

**Session 2020 -2021**

## **Language Lab Activity**

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#### **English Café : An Open House for English Language Learning**

A new concept to provide space to students for stress free learning .

Coffee houses have been the hotspot for meetings and discussions on various topics ranging from poetry to politics, philosophy to physics since long, and over the years has developed a tradition and culture of its own. Anchoring on this concept of learning and sharing in groups i.e. getting together to learn in a quasi-formal setup, English café provides the necessary forum to students to learn and practice the four skills of language namely, Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Here the students share, discuss and learn from each other and also from subject experts.

While the Café focuses primarily on Spoken skills, it uses various methods to involve students with their learning agenda in an interesting way. The Open Space of the Café is used for guided practice sessions through different exercises.

Like Cafes, the space is open for all students of Govt.V.Y.T.PG.Autonomous College, Durg.

The students will also be able to use the lab when the college reopens.

Currently the interested students meet twice a week to practice learning.

#### **The Café provides space for:**

- Opportunities to practice speaking
- Preparing PPTs and presenting
- Develop deep listening skills
- Writing skills as in emails, resume, essays and reports.
- Practice Reading to improve pronunciation and intonation

In the current session nearly 489 students are enrolled in the café and they are allowed to make their choice of learning from the Basic or advanced group depending on the self-assessment of own their language competence.

**III. The Circle of Hope and Smile:** The students also created a platform to reach out to students in distress during pandemic. They provide empathetic listening and friendly support to others.