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A Preface to Bridge Course

Bridge Course 2.0 which the Department of English, Periyar E.V.R. College designed and adopted in 2013 is in keeping with the learner-centered Communicative Language Teaching. The focus of the approach is on interaction as both the means and the goal of learning. Ever since the first Bridge Course was conducted, we had been teaching traditional grammar. It had little scope for students' participation and the students found it boring. We, the teachers, too felt that it was unimaginative. The need for a paradigm shift was acutely felt before the start of the academic year 2012-13. The Department of English, Periyar E.V.R. College worked assiduously for a revamp of the Bridge Course syllabus and the result was Bridge Course 2.0 with the motto "Let's not grammar". The course is a five-day programme with five lessons designed with activities to sustain the interest and attention of the students. The activities will also enable the teachers to test the student's internalization of the components of the lesson. Ultimately, the efficacy of the syllabus will be proved only if the students fully participate in the classroom activities. We earnestly hope that Bridge Course 2.0 will go a long way in convincing the students that learning English is indeed interesting.

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