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English Language Lab, course was handled by Department of English. In the academic year 2015-16, nearly 121 students were attended and it was scheduled from 31-8-2015 to 18-12-2015. Students mainly practice their language skills like Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Language lab is very useful for their competitive exams. P.Rajini Associate Professor and P.Saradha Assistant Professor Department of English trained students in an effective manner.

English Language Lab provides students a strong platform for practical training in the language. Students' listening and speaking skills can be tested more efficiently with language labs. It provides practice in an interactive way for students to acquire the four main language skills which are listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

The language lab helps students develop good listening skills. Students can learn the right pronunciation, different accents and other aspects through the practical session. The language lab boosts the motivation of students and hence helps them achieve higher levels of language retention and progress. It helps students assess and improve the speech in English through the self-help features. Students can use the record and playback mode and assess themselves. Language lab sessions give students the chance to take their conversational skills to the next level through speaking practice.

The language lab is a very useful tool that facilitates classroom engagement and interaction via computer-based exercises and activities to make best use of language immersion. Language labs provide a very different experience from the traditional system of teaching and learning languages, offering more advanced features and functionalities.

Language labs allow students to practice the language with a much wider variety of activities and exercises based on the computer. Learning occurs in a structured way, in a real context and visually attractive way that immerses the student in the language learning environment and promotes language use. The students can watch videos, practice their pronunciation through a speech recognizer, learn new vocabulary, and much more.

Language labs also encourage communication student-teacher as well as student-student with activities and exercises essential to oral communication and the understanding of the language.

The labs include tools for creating groups, Group conversations i.e. chatting; promote messages on the board, access to a community of students who are also studying the same language. Language labs are an intuitive tool for both the student and teacher. This method of learning does not require professional technical skills for use in the classroom, the teacher only needs basic computer skills and students will welcome the added technology. Language lab software gives more attention enthralling for the students where they are engaged with individual system. The direct sound transmission gives step by step guidance to students with crystal clear clarity.

The students feel different when they learn in different atmosphere. Apart from the traditional classroom, lab creates an easy atmosphere. Language lab plays a pivotal role in learning the spoken English. The basic proficiency in spoken English is imparted to students through the language lab

It is concluded that the language lab is the solution and need of the hour to learn the English language. The quality of the language proficiency will be more when they learn it from the multimedia, digital and computerized Language Lab.

