

Communication Skills Day:

Communication skills in English have a very important role in everybody's life whether they are studying or working. As there are different ways to communicate with others, it is mandatory to understand and master all of them. And there is a great demand in every field for the individuals who can communicate well in English. Keeping the demand for people with good communication skills in view, the department of English conducts various activities to enhance the communication skills of the students. And a day is earmarked to showcase the talent and skills of the students by celebrating the "Communication Skills Day" in collaboration with TSKC in the institution every year, wherein the students participate in different activities like JAM, Group Discussions, Role-Play, Skit, Mock Interview etc. Some of the students enthusiastically participate in all the activities and the remaining students curiously watch and observe them and learn the required skills.

Objectives of the programme:

- ★ To instil all four skills i.e Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.
- ★ To improve interpersonal skills.
- ★ To develop a positive attitude.
- ★ To build team spirit.
- ★ To inculcate proper etiquette.
- ★ To improve body language.
- ★ To enhance their perception.
- ★ To help them to do the SWOT analysis.

Context: As most of the students come from rural and remote areas and mother tongue as the medium of instruction, have a fear to respond in the classroom. Since a sound knowledge in English speaking has a great demand in every job market, it is required to be good at communicating in English. In addition to the regular syllabus, the students are provided with a specially designed module to enhance their communication skills and a separate schedule is allocated for the classes. During the sessions the students are made to participate in a variety of activities like card games, self introduction, group discussions, role-play, mock interview, JAM etc.

Practice: As all the activities are meticulously planned to cater the needs of slow, average and advanced learners and conducted in an interactive method, the students show interest and enthusiasm and actively participate in the tasks. The essence of the programme is, the teacher acts as a facilitator and the students take

care of everything. By taking part in the activities the students not only learn to collaborate, and cooperate with others but also to appreciate others' skill and talent. In addition to this, participation in different activities not only enhances the communication skills of the students but also instills confidence. And the students who are shy and have phobia to share and their views and ideas get inspired and motivated by observing the passionate students and their exceptionally wonderful participation in the tasks. Most of the students who participate in the activities speak fluently and the students who learn the things on a slow pace will get motivated and try to participate in the future events. The students who participate in the activities master all the four skills of language i.e Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. In addition to that they learn to cooperate and collaborate with their fellow students.

Impact: After some years of continuous practice, it is observed that there are considerable and appreciable changes in the attitude of the students and there is a significant improvement in their communication skills.

Some key changes:

- ★ Mastered all the four skills i.e. LSRW.
- ★ Enhanced communication skills.
- ★ Became team players.
- ★ Developed proper etiquette.
- ★ Developed good body language.
- ★ Improved conversational skills
- ★ Learnt time management.
- ★ Improved creativity.
- ★ Instilled leadership skills.

Outcome: The communication skills helped the students to continue their education and to achieve their goals and get jobs in the desired fields. So many students progressed because of their oral and written communication skills. Some students participated in various job drives and got jobs. The institution also conducted job drives and our students performed marvellously and succeeded in getting the jobs.

