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Workshops & Training Programs on English Studies

A series of Workshops & Training Programs on English Studies were organized by Forum for Academic Excellence Department of English and World Storytelling Institute, Chennai to mark the importance of Chennai Storytelling Festival 2019. On Feb 02, 2019, Ms Ruth Stotter, a Fulbright Scholar and professional storyteller from California, USA illustrated Stories about Stories and Storytelling and **Ms Diana Tso** (of Chinese ancestry) and **Ms Rubena Sinha** (of Indian ancestry), professional storytellers from Toronto narrated a Chinese Epic about Bringing Buddhism from India to China. Both were scintillating performances to the participants who had come from Chennai city and Loyola College.

On Feb 04, 2019, **Ms Marion Kenny**, one of Scotland's leading storytellers, a highly regarded multi-instrumentalist, and an inspirational trainer kept the student participants in rapture for an hour with a storytelling performance of her version of the story of Lady Macbeth (from Shakespeare's play, "Macbeth"), and then she led a discussion with the students about the form and content of her performance.

On February 07, 2019, a number of workshops for College Students on Basic Storytelling for Fun, Self-expression, Creativity, Job interview, Project Report and Winning over Others by storytelling Trainers were conducted Ms H. Banumathy, Chennai and Ms. Priyanka Chatterjee, Kolkata and Mr. M. Pandiarajan, Chennai. Over 250 participants from Loyola College and city colleges attended and found them interesting and career guiding.

On Feb 08 & 09, 2019, Workshops for Adults and teachers were conducted on "Basic Storytelling: for Fun, Self-expression, and Creativity", "Storytelling for Teaching-and-learning English Language", "Storytelling for Teaching-and-learning any Academic Subject", "Storytelling for Coaching and Counseling" were organized and many professors from other colleges and professionals from Chennai City attended the workshops. The highlight of the Chennai Storytelling Festival 2019 organized at Loyola College was the sterling performances by professional storytellers from all over the world. All these performances were acted out with a lot of gusto and involvement.

Finally, **Ms Ruth Stotter** conducted a workshop exclusively for Loyola College staff and students on “Storytelling as a Practical and Powerful Teaching Technique” on Feb 11, 2019. It was found very interactive and a hands on experience for the staff, research scholars and students of Kaushal Kendra who attended.

The learning experience of a storytelling technique applied to enhance the soft skills and teaching and learning strategies was possible because of the concerted effort taken by Dr.K.S.Antonysamy, Head, Department of English, Loyola College, Chennai and Dr. Eric Miller, Director, World Storytelling Institute, Chennai.