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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

In Collaboration with the Directorate of Extra-Mural Studies and Extension Services, Goa University

**ORGANIZES** 

# COLLOQUY 2024

# A TWO-DAY SPOKEN ENGLISH WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP**

- To refine the students' English speaking skills.
- To introduce the students to the art of public speaking.
- To introduce various modes of communication to the students.

Resource Person:

Ms. Priya Almeida

Eduprenuer and Life
and Language Coach

Date:
5th and 6th February,
2024
Time: 9:00 a.m-5:00
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Venue: College
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#### REPORT

#### COLLOQUY 2024-ATwo-Day Spoken English Workshop for School Students

The Department of English of Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao in collaboration with the Directorate of Extra-Mural Studies and Extension Services Centre, Goa University organized COLLOQUY-A Two-Day Spoken English workshop for the school children on 5th and 6th February, 2024. A group of 30 students each from Assagao Union High School, Assagao and New English High School, Keri were the beneficiaries of this workshop. Ms. Priya Almeida, Eduprenuer and Life and Language Coach, was the resource person for the workshop. The workshop was organized with the objective of fine-tuning the students' use of English language and exposing them to a range of activities which would facilitate in improving their communication skills.

The workshop began with the lighting of the traditional lamp at the inaugural programme graced by Ms. Priya Almeida, the resource person of the two-day workshop, Prof. D.B. Arolkar, Principal of D.M's College and Research Centre and Principal and Dr. M. Shanthi, Vice-Principal and Head, Department of English. The Principal, Prof. D.B. Arolkar while addressing the gathering commended the efforts expended by the Department of English in organizing the workshop every year with sustained enthusiasm. Speaking further, he emphasised on the need and importance of gaining proficiency in English language as it is considered to be the lingua franca and urged the students to make the most of the workshop by their active participation in the workshop. Through personal anecdotes, he drove home the point that knowledge of languages is a prerequisite in today's competitive world. He concluded by expressing his hope that by the end of the two-day's workshop, the students would be able to discern improvement in themselves and display the new-found confidence and smartness.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. Shanthi, Vice-Principal and Head, Department of English and the programme was compered by Ms. Lizella Gonsalves, Assistant Professor, Department of English.

The inaugural programme was followed by the first session. With the intent of fostering connections and helping the students to shed their inhibitions, the session began with ice-breaker games. The students were then introduced to phonetics with the emphasis on pronunciation and enunciation. Through an interactive session and fun games, the resource person, Ms. Priya Almeida acquainted the students to the subtle nuances of English language. To fulfil the objective of honing the students' listening skills and to encourage them to express their views and opinions, audio-visuals were used and their responses solicited.

The second day of the workshop was devoted to communication training, wherein, the students were taught conversational skills. The students through role play were motivated to acquire the requisite skills. Song-based learning was also incorporated to make the sessions livelier and more interesting. Group communication was fused in the later session by dividing the students the students into groups and were guided to use their lateral and critical thinking as well as problem solving skills. Vocabulary enhancing games were also played, wherein the winners were duly rewarded.

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At the end of the workshop, the students were given the participation certificates and their feedback was obtained. They expressed their gratitude to the organizers and the resource person for providing them with the best opportunity to acquire knowledge and develop their communication skills.

(Dr. M. Shanthi)

Head, Department of English

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Place: Assagao, Mapusa, Goa.



Glimpses of Colloquy 2024



Colloquy 2024 Inaugural Programme at Assagao Union High School on 05-02-2024



Students at Workshop Activities at Colloquy at Assagao Union High School on 05-02-2024



















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