

The Department of English, SCSVMV organized **“One Day National Work Shop on “Soft Skills and Communication Skills”** on November 26, 2016. The participants form both students and faculty members from various colleges and universities. The number of participants was limited to 60 and so it had its own effect in each individual to master and learn the proposed skills of the workshop. Smt. A. Mathini, Head, Department of English, welcomed the distinguished gathering at the inaugural function. Mr. S. Satheesh, Asst. Prof., Department of English and the Coordinator of this workshop introduced the Resource Persons to the gathering and it was followed by the Workshop Session – I

In the first session, Prof. Dr. R. Suresh Kumar, Assistant Professor, DDE, Annamalai University, began with the topic Interview Skills. He pointed out so many issues that have relation with interview skills like importance of language, positive attitude, verbal and non verbal communication, writing about oneself, creativity in professional life and inventing pertinent details to suit situations. The session was highly interactive and the participants were free to involve in conversation with the Resource Person at any time during the session. He mesmerized the participants with his polished and stylish language and vast experience.

After the tea break Prof. Dr. J. Arul Anand, Head, Dept of English, DDE, Annamalai Univeristy started this session with the topic Listening. First of all he shared all about what is listening scientifically? It was absolutely new to the ears of the participants to know all about the way How? When? Where? human start listening first. It was followed by listening in terms of improving one’s language skills and its effect and importance to master the language. In addition to listening, he also dealt with how to be positive in our personal and professional life? He gave lots of anecdotes that reinforces positive attitude.

After the lunch break Prof. Dr. R. Suresh Kumar discussed about Group Discussion, Phonetic Sounds, Pronunciation, syllable and stress. He discussed both the physical and psychological components of language. His all experience and mastery of these skills consummated in this session. It was a great experience and exposure to the participants being part of these sessions. Participants were given time to clarify their doubts and few of the participants shared their feed backs and written feed backs also were collected. Certificates were distributed to the participants by the Resource Persons. Finally, vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. M. Vijayalakshmi, Teaching Assistant, Department of English.