

Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (Deemed to be University)

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Department of Languages and Literature - English



Lit-Treat: Edition V



A Two-Day National Conference for Post-Graduates and Research Scholars

Language, Literature, and Beyond: Exploring New Frontiers in English Studies

> Prasanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh



About the Institute

Founded in 1981, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (deemed to be University) is a visible manifestation of its Founder Chancellor Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's vision of "Education for Human Transformation", providing value-based quality education, free of cost. This transformation (of students, teachers and staff) has been the guiding principle right from the inception, when Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning integrated ethics and values as the undercurrent of every subject taught at the University. Combined with academic and research excellence, the University provides a holistic framework of inter-personal development for its students. Its compulsory residential character trains the mind, body and spirit of the student in an environment similar to the ancient Indian 'gurukula' system of education, in the most modern context.



About the Department

The English Department is one of the first few departments of the University, evolving with time in tandem with the emerging trends in the field. The Department offers BA (Hons./ Hons. with Research) in English in line with the New Education Policy, comprising courses that cover the gamut of Literary and Language Studies. The Department also offers MA in English Language and Literature, the Programme carefully crafted to make the curriculum contemporaneous, innovative, inclusive and skill-oriented, bringing together the best of the classical and the modern in English Studies. Additionally, the Department has a very robust Doctoral Research Programme which contributes positively and effectively to the core domain and to the society at large. The areas of research are contemporary, spread across a wide spectrum of literary and language studies, like Linguistics and Stylistics, Trauma and Memory Studies, Narrative Studies, Environmental Humanities, Children's Literature, Indian Philosophy and Poetics, English Language Teaching and Inclusive Education to name a few. The Department also renders an enriching academic and research experience and exposure to the students through varied extension activities.

With its dedicated, erudite and inspiring faculty, the English Department at the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning aims to become a leading centre of academic and research excellence by shaping learners into holistic individuals and competent professionals, through interdisciplinary, literary and linguistic pursuits.

Call for Paper Presentations

Language, Literature, and Beyond: Exploring New Frontiers in English Studies

14 & 15 March 2025

RECAP!

Lit-Treat is a flagship event of the Department of Languages & Literature - English at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. The theme of the event, every year for the last four editions, has been tailor-made to suit the times in which it was organised. Beginning with the theme of resilience in literature during the peak of pandemic in 2020, Lit-Treat: Edition I was a two-day online webinar, which saw plenary talks by eminent speakers. Later, Lit-Treat: Edition II was organised online with a motive of exploring the innovative concept of 'Authorpreneurship'. Lit-Treat: Edition III, held in hybrid format, delved deep into our ancient mythological narratives in Indian English Writing. The most recent edition, Lit-Treat: Edition IV, an International conference, dealt with 'earthy echoes' in English Literature.



CONCEPT NOTE

Lit-Treat: Edition V brings to you a two-day National Conference on "Language, Literature and Beyond: Exploring New Frontiers in English Studies". The field of English Studies is at a critical juncture. The conventional boundaries of language and literature are being redefined, as new theoretical frameworks, interdisciplinary approaches, and digital tools emerge to explore human experience and creativity. In such shifting times, those who will propel this trend are academicians, scholars and postgraduates in the discipline. Against this backdrop, the conference aims to provide a vibrant platform for post-graduate students and research scholars to engage with these transformations and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on the future of English Studies.

Abstracts on the following sub-themes are solicited for presentation in the conference

LINGUISTICS

Corpus Linguistics and Digital Humanities,
Sociolinguistics and Cultural Identity, Stylistics,
Cognitive Linguistics, Pragmatics and Discourse
Analysis, Psycholinguistics, and Theoretical
Linguistics

NARRATIVE STUDIES

Folklore and Oral Narratives, Fictional
Narratives, Personal Narratives, Poetic
Narratives, Film Narratives, Cultural and Social
Narratives, Eco-Narratives, Narratives of the
Disabled, Music and Fashion Narratives

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Interplay of Text, Image and Design, Childhood Studies, Comic Studies, Picturebook Research, Non-Fiction for Children, Toy Theory, Intersectionality in Children's Literature, Retelling of Epics for Children, Food in Children's Narratives

INDIAN ENGLISH LITERATURE FROM NORTHEAST INDIA

Himalayan Studies, Mountain Literature,
Folklore and Oral Narratives, Culture and Society,
Historical Narratives, Diaspora, Hybridity,
Marginalisation, Identity Crisis, Cultural
Vulnerability

TRAUMA AND MEMORY STUDIES

Genocide, Memory and Trauma, Trauma in Digital World, Cultural Memory and Collective Trauma, Mass-mediated Trauma, Exile Trauma Narratives, Violence, and Memory, the Coloniality and Decolonising of Memory and Mobility, Migration, and Refugees

ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

Green Studies, Waste Studies, Media and Ecology,
Critical Animal Studies, Blue Humanities,
Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Bioregionalism and
Literature, Urban Ecologies, Ecofeminism, Religion
and Ecology, Disaster Studies, Green Comics, Eco
Films and Documentaries

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

Sign Language Studies, Pedagogical
Innovations in Teaching of English Literature,
English for Employability in 21st century,
Inclusivity in Multidisciplinary and
Multicultural Classrooms, Innovation in
Language Assessment and Evaluation

INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM AND ENGLISH LITERATURE

Eastern Literature and Eastern Philosophy, Sri Sathya Sai Literature and Philosophy, Indian Aesthetics, Comparative Poetics, the West and the East, Bhakti Literature, Spiritual and Philosophical Ideas in Indian Writings in English

Important Dates

Last date for Abstract Submission

8 Communication Regarding Feb Acceptance of Abstracts

25 Feb

Last date for Registration Original, unpublished papers on the mentioned themes are invited from Post-Graduate Students, Research Scholars and Independent Researchers registered with Universities and Research Institutions.

5 Mar

Submission of Full Paper

Click on this link to submit your abstracts by 2 February, 2025

Paper Presentation and Publication Guidelines

Presentation:

- Time allotted per presentation: 10-15 minutes, followed by Q & A
- PowerPoint presentations preferred over paper reading
- Panel-wise round table discussion at the end of all presentations
- Best Paper Awards: One paper from each technical panel will be awarded Best Paper (8 Best Papers)

Publication:

- Selected papers will be published in a Peer-Reviewed Journal of repute, and other papers will be published in Conference Proceedings with ISBN.
- Paper Length: 3000 3500 words
- Referencing Style: MLA 9th edition
- Article Processing Charges will be communicated after the selection

*Plenary Talks by Eminent
Academicians and Writers

*Best Paper Awards

*Publication

Event Highlights

*Panel Discussion by Research
Scholars, DLL, SSSIHL

*A Cultural Evening

*Meet and Greet Session with
Eminent Educationists

Registration Fee

(includes food and conference kit)

- Post-Graduate Students: Rs. 500/-
- Research Scholars: Rs. 700/-
- Faculty (as co-authors): Rs. 700/-



- Accommodation will be provided to out-station participants inside the Prasanthi Nilayam Ashram for a nominal price (for paper presenters only, depending on availability).
- Participants can also choose to stay outside the Ashram.
- For information regarding Ashram rules, please visit: https://www.prasanthinilayam.in/codeofconduct.php
- Paper presentation certificate will be issued to all the presenters.

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We look forward to your engaging participation.

