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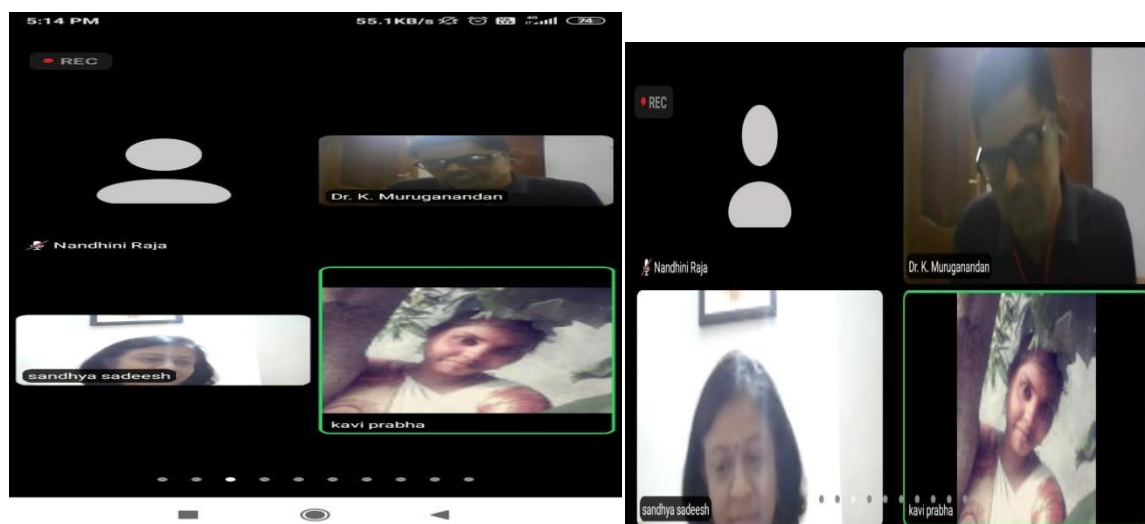
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**Webinar on ‘Shakespeare – A Phenomenon’** was organized on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 between 4 pm to 5 pm by the PG Department of English through the online platform- Zoom. Dr. K. Muruganandan, Assistant Professor, PG Department of English, Thiruvalluvar University Constituent Arts and Science College, Kallakurichi was the resource person for the webinar. Dr. R. Sandhyalakshmi, Head Department of English, welcomed the resource person and the participants. Mrs.B.Hemavathy, Asst. Prof of English, introduced the resource person highlighting his academic excellence and professional achievements.

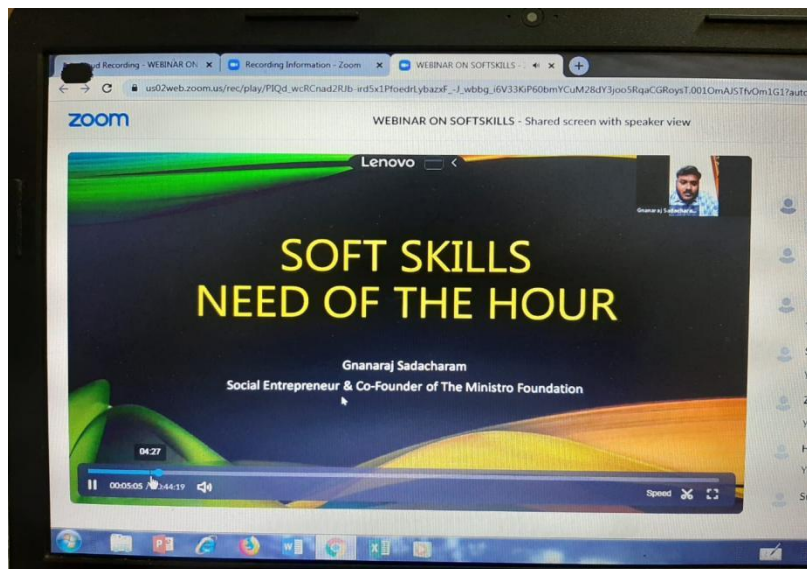
Dr. K. Muruganandan, the resource person divided the session into parts. In the first part, he explained the uniqueness of Shakespeare in the literary world and in the second part, he explained how Shakespeare became a cult and earned worldwide popularity. UG and PG students of English Department took part in the Webinar actively and they were exposed to the wider writing style of Shakespeare in the areas of research. Resource person interacted with the audience and cleared their queries. Ms.D. Deepa, Asst. Prof of English proposed the Vote of thanks. The students found the webinar useful.



