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# **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES 2022- 2023**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**



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*(Conferences, Seminars, Webinars, Workshops, Industrial Visits, Field Trips, Talks, Campaigns, etc.)*

1. A lecture on the topic **“The ‘What’ and ‘How’ of Proficiency in English”** was organized by the department on 20th September, 2022. **Ms. Dinah Oommen, former staff of the Dept. of English, WCC and former ELT trainer from the United States** was the resource person. In her talk, she spoke about what constitutes proficiency in English and the ways in which it can be assessed.



**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, CHENNAI**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
presents  
Lecture series #1 - Academic Year 2022 - 2023

**THE 'WHAT' AND 'HOW' OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH**  
by  
**Dinah Oommen**

**Women's Christian College, Chennai**, is one of the earliest women's colleges to be established in India. Founded by 12 missionary societies in 1915, it has fulfilled its vision of empowering women with holistic and relevant education. Over its 100 year-long journey, it has evolved into a centre of innovation in academia, action-based research, community involvement, and industry linkages.

**About Part-II English at WCC:** A time-tested and successful teaching strategy adopted by the Department of English at Women's Christian College, for Part-II English from Semester I to Semester IV has been the skill-based methodology focusing on the four skills of Language Learning: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing (LSRW).

Over a period of 4 semesters, 27 independent language training modules designed by the Department of English for the undergraduate students of Shift I are used in the classroom. The objective of these modules is to enable students gain the required proficiency in using the English Language through a combination of proficiency level-based and skill-based courses from Semesters 1 to 3 and choice-based courses in Semester 4.

With the 2 Language Laboratories for the blended teaching-learning process, the English courses aim to realise tangible outcomes in terms of learner progression, personality development and employability.

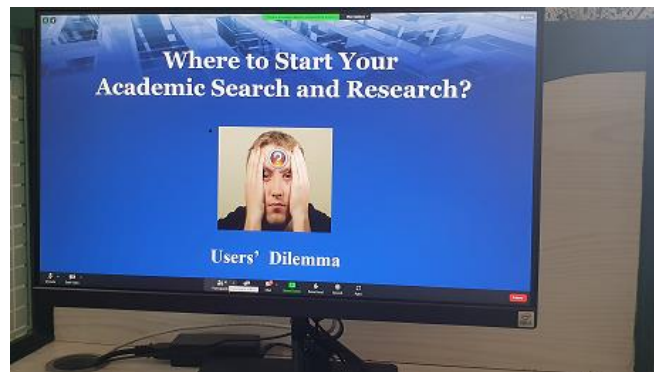
**About the Lecture:**  
With her vast repertoire of teaching English in varied contexts globally, Dinah Oommen is the apt person to offer us fresh insights into how English language learning can be creative and optimally productive. In her talk titled "The 'What' and 'How' of Proficiency in English" she will be speaking about what constitutes proficiency in English and some ways in which it can be assessed.

The lecture will be for an hour followed by a Q & A session.

July 20, 2022  
11:20 am - 12:45 pm  
Benedicta Rowe Hall, WCC



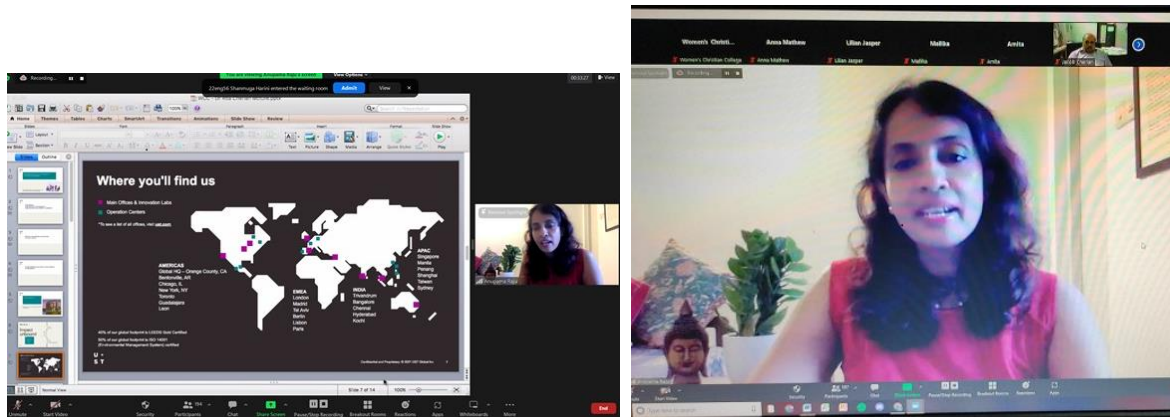
2. A webinar on the topic **“Effective Use of EBSCO library Resources for Quality Literature Search- EBSCO HOST Orientation”** was organized by the department in collaboration with IRC to orient students about the proper usage of library resources on 27th September, 2022. **Dr. Periasamy Pradeep Ravichandran** was the resource person for the event.



