

REPORT ON GUEST LECTURE ON SOFT SKILLS AND 21ST-CENTURY SKILLS

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Department of English

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Organized by: Department of English

Resource Person: Prof. K. Padmini Shankar

Topic: *Soft Skills, English Language Proficiency and 21st-Century Skills*

The Department of English, Government College for Men, Kurnool, organized a guest lecture on 03 October 2026 with the permission and guidance of the Principal, Dr. M. Indira Santhi, with the objective of enhancing students communication skills, soft skills, confidence, discipline, and awareness of essential 21st-century competencies.



The guest lecture was delivered by Prof. K. Padmini Shankar, an accomplished teacher, teacher trainer and researcher with extensive experience in English Language Teaching (ELT), teacher education, materials development and research. She has designed and offered postgraduate courses in areas such as *The Teaching of Skills*, *Teaching English to Young Learners*, and *Psychology for Language Teaching*. She has also taught proficiency courses in vocabulary, grammar and reading for international participants under the International Training Programme (ITP).



Prof. Padmini Shankar has conducted several workshops for teachers at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, including programmes for teachers from countries such as Sri Lanka, Colombia, Ecuador and Kazakhstan. She has extensive experience in materials production and has contributed to skill-development programmes and coursebook development in grammar, listening and speaking. She has also served as a series editor for school-level coursebooks and has guided Ph.D. scholars and M.A. students in research.

Her academic contributions include publications in areas such as teacher training and development, teacher cognition, and language teacher identity construction. She has presented papers and participated in academic programmes in several countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Macau and Japan. She is the recipient of the Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship for International Education Administrators Seminar (2018) and the Women in Education Leadership Award (2020).

Proceedings of the Guest Lecture

Prof. Padmini Shankar addressed the students on the importance of soft skills in academic, professional and personal life. She explained that academic qualifications alone are not sufficient for achieving success in higher education and employment. Students also need effective communication, interpersonal skills, confidence, discipline, teamwork, adaptability and problem-solving abilities.

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She particularly highlighted the importance of developing command over the English language. She explained the role of vocabulary, grammar, reading, listening and speaking skills in effective communication. Students were encouraged to use English regularly in academic and everyday contexts so that they could gradually develop fluency, confidence and accuracy. The resource person also emphasized the significance of discipline and a positive attitude in student life. She explained that punctuality, responsibility, regular practice, respect for others and commitment to one's goals are essential qualities for academic and professional growth.

The lecture further focused on 21st-century skills, including communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, adaptability, digital awareness, leadership and problem-solving. Students were encouraged to actively participate in learning activities, develop independent learning habits and acquire skills that would help them face the changing requirements of higher education and the workplace.

The interactive nature of the lecture enabled students to understand how English language proficiency and soft skills can contribute to their confidence, employability and overall personality development. The session motivated students to identify areas for improvement and continuously practise the skills required for their future careers.

Faculty Participation

The programme was attended by:

- Dr. M. Indira Santhi, Principal
- Dr. A. Satyanarayana, Vice-Principal
- Dr. K. Rajani Devi, Vice-Principal
- Dr. V. Mohan Naik, Lecturer in Commerce
- Dr. P. Nagarjuna, Department of English
- Dr. K. Rekha, Department of English
- Smt. D. Sasikala, Department of English
- Students of the college

Learning Outcomes

The guest lecture enabled students to:

1. Understand the importance of soft skills in academic and professional life.
2. Recognize the role of English language proficiency in higher education and employability.
3. Develop awareness of effective communication and interpersonal skills.
4. Understand the importance of discipline, punctuality and a positive attitude.

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5. Identify major 21st-century skills required for career development.
6. Recognize the importance of teamwork, collaboration and leadership.
7. Develop awareness of critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving.
8. Understand the value of continuous practice and self-directed learning.
9. Gain confidence in using English for academic and professional communication.
10. Become more aware of the skills required to meet changing workplace expectations.

Feedback

1. "The Guest lecture By Padmini Sankar Madam was very informative and useful. I learned the importance of Communication skills, confidence and positive thinking. The Examples shared by Madam were easy to Understand and Apply in Our daily life"
- A. Akshaya B.com CA 1st year
2. "I found the session very interesting and motivating. Padmini Sankar Madam explained soft skills in a simple and practical way. The lecture helped me understand how communication, teamwork and body language can improve our Personality."
- A. vyshnavi B.com CA 1st year
3. The lecture was an excellent learning experience. Madam interacted with students and encouraged us to participate actively. I gained useful knowledge about interpersonal skills, leadership and professional behaviour."
- C. Madhavi B.com CA 1st year