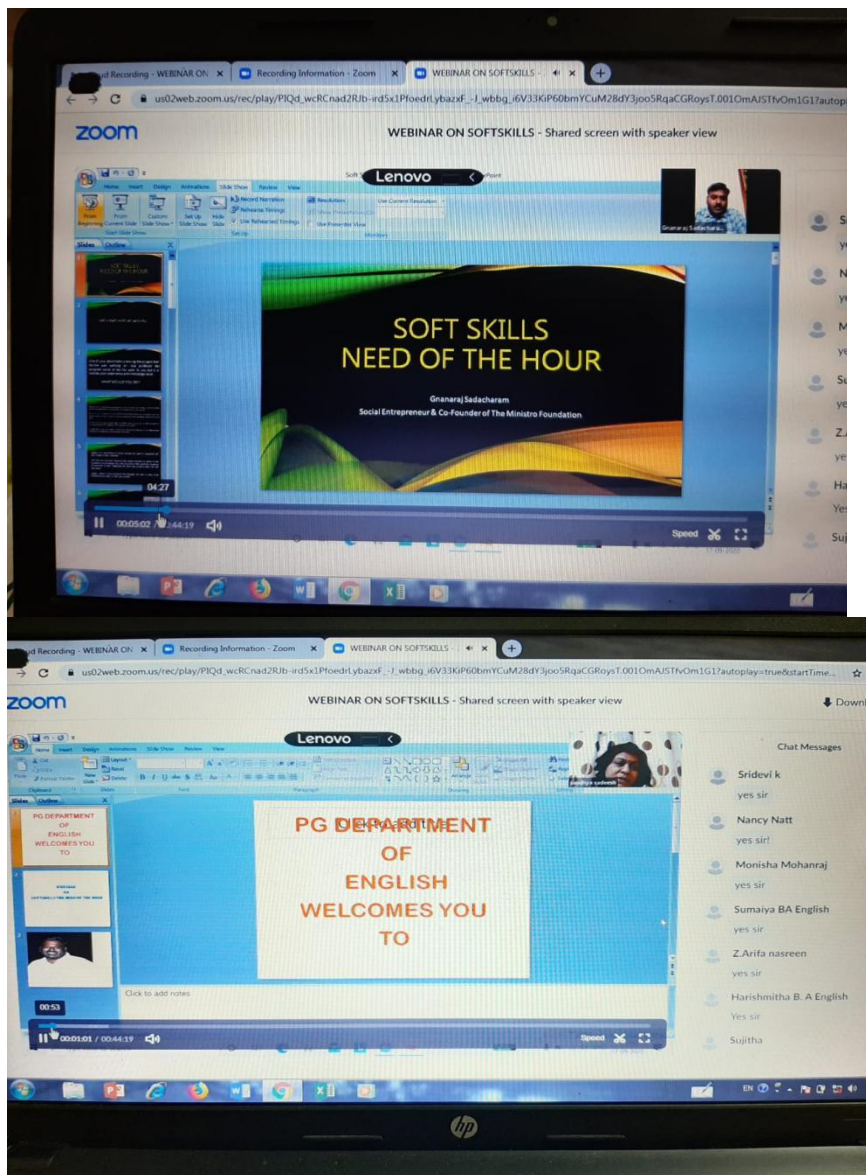


A webinar on **SOFT SKILLS -THE NEED OF THE HOUR** was organized by the Department of English on 11th September, 2020 for the students of English department as part of their curriculum learning and career enhancement. The programme was conducted through the online platform- Zoom. Mr.Gnanaraj Sadacharam, Co-founder, The Ministry Foundation (a Non- Profit Development Organisation) was the resource person of the day. The webinar was open to both UG and PG students. Dr.R.Sandhya Lakshmi, Head, Department of English, welcomed the guest and briefed on college activities through a power point presentation. MS.R.Nandhini, Assistant Professor of English introduced the resource person to the audience. Mr.GnanarajSadacharam started the session by asking few questions on need for soft skills in everyday aspects to the students and in his speech, he stated that learning soft skills has become an important and integral part of life. He listed a set of 20 skills and explained how such skills are applied in the work place. Adding to it, he stressed the importance of learning and instructed students to learn at least one new skill a day. He also highlighted three valuable key skills: **Adaptability, Collaboration and Creativity**. He concluded his speech by insisting the students to learn effective skills to stay successful in the

current competitive world. Dr.R.Sandhya Lakshmi, Head Department of English proposed the vote of thanks. UG and PG students found the webinar more interesting and they promised to equip themselves by learning a new skill a day.

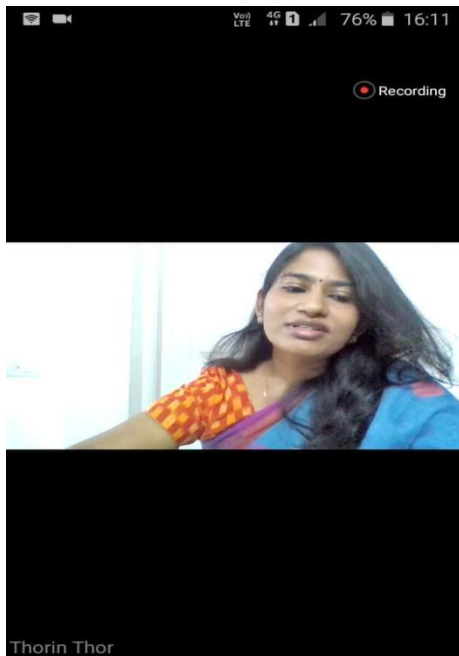






Department of English, Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women in association with Shankar IAS Academy organized a webinar on Civil Service as a Career Option on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Ms.Jansi Rani, IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai was the resource person. Students of Soka Ikeda College along with several other colleges actively participated in the webinar. The programme commenced with a formal introduction of the resource person by Mr.RameshAditya, Head, Strategies, Shankar IAS Academy. Dr. R.Sandhya Lakshmi, Head, Department of English rendered the welcome address and briefed

on the workings of the college and the department. It was followed by the special address by Ms.Jansi Rani, who elaborately spoke on the prerequisites for taking up Civil Service Examinations. She also outlined the necessary skills required and the books that can be used for preparation. In the question session, students came out with several questions related to the IAS exam for which the resource person answered very clearly. Dr.R.Sandhya Lakshmi, Head Department of English specially thanked the resource person for instilling motivation in the students. All the participants were given e-certificates.



