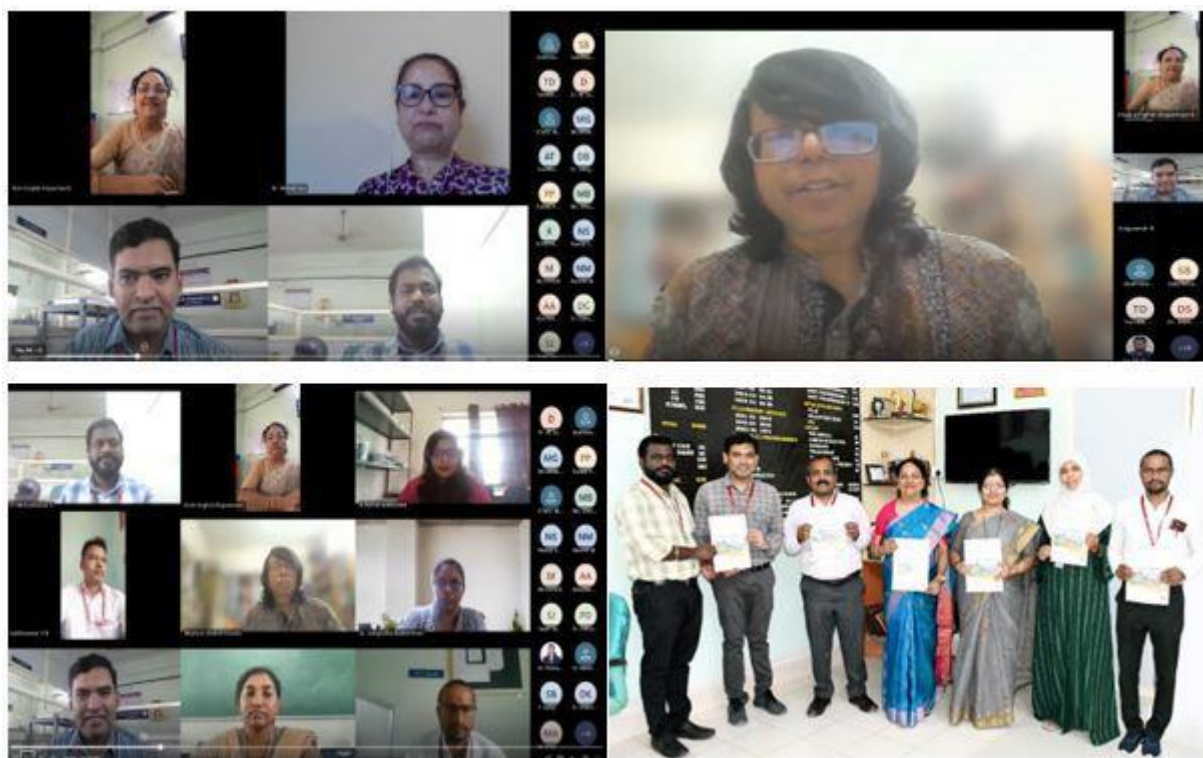


A Report on
Two-Day International Conference and Workshop on
"Language and Literature (ICWLL 2025)"
Organized by Department of English and Foreign Languages
from 29.05.2025 to 30.05.2025



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Mode of Conduct: Online

An Overview:

The two-day International Conference and Workshop on Language and Literature (ICWLL 2025) was held online during May 29 and 30, 2025. It was organized by the Department of English & Foreign Languages, Madanapalle Institute of Technology & Science (hereafter referred to as MITS). This year marked the third consecutive year of organizing the international conference and workshops. It aimed at providing an international level opportunity to hold insightful deliberations on recent research trajectories in the field of English literature, English Language Teaching, and linguistics. Therefore, the theme of the conference was aptly titled "Emerging Trajectories in Literature and Language Research".

