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Greetings from the
DEPT. OF ENGLISH
In memory of
WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR'S
462nd Birth and 410th Death
Anniversary

**"He was not of an age but
for all time!
And all the Muses still were
in their prime"**

- Ben Jonson



INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY-26 CELEBRATIONS



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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY

23.04.2026

Time: 10:10 a.m. Venue: Commerce Seminar Hall

**Dr. Narayana Bharath
Gupta, IAS, APCCE,
Vijayawada**



**Dr. M. Ramesh,
Vice Principal,
GCMA, Kadapa**

**DEPT. OF ENGLISH,
GCMA, KADAPA.**

**Dr. M. Ravikumar,
Principal,
GCMA, Kadapa**

International English Language Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 26th April 2026 at Govt. College for Men (A), Kadapa, in the Commerce Seminar Hall at 10:10 a.m. The programme brought together faculty members and students to reflect on the significance of the English language and its global influence.



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Dr. Ramesh, Vice Principal, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Sri Ramana Rao, Administrative Officer, and Dr. Satya Narayana Reddy, Lecturer in Statistics, attended as Guests of Honour. The event was presided over by Dr. Ramesh, who delivered an insightful and inspiring address.

Sri C. Ramu, Lecturer in English formally invited the dignitaries onto the dais, and the students extended a warm welcome with flower bouquets, adding grace and elegance to the occasion. The programme was officially started with the prayer song sung by Dr. Nagaraju, Lecturer in Telugu.



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In his presidential address, Dr. Ramesh elaborated on the origins of International English Language Day, which was established by the United Nations. He explained that the day coincides with the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare, whose contributions to English literature remain timeless and unparalleled. He remarked that Shakespeare's themes continue to inspire and resonate even with Generation Z, reflecting their enduring relevance. He also highlighted the growing importance of English as a global language and encouraged students to develop strong communication and analytical skills.

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**“Nothing can please many,
and please long,
but just representations of
general nature.”**

**- 'Preface to Shakespeare',
Samuel Johnson**



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The Guest of Honour, Sri Ramana Rao, Administrative Officer, in his address, focused on the importance of English in competitive examinations and the modern job market. He urged students to cultivate a competitive spirit and enhance their communication abilities to succeed in their careers.



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The anchoring of the programme by Sri B. Ramu was both lively and intellectually enriching. He skillfully incorporated quotations from Shakespeare's plays, showcasing the wit, humour, and richness of Shakespearean language. He also highlighted the depth of Shakespeare's characters, noting that Shakespeare often portrayed strong and graceful heroines endowed with intelligence, wit, and emotional depth.



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Dr. Satya Narayana Reddy, Guest of Honour, shared a memorable and engaging account of his visit to Stratford-upon-Avon in England, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Recalling his visit along with his wife, Dr. Padma, former Head of the Department of English at Y.V. University, Kadapa, he described how visitors from across the world patiently wait in long queues to witness Shakespeare's home. His vivid narration transported the audience to England, turning his speech into a delightful travelogue filled with nostalgia takes the audience to England.