The Post-Graduate Department of English, Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women organized an **International Webinar** entitled, ‘**New Avenues for Research**’ in collaboration with the **Cape Comorin Literary Club**, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India on **6<sup>th</sup> June, 2020** through the **Zoom Cloud Meeting Application** at 10.00 am. More than 500 faculty members and research scholars



from various colleges registered for the webinar. The webinar was hosted live through YouTube for all the participants.

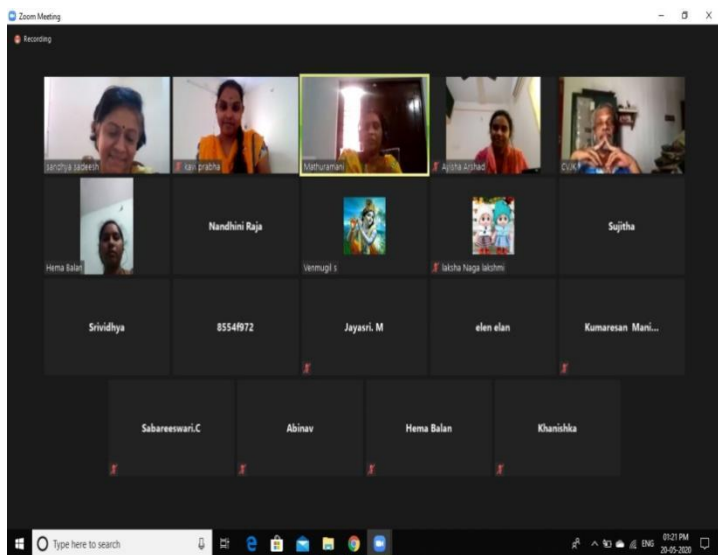
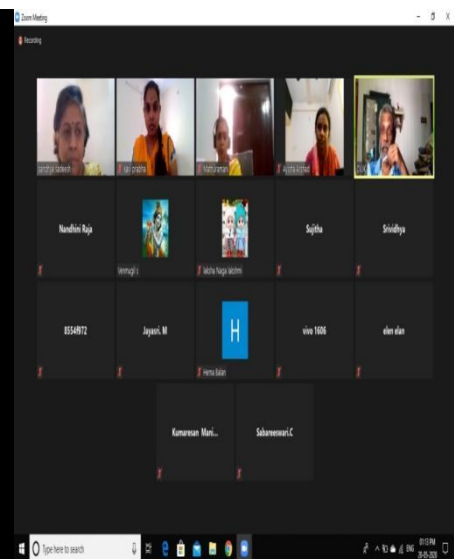
Dr. R. SandhyaLakshmi, Head, Department of English, hosted the meeting and welcomed the speakers and participants. The invited eminent resource people for the webinar were **Dr John Charles Ryan**, Associate Professor, University of New England, Australia; **Dr Anita Balakrishnan**, Former Associate Professor, Research Department of English, Queen Mary's College, Chennai; **Dr V. Sivaraman**, Associate Professor, PG & Research Department of English, Presidency College, Chennai and **Dr D. Rajakumari**, Assistant Professor of English, Chellammal Women's College, Guindy, Chennai.

Dr. John Charles Ryan delivered his talk on the topic *That Tree E Listen to you: Bill Neidjie's Story About Feeling as Literary Ethnobotany*. He described the concepts of Literary Ethnobotany and Intercorporeality . The second lecture was delivered by Dr. Anita Balakrishnan on the topic *Scope for Research in Ecocriticism*. She elaborated the different aspects for research in Ecocriticism. The third speaker Dr. V. Sivaraman, spoke on the Post-Apocalyptic topic *Literature: An Overview* and the fourth lecture was presented by Dr. D. Rajakumari on the topic *Back to Africa: Re-Rooting Attempts of Afro-Americans*.

The participants actively took part by listening to the speakers. Questions and Feedback were sent by them through email toward the end of the session. The meeting ended at 1.00 pm. E-Certificates were provided to all the participants. Dr. R. SandhyaLakshmi, Head, Department of English, Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women, thanked the webinar participants.



Dr. Mathuramani, Motivational speaker and Former Head, Department of English, St. Peter's University, spoke on "Dynamics of Communication" from 11.40 am to 12.30 pm. The resource persons had a very lively interaction with the students and the interaction threw light on various aspects like online teaching websites, tools to improve communication, skills needed to face interviews, etc. The program ended by 1.40 pm with a formal vote of thanks. Feedback forms were circulated to the 80 participants and the e-certificates were issued respectively.



**An Intra-Departmental Fest** was organized by PG Department of English, Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women on 6 February, 2021. The competition was conducted in commemoration of **209<sup>th</sup> Birthday Charles Dickens'**. The competitions like Poem Writing, Short Story Writing, PowerPoint Presentation, Poster Making and Book Cover Design were conducted through online mode aiming to instill the art of learning and to unleash the creative potential in the students in the realm of literature. The students of UG and PG of English Department actively participated in all the competitions.

