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Manasagangotri, Mysuru-570 006

# DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN ENGLISH



# mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence." B. R. Ambedkar

#### Mission

To facilitate students towards academic growth and create a platform for future life achievements

#### THE LEGACY

- The B.A (Honours) course was started in Maharaja's College in the 1930s. The legacy was handed down by British teachers such as J.E. Rollo and W.G. Eagleton to their Indian counterparts, B.M. Shrikantaiah, A.N. Moorthy Rao, S.V. Ranganna, and C.D. Narasimhaiah.
- The M.A, which began at Maharaja's College, was eventually moved to the verdant Manasagangotri campus. Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah headed the Department for nearly three decades, he was succeeded by Prof. H.H. Annaiah Gowda, Prof. Polanki Ramamoorthy, Prof. U.R. Ananthamurthy, Prof. D.A. Shankar, Prof. B. Damodar Rao, Prof. K.C. Belliappa, and Prof. B.K. Banker among other luminaries.

- 1990 Padmabhushan to Professor C.D.Narasimhaiah
- 1995 Jnana Peeta to Professor U.R. Ananthamurthy
- 1997 Padmabhushan to Professor U.R. Ananthamurthy













• Dr. D A Shankar, poet, playwright and translator was an Emeritus Professor of English at the Department of Studies in English. He has translated U R Ananthamurthy's *The Sky and the Cat*, Tejaswi's *Carvalho*. He is honoured with the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award and the Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Life-time Achievement Award. Prof. K.M. Chandar, a well-known translator, short story writer has won the Karnataka Sahitya Academi Award (2010) as well as Kannada Sahitya Parishat Award (2020). Prof. C.P. Ravichandra has won the prestigious Northrop Frye Award in 1992.

## The Present

The Department presently offers M.A. in English Literature, Post Graduate Diploma in English, and Doctoral Programme.

# **Soft-Core Papers Offered**

- \* Indian Writing in English
- \* Indian Women Novelists
- \* Contemporary British Drama
- \* Cross-Cultural Women Writers
- \* Cultural Studies
- \* Women's Writing in India
- \* Indian Fiction in English and in Translation
- \* Travel Literature
- \* Adventure Novels
- \* Novel and the Metropolis

- \* Caribbean Fiction and Poetry
- \* Folklore and Literature
- \* Contemporary Canadian Literature: Poetry and Fiction
- \* Commonwealth Drama
- \* Dalit Literature
- \* Literary Theory
- \* South Asian Immigrant Writing in Canada
- \* Indian Writing in English: Poetry and Prose
- \* Nobel Laureates
- \* Novels of Indian Diaspora

# **Present Faculty**



Dr. Devika Rani L.
Professor
Specialisation: African
American literature, Gender
Studies, American literature,
Dalit Literature.



Ramesh Jayaramaiah
Assistant Professor
Specialisation:
British Literature, Travel
Literature, Canadian
South-Asian Immigrant
Literature, Novel and the
Metropolis



Dr. Krishna Manavalli
Professor
(On Deputation Since July 2020)
Specialisation:
British Literature, South Asian
Writing, Postcolonial Studies,
Feminism, Cultural Studies,
and Translations.

# **Department Profile**

- Three Gold medals are instituted in the memory of Sally Sage Mc Alpin, C.N. Sanjay and Smt. Ramalakshmamma for the student who secures highest marks in American Literature, Commonwealth Literature and Indian Writing in English respectively.
- The ICCR allows foreign nationals to pursue MA and PhD in English at the University of Mysore. Visiting faculty from different countries are also a regular feature of the Department.
- National and International Seminar/Conferences/Workshops are organised periodically.
- The Centre for Commonwealth Literature and Research (CCLR) was established in 1975. It was initially funded by the Government of Karnataka and has published 8 issues of Powre Above Powres, an in-house journal. The Centre has a Library of its own with over five hundred books. As part of the programme of the Centre, distinguished scholars have visited and delivered lectures at this Centre.

## Infrastructure

- \* Multimedia facility in the lecture halls
- \* Internet connectivity at all faculty rooms
- \* Free Wi-Fi facility to students and faculty

#### **Notable visitors**

Wilson Harris - Caribbean Novelist

Chinua Achebe - African Writer
Edward K. Braithwaite - Caribbean Poet

Anna Rutherford - Commonwealth Critic (Denmark)

William Golding - Nobel Laureate (England)

Sam Selvon - Caribbean Writer

G.D. Killam - Commonwealth Critic (Canada)

Paul Schoon - Deputy Director General, Commonwealth Foundation

Ditti Ronen - Poet and Holocaust Survivor (Israel)

Edwin Thamboo - National University (Singapore)

Nicholas Greene - Dublin University (Ireland)

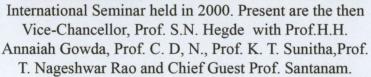
Dolores Collimer - Terragona University (Spain)

Cynthia Wyatt - Terragona University (Spain)

The Centre for Commonwealth Library is open to Department faculty and research scholars.



International Seminar held in 2000. Present are the then International Seminar "Remembering Achebe" held in March 2014





Students also take a break from their academic pursuits in the cultural festival revelry (2019)

# **Former Faculty**

- 1. Prof. K.T. Sunitha
- 2. Prof. K.M. Chandar
- 3. Prof. Mahadeva
- 4. Prof. C.P. Ravichandra
- 5. Prof. M.H. Rudramuni

# Future plans

- \* In order to provide opprotunities for research scholars and faculty, the department plans to revive the publication of the Department Journal Spectrum, in the coming days.
- \* Keeping in view the students from rural background and those who are not proficient in English, the Department plans to set up a Language Lab to meet their requirements.
- \* Considering the growing demand for pursuing research leading to Ph.D. in English from across the country and even abroad, special papers on Research Methodology shall be included in the M.A. Syllabus.

## Contact

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