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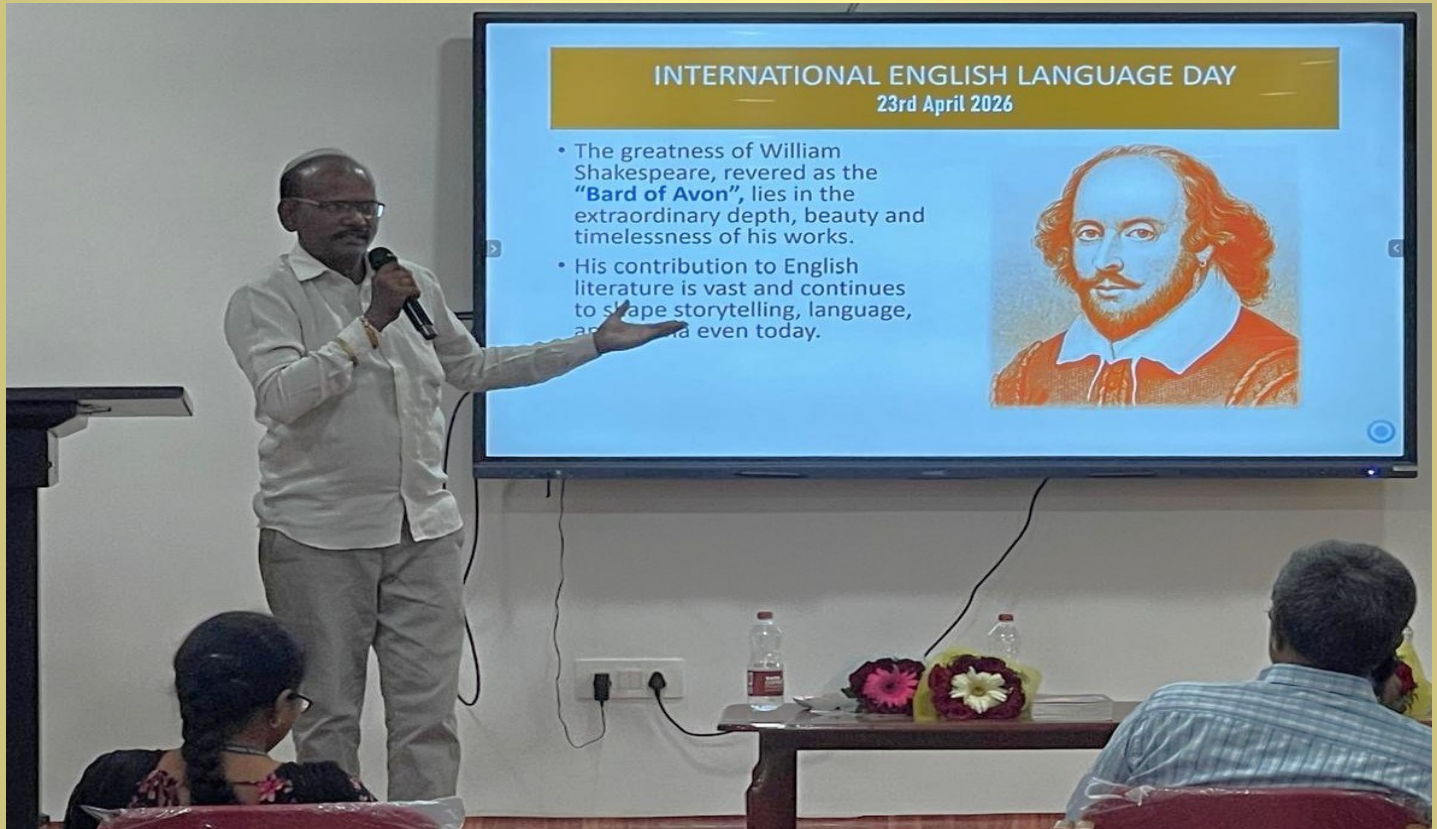
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**“Though this be madness,
yet there is method in 't.”**

- William Shakespeare,
- "Hamlet, Act 2, Scene 2"