The Assistant Professors from various colleges judged the competitions were judged. **J. Praveen Prabhu**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, D.G. Vaishnav College judged the *Poem Writing and Short Story Writing*. **V. Saranya**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. Peter's Institute of Higher Education and Research judged *the PowerPoint Presentation and Poster Making*. *Book Cover Making* was judged by **K. Saranya**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Dr. M.G.R Educational and Research Institute. Students actively participated and won laurels.

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1.	POEM WRITING	S. SRI VIDHYA	II MA ENGLISH	I PRIZE
		V. ABINAYA	III BA ENGLISH	II PRIZE
		S. SUJITHA	II BA ENGLISH	III PRIZE
2.	SHORT STORY WRITING	R. LAVANYA	III BA ENGLISH	I PRIZE
		B. PRIYANKA	I BA ENGLISH	II PRIZE

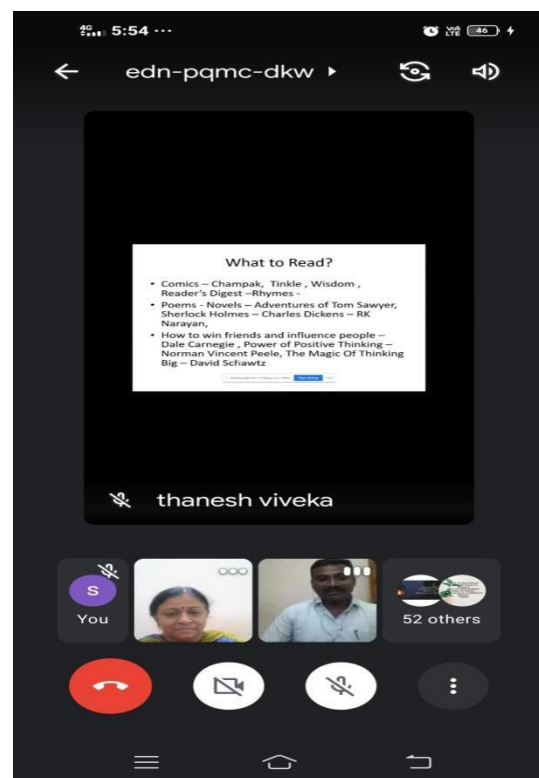
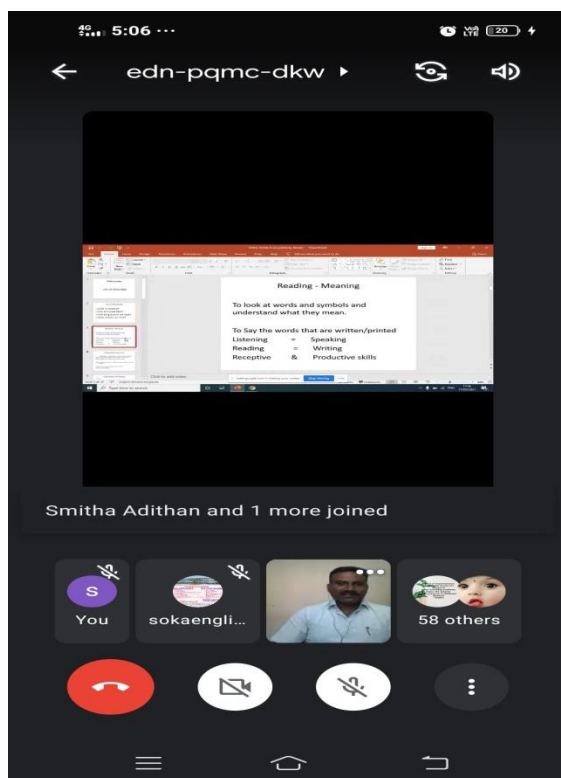


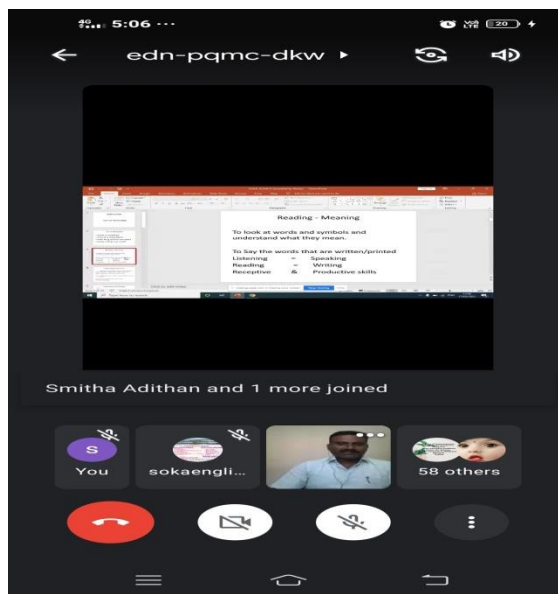
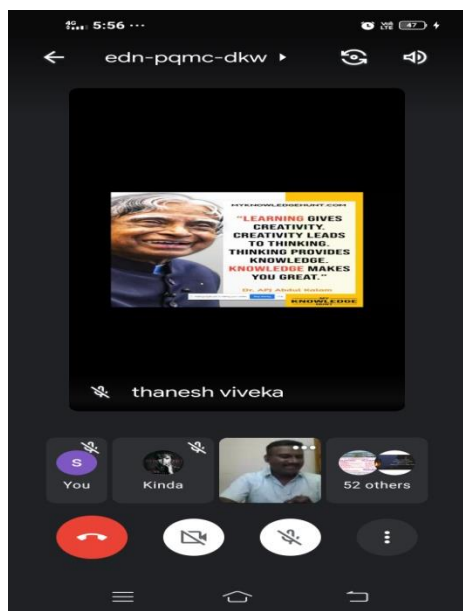
		V. ABINAYA	III BA ENGLISH	III PRIZE
3.	<b>POWERPOINT PRESENTATION</b>	R. LAVANYA	II BA ENGLISH	I PRIZE
		P.SNEHA	III BA ENGLISH	II PRIZE
		B. PRIYANKA	I BA ENGLISH	III PRIZE
4.	<b>POSTER MAKING</b>	M. MANJU SHRUSTI	II BA ENGLISH	I PRIZE
		I.J.JENNIFER HEPSIBHA	I BA ENGLISH	II PRIZE
		S. SUNITHA	III BA ENGLISH	III PRIZE
5.	<b>BOOK COVER DESIGN</b>	N. MONISHA	III BA ENGLISH	I PRIZE
		C. YAMINI	II BA ENGLISH	II PRIZE
		J. JOTHIKA	II BA ENGLISH	III PRIZE

