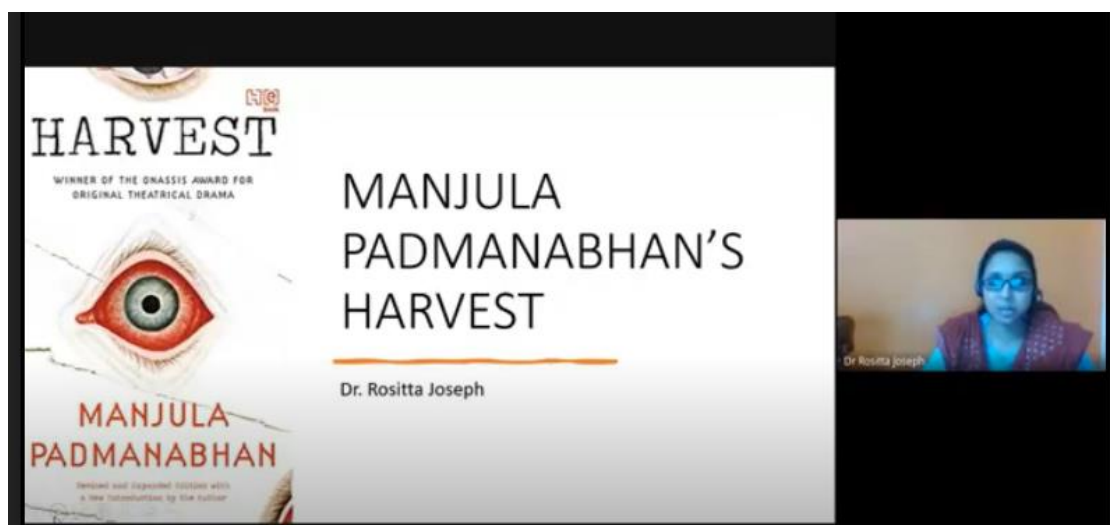


• Online Guest Lectures

An online guest lecture by DR. Rositta Joseph Valiamattam, Gitam Institutions, Vizag on Manjula Padmanabhan's Harvest was organized by the department of English on 13/11.2020 for around 50 students II BA Literature, TTM & Journalism groups.

