

Shri Shivaji College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Akola.

Department of English

Summary and Highlights

Established in 1963, the Department of English is as old as the college and has been marching hand in hand with the institution under the able guidance and encouragement by our Principal Dr.Subhash Bhadange, in surmounting challenges and in setting goals and attaining them with dedicated efforts. Department of English is the largest department in the college, having students on roll in Arts, Commerce, Science and Home Science faculty. The college and the department of English share the common spirit of pride in striving for academic excellence at every level and it also recognizes the importance of competitive participation in the process of human upliftment.

The department has substantial number of faculty members trained in English language and literature teaching. Imparting of English language skills with single-minded devotion to a large section of under privileged learners from rural area has been an asset of the department.

Department of English consists of under graduate and postgraduate courses. Department of English strives to develop the communication skills of the students in Arts, Commerce, Science and Home Science streams and Career Oriented Courses courses. Remedial and Extra coaching classes are held to improve the language skill of students. U.G and P.G English Literature classes are conducive to nurture the literary sense.

The faculty of the department believes in commitment to teaching and research in order to help develop the creative and critical faculties of our students so that they can expand their intellectual horizons.

We have an atmosphere of interactive participation both in the classroom and in the organic corporate life of the Department. We complement our classroom

teaching with a multi-faceted methodology. This endeavour includes a continually developing Departmental Library and Language Laboratory, the organization of class seminars in every section, and the audio-visual facilities. As a department, we believe, we are constantly evolving with invaluable inputs from our student body; an enterprise towards a mutually shared vision.

FACULTY

2012-2013

Sr.No.	Name of the Lecturer	Qualifications	Designation
1	Dr. Arvind V. Kulkarni H.O.D.	M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.	Head & Associate Professor,
2	Dr. K. S. Khandare	M.A.,M.Phil.,Ph.D.	Associate Professor
3	Mr. Vivek Hiware	M.A.M.Phil.	Associate Professor
4	Mrs.Madhuri Dhiware- Raut	M.A. , SET	Asst. Professor
5	Dr.Mrs.Neelima Dhande	M.A., Ph.D.	Asst. Professor
6	Miss Kapila Mhaisane.	M.A.,M.Phil.NET , SET	Asst. Professor
7	Dr Manish S Gaikwad	M.A., Ph.D.	Asst. Professor

Minor Research Projects (Sanctioned & Completed)

	Name	Title	Amount Rs.
1	Mr. A.V.Kulkarni	“Thematic Patterns in the Plays of Mahesh Elkunchwar”.	Rs.70000/-
2	Dr.K.S.Khandare	An Analytical study of the Holocaust in the select novels of Elie Wiesel.	Rs.75000/-
3	Mr.V.H.Hiware	A comparative study of Dr.Radhakrishanan’s Kalki and T.S.Eliot’s The Waste Land.	Rs.55000/-
4	Mr. S. D. Mulaokar	“A comparative study of Dr.Radhakrishanan’s Kalki and T.S.Eliot’s The Waste Land.	Rs.55000
5	Mr. S. N. Chinchole	A Critical Study of the Themes of Indian Diasporic Writing with special reference to Meena Alexander and Salman Rushdie	Rs.70000

Infrastructural Facilities in the Department :

Language Laboratory

The Department has a state of the art Digital Language Laboratory with the capacity of 20 students. The lab is equipped with desktop computers, Printers, Headphones, and Multi-lingual learning software.It uses Orell Technosystem’s Language learning software.

Communication Skills E-learning Seminar Hall

The department has a separate Communication Skills E-learning Seminar Hall with a Computer, Audio-Video CD player, Audio Cassette Recorder, Cordless FM Headphones and LCD Projector, .

Departmental Library

The Department of English has a library of its own for use by its students and teachers. It is housed in the department room having facilities for reading and conference. It has a modest collection of around 250 titles representing poetry, fiction, drama, literary criticism and theory, and works on individual authors and texts.

Internet Facility

All the computers in the Department have access to Broadband Internet connection.

Recent Innovative Programmes conducted by the Department-

1] Workshop on Communication Skills in English for Non-teaching Staff-

A ten days 'Workshop on Communication Skills in English' for the non-teaching staff was organized by the Department of English from 22nd to 31st Oct.2007, which was inaugurated by the Principal Dr. S.G.Bhadange and vice principal Dr. S.P.Deshmukh, Mr. A.V.Kulkarni, Head of the Dept., were prominently present on this occasion. Recognizing the growing need of sufficient knowledge of English language and adequate communication skills, the department of English took initiative and organized this workshop. Twenty-five members participated in the workshop. Mr. A.V.Kulkarni, Head of the Dept., Mr. Vasant Hebbar, Mr. K.S.Khandare, Mr. S.N.Chinchole, Mr.V.H.Hiware, Mr. A. Shende and Miss Jaya Kale conducted lectures and interactive classes during the workshop.

Mr. K. S. Khandare worked as the Co-ordinator of this workshop. This has become a regular activity of the department

2] Workshop on Communication Skills in English for Rural Students-

A ten days 'Workshop on Communication Skills in English' for Rural Students was organized by the Department of English during the NSS Camp held at the village Ugwa, Dist. Akola in Dec. 2011. All the members of the dept. of English engaged lectures in this workshop.

3] Free Special Guidance & Coaching Classes for Repeaters-

The Department of English availed facility of Free Special Guidance & Coaching Classes to the students of B.A. II & III who failed in Compulsory English in Winter 2011 Examination and reappeared for Summer 2012 Examination. The Extra coaching classes were conducted in February 2012.

4] Poetry Recitation Programme-

A Poetry Recitation Programme was arranged for the students of the Post-Graduate classes. This provided students an opportunity to listen the recordings of recitation of T.S.Eliot's 'The Waste Land' read by the poet himself, John Donne's poems read by Richard Burton and Robert Frost's poems read by the poet . Students were delighted to listen to the recitations of poetry.

5] Play Reading Programme-

The English Literary Association organizes A Play Reading Programme for the students. Prof.A.V.Kulkarni, the head of the department reads the Marathi translation of plays like 'Hamlet' and 'Waiting for Godot', etc.

6] Screening of Films-

The classic films, teleplays and documentaries based on prescribed texts i.e. plays; novels, short stories, etc. are screened for the students.