The Department of English conducted a Webinar on **Joy of Reading** in order to enhance the reading skills of the students. Capt. U. Thanesh, Assistant Professor of English, Associate NCC officer, RKM Vivekananda College, Mylapore served as the resource person for the webinar. Capt. U. Thanesh, Internationally Certified TEFL / TESOL Trainer concentrates on interactive teaching and focuses more on the speaking skills of learners. Webinar began with the welcome address by S.Sujitha of II B.A English. The resource person explained the significance of reading and LSRW skills which helps the students to enrich the vocabulary and knowledge. He also motivated the students further by sharing the ideas of Benefits of Reading. He presented a PPT on What to Read and How to read. He concluded

the webinar with the quotes of Dr.APJ ABDUL KALAM, "Learning Gives Creativity, Creativity Leads To Thinking, Thinking Provides Knowledge, Knowledge Provides You With Great".

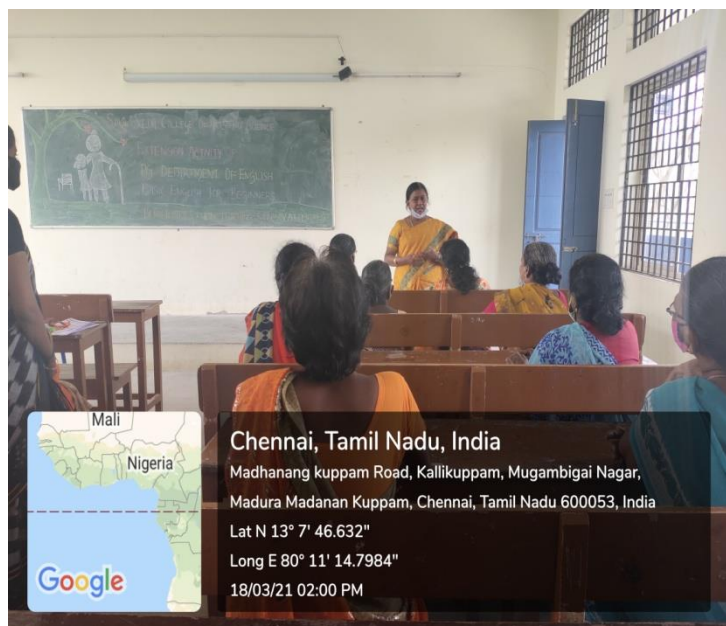
Dr. R. Sandhya Lakshmi, Head Department of English, delivered vote of thanks and thanked all the participants for their active participation and quest for learning. Students received an opportunity to enhance their overall communication skills; analytical thinking and this webinar also paved a way to enrich their vocabulary.

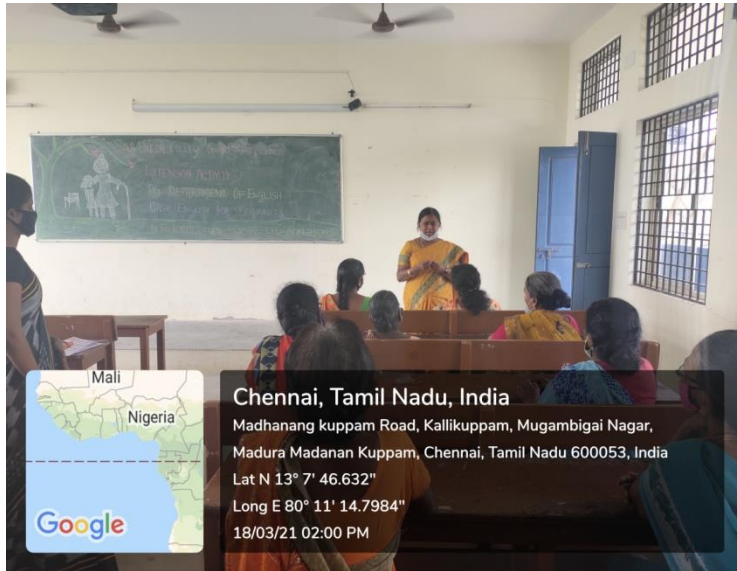




## Community Outreach Activities 2020-2021

The Department of English maintains cordial relationship with the local community through community outreach activities. **Basic English for Beginners** was thought to the attenders of Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women **on 18<sup>th</sup> March.2021**. 10 students from our department helped the attenders to learn how to sign in English and to fill the forms such as Post office forms, Bank Challan, and other Government applications. The beneficiaries enthusiastically learnt the basics and they were overwhelmed to have such an activity.





