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Title of the thesis : Effectiveness of communicative tasks in improving

the communication skills of the college students in

Andaman.

Communicative tasks provide great opportunities for students to learn the communication skills. The success of a communicative task is always determined by the work the teacher does before the students begin the activity itself. This includes both what is done by the teacher before the class starts and what is done in class to set up the task. These communicative tasks are fluency – based activities. While such activities may involve students practicing the particular communication pattern, they are likely to do more than this.

When talking about communication, goal directed discourse means that the speaker and the listener communicate in order to reach a specific goal. But extended discourse requires multiple turns-at-talk between speakers who control the floor and negotiate the aspects of the interaction. The structural discourse results from a task designed to provide both speaker and listener with an easy-to-follow structure. Based on the concepts stated above, I appreciate the researcher for selecting an innovative topic for her research work.

The researcher has used an appropriate research methodology for her study. She has selected pre-test - post-test parallel group design and this experimental method is more suitable for her research work. For assessing the speaking and writing skills of the students, she has used apt proficiency tests. Moreover, the researcher has used the appropriate statistical technique.

The major findings of the thesis are scientifically supported. Moreover, I consider that the thesis is organized well from the beginning to the end as per the prescribed international standard and format. The researcher has used apt style and appropriate tone, and followed logical arguments. The bibliography at the end is a comprehensive one. Her recommendations and suggestions for further research are rational and her convincing conclusions have to be commended.

Hence, I have no hesitation to state that the thesis of Ms. C. Pushpavalli is highly commended for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in English.

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