Our resource persons included eminent professors from the USA, Bangladesh and Indian universities of excellence. The plenary session of the Day One (May 29, 2025) was presided by Dr. Mashrur Shahid Hossain, Professor, Department of English, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Day One's workshop session titled "Introduction to Global Modernist Studies" was handled by Dr. Arka Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor, from IIT Gandhinagar. The plenary session of Day Two was presided by our chief guest, Dr Meheli Sen, Associate Professor - South Asian & Global Cinemas, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA. and the Day Two's workshop session titled 'Life and Narrative' by Dr. Parvathy Das from IIITDM Kanchipuram. The workshops were aimed at enabling us to carry out research in the fields mentioned.

ICWLL 2025 hosted a total of 65 participants, out of which 55 were presenters. There were six participants from eminent global universities such as University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA, Sacred Heart University, Connecticut, USA, University of Exeter, UK, Beijing University of Language and Culture, Beijing, China, and Lamar University, Texas, USA.

We have presenters from Indian premier universities such as NIT, VIT, SRM, Amity University, KL University, Annamacharya University, etc. We also have presenters from Navy Children's School, Vishakapatnam, eminent government colleges across AP, govt aided colleges such as PSG CAS, Coimbatore and reputed private institutions. We have received articles on cutting-edge language learning tools, innovative language teaching methods, impactful research on cultural studies, and insightful criticisms of literature.

This conference will not only be useful to language and literature scholars but also to our B. Tech students in expanding their thinking horizons. In addition, eight faculty members of our department also have sent in their insightful articles to ICWLL 2025.

Day One Sessions:

The events of Day One of the two-day International Conference and Workshops on Language and Literature (ICWLL) 2025 began with a grand inauguration ceremony.

Inauguration:

Dr. P. Athahar formally inaugurated the event with a welcome address, welcoming the distinguished guests, MITS dignitaries, and participants. Her address highlighted the aim of the conference, which is to share new knowledge on international language and literature research through the conference and workshop sessions. Vice Principal, Dr. P. Ramanathan delivered the Presidential Address emphasizing the inevitability and critical importance of language and literature.

Dr. R. Sriganesh, one of the coordinators of ICWLL read the concept note underlining the objectives of the conference-workshop and highlighting the rich profile of international and national resource persons and conference presenters across the globe.

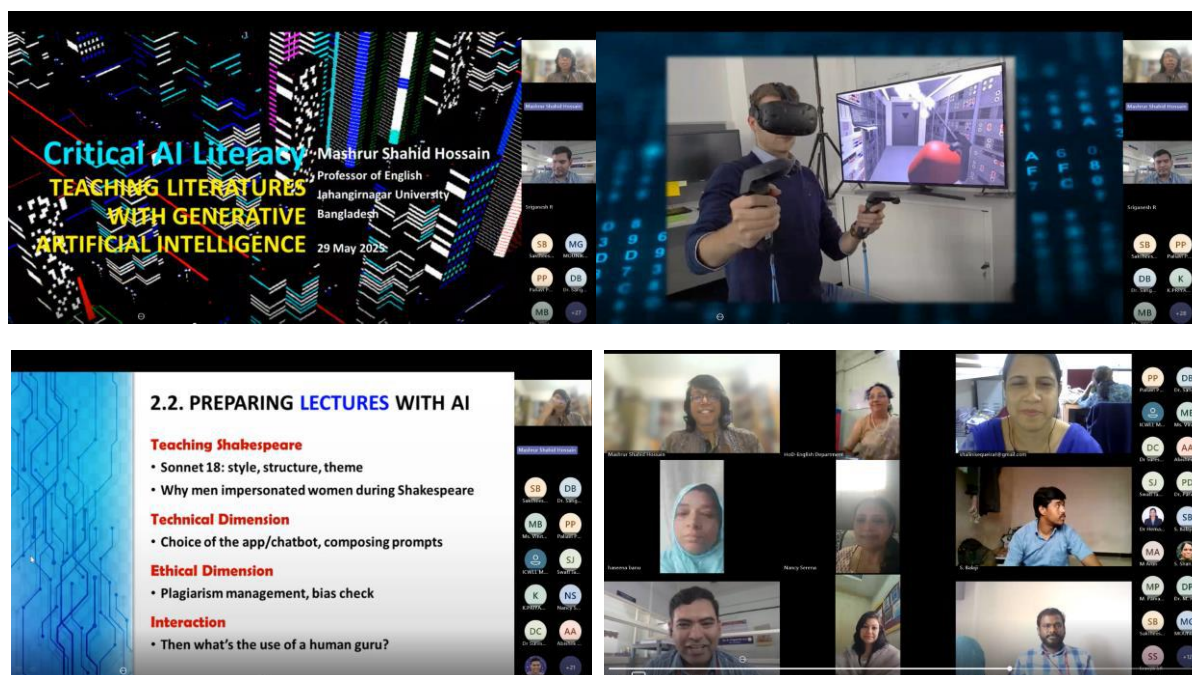
Dr. Meheli Sen from Rutgers University, New Jersey delivered the Inaugural Address highlighting the importance of ICWLL 2025 and the significance of language research in general. She wished the organizers the best for convening the international event. Dr. Mashrur Shahid Hossain, Professor, Department of English, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Bangladesh also wished the organizers and participants the best.