## CREATIVE CORNER

### Fear of the Unknown

She fell into the darkness

Feeling the worst fear

A life in shadow

Nothing than emptiness

Has never a clear one.

Her silence screamed for voice

As a lonely boat searched for its shore

Wipes the tears of others

None knows her cuts

Pain, hoped to feel at least that  
But numbness loved her dearly  
Diving deeper into the unknown darkness  
Realised the fear of unknown is worse than Darkness.

She realised  
Darkness is the other half of light  
When you dive deeper it becomes bright  
Its hopes that flicks in worst moment  
Telling her it's not over yet.  
Oh! She heard her silence - Rise

-- **S.Srinithi (II BA English)**

### **Lost Childhood**

Bizarre breeze flew  
A Wide introspection  
I was taken through  
That turned into an imagination  
Searching for the minutes  
Now -  
Little eyes that dreams big  
Soft lips that speaks bold



Moist hands that bears load  
Small legs that moves faster  
Every step digs a difference.

Alas! Growth inevitable  
Child's childhood- small phrase  
That lost each of its trace  
Admire of impermanence  
Vivid reality breaks its innocence  
Some trembling problems  
Seizes the essence  
Child's presence in childhood's absence!

**--S. Sujitha (II B.A English)**

### **Butterfly**

Butterfly, you look so beautiful  
But you can't see your beauty  
You might face defeats in life  
But never let yourself defeated.  
Spread your wings and fly  
I wish you to fly far

Away from the world  
That admires and misuses  
Your beauty!!!!

**--B. Sumaiya( I B. A English)**

### **Justified Injustice**

Perception accepted by whole  
HE masters the world  
SHE needs to serve  
Though not very comfortable  
To jot down as a girl.

Crimes don't have gender  
To associate or  
To disassociate  
If man's voice is heard  
When says -No!  
Why girl's voice unheard  
When cries - No?

The injustice might prick her  
The injustice might back her  
The injustice might stop her  
The injustice is justified  
As it's not him but her.

Some see, some laugh  
Some taunt, some fight  
Some care, some criticize  
How many rises?  
How many vanquish?

**--S.Sujitha(II B.A English)**

## **1. Plight of Change**

Then the deep and limitless sky  
Now a limiting smoke up high  
Then crystal-clear water  
Now clumped garbage beneath the river  
Then a green land here and around  
Now high buildings satisfying people around  
Then a fresh air to breath  
Now a toxic breeze to live  
Then was a world of nature  
Now a world of greedy creature  
Finally, it deteriorated human life.

-- S. Madhumitha (II B.A English)

## **MY LUCKYCHARM HE WAS....**

Wasn't i lucky enough to have you my lucky?  
These days without you, makes me feel so unlucky.  
Words aren't enough to express how much grief my heart is in without you.  
Still my soul feels bitterest in the absence of you.  
Our lucky you were with us everywhere.  
But now no more you are, around us here anymore.  
What shall I do, to be sad that you are no more?

Or to live on as my life will go on.

Convincing myself that this is what it was meant to be

Compensating myself that this is how life has to be

But still my life feels sore that you are no more.

Wasn't I lucky to have you lucky?

Why did you do this?

Why you left by giving all the happiness?

Why did you do this to met

Why did you do this to us?

It'd be a lie if I say that something can more adorable than you

Nothing could be compared when it comes to your heart.

You showed all the love. Unconditionally

Even all those loves wouldn't have been shown by the god from above

NO!NOW don't believe in God anymore

WHY SHOULD I and make myself lie to me by trusting him, after he made you no more.

Wasn't I lucky to have you?

Passionate and Generous heart

Fluffy fur, hairy ear:

Mellow hair near the neck below:

Pinkish tongue, wet nose;

Felt so warm when you were close,

But I miss you now and without you, it feels like I lose.

Now you are sleeping peacefully in the backyard of my house.

Every time when you pass my mind, my heart aches that I won't be able to touch you even once:

Now I want to touch you, pat you. With love, feel you, want to feel my hands when it moves through your soft fur, NO at least will you come once?

Wasn't I lucky to have you our lucky?

You were unchained every time, as a free bird. Always would roam around in the home.

Now your hairs in my clothes, makes me reminisce about you the most.

Unforgettable souvenir, that won't be forgotten by my soul.

Won't again my clothes get wet by your drool?

Won't again my palms feel your paws so cool?

Now after losing you, I felt fooled.

Our lucky you were:

Unlucky we were.

Six fifty-six days you were with us. Now you'll live in our heart for ENDLESS.....

