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LANGUAGE LAB ACTIVITIES REPORT 2018 - 2019 REPORT ON IMPORTANCE OF SPEAKING AND READING SKILLS

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Venue: Auditorium & Language Lab

Conducted by: Department of English

To enhance the LSRW skills among the young minds, St Francis de Sales College has established a Language Lab which comes out with various events and activities. The Dept of English has conducted a session on "Importance of Speaking and Reading Skills" intending the students to speak proficiently and read with correct intonation.

The HOD of English has introduced the course to the young minds. "The English language, in particular, has become essential in the lives of young people who aspire to advance their careers. English language learning has therefore attained high importance as part of the educational system. Communication involves one's ability to listen carefully to have an understanding and to respond with clarity".

The HOD introduced the course through an expedition. "The Language Lab course was framed for February (02.02.2015). The course was facilitated by the English department by 5 different sessions. The course aimed at briefed the students on the standard of writing and the aspect of listening.

As the ability to communicate effectively has become the prerequisite for anyone who ventures into a new profession, the need for developing good communication skill is a much-felt phenomenon today. The significance of the language lab has been much felt in the domain of communication. The language laboratory helps one to use technology effectively to communicate.

Students need intensive practice on listening and speaking skills in and out of their class rooms as well. The thirst of imparting English language as a skill needs an innovative

approach. This approach has been adopted by the college to enable students to have a better mode of learning and improving.

The Language Lab framed a structured outline to be followed by the students in helping them achieve better communication skills. It was conducted for one semester includes 5 sessions. The course was handled by the English faculty of our college with the help of the software that was introduced. The language lab offers an exclusive result oriented and efficient way to enrich the English language learning process. The students were introduced to the four aspects of English Language – Listening/ Speaking/ Reading/ Writing. The software helps in faster and easier way of learning. It draws the attention of the individual and it evokes practical learning. The listening module listed a series of audios for the students to listen, analyse and respond. Students were able to work around their listening skills, vocabulary, pronunciation, understanding of the audio, accent, etc. They were made to listen and respond accordingly.

The speaking module encouraged the students to work on their ability to express verbally. The software has enabled them to speak, record and listen to their recordings as well. They were given ideas on compering, different kinds of speeches for an occasion and interview techniques. They are also given an introduction on Phonetics which would build their communicative skills. The students work ina multimedia context.

The Writing module covered a good number of writing tasks that will allow them to understand and explore the different forms of writing. This would help them train their minds to address any kind of writing styles. They could write and upload it, and also understand the standard of their writing with the help of the software.

The Reading module was introduced to help the students in reading and pronunciation. This draws the attention of the students towards improving their reading along with improving their vocabulary. They can listen and follow as it is read in the system. They can also repeat and learn the pronunciation of words.

The language laboratory is a very helpful tool for practicing and assessing one's speech in any language. It provides a facility which allows the student to listen to model pronunciation, repeat and record the same, listen to their performance and compare with the model, and do self-assessment.

Details of the programme:

- Following are the mainly focused activities in language lab:
 - In Teaching LSRW Skills Listening: A learner speaks what one listen. A
 child develops one's listening skill according to the surrounding
 pronunciation. That's why we find different tone and pronunciation in
 common language.
 - 2. Overcoming human limitations: Lab is an untiring teacher. With the use of language lab can overcome human limitations. Any teacher can teach up to certain limit. As we know that in every educational institute working hours are fixed after certain level of teaching trainer gets tired which affects teaching learning process as well
 - 3. Learner Centeredness: Desired result can be gained by suitable inputs. As we have discussed that every person has individual requirements regarding English learning. It is not possible to address the need of individual learner in a general class. On the contrary it is also known that best result can be achieved through personal teaching and guidance.
 - 4. Immediate Evaluation and Feedback: In any education process evaluation is a considered as a parameter of progress. On the bases of evaluation students get admission in next level. For evaluation and feedback we can say evaluation stands for 'test' and feedback means 'result'. Feedback and evaluation both are a continuous process. Through evaluation learners get to know their development and teacher can work on the improvement of the weak points. It also helps trainer to evaluate one's teaching methods and techniques. Feedback works as a reinforcement and provides boost up of lead for corrections.
 - 5. Online help: Online help works as a life line. Internet is the biggest source of information. Online help connects learner and trainer to this encyclopaedia and the world. When we say online help it is not only limited for computer or internet help. We can chat, converse or correspond with subject expert from all around the world.

The College encourages the faculty of the English dept to come out with various other activates such as functional grammar, phrasal words to enhance the writing skills and public speaking skills.

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Students are enthusiastically participating in the activity conducted during the Importance of Speaking and Reading Skills.

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