

## Session 2020 - 2021

### Language Lab Activity

#### Language Lab Activities- 2020- 2021

The activities of the Language Lab shifted to the online from January 2021.

The following programs were launched to provide students with opportunities to speak in the language. The programs are innovative and also help the students to develop their soft skills like leadership, communication skills, team work etc.

#### I. International Cultural Exchange Learning Language Through Culture

The English Language Lab has opened a unique way to teach English to students. In this method the students listen to experts from various countries talk about their culture. The program that runs for one and half hours and involves the following steps.

First, after the initial welcoming of all by the coordinator Dr Somali Gupta, one of the students introduces the guest to the rest of the participants and welcomes the guest on behalf of the college and the participants. Then the guest shares about his/her culture for around 40 -45 mins. The session is then opened for Q&A session for 20 mins. After that as a mark of respect, 2 students present 2 different aspects of Indian Culture to the Guest. Finally, one student offers the Vote of thanks.

Other activities like making Flyers, participating in a Quiz based on the lectures they have heard, making Presentations, preparing and Reading out the Introduction and offering the Vote of thanks further helps them to improve their language skills. The students were practicing all the four skills Reading writing speaking and writing in English and more through these activities. Thus, through various activities they used the different levels of human cognition—i.e., thinking, learning, and understanding.

The students have also participated in webinars organized by other countries thus building their general knowledge and gaining confidence by actively participating in them. Each activity was designed to develop a particular competence in the students.

S.no	Activity	Skill developed	Other skills
1.	Making flyers	Creativity, Communication skills	

2.	Presentations	Creativity, communication through pictures, verbal communication	Confidence building
3.	Introduction of Guest	Speaking skills, writing skills, using passive voice,	Confidence building
4.	Vote of Thanks	Active listening, Spoken skills	
5	Practice sessions of presentations	Active listening and Spoken English improvement of vocabulary, correct sentence constructions	Teambuilding, support
6.	Whatsapp chatting in groups	Writing skills, improvement of vocabulary, correct sentence constructions	Team building , confidence building
7	Report writing	Active Listening, writing skills	

There are 61 active participants in the program and experts from 14 countries have addressed the students for far.

The students have also participated in webinars organized by “Enjoy Reading” a voluntary reading group from Indonesia.

The program started on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 with the following 14 speakers different countries.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. Prashant Shrivastava, Dean, Student’s Welfare, Hemchand Yadav University, Durg, C.G. on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

S.no.	Date	Resource person	Details of the resource person	Country
1.	19.01.21	Dr Nadezda Stojkovic	Associate Prof. Faculty of English, University of Nis,	Serbia

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2.	23.01.21	Monica Collier	CELTA certified Language expert, Boston	USA
3.	26.01.21	Kenan Kundalic	Manager, Arcelor Mittal, Zenica	Bosnia
4.	29.01.21	Lia Flores	Translator, Language expert	Mexico
5.	01.02.21	Marija Jelic	Financial Administrator, Split	Croatia
6.	09.02.21	Hanna Ambaras Khan	Senior Lecturer,School of Business and Economics, University Putra, Malaysia	Malaysia
7.	11.02.21	Zana Knezevic	Associate Professor of ESP University Mediterranean“ Podgorica.	Montenegro
8	17.02.21	Vesna Trajkovska	Associate Professor , Faculty of Security, Skopje	Macedonia
9.	18.02.21	Ewa Hajdasz	Associate Professor, Head of the Centre of Foreign Languages, Humanities and Social Sciences Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences	Poland
10.	28.02.21	Flavio Caocci	Software Engineer,Tesisquare, Torino	Italy
11.	02.03.21	Linda Weinberg	Head of English Studies, Braude College of Engineering ,Karmiel	Israel
12.	04.03.21	David Padro Cossio	Spanish and French Language Expert	Spain/ Shanghai
13.	05.03.21	Dundar	Student of Financial Economics and Banking, Dokuz Eylul University	Turkey
14	19.03.21	Le The Hien	Lecturer, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality, University of Economics and Finance, Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam

The second Phase of International Cultural Exchange started in April 2021.and the students attended Virtual Cafes with the students from English Studies Unit, Braude Academic College of Engineering, Karmiel, Israel and Centre for Foreign Languages, Humanities and Social Sciences Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences Poland. The meetings are held fortnightly.

There have been 4 meetings so far. The students are given que questions and put in break out room with 3-4 students in each group to interact with each other for half n hour.

A cultural exchange also started with the students of University of Nis Serbia and students of Turkey, with students presenting their culture through PPTs to each other.