



## Gujarat Technological University (GTU)

In Collaboration with

**Society for Creation of Opportunity through Proficiency in English (SCOPE)**

**Report on Two-Day GTU-FDP for "English Training & Certification"**

**(31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 at AMA, Ahmedabad)**

A two day **Faculty Development Programme for English Training & Certification** was organised by **GTU** in association with **Society for Creation of Opportunity through Proficiency in English**. GTU in it's pursuit of excellence has added one more feather to it's hat by organising this FDP for faculties of GTU MBA Institutes / Colleges on 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. Around **90 participants from MBA and Engineering colleges** attended FDP organised at AMA, Ahmedabad.

### Day I: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

#### **Inaugural Session:**

The day was started by lighting the lamp and prayer to the almighty. **Dr. Rajesh Khajuria**, Director CKSVIM and Convener of the FDP gave the welcome address. Dr. Khajuria said that he experimented by offering SCOPE course to CKSVIM students in 2010 with 36 students from Gujarati Medium stream, who scored better in GTU exams. Subsequently he negotiated and facilitated signing of MOU between GTU and SCOPE, under which Registration Fees for authorized Training Centre of Rs. 10,000 has been waived off. Earlier SCOPE Agencies used to charge Rs. 1200 + Tax but now it has been reduced to Rs. 200 per student for examination & certification by SCOPE. Secondly the Institute can charge about Rs. 600/- per student to cover exam, faculty and administration charges. Dr. Khajuria also said that every Institute/ College affiliated to GTU should become an authorized Training Centre of SCOPE to help Gujarati medium students improve their English Language Proficiency. He also said that after 2 days of Training & Certification all the faculty participants will go back with a **SCOPE Centre** in their pocket, **FREE of Cost**, which was appreciated by all present.

**Dr. Akshai Aggarwal**, honorable Vice Chancellor of GTU in his inaugural address emphasised the importance of English in professional courses. He admitted that the students of GTU are not less in any matter for idea generation, but that they are poor in expression themselves in English. This is one aspect where immediate attention is required. The MOU signed by GTU is with this vision for bringing english proficiency.

**Dr. Jayanti Ravi (IAS)**, Commissioner of Higher Education and CEO, SCOPE in her succinct keynote address mentioned that India has 3 distinct dividends viz. Demographic Dividend, Democratic Dividend, and Diversity Dividend, and we must capitalise on that. She aptly mentioned that everyone of us know atleast 3 languages (Mother tongue, National language, & English), so we are already comfortable learning languages and so gaining proficiency in English would not be a arduous task.

The Inaugural session was concluded by a Vote of Thanks by **Dr. G.P.Vadodaria, I/C Registrar & COE, GTU**. He thanked and put on records the vision of **Dr. Akshai Aggarwal** (Vice-cancellor GTU), the efforts of **Dr. Rajesh Khajuria**, and the support of SCOPE for organising this FDP. He also thanked the team of GTU for working on almost all weekends for and organising such FDP across Gujarat, and finally he thanked the participants from various colleges for making it convenient to attend FDP and investing their 2 days.

#### **Post Lunch Session:**

The training for the faculties in English Program was imparted by **Ms. Payal Mathur** – Cambridge ESOL trainer. The training was held for faculties for training them as trainer of English language for usage in business parlance. The trainer started the session with an icebreaker activity followed by its analysis and experiences of faculties. She then focused on **BULATS test which stands for Business Language Testing Service** (For further information visit: [www.Bulats.org](http://www.Bulats.org)), and explained about the importance, acceptance, modus operandi, contents, parameters of evaluation, how to give the test, and tips to take care while appearing the BULATS test. The entire day was devoted explaining how to teach English, and she also explained the Do's and Don'ts. The faculties enjoyed the practical activities conducted by **Ms. Payal Mathur**, this made the participants involved. The activities served as a means for keeping the class light, but more importantly it has great lessons to learn, the trainer also taught how to use these activities in class and how to prepare for the same. Lastly the day was concluded by Demo of the BULATS test.

#### **Day II: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012**

Second day of the FDP was started by **Mr. Shailesh Thakkar**, Jt. CEO SCOPE, and he explained to the participants how to go ahead with SCOPE. He emphasised that each faculty must get back and start a SCOPE centre at their respective institutes. He spotlighted the fact that it is expected from MBA students to possess B2 level of English Proficiency and Engineer students to possess B1 and it is the responsibility of each institute to see to it that all its students attain this level. This was followed by a talk by **Mr. Sandeep Sharma**, Jt. CEO SCOPE, wherein he focused on the origin and vision of SCOPE, and gave important technical details of SCOPE. This was followed by training by Ms. Payal Mathur, wherein she showed demo of CPT test and BULATS test, and explained the screenshots of the test. This was followed by teaching various activities which can be used in class for effectively training English with fun. She also gave **important links for free online material for English**. She enumerated the **5 criteria for evaluation by Cambridge**. Further she highlighted that Grammar & Phonetics was only 20% of evaluation, and thus students must not worry about the same, and focus on fluency and usage of English.

The latter half of 2<sup>nd</sup> day was Testing the level of faculties by giving BULATS test. All the faculties appeared for the Online Cambridge Test at **C.G.Shah Science College Computer Lab**. The test was conducted in 2 batches (far off places faculties were given priority) and was for 90 minutes each.

The overall experience of each faculty participants was enriching. Faculty members felt value addition. With the new MOU signed between SCOPE & GTU they must be on their toes to start a SCOPE centre at each of their institutes, while they eagerly await for their results for BULATS test.

The Test Results were sent to all the participants by SCOPE and shared with GTU within a week.

Considering the success of first such FDP for English with SCOPE, it is felt that the 2<sup>nd</sup> such FDP with SCOPE should be organized in September 2012.

The Program was coordinated by Ms. Krutika Desai and Mr. Himanshu Raval from GTU.

**Dr. Rajesh Khajuria**

**Convener – GTU FDP with SCOPE**