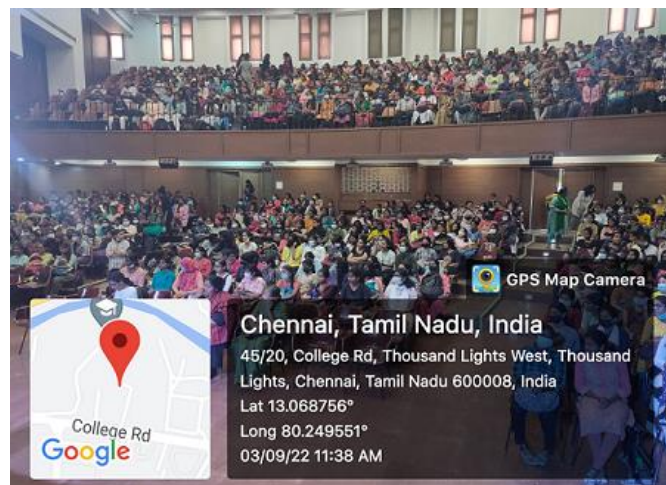
3. A lecture on the topic **“Live, Learn, Liverpool”** was organized by the department 4th August, 2022 to introduce and inspire students to study abroad. **Ms. Neha M Verghis & Ms. Swetha Bai** were the resource persons.



4. Dr. Rita Jacob Cherian Memorial Endowment Lecture on the topic **“How Embedding Poetry in Organizational Communication can Add Value to Employees in Companies”** was organized by the department to demonstrate how integrating poetry into organizational communication can enhance employee engagement, creativity, and well-being on 24th August, 2022. **Ms. Anupama Raju** was the resource person.



5. A Lecture on the topic **“Book Launch: C Anupama Raju”** was organized by the department to provide insight about the art of writing and encourage students to publish their literary work on 03rd September, 2022. **Ms. Anupama Raju** was the resource person.



6. A Lecture on the topic **“Forensic Linguistics”** was organized by the department to introduce students to the forensic techniques used by linguists to equip them with skills for this new career path on 15th September, 2022. **Dr. Fr. Francis M. Peter, Professor, Managerial Communication, XLRI School of Management, Jamshedpur** was the resource person.

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PRESENTS LECTURE SERIES BY (CONTINUED)

**FORENSIC LINGUISTICS**  
by  
**Rev. Dr. Francis M Peter S.J.**

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**The Department of English** (1962) for B.A. English has 19 faculty members and about 200 students. The aim of the Department is to create and nurture intellectual curiosity, creative imagination, and social consciousness, through a variety of courses with theoretical and practical components in Literature in English, Indian Literature in Translation, Contemporary Tamil Literature in Translation, Media Studies, Graphic Design & Layout, Personality Enrichment, and Theatre.

**Lecture Series #V:** The Lecture organised by the Department of English on "Forensic Linguistics" will bring alive the dry bones of theoretical linguistics, opening new career paths and equipping students with skills for the future. Linguists fingerprinting along with forensic techniques has helped to detect, prevent and solve crimes by analysing the writings - threat letters, ransom notes, e-frauds, author identification, plagiarism, deceptive offers. The lecture will introduce forensic investigations and interview techniques used by linguists, to spot deception especially in the recruitment/promotion procedures. Data is the future oil, and the lecture will highlight the possibility of obtaining significant data from seemingly insignificant excerpts of speech/writing, browsing history etc.

**September 15, 2022**  
**11:20 am - 12:20 pm**  
**Bamford Hall**

**Rev. Dr. Francis M Peter, S.J.**, has over 30 years of experience in Institutes of Higher Education, in both teaching and administrative positions. He has presented papers and delivered lectures in around 14 countries, authored 46 books and a number of journal articles, conducted over 600 seminars and workshops across the country, been on Boards of Studies, and was also on the panel to select the Vice Chancellor of M. S. University, Tamil Nadu. He is sought after consultant and has trained personnel from leading multinational companies and assists the Jharkhand Government in the selection and training of their educational officers. Currently, he serves as Professor of Managerial Communication at the XLRI School of Business, Jamshedpur, and leads its Centre for Research and Training in Educational Leadership (CaRTEL).

**Programme Schedule**

**Invocation Song**  
Students, Department of English

**Welcome**  
Dr. Annie Kuriachan, Associate Professor & Head

**Introduction**  
Ms. Ashita Chandran, Assistant Professor

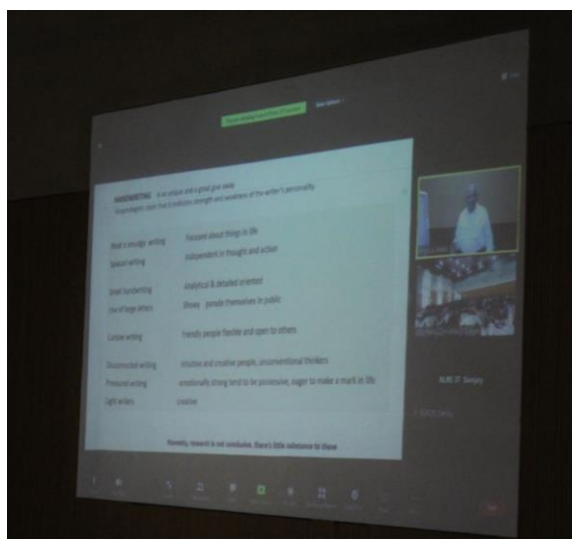
**Guest Speaker**  
Rev. Dr. Francis M Peter S.J  
Professor, Managerial Communication, XLRI School of Management, Jamshedpur