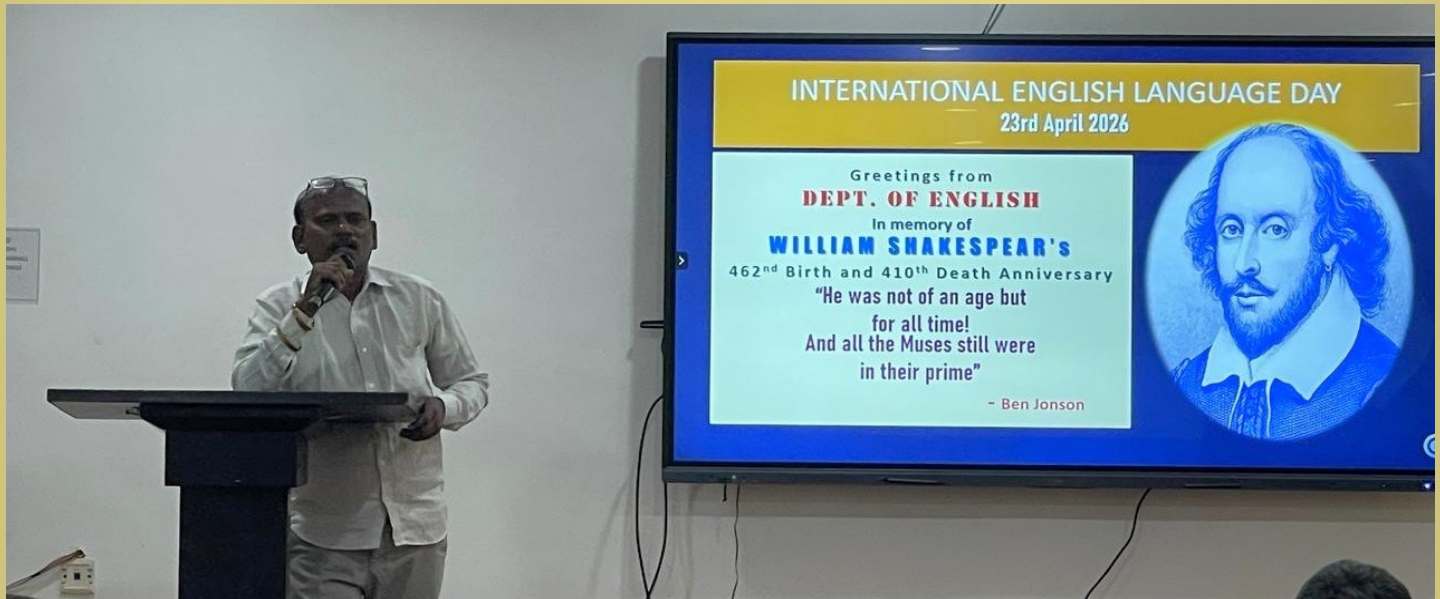


In his keynote address, Sri T. Venkata Ramana elaborated on the significance of celebrating Shakespeare's birth anniversary, noting that this year marks the 462nd birth anniversary and the 410th death anniversary of the Bard. He explained that in recognition of Shakespeare's immense contribution to literature, the United Nations declared this day as International English Language Day.



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He emphasized Shakespeare's mastery in portraying universal human values and quoted Samuel Johnson: *"Nothing can please many, and please long, except the expression of general nature."* He remarked that Shakespeare's works transcend time and culture, making them immortal. He also cited Ben Jonson's famous tribute: *"He was not of an age, but for all time!"* to underline Shakespeare's timeless relevance.



He further enlightened the gathering about Shakespeare's influence on literature, language, and even modern cinema, noting how his phrases, themes, and characterizations continue to inspire writers and filmmakers.

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Towards the end of the programme, Dr. Sathish Reddy delivered the vote of thanks in a light-hearted and engaging manner. In his speech, he highlighted the importance of one's mother tongue, Telugu, stating that a strong foundation in the native language is essential for mastering any other language. He reflected on his own literary journey, mentioning that his persistent engagement with language and deep passion for literature enabled him to publish five poetry collections, with two more forthcoming works in progress.



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Few Great Quotes from the Plays of Shakespeare:

1. "To be, or not to be: that is the question."
— Hamlet, Act 3, Scene 1
2. "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."
— As You Like It, Act 2, Scene 7
3. "The course of true love never did run smooth."
— A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act 1, Scene 1
4. "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."
— Romeo and Juliet, Act 2, Scene 2
5. "Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once."
— Julius Caesar, Act 2, Scene 2
6. "If music be the food of love, play on."
— Twelfth Night, Act 1, Scene 1
7. "All that glisters is not gold."
— The Merchant of Venice, Act 2, Scene 7
8. "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves."
— Julius Caesar, Act 1, Scene 2
9. "Brevity is the soul of wit."
— Hamlet, Act 2, Scene 2
10. "This above all: to thine own self be true."
— Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 3
11. "Parting is such sweet sorrow."
— Romeo and Juliet, Act 2, Scene 2
12. "We are such stuff as dreams are made on."

The programme concluded on a positive and inspiring note, leaving the audience enriched with the timeless beauty of Shakespeare's language, memorable characters, and profound human values. It was a celebration not only of the English language but also of literature's enduring power to inspire generations.

