

Webinar on Art of Advanced Reading, Writing and Storytelling Skills

Date : **10 Sep'2020**
Venue : **Online**
Conducted By : **Professor K G Suresh**
Attended By : **Students of Classes 8 to 12**

To commemorate International Literacy Day and celebrate the Reading Week (8 Sep-14 Sep 2020 initiated by CBSE), a webinar was organised on 10 Sep'2020 by the Department of English, ITL Public School. Conducted by Prof. KG Suresh, an eminent journalist and media personality, the session unfolded with sharing his experiences in the field of writing and life, as he apprised the students about importance of inculcating habits of reading and writing.

Storytelling has been a way of communicating and passing on legacies from generation to generation. From the greatest epics of Mahabharata, Ramayana, tales of Jataka, Panchtantra of olden times to legends like Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda, these stories have inspired and changed lives for the better. These tales carry culture and wisdom metaphorically, affecting millions of lives in multifarious ways. Sharing stories and unified metaphors has created commonality in separate yet inter penetrating realities. Stressing on to read different genres suitable to one's taste, the professor also emphasized to read the famous autobiographies like "My Experiments with Truth" and "The Discovery of India". The speaker encouraged the viewers to become creators of content, entrepreneurs by writing blogs, poems, short stories, travelogues and experiment with a gamut of portals and social networking sites of modern technology.

The resource person advised the participants to read as many books they can and grasp as much knowledge as possible to broaden their horizons. In today's world communication and expression plays a major role in shaping one's personality. An effective communicator should be a competent storyteller who can use oral communication to create a vivid narrative and convey one's ideas to influence the audience. Professor Suresh drew a lot of focus on use of impactful and flamboyant, comprehensive narrative to grab the attention of its reader.

With his lucid and mesmerising oratory skills, surely, this session was an eyeopener for the enthusiastic participants.