



51st Annual Conference of ELT@I Postponed

In the wake of the Global Pandemic COVID19, the scheduled 15th International & 51st Annual Conference of ELT@I on *Turning 'Right to English' into Reality: Need for a Paradigm Shift in the Global Context* is postponed until further announcements. It is to be held at GLA University, Mathura.

However the abstracts can be sent to eltaicnf2020@gmail.com with a cc to eltai_india@yahoo.co.in on or before **15th June, 2020**.

An Indian classroom in English is a mixed classroom. Other than in some elite institutions, a typical classroom in any country using English as its second or foreign language has students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. India has two million students in English classrooms who do not speak English at home, including the first-generation learners. Hence this conference would contemplate on many questions and aspects of ELT in non-native contexts.

The Conference attempts to Contemplate on the Following

- How can we ensure that these students learn English along with others, as quickly as others and as happily as others?
- What method and material should a teacher use in the classroom?
- Do we need to write more interesting textbooks?
- Should the vast treasure of material on YouTube remain unwelcome in a classroom?
- What about films, audio and video clips?
- Are our teachers trained and oriented to use these available resources and help their students achieve the desired goals?
- Should India continue to have a kind of teacher education which takes two years and a lot of money to produce less than ten per cent of the annual requirement of trained teachers?



GLA University, Mathura

Sub-Themes of the Conference

- Language Teaching Policy and its Implementation
- Changing and Emerging Goals of Teaching and Learning English
- Integrating Thinking Skill in ELT
- English for General, Academic and Specific Purposes
- Teaching English in the 21st Century: Approaches and Methods
- Integrating Technology in English Language Teaching and Learning
- English Course books, Workbooks and Supplementary Materials
- Developing Indigenous ELT materials
- Teacher Training, Teacher Education and Teacher Development: Relevance and Usefulness
- Alternative Modes of Assessment and Testing in ELT

The abstracts will be selected through **double blind peer review**. They will be considered for oral or poster presentation depending upon the compatibility of their nature & scope in the current theme **BEST PAPER/POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD** will be decided by the conference chairs.

For More Details: <https://eltaicnf2020.wordpress.com/>



15th International & 51st Annual Conference of ELT@I

Dates Will be Announced Soon

Theme

**Turning 'Right to English' into Reality:
Need for a Paradigm Shift in the Global Context**

Venue: GLA University, Mathura (UP)

ELTAI Turns 50: Golden Jubilee Conference Held at Amity University

Golden Jubilee Conference of the ELT@I was held at Amity University, Noida from October 09 to 12, 2019. The four-day conference was the result of effective planning and implementation for a year - July 2018 to October 2019.

The impact of perfect team work was evident on the conduct of the whole programme. The conference got off to a grand start with the inaugural session on October 9, 2019 at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, Noida. Prof. Balvinder Shukla, Honorable Vice Chancellor presided over the conference. His Excellency Sri Yogesh Punja, High



The delegates at the Golden Jubilee Conference

Commissioner of the Republic of Fiji in India, the chief guest for the occasion called for the need to preserve Indian culture, despite our effort to learn English. He cited the example of Indians in Fiji who meet regularly to recite the Ramayana and keep their roots intact. Mr. Tom Birtwistle, Director of the British Council for North India appreciated the multilingual profile of India where English has a major role to play. Three publica-

tions of the Association were released.

The conference had a well spread academic menu to cater to the committed participants.

Major themes chosen for the conference were Indian Writing in English, Indian Diaspora, Developing Language skills, Evaluation, Current Topics in ELT, Feminism, Marginalised learners, ICT and Teacher Training. The conference had perhaps received nearly thousand abstracts and accommodated after careful scrutiny more than 500 research papers for presentation.



Tom Birtwistle addressing the conference

Web 2.0: A New Wave of Innovations for Professional Development of Teachers - A Three Day Faculty Development Programme at Sattur

ELT@I Sattur Chapter, another feather on the cap of ELTAI was started with members from educational institutions in and around Sattur. A FDP was held to orient the members on the objectives and myriad functions of ELT@I.

A Three Day Faculty Development Program on "Web 2.0: A New Wave of Innovations for Professional Development of Teachers" organized by Sattur Chapter of ELT@I from 26.02.2020 to 28.02.2020. The programme enlightened the participants on use of recent and relevant web tools in the classroom would certainly make the teaching-learning process interesting and easy.

X and Y generation teachers (aged between 35 and 50) have to keep up



with the technological pace to cater to the learning needs of Z and i-generation (Generation Alpha) who



are born with Iphones, Ipads and other user friendly applications, interact with Alexa, Siri and Google Assistant and receive the benevolence of the technological based teaching-learning system.

Further, the programme was an eye opening forum for all college professors from rural area to learn to use new web tools, create blogs for research scholars, enhance the scope of education by facilitating mobile learning.