**Vote of Thanks**  
Ms. Anna Mathew, Assistant Professor

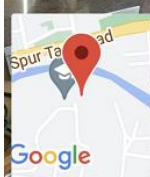
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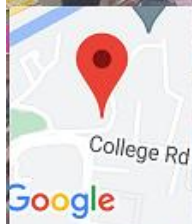
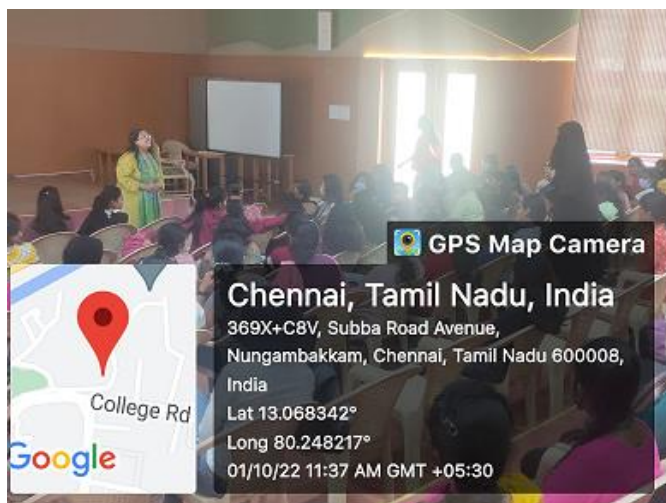
Ms. Jemima Farrar, Assistant Professor  
Dr. C. Anupama, Assistant Professor



7. A Lecture on the topic **“Learn to Predict and Predict to Learn: The Karadi Path Pedagogy”** was organized by the department to teach students about the use of multisensory experience in language learning on 01st October, 2022. **Ms. Preetika Venkatakrishnan** was the resource person.

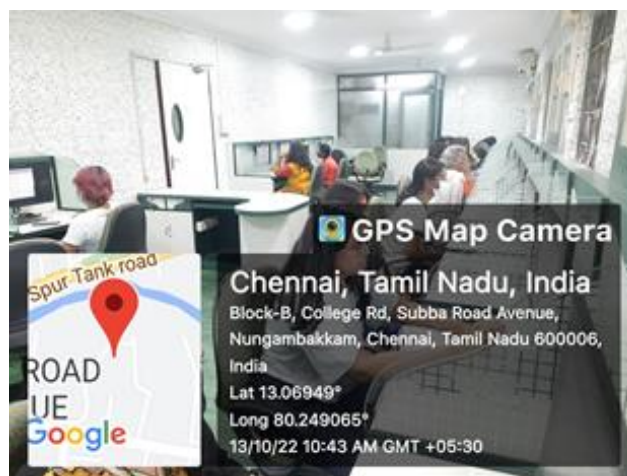


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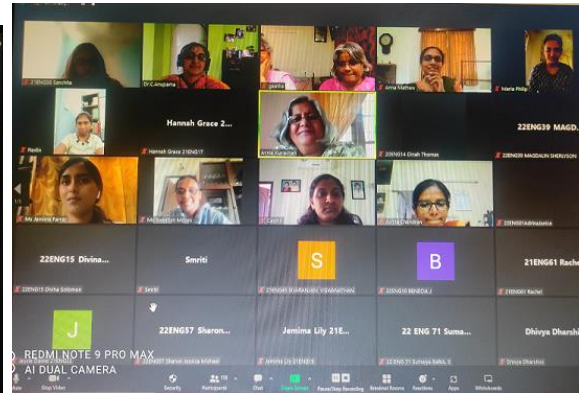
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8. A webinar on the topic **“Mendeley References”** was organized by the department to enlighten students about online tools available for research on 13th October, 2022. **Dr. J. Arumugam, Librarian, PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore** was the resource person.



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9. The department organized a lecture titled **“Proficiency to Potentiality: Theorizing Through Experience”** to offer practical experience in working with language potential and leveraging that experience for generalization and theorization on 25th October, 2022. **Dr. Geetha Duairajan, retired Professor, EFLU, Hyderabad** and **Dr. Shree Deepa, Associate Professor, University of Hyderabad** was the resource person.



10. A lecture on the topic **“Creating a Story”** was organized by the department to encourage students to engage in the process of creative writing and read regional literature on 13th January, 2023. **Dr. Perumal Murugan, Indian author, scholar and literary chronicler** was the resource person.



11. The department organized a lecture titled **"The Increasing Need for a Safe Space to Create and Write"** to highlight the contribution of women in the literary space and create their niche on 27th January, 2023. **Ms. Anuja Chandramouli, Writer** was the resource person.