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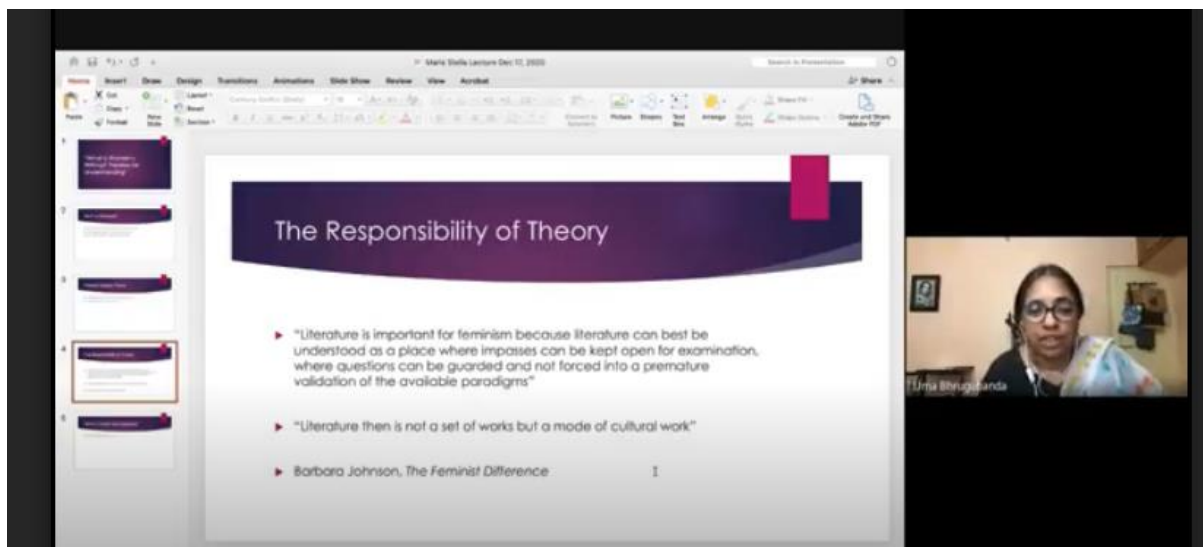
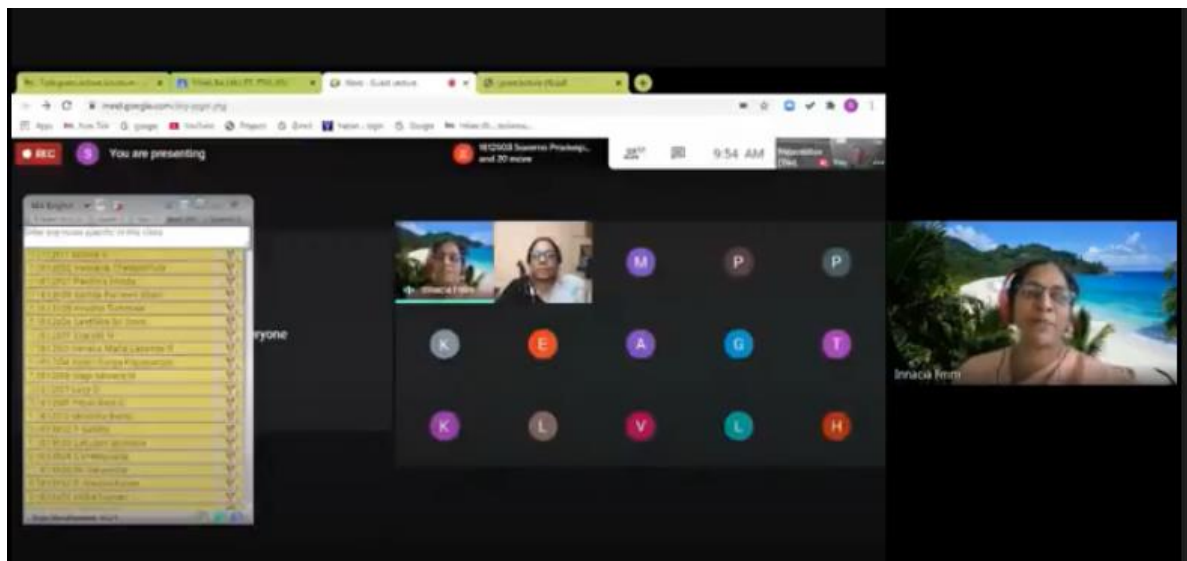
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An online guest lecture was arranged for III year LIT, TTM and Journalism students by Dr. B. Uma Maheswari , EFLU on 'What is Women's Writings - Theories for Understanding' on 17/12.2020.

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2019-2020

An Induction Programme was conducted for the I Degree students on 13/6/19. A Bridge Course was conducted for I Degree students from 17/6/19 to 22/6/19. Essentials of English Grammar and Sounds of English were taught.



Language Partnership Programme initiated by our Principal, Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras and launched with the collaboration of Stella Maris College, Chennai under the able guidance of Dr. Thilagavathi Joseph who trained the faculty and students in conducting this programme was taken up this year by the faculty of the department of English. 150 slow learners were identified and 60 volunteers were chosen to help out the slow learners. Every week four hours of instruction and activity were conducted.





Guest Lecture

Maris Stella Alumni Association & Department of English organised a guest lecture for PG English students by Dr. Afeera Khanam, English Instructor, University of Jeddah, Khulais, Saudi Arabia on the topic **‘Teaching and Learning English as a Second Language: Strategies’** on 31st July 2019. 75 PG Students attended it.

Awareness Programme

Maris Stella Alumni Association(MSAA)conducted an awareness programme on“ Common Gynaec Problems among the Young Women” to UG and PG students on 6.09.2019,Friday,in the college auditorium. The resource person was Dr.S.Sahithi, BAMS, MD, Vedamantra Ayurveda Clinic,Vijayawada.



Guest Lecture

Maris Stella Alumni Association(MSAA) and the PG Department of English, Maris Stella College, Vijayawada, organised a special guest lecture on the topic 'Reading Skills' by Ms. V. Vishnu Vandana Devi, Associate Professor of English, Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Vijayawada, on 29.08.19

PG English Department in collaboration with Maris Stella Alumni Association (MSAA) organized a lecture for PG English students on English Language Teaching (ELT), 31st July, 2019. The resource person was Dr.Afeera Khanam, an alumna herself and she has been working as an English Instructor at the University of Jeddah, Khulais, Saudi Arabia.

PG English Department in collaboration with Maris Stella Alumni Association (MSAA) organized a lecture on *Women's Writings* on 3rd August, 2019. The Resource person was Dr.Afeera Khanam, an alumna herself and has been working as an English Instructor at University of Jeddah, Khulais, Saudi Arabia. She focused on Alice Walker's *Color Purple* and discussed several issues like gender discrimination, queer human relationships, socio-cultural problems.

