

ANNAMMAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

AN ELTAI PROJECT INDIA READS READING MOVEMENT: INITIATED BY TEACHERS

Report

On 1st December 2023, ELTAI Thoothukudi chapter has organized an orientation programme on ELTAI's recent project "India Reads." Dr.K.Elango, National Secretary, ELTAI has initiated the project and has given 2 hours orientation on the skill of reading and the ways to develop the skill of reading among students. The following information were discussed in the orientation –

What?

Reading habit is on the decline among all, especially among students

Why?

Will lead to Intellectual crisis– loss of humanity
Reading is the mother of all skills – automatically will cause the decline of other skills such as speaking, writing, and listening, mainly thinking
Writing skill is almost lost – let that not happen to reading
A revivalism to pre-social media time but striving for the robust co-existence of book reading

How?

A 3-year reading programme
Bilingual reading programme (English and one major language) -reading skills are transferable
3 different levels (age appropriate)
Primary - 3 to 5 standards
High school – 6 to 8 standards
Tertiary – 3 years
A 100-module for each level
A module focuses on a specific theme from fiction, non-fiction, periodicals
A module consists of a video, audio, in-session reading texts, engagements, off-session reading texts
A module is for one hour duration led by a mentor – hands-on
Students expected to read the texts introduced
One-hour per week

Extensive reading - reading for joy – organic absorption of languages rather than the academic itemized, serialized and templated conscious acquisition

Activities

Weekly –module implementation

Monthly – competitions, webinars involving writers- centrally organized

Annual – state and national levels - similar to Spell Bee – celebrities involved – prizes distributed
Awards and recognition for best performing readers

Facilities

LMS (Learning Management System, Exclusive website

Central committee to monitor the execution in all the institutions

Portfolio – profile of learner’s reading at different stages – learners’ voluntary record -tracking
and measuring

Dr.K.Elango has discussed the above information with the participants and he has encouraged them to sign MoU with ELTAI.



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