

Department of English in association with Literary Club of Sree Narayana College, Chengannur conducted a Speaking Skill Enhancement Programme: "Just a Minute" on 06-08-2024. It was a targeted initiative aimed at improving students' ability to communicate effectively. The event was planned as a confidence building programme. The objective of the initiative included to build clarity in speech, pronunciation and accent. "Just a Minute" was a successful interactive learning activity which was learner- centred and interesting.

The event started at 10 am with an ice- breaker session that encouraged students' speaking skills without fear. The students from Four Year Under Graduate Programme were the participants. They were given a chance to speak in Mother Tongue for at least three minutes without any break and not using a single English word. It was quite an interesting game in which almost all the students failed to meet the criteria. Then they were asked the importance of English in day to day life. They all accepted that English is the need of the hour.



The second round of the event started after the discussion. Randomly they were asked to speak in English on the given topic. Students one after another came forward and started to speak in English. The class supported every participant to speak without hesitation. Almost all the students made their participation. In the Feedback Session conducted after 2 hours of the Speaking Skill Enhancement Programme, half of the students commented that it was the first time they speak before the class. The teachers gave them ideas to enhance their speaking skills by reading and presenting their views before the class every day. The event met with success and concluded at 12'o clock in the noon.