


Department of English, Guru Nanak College, Dhanbad

Guru Nanak Dev Lecture Series

ACQUIRING A TARGET LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

January 7, 2023

Under the umbrella of **Guru Nanak Dev Lecture Series**, the **Department of English** organized an interactive session on '*Acquiring a Target Language: English*' on **7th January, 2023** in the S.J. S auditorium of the college.



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JANUARY 7, 2023
11:45 - 02:00 PM (IST)
VENUE: SJS GREWAL AUDITORIUM,
BHUDA CAMPUS

An Interactive Session with
Ms. Maitreyi Chatterjee
on
ACQUIRING A TARGET LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

Ms. Maitreyi Chatterjee, Principal consultant and Mentor, Quill Publishing and Editorial Services

With over two decades of experience across functions of the publishing industry, 500+ publications released in English and regional languages of India, over a 100+ workshops on English Language Teaching specializing in content-development and book production, strong interest in entrepreneurship and in the intersection of new technologies, publishing, acquiring language-skills.

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The students of Jharkhand in general and Dhanbad in particular find it difficult to use English language as a medium of communication. To make students feel at ease with the English language an interactive session was planned for students across the departments of the college. The aim of this session was to make students understand how to acquire a second/target language in a simplest and interesting manner.

Ms. Maitreyi Chatterjee was the key speaker for the session. The session started with a formal introduction of the speaker by the principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Prasad.



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Ms. Chaterjee started her talk with a question: why do we talk to a newborn baby even when he or she cannot understand our language? With this question she made students understand the importance of listening to a language. She explained that we talk to newborns to develop a connection. And in order to acquire a language one must develop a connection to the target language. She pointed out that the most common mistake that students make is they try to learn the English language and not acquire it. Students try to translate a sentence in English from their mother tongue which is the root of the problem. In her interaction she says, *"You never learned Hindi (or any*

other language, say Bangla, Punjabi etc.) then why do you try to learn English?... We acquired our mother tongue but unfortunately we are trying to learn English..." She further shared her experiences with students and motivated students to use technology (Podcasts, Audiobooks, English movies and songs etc.) to improve their English language. She also emphasized the importance of **listening, speaking, reading and writing** skills to acquire the English language. By the end she accentuated *"thinking in English"* to enhance the use of English language in day to day life for interactions.

Sardar R.S.Chahal (President G.N.C) also shared his experience with students and stressed on the importance of reading books. He encouraged students to read more and more books.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Varsha Singh. Prof. Amarjit Singh delivered the vote of thanks.

Following persons were present during the event:

Sardar R.S.Chahal (President, GNC), Sardar Diljaun Singh Grewal (Secretary, GNC) Dr.Sanjay Prasad (Principal, GNC), Prof. Amarjit Singh (Head,Dept of English), Dr. Ranjana Das (Professor In-Charge, Bank More Campus) Prof. Dipak Kumar, Dr. Varsha Singh, Prof. Gopal Sandaliya, Prof. Sanjay Sinha, Prof. Santosh, Prof. Gopal, Prof. Meena Malkhandi, Prof. Neeta Ojha, Prof. Chiranjeet Adhikari, Prof Daljeet Singh, Prof. Sadhna Singh, Prof. Snehal Goswami, Prof. Anuradha Singh, Prof. Piyush Aggarwal, Prof. Abhishek Sinha, Ms. Ghanishtha Verma, Ms. Surabhi Kashyap, Bisheshwari Bhattacharjee, Namita Kumari, Sarita Kumari, Simran Chhabra, Arnab Sarnal, Simran Srivastava etc.

Around one hundred fifty students attended the session.

PRESS COVERAGE

'बेहतर अंग्रेजी सीखने के लिए अंग्रेजी में सोचना जरूरी'

□ " अक्वायर्सिंग अ टारगेट लैंग्वेज : इंग्लिश " पर गुरुनानक कॉलेज में इंटरैक्टिव सेशन
उप मुख्य संवाददाता, धनबाद

प्रिंसिपल कंसल्टेंट एवं मॉडर क्विज पब्लिशिंग एंड एडिटोरियल सर्विसेज के मिस मैत्रेयी चटर्जी ने बेहतर अंग्रेजी सीखने के लिए विद्यार्थियों को अंग्रेजी में सोचने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया। वह शनिवार को गुरु नानक कॉलेज धनबाद के भूदा के ऑडिटोरियम में अंग्रेजी विभाग द्वारा " अक्वायर्सिंग अ टारगेट लैंग्वेज : इंग्लिश " पर एक इंटरैक्टिव सेशन में बतौर मुख्य वक्ता बोल रही थी।

अंग्रेजी भाषा को अपनाने पर बल : कार्यक्रम का संचालन करते हुए डॉ. वर्षा सिंह ने रोचक अंदाज में अपनी



विद्यार्थियों को संबोधित करती मैत्रेयी चटर्जी।

बात रखी। उन्होंने अपनी शुरुआत एक प्रश्न से की। कहा - हम एक छोटे बच्चे से क्यों बात करते हैं, जबकि उस बच्चे को हमारी भाषा भी समझ नहीं आती ? इस प्रश्न के साथ उन्होंने सुनने,

बोलने, पढ़ने और लिखने के महत्व को बताया। उन्होंने अपने संवाद को आगे बढ़ाते हुए टेक्नोलॉजी जैसे पॉडकास्ट, ऑडियोबुक, अंग्रेजी गाने और सिनेमा का सही उपयोग करने पर

बल दिया। अंत में उन्होंने बच्चों को अंग्रेजी भाषा को अपना बनाने की सलाह दी।

व्यापक सहभागिता : मौके पर महाविद्यालय के शासी निकाय के सेक्रेटरी सरदार दिलजौन सिंह ग्रेवाल, बैंक मोड़ कैम्पस की प्रोफेसर इन चार्ज प्रो. रंजना दास, प्रो दीपक कुमार, प्रो. नीता ओझा, प्रो संजय सिन्हा, प्रो सरिता मधेशिया, प्रो दलजीत सिंह, प्रो चिरंजीत अधिकारी, प्रो साधना सिंह, प्रो स्नेहल गोस्वामी, प्रो अभिषेक सिन्हा, प्रो पीयूष अग्रवाल, सुश्री घनिष्ठा वर्मा, सुश्री सुरभि कश्यप, नमिता कुमारी और अर्णव सरखेल आदि मौजूद थे। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन कोविड प्रोटोकॉल का पालन करते हुए हुआ। प्रो अमरजीत सिंह ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन किया।