Report

A Three Day Faculty Development Program on "Web 2.0: A New Wave of Innovations for professional development of teachers" was organised by the department of English with the association of ELTAI[English Language Teachers' Association of India] from 26.02.2020 to 28.02.2020. We, the teachers are in a position to inculcate the new wave of innovative skills based on technology. The faculty development programs like this would certainly help the teachers to enrich their ICT related domain skills. Using the recent web tools in the classroom, would certainly co-ordinate the teachers to make the teaching-learning process an interesting and easiest one. Generation Alpha is called as the 'igeneration'. This most influential generation of the21st century learners would receive the most benevolence of the technological based teaching-learning system. Generation Alpha are born with iphones, ipads and other applications. They are growing with Alexa, Siri and Google Assistant in their home. So, the 'X'and 'Y' generation teachers [aged between 35-50] are forced to learn the technology to teach and satisfy the 'z' and Alpha age learners. This Faculty Development program was an eye opening forum for all the rural background college teachers .It was a great platform for learning new web tools and creating blogs for the research scholars and the faculty members. Dr.P.N.Ramani, English Studies Consultant, Chennai delivered the inaugural address on the topic 'Role of ICT in Higher Education' for the first day of the FDP on 26.02.2020. He highlighted that ICT plays a catalytic role in enhancing learning in classroom and beyond. It enhances scope of education by facilitating mobile learning and inclusive education. It facilitates research and scholarly communication. Impact of ICT and its potential for the education field is manifold. Dr.M.S.Xavier Pradeep Singh, Assistant Professor, PG& Research Department of English, ST.Joseph's College, Trichy acted as the resource person and provided practical internships on Google Sites,Kahoot, Nearpod and Google Classroom. For the second day,[27.02.2020]Ms.Merlin Depsy

Nithiya, Assistant Professor of English, Holy Cross college, Trichy delivered practical instruction on 'Technology for Designing Interactivities' in which participants learnt how to create Google Forms and Plickers. Dr.R.Jaya, Assistant Professor of English, KCG College of Technology, Chennai interacted with the participants on the topic 'Technology for collaborative Learning'[Lecture+ Hands on training] and trained the participants how Twiddla can be used as a tool for hosting online meetings, online discussions and providing feedback.Dr.Revathi Viswanathan, Former Professor &Head, B.S Abdur Rahman Crecent Institute of Technology, Chennai delivered her special lecture on Tools for assessment in classrooms which are edulastic.com, goformative.com,tools for creating quizzes namely www.socrative.com,www.surveymonkey.com followed by assessment software and e – portfolio tools. Dr.K. Elango, Director, ELTAI, Former Professor &Head, Department of English, Anna University, Chennai articulated the valedictory address on the topic "Explore the benefits of Web 2.0 tools to teach 21st century skills". Dr Elango suggested the twenty first century teachers to explore on 4 C's which are communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. ELTAI Sattur chapter was newly launched at the concluding part of the program. Research scholars and Faculty members across the country participated in the three day Faculty Development Program.