

Department of English

Report on the Hands-on Training session

Date: 05-02-2025

Name of the Event : Hands-on Training Session on “Reading and Appreciating Poetry”
Date : 26 November 2024 **Time** : 09.30am – 11.30 am
Conveners : Dr. Ayub Khan Dawood, Prof & Dean (SSS&H)
Dr. P. Rathna, Professor & Head /English
Faculty Coordinators : Dr. A. Catherine Anna Pushpam, Asst. Prof (Sr. Gr.) /
English
Dr. T. Sugadev, Asst. Professor / English

The Hands-on training session on ‘Reading and Appreciating Poetry’ was conducted on 26th November 2024, from 09:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Seminar Hall, School of Infrastructure. The event was organized to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of how to read and appreciate poetry from diverse perspectives.

The session began with an introductory address by Dr. P. Rathna, Professor and Head of the Department of English. Dr. P. Rathna motivated the students to approach poetry from multiple perspectives, emphasizing that poetry is not merely about words but about the emotions, context, and deeper meanings that it conveys. She encouraged the participants to break free from traditional ways of reading and to engage with poetry in a more thoughtful and analytical manner.

Following the address, Dr. T. Sugadev, Assistant Professor of English, introduced the resource person for the day, Dr. Shantichitra K., Professor in the Department of English at the Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST). He highlighted Dr. Shantichitra’s expertise in literature and her vast experience in teaching poetry.

Dr. Shantichitra K. led the hands-on training session, which was highly interactive. She shared valuable insights on how to read poetry from various perspectives, allowing students to understand the nuances of poetic devices, themes, and structures. During

the session, she provided worksheets that guided the students in analyzing poems from different angles, which enhanced their understanding of the subject. The interactive nature of the session encouraged active participation from the students, making it a productive and enriching experience for all.

The session was attended by B.A. English students, who actively engaged with the material presented by the resource person. The students found the training session particularly helpful in improving their appreciation of poetry and developing skills to analyze poems critically.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. A. Catherine Anna Pushpam, Assistant Professor (Sr. Gr.) of English. She expressed gratitude to the resource person, Dr. Shantichitra K., for her informative and engaging session, as well as to the students for their active participation. She also thanked the conveners, faculty coordinators, and all those involved in organizing the event.

The hands-on training session on “Reading and Appreciating Poetry” was an insightful and engaging experience for the participants. The session not only helped the students to develop a deeper understanding of poetry but also encouraged them to appreciate it from various perspectives. The event was a great success, fostering a more interactive and participatory approach to learning literature.

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