**--Poonkodi.N( I B.A English)**





*Poverty: A state or mindset*

*Beds at pavement  
Plastic sheets to cover them  
Bare feet ,bare body  
Struggling hard  
Toiling for fare.*

*Wrenched life constructed  
abruptly  
Lively with freedom  
Fortunately or unfortunately  
Breaking the ordeals  
Mind quired !*

*Poor by money  
Rich by heart  
Poverty a state  
Purity a thought  
Mindset sets both apart.*

*Laksha*

## **A DEVIL'S FIRST LOVE**

**-A.Smitha(II B.A English)**

I can feel the wind blowing so fast and also feels like I'm falling, wait, better to take a look.

Oh my god! I was hit by the branches of the trees and fell to the ground, not dead yet but got so many injuries. I felt like I'm fading away but then she showed up, my master, the one who made me do the wrong things. She has every control of all the devils, that's right I'm a devil.

However, she has more powers, so made me one of her protectors.

Now she is the reason who made me fall and get hurt like this, she said,

“I’ll get to you soon but for now I leave you because I don’t wanna make you hurt anymore; they’re coming I gotta go. And be careful, my darling”.

I thought this is for the best, I gotta hide somewhere she couldn’t find me, then I’ll be free and safe. But I can’t even move, it hurts so damn much. I cried for help but none came up, in a temper I shouted. Then one girl helped me out.

### **TARA'S P.O.V**

I’m Tara, a University student. I left my home and started to live all alone.

We had a trip, on that day I found someone who got hurt so much and was bleeding. With the help of our staff, we saved him and he’s kinda cute, so every girl's eyes were on him only.

I can’t stand it, got out and breathed in the fresh air. But the thing is when I see him, I have a feeling like I had met him before. Also, my staff had put me as an in-charge of taking care of him. A few days later, he was discharged and I asked him,

“Have we met before, anywhere?”

“That's impossible, we haven’t”

He smiled and went out. But he was there for me every evening, doing dinner and cleaning the home. I don't know how he found my house and didn't care.

Started to feel like being interested to know about him. Once I asked why would he care this much for me, he said,

“You took care of me while I'm injured and now, I'm repaying you”

It seemed so gentle but I can't keep him anymore because if I do there will be an increase in my rent. So, I got him away but he keeps on coming, can't do anything, so just kept him. One day I asked his name, he just came up near me and kept his palms on my cheeks, asked:

“Do you really wanna know about me, it could be dangerous?”

I smiled and said,

“It's okay, I wanna know”

“You asked for it”.

He just waved his hand in the air and there was the fire which looked so beautiful and magical, he was holding it and said to look at it closer.

I saw his life and came to know that he's a devil through that fire and then got a step back from him. He laughed and said

"Don't worry I won't do anything until you do anything to me, got it"

I just nodded like a doll and I said ok.

Soon we got to know about each other and also, I'm not afraid of him anymore.

NAROL'S P.O.V

I'm the devil, Narol. Recently I met up with my master secretly, she begged me to come with her but I denied her.

I got this gut because she is nothing now, all her powers were drained. So now she wants me to get her powers again but I'm not gonna let her get it, she can't even get near me. If she did, I'll burn her off.

But I knew that she would never leave me alone.

While I was asleep, there was a sound, I got up and saw Tara was missing.

My master, she will do anything to get me but if she does anything to Tara, she's dead.

I went to the darker world because there is where she'll be. I got into her castle, she welcomed me warmly but this isn't what I came for, so I asked her

“Where is Tara?”

“OH! that little girl, wait, my guards are getting her”

The guards threw her down, she was handcuffed and got so much hurt on her face.

I knew this would happen, I should have left Tara, but I couldn't. While I was thinking this, my master cut off Tara's head, her blood spilt over me.

I got so furious against my master. So, with all the powers I had, I got my master's head down.

The darker world is now, being ruled by me and then suddenly I had a question on my mind that -

“I do love Tara so much... but did she ever?”.

## **TAINY AND CUPCAKE**

**--Poonkodi.N (I B.A English)**

In the village called Guernsey, besides the lake in the huge trees covered Behemoth house, there lived a giant named JUMBO DUMBO who had a pet dog named CUPCAKE . And in the backyard of Behemoth house, in a willow tree there used to be a cute tailed creature which was tiny teeny naughty swiftly squirrel named TAINY, not just him alone, he had many tailed friends with him too, PECKIE. PEPPIE, PRICKIE. Tiny Sparrow Peckie .Cawing Crow Peppie, Thorny CalotesPrickie. One fine afternoon, in the backyard; the giant happened to see squirrels and sparrows leaping and playing all around, she was admiring their playful behaviour and wished to have and grow them as her pet so every day she used to keep some food in a place of her backyard and would look whether they are eating. The giant admired them and tried to get near them but they just ran and flew away, so for some time, she would just stare and look from far away and had never forgotten to serve them food.

She started to get to know more about them and their behaviour. Peckie used to be tiny so it would eat just a little and Tainy with all his tailed friends would be gnawing and spreading all over

While eating and Prickie is a stubborn one among them who would just stare and stay silent and would eat only if it feels like eating. So headstrong right! I know, calotes are!! And Peppie is such a friendly and sharing bestie with Tainy and with Tainy's friends, she was admiring all those little things they do. And as days passed by, the giant seemed like spending more time with nature but she turned up to be sad eventually. And she regularly kept food for them as soon as they finish off and she always tried to get friendly with them but everyone just frightens if she nears them because she is a giant. But she wasn't monstrous as though her size means to be but she was so kind by heart. And as this got regular every day, they got used to that but she seemed so upset lately and wanted to know what made her be so.