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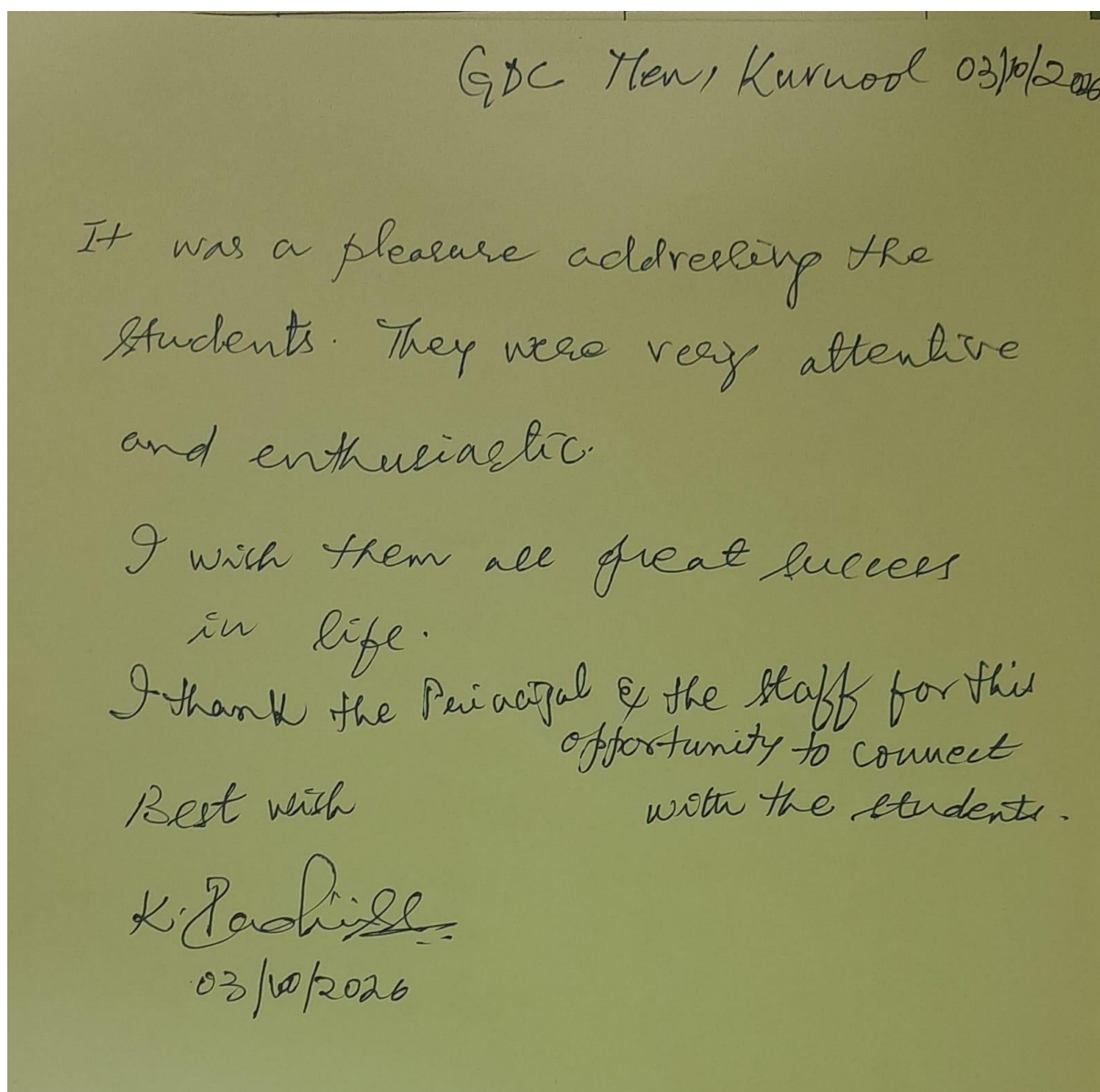
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List of Students attended the Activity

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27		S. Sreenivasulu	S. Sreenivasulu

Resource Person feedback



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It was a pleasure addressing the students. They were very attentive and enthusiastic.

I wish them all great success in life.

I thank the Principal & the staff for this opportunity to connect with the students.

Best wish

K. Padmini Shankar

03/10/2026

Conclusion

The guest lecture was an academically enriching and student-oriented programme. The interaction with Prof. K. Padmini Shankar provided students with valuable insights into English language development, soft skills, discipline and 21st-century competencies. The programme contributed to the Department of English's efforts towards student-centric learning, communication skills development, personality development and enhancement of employability skills.

The Department of English expresses its sincere gratitude to Dr. M. Indira Santhi, Principal, for granting permission and extending support for organizing the programme. The

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