

Faculty Development Programme on English Language Teaching
Organised by
Department of English, Gargi College, University of Delhi
in Collaboration with TEFSOL, India
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CONCEPT NOTE

As part of the CBCS system of undergraduate education in the University of Delhi, Skill Enhancement Courses (SECs) have been introduced with the specific objective of empowering the students with the requisite skill sets to facilitate opportunities for employment and further studies. One such SEC is **English Language Teaching (ELT)**, which will be the focus of a two day faculty development programme being organised by the Department of English, Gargi College, University of Delhi, on the 27th and 28th of October 2017.

The history of ELT in India dates back to the English Education Act of 1835, when English was formally introduced as a medium of instruction by the colonial government. The growing influence of the English language and the difficulty of finding an alternate language acceptable to all Indians became one of the main reasons for the continued predominance of English language in schools, colleges and universities. The changing scenario from colonialism to globalism has entailed a shift in the aims and objectives of teaching English in India. The IT revolution has made English the language of access to global information. English for professional purposes, like facing interviews, writing résumés, writing reports, conducting campaigns, writing letters, participating in meetings, seminars, conferences and discussions, is in great demand. It is Communication Skills in English that has a worldwide market as English has become the language of business and commerce, trade and technology, journalism and media. As a result, the pool of undergraduate students eager to learn the English language in order to use it to advance their careers has been becoming progressively more diverse in terms of regional and linguistic backgrounds, making the task of the instructor a far more complex, yet crucial one. The institutionalism of linguistics, applied linguistics, language teaching in its various forms like EFL (English as a foreign language), ESL (English as a second language) & TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of others languages) and so on, re-affirms the significance of ELT in contemporary India.

This Faculty Development Programme is being organised with a twofold objective: to help identify the challenges and problems in the case of English language teaching to students from different backgrounds, and, to collaboratively arrive at useful pedagogic and assessment strategies for this course. In addition to these primary objectives, it is hoped that the technical sessions and workshops will facilitate an empowerment of the teachers themselves who may not have had the opportunity to learn and think about the teaching of English, as an academic discipline.

This workshop-intensive Faculty Development Programme will enable the teachers of ELT:

- To acquire and sharpen the skills needed to engage in English Language Teaching
- To arrange a suitable environment for learning by focusing on the desired learning objectives for the learners from diverse backgrounds
- To collectively create various teaching and learning resources for the teaching of the ELT course in particular and the teaching of English language in other contexts in general

This Faculty Development Programme is aimed at achieving these goals with a focus on the following key areas of ELT:

- Knowing the Learner Better

- Structures of English Language
- Methods of Teaching English Language and Literature
- Materials for Language Teaching
- Assessing Language Skills
- Using Technology in Language Teaching

Registrations for this Programme will take place electronically through the Registration Form attached and will be open for all till September 24, 2017. The Registration fee of RS. 1000, for this two-day workshop-intensive Programme, will have to be paid in cash on the first day of the Programme. Filled out Registration Forms and any queries may be sent to gargi.elt.fdp@gmail.com.