

# ELT@I GUNTUR CHAPTER

## REPORT ON

### **Two Day Workshop cum Inauguration on The Applications of Technology for Teaching and Learning of English Language Skills**

<b>Title of the Workshop</b>	: The Applications of Technology for Teaching and Learning of English Language Skills
<b>Date</b>	: 22-12-2018 & 23-12-2018
<b>Venue</b>	: Video Conference Room, First Floor, Vignan NTR Library, Vignan, Vadlamudi, Guntur Dist. Andhra Pradesh.
<b>Resource Persons</b>	: Dr. P. N. Ramani, Vice President, ELT@I National Body Dr. Santosh Mahapatra, BITS, Hyderabad
<b>No. of. Participants</b>	: 60 (Various Engineering Colleges & School teachers)

As part of the Re-Inauguration of the Guntur Chapter, two day workshop on **The Applications of Technology for Teaching and Learning of English Language Skills** was organized on 22-23 December 2018 at Video Conference Room, First Floor, Vignan NTR Library, Vignan, Vadlamudi, Guntur Dist. Andhra Pradesh in associated with English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELT@I).

In the inauguration of the workshop, Dr. M. Y. S. Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, VFSTR emphasized the need for such workshop for teachers of English to update their innovative teaching methods and materials to impart knowledge and skills among the Graduates. Dr. Nichal Kiran Kumar, S&H in-charge H.O.D emphasized that the technology based applications in teaching English language skills is very essential. He said that Online learning platforms and advanced software are beginning to replace traditional practices of teaching, more particularly in the way English is being taught in the modern ELT classroom. Dr. Santhosh Mahapatra from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, (BITS), Hyderabad, addressed that the technological

applications are to be used to improve students engagement in the classroom. In his inaugural note, said that technological tools can be used to assess LSRW skills of the students and Web 2.0 tools can also be used for research purposes as well. Dr. A. Sharada, President of ELTAI Guntur Chapter, in her presidential addressed emphasised that the English teachers need to update themselves constantly on the technology front, if they are to be relevant and to be able to engage their students in the classroom. Language classrooms can be become more lively and interactive if teachers are able to deploy the latest technical tools for setting up learning tasks to the millennial learners.

The inaugural programme was followed by the workshop session started by the Resource Person for the first day ( 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.) was Dr. Santhosh Mahapatra from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, (BITS), Hyderabad, who provided an awareness on the applications of Google drive for generating collaborative tasks for students. Teachers were provided hands on experience on taking screenshots of texts, images and trained on how to use the Micro Soft features like Paint to edit, highlight, crop pictures and texts for designing classroom activities. Dr. Santhosh demonstrated how Google docs. can be used for setting up collaborative tasks. Teachers were also trained on how to use: record, crop and edit a video for setting up short listening tasks in English classroom. A hands on experience on generating suitable rubrics of evaluation was also imparted to the participants. He wrapped up his session by showing the teachers how they can use technology for improving the communication skills i.e. like use of mobile phones and voice thread.com for recording, evaluating and offering feedback on student presentations. Dr. Shabreen Sultana Shaik, Secretary & Convenor, ELTAI Guntur chapter, thanked and felicitated Dr. Santhosh Mahapatra for his significant use and intellectual knowledge of the Applications of technology, tools and to designing materials, shared to the teacher fraternity.

The second day i.e. 23<sup>rd</sup> December, started with the re-inauguration of the Guntur Chapter by eminent person Dr. P. Ramani, Vice-President, ELT@I. He highlighted the role of English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELT@I) and the initiative that ELTAI has taken for several decades in conducting Workshops, seminars, conferences and FDP programmes. The mission and vision of ELTAI and its functions were spoken at length. He also emphasised how the association works, great efforts done by the various chapters across India to bring the teacher fraternity together in an intellectual forum to discuss the challenges being

faced by the English teachers in brief. The Guntur Chapter inauguration was followed by Dr. P. Ramani's session who demonstrated how to use technology for improving reading skills of students. He dwelled on the aspects of classification of reading modules suited to student's levels and appropriate remedies for improving reading difficulties at various levels. He showed several free websites that could be readily accessed by teachers to procure reading exercises and test hand-outs for students. The day two post-lunch session was dedicated to the problems of listening skill. He emphasized the importance of listening skill for effective communication. He explained the various internet tools to practice listening in the classroom. Dr. A. Sharada, President, ELTAI Guntur Chapter felicitated Dr. P. Ramani, Vice-President, ELT@I. The valedictory session was closed with the reflections from Dr. Shabren Sultana Shaik, Convener & Secretary of ELTAI Guntur Chapter and Dr. A. Sharada, President ELTAI Guntur Chapter. The participants shared their feedback on the two day workshop sessions conducted. Majority of the participant expressed that all the sessions are excellent and they have learned how to use computer applications that would really enable them to use technology confidently in their classrooms. This was followed by issue of participant certificates. Dr. S. Janaiah, Vice President, ELTAI Guntur Chapter thanked all the delegates, resource persons, participants and media for making the workshop a grant success.