

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS

Under the present C.C.E. (Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation) model of education, teachers need to be updated with the latest trends in teaching pattern. A general survey of our Trust Institutions has revealed that our teachers, especially those who teach the English language, need more guidance about the new teaching methods. The same is true of every institution in the district and the state. When requested with the proposal of holding this workshop, Chairman Shri S.P.Kamat readily agreed. With the assistance of our teacher from Kulve-Baroor, Shri V.L.Hegde, we were able to visualize the nature and scope of the workshop. We are thankful to him for helping us in securing the presence and participation of Shri P.N.Srinath, Chairman, Text Book Committee, Bangalore, as the key resource person. It is on his recommendation that we were able to bring out a handbook of model question papers for second language English at the SSLC level.

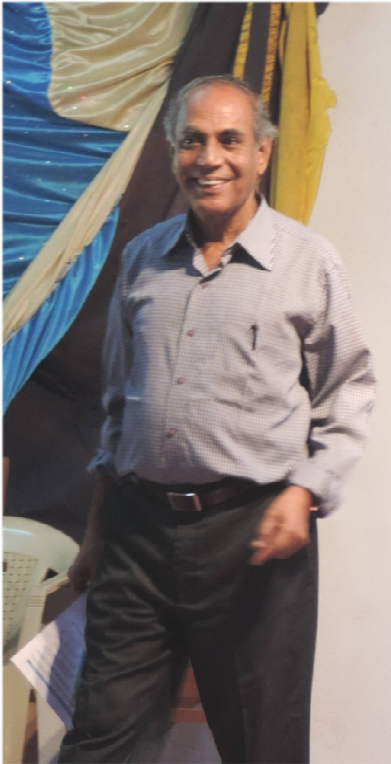
Shri S.P.Kamat, Chairman, Kanara Welfare Trust, inaugurated the workshop by lighting the lamp. The students from P.M. English Medium school performed the invocation. Shri K.V.Shetti, Administrative officer, Kanara Welfare Trust, welcomed the gathering. He informed the gathering about the purpose of this workshop. He advised the teachers to make use of the workshop. The guests were welcomed with a flower by Shri Prashant Rao, Special Coordinator of the Trust. On this occasion, the dignitaries released a handbook of model question papers for second language English at the SSLC level.



Addressing the assembly, Chairman Shri S.P.Kamat, in his inaugural speech, stressed the importance of literature in the development of the language. He advised the teachers to engage in reading literature. He quoted some wonderful works of P.G.Wodehouse and Jane Austen. He made a special reference of Manohar Malgaonkar who was a writer par excellence and lived in Joida taluk of our Uttar Kannda District. He has drawn the attention of the teachers towards the beauty of the language and advised to take interest in the different forms of language.

The key note speaker, Shri P.N.Srinath, said that it is important for English teachers to think about the language functions. He expressed his gratitude to the Trust for coming forward to help the teachers of English to improve their professionalism. Shri Vinod Hegde was the Master of Ceremony at the program.

The inauguration was followed by academic sessions. Shri P.N.Srinath explained the meaning and scope of C.C.E. He clarified the doubts raised by the teachers. In the second session he guided the teachers how to conduct activities in the class. He suggested some important steps in evaluating the students under C.C.E. Some teachers put forth their problems before Shri P.N.Srinath. All their problems on C.C.E were resolved. Afternoon session commenced after lunch. Textual problems were discussed in this session. Most of the problems were on grammar like syllables, infinitives, finite & non-finite verbs, etc.



Shri P.N.Srinath is basically a Science graduate who started his career as a teacher of Mathematics in various Govt. High Schools where he was posted. In the ten years of his profession as a school teacher, he could equip himself with a Master's Degree in English from Karnatak University, Dharwad. He went on to earn his degree in Linguistics from Central University of Hyderabad. He soon advanced his career as a Lecturer in numerous Govt. PU Colleges and retired as a Principal in 2000. After retirement from Govt. service, he became even more active in his vocation as a teacher-trainer. Having worked as a trainer for English Lecturers under the British Council, he has served on the faculty of the Regional Institute for English and also as a faculty member in R.V.College of Engineering, Bangalore. He has also worked as Chairperson of English in Job Oriented Courses. Till date, he has brought out 12 books and as an ELT professional (i.e. English Language Trainer), he has helped organize and conduct hundreds of seminars and workshops all over the state. He has served as Chairperson of the textbook committees for 10th Std., 8th Std. and 4th Std. English for several terms. He has also developed the concept of learning English with activities.

Shri P.N.Srinath explained how all these grammar interchanges can be taught through inductive method. A brief feedback session was held in the end. Teachers from different schools expressed their gratitude to the Trust for facilitating such a useful workshop.



Shri K.V.Shetti congratulated all those who worked hard to make the workshop successful. Shri Vinod Hegde and Smt Philomena Rodriguez rendered vote of thanks.



The workshop ended with high tea.

The set of model question papers for second language English at the SSLC level, compiled by the resource team constituted for this purpose, was handed out to each of the participating teacher at the workshop. It may be noted that the model question paper sets are not for sale. The whole set is available on the website of the Trust. A soft copy is available to district units of English Teachers on request to Kanara Welfare Trust, Ankola.



It has always been the endeavour of the Trust to enhance the quality of teaching, learning and evaluation in our Institutions. Over the years, the Trust has made optimum use of its resources and modern technology for the betterment of the teacher and the learner alike. Conducting orientation workshops such as this event is part of the process in our pursuit for empowering the teaching fraternity. We hope that this exercise bears fruit in the days to come and we can reach out to a large number of beneficiaries, both from the student as well as the teaching community.