## Use of Software in TLE: Digital Linguistic Mentor

The Digital Linguistic Mentor (DLM) is a revolutionary software-driven language learning laboratory that blends time-tested methodologies with interactive technology to deliver a superb teaching and learning experience. The department of English uses DLM software for improving communication skills of the students.

The methodology used in this software is LSRW (Listening-Speaking-Reading-Writing) in tandem with appropriate learning materials with state-of-the art information technology that is preprogrammed to run seamlessly across multiple operating systems while making the learning process interactive and enjoyable. It is indeed an effective evaluation tool for the mentor and an efficient communication boon for the mentee.

The department of English has effectively used DLM software to enhance the learning capacity of the students during 2022-23. Total 48 students have got benefitted by this learning method.

**Special Features of DLM Software:**

➢ **Listening**

DLM enhances an ability to listen and interpret many shades of meaning from what is heard. It provides training in some 'enabling skills' i.e. perception of sounds, stress, intonation patterns, accents, attitudes and so on, as well as 'practice' in various styles of listening comprehension.

➢ **Perception / Pronunciation**

DLM introduces accurate perception of the sounds of the language which leads to interpretation and comprehension. It makes learners familiar with the sounds, rhythms, tunes and stress patterns of English language.

## ➤ Phonetics

The sounds of the English language can be written down using the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) which is used in all Longman dictionaries. Use of minimal pair perception exercises (ship/sheep, ten /then) helps students learn the sounds of English. Pronunciation exercises can be well practiced with the help of the DLM software.

## ➤ Interpretation

Most of the exercises which students will do focus on listening comprehension, which is interpreting meaning from spoken language.

## ➤ Speaking

Mentees' speech evaluation is possible through the digital recorder modules in DLM. Mentees' audio recordings can be saved for later evaluation. The Mentor can Record their own voice notes that Mentee can hear later as they review their work.
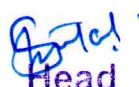
## ➤ Digital Recorder

This software module allows Mentees' to experience interactive multimedia programs while simultaneously recording their own voices for practice. Using this, Mentees' feel like they are interacting with a live native speaker and they can increase their comprehension, vocabulary and speaking skills. By adding subtitles, reading skills are also increased. Quizzes and tests can be prepared by using text, graphics, video and audio materials. These quizzes are graded automatically.