Finally, launching ELT@I Sattur Chapter was the concluding part of the programme, Dr Elango, National Secretary, ELT@I exhorted the participants to explore 4 Cs - communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

National Workshop on New Technologies for 21st Century Teachers Held at Loyola College in Association with ELT@I

Tech Gen generation learns effectively and quickly using new technologies such as blogger, digital quizzes, nearpod, scoopit, participate, infographics, etc. A two day national workshop organized by Department of English, Loyola college in collaboration with Language Teachers’ Association of India (ELTAI) on December 06 & 07, 2019 at Loyola College trained college and university professors from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu on curating, organizing and sharing digital resources and using these learning platforms to help learners



Secretary, ELTAI, cautioned the participants not to be carried away too much oblivious of the human touch as a teacher while advancing to new strata of teaching techniques. The resource persons who offered hands on experience on the use

promote learners’ autonomy and help them feel more confident, and increase learners’ motivation to learn effectively. Inaugurating the workshop, Mr. Muthu Singaram, CEO, Incubation at Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre (HTIC), Indian Institute of Technology Madras observed that the advent of new technologies is beginning to redesign the curriculum and hence, the teaching strategies need to be updated and match with internet teaching and learning tools. Dr. K. Elango, National

of digital resources and integration of technology and learning were Dr P. N. Ramani, English studies Consultant, Dr Revathi Viswanathan, Freelance ELT Consultant and Dr Xavier Pradeep Singh, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph's College, Trichy. Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Head, Department of English, Loyola College advocated the use of new technologies as they provide interaction between teachers and learners, comprehensible input and output, and promote cooperative learning.



develop thinking skills, make learning and teaching becomes more student-centered,

One-Day Workshop “Effective Reading Skills” for X std. Students and English Teachers of Government Schools at Yercaud

A One day Workshop on Effective Reading Skills for X std students and English Teachers was held on 10th Feb 2020 at Govt. High School, Govt. High School, Vellakadai, Yercaud, Salem. 48 students from the X std. and 12 English teachers participated in the workshop. Dr. Praveen Sam from Department of English, SSN College of Engineering, Chennai was the resource person for the event.



The workshop consisted of three sessions. The first session was a discussion with students regarding the problems they face in terms of reading. On the question of their problems, the majority of them came out with fear as the reason that stops them from reading. They expressed that the texts in the book had many words that they couldn’t understand, and the glossary at the end of the lesson covered only 5 to

10% of the words they had a problem with. In the Second session teachers were made to teach a part of the lesson focusing on reading. In these sessions, along with the activities in the textbook, the resource person helped teachers design activities to enhance the reading ability of the students. Teachers actively participated in the sessions, and they realized how those activities motivated the students. The students were asked to give detailed feedback on the sessions their teacher handled. Followed by that, the teachers shared their learning points. Mr.Sudhakaran, Chapter Head of Salem convened the event. Mrs. Naseera from Govt. High School, Vellakadai, organised the event.

Announcements

IATEFL Calls for Webinar



IATEFL is currently accepting proposals from IATEFL members for webinar presentations to be included in their monthly webinar programme.

IATEFL’s webinar programme provides participants around the world access to professional training and development opportunities without leaving the home or office. IATEFL offers a broad range of programming to help participants keep up-to-date with the latest management trends, industry best practices, hot topics, and subjects of special interest.

The calls for webinar presenters in 2018 and 2019 attracted a large number of high-quality proposals, so once again IATEFL invites members to support this education initiative by submitting a proposal to conduct a webinar presentation. Webinar presentations are given voluntarily for educational purposes and speakers are not compensated. Interested parties should complete the online webinar proposal form by 5pm BST, Friday 15 May 2020 and submissions will be considered by the IATEFL webinar team.

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I am Sita: The Warrior of Mithila, The Daughter of India Staged on International Women’s Day 2020

International Women's Day 2020 was made more meaningful with a Dance Drama titled ' I am Sita: The Warrior of Mithila, The Daughter of India' scripted by Ms. Nutan Kumari, Patna ELTAI Chapter Head and staged by the students of Amity Institute of English Studies & Research. The main objective was to sensitize the women towards taking the charge of self-protection and overcome the hurdles in the ways of pursuing their passion.

The play started with the conversation of the souls of Nirbhaya and Priyanka Reddy and concluded with the conversation between the female protagonists of the Hindu



Image: Cape Breton Post

mythologies (Ramayana and Mahabharata) 'Draupadi'and Sita'. The delay tactics in the Nirbhaya case, the police encounter in Priyanka Reddy's case, Draupadi Cheer Haran and Seeta Haran were all talked about by the characters themselves with a strong message that if the brutal case like

of Nirbhaya has to wait for seven long years, its high time that the safety of every girl is considered by them as their own responsibility. Goddess Sita, despite being abducted by the demon Ravana protected herself from the ill will of Ravana by showing him a blade of grass used as a barrier. She considers Ravana him as inferior as this grass.

The dance drama sent every girl a clear message to realize the 'Sita' in them and unfurl that strength of Sita. Instead of expecting help from others, they should now take her safety as a prime responsibility and continue their march towards the attainment of their dreams.

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