

Dept of English Organised “Extension Lecture-cum- Workshop “Vernacular Bridge Course to Learn English”

Under the able guidance of Principal Dr. Amandeep Heera, Department of English and the Liberal Arts Society of Babbar Akali Memorial Khalsa College, Garhshankar, organized an Extension Lecture-cum-Workshop on “Vernacular Bridge Course to Learn English” on February 21, 2025, in the Smart Room. The session was conducted by Prof. Nirmal Datt, Former Head, Department of English, DAV College, Chandigarh.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of around 100 students from various streams, including Arts, Commerce, B.Sc., B.Ed., and BCA. Prof. Datt shared valuable insights on how vernacular languages can be effectively used as a bridge to master English, thereby enhancing students’ communication skills and confidence. His extensive experience in language teaching and his books on the subject provided students with practical tools to improve their English proficiency.

Several faculty members attended the workshop, including Prof. Lakhwinderjeet Kaur, Prof. Janki Aggarwal, Prof. Manbeer Kaur, Prof. Kuldeep Kaur, Prof. Harwinder Kaur, Prof. Preetinder Singh, Prof. Saurav Dadri, and Prof. Kanwaljeet Kaur.

A special vote of thanks was extended to S. Sukhminder Singh, Secretary Education, SGPC, for his continuous efforts in improving English language education across SGPC-run institutions. His dedication to enhancing students’ language skills has been instrumental in organizing such educational initiatives. Dr. Datt, Principal Dr Amandeep Heera, Prof. Lakhwinderjeet Kaur, Prof. Ritu Singh, Prof. Navdeep Singh, Prof. Poonam and other faculty members inaugurated ELF (English Learners’ Fraternity) Club at the College. This is

done under the guidance of Principal Dr Heera & Prof. Datt to promote English language and its understanding.

Prof. Ritu Singh, Head of the Department of English, expressed gratitude to the guest speaker and faculty members for their participation and encouraged students to actively apply the techniques discussed in the workshop. Dr. Amandeep Heera, Principal, lauded the initiative and emphasized the importance of such interactive sessions in shaping students' academic and professional growth. The event was coordinated by Prof. Navdeep Singh, who ensured smooth execution of the session.

The workshop concluded on a high note, leaving students motivated and equipped with innovative strategies to strengthen their command of the English language.

