Radio MUST- Community Lessons





Training student teachers to a novel format of lesson development through community radio started in 2010 years back. The process involved networking with Radio MUST a community radio of Mumbai University. The radio station was keen on training student teachers as they had knowledge of pedagogy, and educational radio shows could benefit from that. The college was interested in orienting student teachers to a new media of educating the community; the radio media

As a practice, every year, the resource team from Radio MUST comes to the college to orient all 100 preservice teachers to the concept of radio lessons. They air pre-recorded radio shows and conduct group discussions to generate short scripts to get students to understand the nuances of script writing for the radio show. Finally interested students are taken to the radio studio at the University of Mumbai, Kalina and given a short exposure to the experience of speaking on the radio. The group is given practice time to enable them to gain confidence. The voluntary groups of students come up with scripting radio lessons on various themes like health, sanitation, environment etc.

In 2011-12 we had a group of students who wrote a script to convert Dr. Epps short story on Democracy with his permission in Hinglish. (hindi and English Mix) Dr. Epps says on his website: http://teachdemocracy.org/cms/about/history/

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We are delighted that Dr Jayashree Inbaraj and her students at Kapila Khandvala College of Education, Mumbai, India, transcribed portions of The Democracy Book, Dr. Jerry Dean Epps, and produced a radio play about democracy. The radio play was broadcast in the region surrounding Mumbai. This was a thoughtful and ambitious undertaking and we salute the students who delivered this project on behalf of democracy.

One of the scripts produced by two students of our college on 'FDI in Retail' was lauded by the Radio team and they lent their voices to produce the radio play based on the Sholay characters. Pankaj Athavale, coordinator of MUST Radio, University of Mumbai says "the advantage of designing educational radio lessons with teacher trainees is immense as they have content and pedagogical knowledge."

The college also participated in the Mathematics radio lesson project launched by National Council for Science & Technology communication, Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India along with Radio MUST. The college students participated in a base line survey and interested students developed Math scripts for the radio lesson.

The radio lesson initiative was fantastic experience for me . I could not believe when my script got approved and the Radio MUST team in record time put the radio show together. Linu Pathilchara (2013-14)

The experience of converting the story 'On democracy by Dr. Epps was exhilarating. We had fun scripting the story in Hinglish. I am thankful to Pankaj sir from Radio MUST for his contribution. Sneha Shah (2011-12)



KKCE student teachers at the Community MUST Radio, University of Mumbai with Pankaj Athavale