So one day at the time when the giant would come to keep the food, they waited there until she comes and after she came, without fear they got in her palms and looked at her and asked what happened. In deep melancholy, she expressed her grief that her pet dog cupcake was NOMORE and she said that every time when she sees Tainy, it makes her feel like cupcake's soul has come and being in that tiny form of Tainy and she wasn't able to forget about cupcake so she tried to get close to them. And after hearing, Tainy got very friendly and became heartfelt

close to her and every one of his friends, Peppie, Peckie, Prickie got too affectionate towards jumbo DUMBO.

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#### GLOSSARY:

TAINY - squirrel

PECKIE - sparrow

PEPPIE - crow

PRICKIE - calotes

CUPCAKE LUCKY (my pet)

THE GIANT JUMBO DUMBO - writer (me)

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This is just an imagination tale by me. This tale is about my imaginary life and how it would be if I lived in that and Guernsey is my dream country and I have said everything in opposite ways. And this tale is all about how I feel and when I see squirrels it resembles just like my lucky in that little form as lucky used to be so energetic, lively and active, so does squirrels are. And this is also about how much I'm longing to be loved and shown love again as my lucky did and shown. I'd absolutely love if those animals would talk with me and some of the things about their behaviour are true and backyard is the place where I get to meet and greet them and after getting connected with them I felt like life would be pretty sweeter if we look around and start admiring even if it's a little thing.

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## **Meme Corner**

**Ms. S.Madhumitha (II B.A English)**



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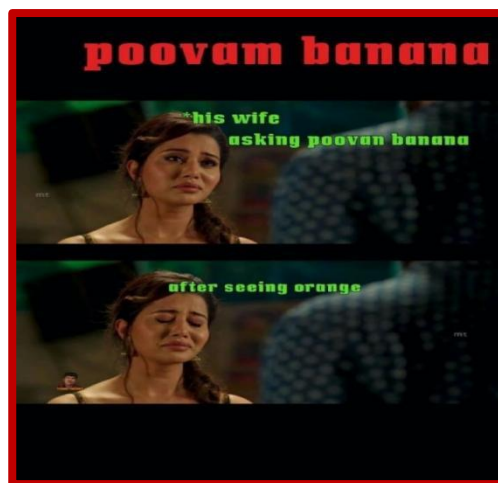
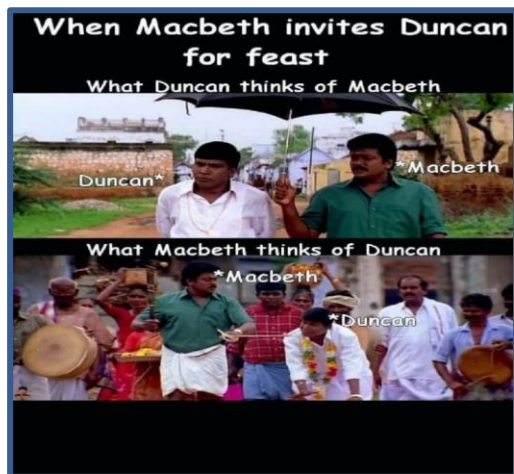






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**B.Gayathri (I B.A English)**

At the end



\*macbeth



\*witches

Duncan



King Duncan going to visit Macbeth's castle

## Creative Corner

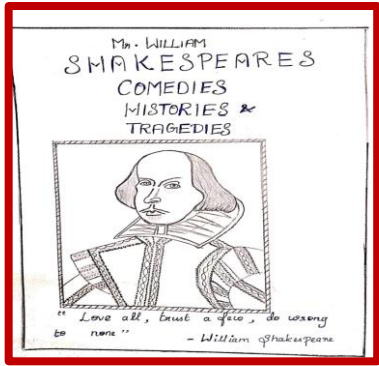
Model of Coffee House- S.Subasree(I BA English)



P.B.Shelley's Ozymandias- T.Meenatchi(I B.A English)







B.Sumaiya (I B.A English)



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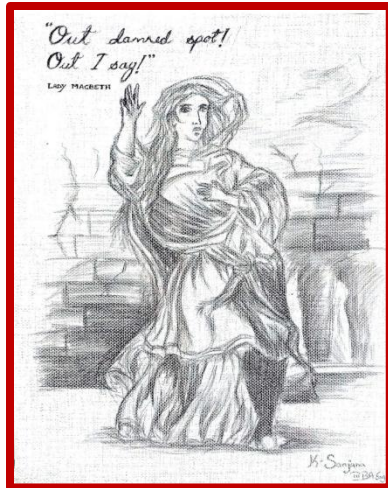
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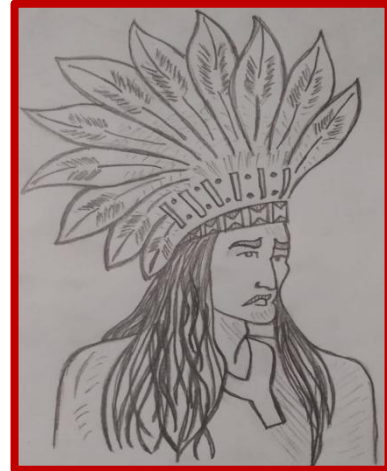
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