## ➤ Reading & Writing

The key to learning a language is the frequent exposure and use of vocabulary and grammar. This is easily made possible through DLM by picking-up a base vocabulary of approximately 2000 words for everyday use by learning the rules of grammar; practicing vocabulary Lessons; doing grammar exercises and listening to interactive stories/situations.
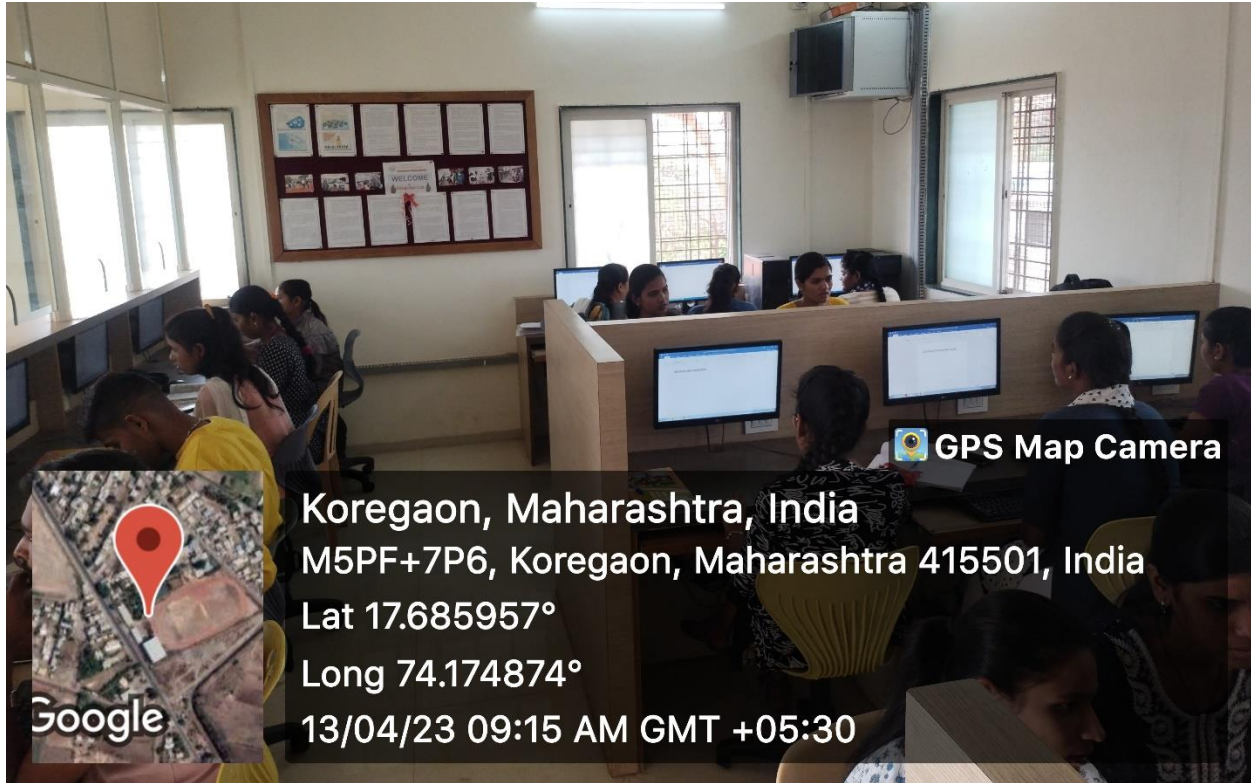
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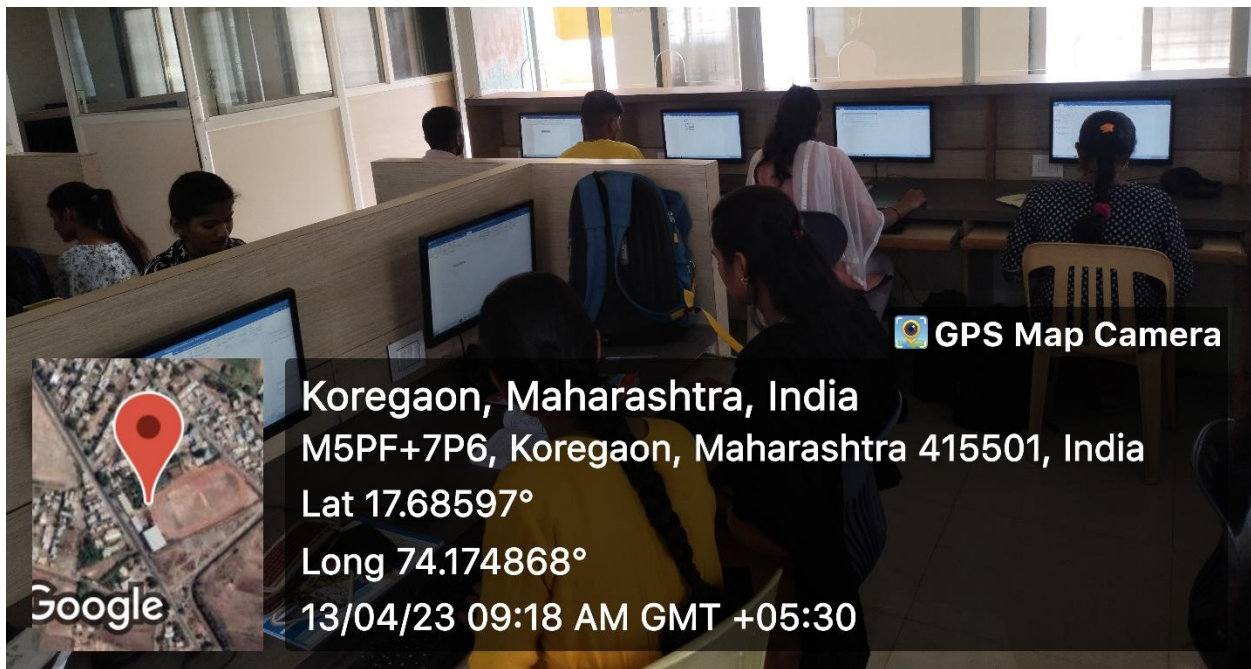
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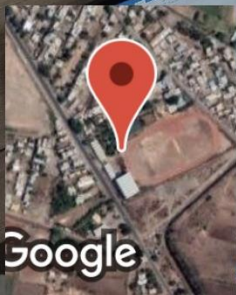Lat 17.685957°
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