

Action Taken report on Feedback

Action taken Report based on the feedback on curriculum

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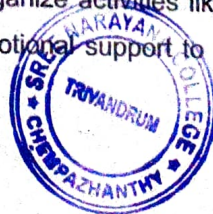
The Department of English conducts PTA meetings on a regular basis for all batches during every semester with a view to involve the parents in their ward's academics, to facilitate an effective learning process and also to effect a betterment of the institution. Moreover, feedback were collected from students, parents, teachers and alumni during every academic year (from 2016-17 to 2020-21) by conducting surveys using standard questionnaires where in reviews and suggestions on curriculum were solicited. The suggestions and reviews thus received were then carefully analyzed, consolidated and reported to the Board of Studies, University of Kerala.

From the feedback, we gathered that most of the parents and students (both at the PG and UG level) responded positively showing their satisfaction on the effectiveness of the curriculum. All the respondents were of the opinion that the curriculum provides adequate foundation for higher studies. But, some of our PG students opined on the difficulty in accessing reference materials on elective papers. A few parents expressed their concern over the curriculum being not adequate enough to equip the students with job skills and they did not consider the curriculum suitable for the academic and professional development of students. These responses were recorded and the teachers took initiative to make amends in the syllabus accordingly.

In the PTA meetings held for S3 and S5 students via Google Meet, parents shared anxieties and stress they feel as the caretakers of adolescent children during the pandemic time. Their anxieties on financial instability, stay-at-home routine, difficulty in providing a mobile phone and high-speed data to their children and so on were genuinely shared. Teachers of the department detailed the different teaching methods (online classes, google classroom, voice recordings, PPT presentations) they have adopted to keep the academic activities going.

Some of the parents suggested to organize activities like seminars, Invited Talks and debates as means to provide emotional support to students, and keep them

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engaged and informed. Taking this into consideration, the department conducted seminars, discussions and competitions on various topics of contemporary relevance.

Teachers also requested parents to monitor and keep strict vigil on their children's academic pursuits in the face of the pandemic situation.

It has also been suggested to enhance the number of books in the library to cater to the increasing need of students in the fields of Literature and Cultural Studies and the request has been evaluated positively and action has been taken to implement the same.

Teachers also encouraged the possibility of students reaching out to concerned teachers over phone to clarify their doubts regarding the portions taught.

The department meeting following the PTA meeting assessed the suggestions and decided that teachers should be keen in updating the syllabus and curriculum as per the changing times with the help of all stakeholders.

Activities hosted

- Webinar on **The Socio-cultural Ramifications of Online Education**, by Mr. Josy Joseph, Associate Professor in English, SB College, Changanacherry on 18th June, 2020.

Beyond the Margins- Webinar Series

- Webinar on **Subaltern Studies, Marxism and Postcolonial Literatures** by Kalyan Kumar Das, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English, Presidency University, Kolkata on 4 Nov. 2020
- Webinar on **Literature Culture and Marginalization**, by Sunny M Kapikad (Social critic, writer & activist) on 14 Nov. 2020
- Webinar on **Was Marx Wrong? Rethinking Marxism and Persistence of Caste in India** by Dr. Mahithosh Mandal, Head, Dept of English, Presidency University, Kolkata on 15 Dec.2020

Other Activities

- Department regularly conducts debate on topics of social relevance for PG and UG students

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- Holds an online platform **A Chunk of Poetry**, where in discussions are held on a weekly basis (on every Sundays) on selected poetry related to contemporary issues, with the intention of initiating academicians, students and poetry lovers to the world of poetry.
- Conducted a discussion headed by Dr. Manu Remakant, Head of the Department on Louis Gluck, the 2020 Nobel Prize winner of literature for UG and PG students
- Conducted **How to Read A Movie: The Reel Way** – an online programme for the students of the department in connection with IFFK by Dr. Manu Remakant, Head of the Department on 9.02.21
- Conducted Online Induction program for I UG and I PG students

In general, the department focused on enhancing knowledge and equipping them further to tackle challenging life situations with courage and confidence.



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