

A Vista of Ventures

The following are the activities done at the Institute in the month of FEBRUARY 2019

1. The valediction of the 30-day CELT programme took place on 14th February. 18 teachers from Karnataka, 06 from Puduchery and 23 from Tamilnadu (total – 47) attended the one month primary level teacher development programme at the institute. The following activities were part of this residential programme:
 - Icebreakers
 - Story narration
 - Presentation of language games
 - Literary and cultural fest
 - Debate
 - TLM exhibition

Ms Padmashree R P, Lecturer coordinated the training programme.

2. Third and final spell of the workshop on the 30-day ELEP Module revision was organized from .

Dr C Ravinarayan was the Coordinator of the workshop.

It is proposed to conduct a 15-day training for lower primary teachers and a 20-day training for higher primary teachers in the cascade mode in the new academic year i.e. 2019-20. For this purpose, MRPs will be oriented for 06 days at the RIESI in June 2019.

3. A 10-day Induction programme for newly recruited Government school teachers was organized by the SSA and DSERT. DR Reju MT, SPD, SSA interacted with the teachers.
4. A series of Workshops were conducted on preparing a training Module for 1,000 English medium Teachers' Induction programme - EMTIP (20 to 22 Feb, 27 Feb to 01 March, 2019)

Mr S Gururaj, Lecturer, RIESI was the Coordinator. The following Experts, MRPs and teachers contributed to the module development workshops.

- i. Dr. Partha Sarathi Misra, Professor, Azim Premji University, Bangalore
- ii. Ms. Nivedita Bedadur Azim Premji University, Bangalore
- iii. Ms. Anchal Chomal Azim Premji Foundation, Bangalore
- iv. Ms. Arfoza Kathiawari Lecturer, DIET, Dharwad

- v. Ms. Hemalatha A Asst. Teacher, GGHS, Hosakote Town, Bangalore Rural
 - vi. Ms. Irene R. Rodrigus Asst. Teacher, HPS, Bazar, Karwar, UK
 - vii. Ms. Anitha Manohari Asst. Teacher, GJC, High School Sector, B Seehalli, T Narasipura Taluk, Mysore Dist
 - viii. Ms. Sony Anthony D'Souza BRC Teacher, BRC Ankola, UK
 - ix. Ms. Veena M.K Asst. Teacher, GHPS, Kiruguru, Ponnampete, Virajapete Taluk, Kodagu Dist
 - x. Ms. Amuda S Asst. Teacher, GUPLS, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore South 1
 - xi. Ms. Mary Nirmala Asst. Teacher, GHPS, Ganakal, Bannikuppe Cluster, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk
 - xii. Ms. Asha B Asst. Teacher, GHS Gopalapura, Mysore Rural
 - xiii. Mr. Satish Majge Asst. Teacher, GHPS, Jeevangi, Kalburgi North
 - xiv. Ms. Mangala T.S. Asst. Teacher, GHPS Kethenahalli Chikkaballapur Taluk & District
5. Mr Gururaj attended a two-day conference on 'New Perspectives on Teaching English Language and Literature' at Sri Sarada College for Women at Salem on 1st and 2nd February 2019
 6. A 03-day workshop on Blue Book preparation for Karnataka Public Schools – was organized by the SSA.
 7. A One day workshop was held by David Shapiro on 'Reflective Philosophical enquiry among children and teachers'. Mr David Shapiro is the education director of the University of Washington Center for Philosophy for Children in Seattle, WA. He is also a Fulbright scholar with Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Award for Teaching and Research. The workshop was held on 15 February 2019. Ms Padmashree R P, Lecturer, coordinated the workshop.
 8. 30-day CELT for primary school teachers of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana was inaugurated on 18th February 2019.
70 teachers are undergoing the training programme which is held from 18 Feb to 19 March 2019.
Ms Uzma Raheel, Lecturer is coordinating the programme.
 9. Mr Gururaj was the Chief Guest at an English fest organized by primary school teachers in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh

10. Dr C Ravinarayan, Professor attended the English Cell meeting at SPD's (Samagra Shikshana Abhiyan) office on 18th February. The following members attended the meeting:
 - Dr P C Jaffer, Commissioner for Public Instruction
 - Mr Krishnaji Karichenavar, JD (Quality), SSA
 - Ms Geetha, JD, SSA
 - Representatives from British Council
 - Representatives from Azim Premji Foundation
 - SSA, DSERT and other Department officials
11. Dr Ravinarayan C, Professor, attended a two-day workshop on the review of SSA-UNICEF Nail-Kali English cards (26 and 27 Feb, 2019). It is found that the English-Nali cards need to be revised shifting the focus from EVS to English. The grade level learning outcomes for English should be the focus for materials development. Speaking needs to include a few activities on 'Functional English' and Reading materials need to be relooked keeping the whole-language approach in mind.
12. Primary Teachers from R N Shetty Vidyaniketan school, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru completed a 15-day training programme on 'Communication Skills in English'. The programme was held from 11 to 27 February 2019 and was coordinated by Ms Pooja Giri, Lecturer, RIESI. 23 teachers teaching classes from nursery to Grade V benefitted from the programme.
13. B Ed Students, 32 in number, along with two members of the faculty from H M Patel Institute of English Training and Research, vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand, Gujarat attended a 03-day orientation programme on ELT from 28 Feb to 02 March. Dr Hitesh C Bhakat, Professor, coordinated the programme.