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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

Online Course Title	The Changing Faces of Language and Literature -A Digital Perspective
Faculty attended	V Jayalakshmi
Learning Outcome	The EFDP provided ample resurces and training on how to reach effectively via online mode.
Summary / Content of the programme	 Dr.MGR Educational and Research Institute organized a 5 day National Level E-FDP "The Changing Faces of Language and Literature – A Digital Perspective" from 11.05.2020 to 15.05.2020. Day 1 session was on the topic "Interpreting Apocalyptic Literature" presented by Dr.T. SENTHAMARAI, Associate Professor, Department of English, (Vels Institute of Science and Technology and Advanced Studies) Pallavaram, Chennai. The presenter chose an apt topic that is relevant to the current situation we are in (COVID 19 Pandemic- Lockdown). The session focused on how Apocalypticism was always a part of religions, how we can approach Apocalypticism as a genre and the goal of Apocalyptic writings which is to disclose to the elect the secret of what is and what is to take place, thereby serving to comfort the oppressed and encourage them to remain faithful to their beliefs. It also talked about the major characteristics of Apocalyptic literature and also related to the apocalyptic events that we are facing now. It was an interesting session. Day 2 session was on the topic "The Art of Accommodating Changes-Challenges of a Literature Teacher at the new phase of Evolution" by Dr. Shantichitra, Associate Professor & HOD, Dept. of English, SRM Institute of Technology, Kattankulathur, Chennai. The main questions that were addressed in this presentation are: Are we to continue the same in our teaching methods during this lockdown situation? Are online classes the better models? The presenter insisted on the need for the teachers to adapt to the Digital world using Derrida's Deconstruction Theory. This presentation also made the teachers realize the importance of Digital Literacy. This was quite an eye-opening session. Take home point from the session: "Combine the tradition along with the modern methods and reconstruct your classroom"

	 Day 3 session was on the topic "Teaching Language Skills Using ICT Tools" by Dr.P.R. Sujatha Priyadharshini, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Anna University, Chennai. The presenter discussed the various components of web-based and nonweb based ICT Tools. She also explained what synchronus and asynchronus communication tools are and also how to use them effectively to teach students digitally. The presenter provided lot of apps and website that teachers can use to teach, assess or evaluate the students interestingly. It was a very informative session. Day 4 session was on the topic "Digital Linguistics Prevalent in These Testing Time" by Dr. Mary Thomas, Professor & Dean- Dept. of English, Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute University, Chennai. The presenter focused on the etymological evolution of the English language and thrown light on the roots of the most common terms that are used in the digital world. The focus was on the linguistics of the technical terms we use. Day 5 session was on the topic "Strategies for Effective Listening – The Need of the Hour" by Dr.S.V. Narasimha Murthy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, School of Engineering Presidency University, Bangalore. The presenter executed a well-structured presentation on Listening. He started by pressing on the importance of listening and differentiated Listening from Hearing. He also provided valuable insights on how to hone our listening skill by pointing out the different types of listening and the steps and stages of effective listening. He also provided some wonderful strategies to attain good listening skills. The take home point from the session was " To be an effective listener we must use thought speed, pay attention to non-verbal cues, use silence, use a paraphrase response and be mindful of the speaker while listening.
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Suggestions / comments of Faculty	The PPT Content and Organizing committee is excellent.