

SPOKEN ENGLISH COURSE

(IN VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT)

In a country like ours where English is not a native language has immense opportunities for the individuals having good speaking ability in the language. It is seen that sometimes individual good at subject fails to get a job only due to lack of communication skill. In this globalized world English being an internationally recognized language, learning the language opens the scope of employment. Speaking confidently and fluently is the best way to make a good impression in job interviews, presentations, group discussions and conversations with English speakers. Considering the importance of learning Spoken English the Backward Classes Welfare (BCW) Department, Govt. of West Bengal has decided to introduce Spoken English Course through Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) for the youths belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the State under the aegis of Ambedkar Centre for Excellence (ACE). The scheme has been started on February 18, 2012 on pilot basis at Bagdah Block of North 24 Parganas District. This would be replicated to a few other places also after having the experience. The project is being implemented in association with the famous and experienced institute in the field of language studies, The Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture (RMIC) at Golpark, Kolkata. Reputed teachers of RMIC are imparting training classes from the Cultural Research Institute (CRI), Kankurgachi, Kolkata sitting before a computer enabled with special soft ware- supporting audio-visual interaction through internet. On the other end, learners have been attending classes at Helencha Central Hostel of BCW Department, Bagda. Besides the basic infrastructural support, the classroom at Helencha has been equipped with computer- enabled with special software, internet facility, special audio system and projector to give the effect of classroom to the maximum extent possible.

AIM OF THE COURSE:

Learners will enhance their pronunciation, fluency, confidence, vocabulary and listening skills after completing the course successfully. At the end of the course, the learners will:

1. feel confident in approaching all types of spoken English situations and tasks
2. produce English clearly and confidently
3. understand spoken English across a range of contexts and accents

IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY

West Bengal SC & ST Development and Finance Corporation.

BENEFICIARIES

30 (thirty) candidates having the educational qualifications of either graduation / undergoing graduation and belonging to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes communities of the age group from 25 to 40 years have been selected for the course. The candidates are from poor families having maximum family income of Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum and all are from Bagdah Block area.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

Trainers	--	Teachers from Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golparkare imparting training classes.
Support Staff	--	Two Technical Assistants one for the remote end and another for operational end have been engaged. Moreover, one employee has been deputed to assist the trainers at CRI in conducting the programme.
Trainees	--	30 number in two batches
Time	--	6 months and 2 days per week i.e., Saturday and Sunday
Timing	--	1st batch from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm, 2nd batch from 5.00 pm to 6.30pm
Course fee	--	Nil for the learners. Govt. will bear the entire expenditure to implement the scheme and the cost would be about Rs. 7000/- per student.

SYLLABUS:

A. Functional Grammar 1. Singular/Plural 2. Tenses 3. Countable/Uncountable Nouns 4. Prepositions 5. Articles 6. Degrees and Comparison 7. Asking and Framing Question (Use of Question words) 8. Other

topics to be discussed as and when they are required 9. Vocabulary 10. Countries and Nationalities 11.

A few commonly used Phrasal Verbs 12. Idiomatic Commonplace Comparisons. Grammar Topics

include Home-work in Exercises (Teachers will prepare Exercises). B. Conversation I) Meetings and Greetings - what would you say to a person who has got a job; what would you say to a person who has lost a relative; what would you say to your friend on his birthday; what would you say to a friend going on a holiday etc.

II) General topic discussion - Your best friend, Locality, Favourite T.V. programme, Favorite Festival, Seasons, School / College, Hobby, Aim in Life etc.

III) Dialogue – Visit to a Bank / Post Office, Buying Railway Tickets, Visit to a Doctor, Visit to a village Fair, Visit to the Local Market etc.

IV) Description of People / Things - Chief Minister of West Bengal; Favorite sports personality; classroom; wrist-watch etc.

V) Discussion on Topics from the Newspaper.

VI) Group Discussion.

CERTIFICATION

After successful completion of the training, the learners will be awarded certificates jointly signed by the authorities of BCW Department & Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark.

SPOKEN ENGLISH COURSE(IN CLASS ROOM ENVIRONMENT)

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Considering the importance of learning Spoken English, the Backward Classes Welfare (BCW) Department, Govt. of West Bengal is going to introduce Spoken English Course in classroom environment this year at Cultural Research Institute (CRI), Kankurgachi, Kolkata for the youths belonging to SC/ST communities under the aegis of Ambedkar Centre for Excellence (ACE). The project will be implemented by the WBSBST Development and Finance Corporation in association with The Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture (RMIC), Golpark, a reputed and experienced institute in the field of language studies from The Cultural research Institute(CRI), Kankurgachi, Kolkata. Initially 50 candidates will be admitted and trained in the 6 months course.

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BENEFICIARIES:

50(fifty) candidates having the minimum educational qualifications of graduation and belonging to Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes communities of the age group from 25 to 40 years would be selected for the course. The candidates are from poor families having maximum family income of Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum. The overall ratio of SC and ST would be 11:3.

ABOUT THE TRAINING:

Trainers	--	Teachers from Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark will impart training classes.
Support Staff	--	One employee will be deputed to assist the trainers at CRI in conducting the programme.
Trainees	--	50 number in two batches
Time	--	6 months and 2 days per week i.e., Saturday and Sunday
Course fee	--	Nil for the learners. Govt. will bear the entire expenditure to implement the scheme and the cost would be about Rs.6500/- per trainee.

SYLLABUS:

A. Functional Grammar:

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2. Tenses
3. Countable / Uncountable Nouns
4. Prepositions
5. Articles
6. Degrees and Comparison
7. Asking and Framing Question (Use of Question words)
8. Other topics to be discussed as and when they are required
9. Vocabulary
10. Countries and Nationalities
11. A few commonly used Phrasal Verbs
12. Idiomatic Commonplace Comparisons. Grammar Topics include Home-work in Exercises (Teachers will prepare Exercises).

B. Conversation:

- I) Meetings and Greetings—what would you say to a person who has got a job; what would you say to a person who has lost a relative; what would you say to your friend on his birthday; what would you say to a friend going on a holiday etc.
- II) General topic discussion—Your best friend, Locality, Favourite T.V. programme, Favourite Festival, Seasons, School/college, Hobby, Aim in Life etc.
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