

Guest Lecture
on
Idiomatic Expressions
by

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About the Programme:

Dr. R. Madhavi, the resource person considered idioms as native expressions of a language. Idioms are wise sayings and exist in every language. They are words or phrases that aren't meant to be taken literally. Every language has its own collection of wise sayings. They offer advice about how to live and also transmit some underlying ideas, principles and values of a given culture / society. She said that idiomatic expressions are a type of informal language that has a meaning different from the meaning of the words in the expression. She told by using idioms one can make one's speech and writing effective. For example, someone having "cold feet," doesn't mean his toes are actually cold. Rather, it means he is nervous about something. Hence idioms can't be deduced merely by studying the words in the phrase. The following are a few examples of idiomatic expressions quoted by the resource person

A hot potato - Speak of an issue (mostly current) which many people are talking about and which is usually disputed

Actions speak louder than words - People's intentions can be judged better by what they do than what they say.

Add insult to injury - To worsen an unfavourable situation with mockery.



Add color to your communication and nuts and bolts on conversation.