

# Maulana Azad National Urdu University

## Department of English

### Activities of the Department from 2009 to 2019

#### Conferences

The Department organized its first two-day National Conference on the theme ‘New Areas of Research in the English Language and Teaching: Challenges and Perspectives’ on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at MANUU.

The Department organized its second two-day National Conference on the theme ‘New Perspectives in Non-Native Literatures in English’ on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at MANUU.

The Department organized its third two-day National Conference on the theme ‘New Directions in Comparative Literature’ on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at MANUU.

The Department organized its fourth two-day National Conference on the theme ‘Language Literature and Society – Influences and Counter Influences’ on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

The Department organized an International Conference in collaboration with Caesurae Collective Society from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 on the theme *Translation Across Borders: Genres and Geographies*.

The Department organized an International Conference in collaboration with Comparative Literature Association of India (CLAI) from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 on the theme *Studying South Asian Narratives through Pluralist and Dialogic Frames*.

The Department organized a workshop on ‘Dealing with Mixed Ability Classes in the Indian Context’ on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

#### **Journal Publication**

The Department started a Biannual International Peer reviewed Journal entitled *Maulana Azad Journal of the English Language and Literature* (MAJELL) from 2009, with an ISSN 09749268. The details of MAJELL’s publication are as enumerated below:

Published Vol. 1, No. 1 in March 2009

Published Vol. 1, No. 2 in September 2009

Published Vol. 2, No. 1 in March 2010

Published Vol. 2, No. 2 in September 2010

Published Vol. 3, No. 1 in March 2011

Published Vol. 3, No. 2 in September 2011

Published Vol. 4, No. 1 in March 2012

Published Vol. 5, No. 1 in March 2013

Published Vol. 6, No. 1 in July 2014

Published Vol. 7, No. 1 in October 2015

### **Guest Lectures organized by the Department**

Mr. Keki N. Daruwalla, an eminent poet and Sahitya Akademi award winner delivered a lecture on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in the Department.

Ms. Parveen Talha, Ex-chairman, UPSC, delivered a lecture on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 in the Department.

Dr. T. Venkat Rajaiah, University College of Technology, Osmania University, delivered a lecture on the topic, 'English Language Skills and Soft Skills' on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

Dr. Sudheer Bhan delivered a lecture on the topic, 'A Neurolinguistic Perspective on Language Disorders in Children' on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Prof. Z N Patil, Professor (Retd.), EFLU, delivered a lecture on, 'Spoken English' on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

Prof. SA Wahab Qaiser delivered a lecture on 'Maulana Azad' on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in the Department.

Prof. Siddiqui Mohd. Mahmood, Head Department of Education & Training and Controller of Examination, MANUU, delivered a lecture on 'Maulana Abul Kalam Azad' on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Prof. K. Satyanarayana, Professor and Head, Dept. of Cultural Studies, EFLU delivered a lecture on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 on the topic 'From Untouchable to Dalit: Dalit Writing at Literature of Self-transformation'

Dr. M T Ansari, Professor, Centre for Comparative Literature, University of Hyderabad, delivered a lecture on, 'Transnationalism' on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016.

Prof. Ramakrishna Rao, Professor (Retd), JNTU, delivered a lecture on the topic, 'Language Skills' on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

Prof. AK Ramakrishnan, JNU, delivered a lecture on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Ms. Deepa Kiran, professional storyteller, writer and voice-over artist delivered lectures on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 on 'Oral Storytelling-Role of oral tradition and narratives in the context of Multilingualism and cultural diversity in India' and 'Oral Storytelling-Pedagogical possibilities in language learning for the learner and teacher'.

Prof. V. Ganeshan, EFLU, delivered lectures on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 on 'Communication in English and its dimensions and 'Conversational Strategies in Cross-Cultural Interaction'.

Prof. B A Prabhakar Babu, EFLU, delivered lectures on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on 'Spoken English and Phonetics'.

Dr. Melisa Helen, Nizam College, Hyderabad delivered a lecture on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 on the topic, 'For Colored Girls: A Black Feminist Drama'.

31. A lecture on 'D. H. Lawrence' was delivered by Prof. Mohanty on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009

A lecture on 'Literature of the Romantic Period' was delivered by Prof. Siddiq Ali on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010

A lecture on 'Maulana Azad' was delivered by Mr. P A Nazareth, Retd. Ambassador of India, Managing Trustee, Sarvodaya International Trust on the topic on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 in the Department of English.

A lecture on 'Indian Writing in Literature' was delivered by Dr. M A Waheed on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

A lecture 'Cultural Contributions of Maulana Azad' was delivered by Dr. Irshad Ahmad on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

A lecture on 'Gubbare Khatir' was delivered by Prof. Amina Kishore on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.

A lecture on 'Maulana Azad an Overview' was delivered by Prof. S A Wahab Qaiser 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

The Department of English in collaboration with IQAC, MANUU, on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018, held a lecture of media professional Ms Aliza Khan, Assistant Producer at Sikhya Entertainment (Mumbai) on 'Cinematic Arts and Film Theory' with special reference to Gurinder Chada's *Bride and Prejudice* (2004) and Ang Lee's *Sense and Sensibility* (1995)- the two adaptations of Jane Austin novels.

The Honorable Chancellor of the University, Mr Feroz Ahmad Bakht delivered a lecture on Writing Skills for MA students and interacted with the Students of the Department of English on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Prof. Sukrita Paul Kumar, well-known poet and critic, New Delhi recited her poetry and interacted with the faculty and students of the Department of English on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. The session was presided over by Dr Mohammad Aslam Parvaiz, Hon. Vice Chancellor MANUU.

### **Plays by the Students**

A *Nukkad Natak* was organized by the students of the Department of English on the issue of 'Women's Rights'.

A play was enacted by the students of the Department of English, in connection with Maulana Azad Day Celebrations 2011.

The students of the Department enacted a play based on a chapter 'Interim Government' from Maulana Azad's *India Wins Freedom*, at Library Auditorium on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014

The Department of English presented a play on Ibn-e-Safi as part of a conference organized by CULLC, MANUU on Ibn-e-Safi.

A play *Agra Bazar* was enacted by the students of the Department of English in the XIV CLAI International Conference organized by Comparative Literature Association of India (CLAI) and the Department of English from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 on the theme *Studying South Asian Narratives through Pluralist and Dialogic Frames*.

#### **Arts Exhibition/Painting/Poster Making Competition**

An exhibition of drawings and sketches based on literary texts and concepts prepared by Shahul Hameed, MPhil scholar of the Department of English was organized in March 2010.

Mr. Suhaib VP, MPhil scholar organized an art exhibition in CULLC, building for two days in the month of September 2014.

The Department organized a Poster Making competition in connection with Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

The Department conducted a painting / sketching / poster making competition in connection with Maulana Azad Day Celebration on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

#### **Other Activities**

The Department of English conducted debates and discussions of the students on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 to celebrate *International Mother Language Day*.