Online Course

The Department of English under the guidance of Dr. Girija Nambiar, Dr. Ch. Krishnaveni & Dr. V. Satya Sudha have conducted an Online course in English for all the UG students. The students took one internal assessment in January '20 and the End Semester exam will be held in March 2020.

Cultural Week

As a part of Cultural Week, the Dept of English conducted the following competitions.

English Drama – 50 students from Inter and Degree were participated in the competition

English Essay Writing was conducted on 10-12-2019 on the topic "**The threat to the planet is us. Care for the planet and it will take care of you.**" 86 students from Inter and UG participated in the competition

English debate was conducted on 11-12-2019 on the topic "**Human Consumerism is Resulting in Global Havoc**". 20 students from Inter and UG participated in the competition

Guest Lecture

DR. CHENNA REDDY, DEPT OF ENGLISH, ANU addressed the UG & PG students on "Teaching and Learning LSRW Skills of English" on 1st February, 2020. 90 Students from III BA Literature, Tourism and Journalism and MA English participated.



2018-2019

- **LANGUAGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

Under the able stewardship of Principal Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras , the Language Partnership Programme was launched in collaboration with Stella Maris College. Dr. Thilagavathi Joseph, Former faculty, Department of English, trained the faculty and students in conducting this programme. 150 slow learners were identified and 60 volunteers were chosen to help out the slow learners. Students interacted with each other under the supervision of the English faculty. Various activities were used to build confidence and improve fluency among slow learners.



- **Motivational Talk by Mr. Chetan Bhagat, the Novelist (11.02.2019)**

With an objective to hone the English speaking and writing skills of schools and colleges in the state, a city-based startup, Nista National launched 'eduinfotainment' venture started by the Chairman and Managing Director of the firm, Mr. Sundara Chaitanya Anagani. The noted screen writer and the motivational speaker Mr. Chetan Bhagat, who is one among the 100 influential people, gave a motivational talk on "Life: Success and Happiness". Twenty Literature students of Maris Stella along with Dr. Sr. Innyasamma, Mrs. Swarupa and Ms. Manorama from the department of English attended it on 11.02.2019.

- **A Guest Lecture by Prof. M. Suresh Kumar (12.02.2019)**

A guest lecture on "Language of Translations and Language of Life" by Prof. M. Suresh Kumar, Dept. of English, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur was organized by the dept. of English for 60 Literature students of UG and PG on 12.02.2019.



2017-2018

Workshops

The Dept organised a one day workshop on "Presentation Skills for Employment" for PG & UG students on 6th Sep 2017. The Resource person was Dr. Kanchana Sundaram, Asst. Prof VNR Vignana Jyothi institute of Engineering & Techonology.

The department organised a Workshop on 'How to Write Creatively' by Sri U. Atreya Sarma.



2016-17

- **Orientation to the Freshers**

DR. K. Sandhya, HoD gave orientation to the Freshers and their parents on 20th June, 2016.



- **Workshop on Language Skills**

A Two Day workshop was conducted on 'Reading and Writing Strategies' Dr. Afsha Jamal Dept. of English, Prince Sattam Bin Abdul Aziz University 26th & 27th July for UG and PG students.



- **National Seminar**

A national seminar on "World literatures in English translation" was organised on 18th Jan 2017. Faculty members and research scholars presented their papers which were published in a reputed journal.



- **Skit by Students**

Pride and Prejudice was adapted and performed on the College Day (4/2/17)



- **National Women's Parliament**

Dr. K. Sandhya conducted a Group Discussion at National Women's Parliament held on 10th, 11th & 12th Feb 2017.



2015-2016

- **INVITED LECTURE BY PROF.STEPHEN WARREN**

19.12.2015 - The Department organized a guest lecture on “Native Tradition and Land” from 9.45a.m -11.15 a.m in the A.V room. The speaker was Prof. Stephen Warren from the Dept. American Studies and History , University of Sowa, U.S.A. As an author of books on the Shownees Tribe of the U.S and as a researcher with considerable experience of working with natives in reservations, Prof. Warren Delivered an informative lecture on the impact of colonization on the natives, the violence and discrimination they were subjected to, their current status and the U.S govt. policies towards them. The lecture gave a deep insight in to the context of several texts prescribed for study in the U.G and P.G syllabi. II & III year U.G students of literature and I & II year P.G (Literature) attended the session. The lecture was followed by an interactive session where the students and faculty posed several questions on the subject.