It was followed by the release of the Book of Abstracts of ICWLL 2025 amidst virtual applause and appreciations from participants!

The Vote of Thanks for the Inaugural Session was delivered by Dr. R. Sriganesh.

Plenary Session 1:

The first plenary session presided by Dr. Mashrur Shahid Hossain. Dr. Saktheeswar, Assistant Professor of English, MITS introduced the guest. His plenary session was titled "Critical AI Literacy: Teaching Literature with Generative Artificial Intelligence". He began with introducing the new directions that teaching is taking with the introduction of augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and artificial intelligence. He highlighted the possibility teaching literature, for example, Shakespearean literature using generative AI.



Conference Session 1:

Dr. Mashrur Shahid Hossain's session was followed by a break and session one of conference presentation began at 12 noon (May 29, 2025). Session one was chaired by Dr. S V Rasajna and Dr. M. Parvathi, Assistant Professors, Department of English & Foreign Languages, and had 10 participants from eminent universities presenting their research articles on various interesting and deep topics within the realm of language and literature.



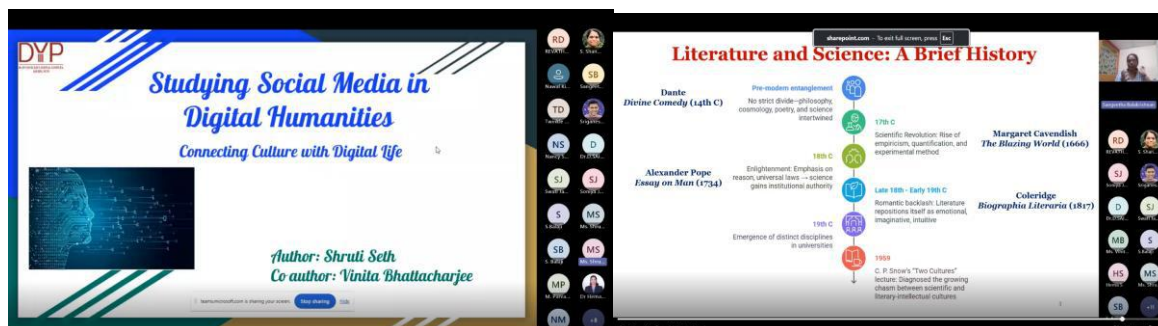
Workshop 1:

The afternoon session of Day One of ICWLL 2025 began with a workshop session titled “Introduction of Global Modernist Studies”. Dr. S. Mohankumar formally introduced the resource person, Dr. Arka Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor, IIT Gandhinagar, to the participants. Dr. Chattopadhyay explained what modernism is, the difference between modernity and modernism, how most modernist writings are actually anti-modernity. He stressed the difference between western and non-western modernism with several examples of literature. He patiently answered questions from participants which were followed by the vote of thanks by Dr. Mohankumar.



Conference Sessions 2A and 2B:

The workshop session was followed by two conference presentations. Session 2A happened online with Dr. S. Shanmuga Priya, Associate Professor and Dr. R. Sriganesh, Assistant Professor chairing the session. The session had several 12 enthusiastic presentations from premier institutions.



Session 2B was held in physical mode, with 13 students and faculty presenters from MITS presenting their research papers.

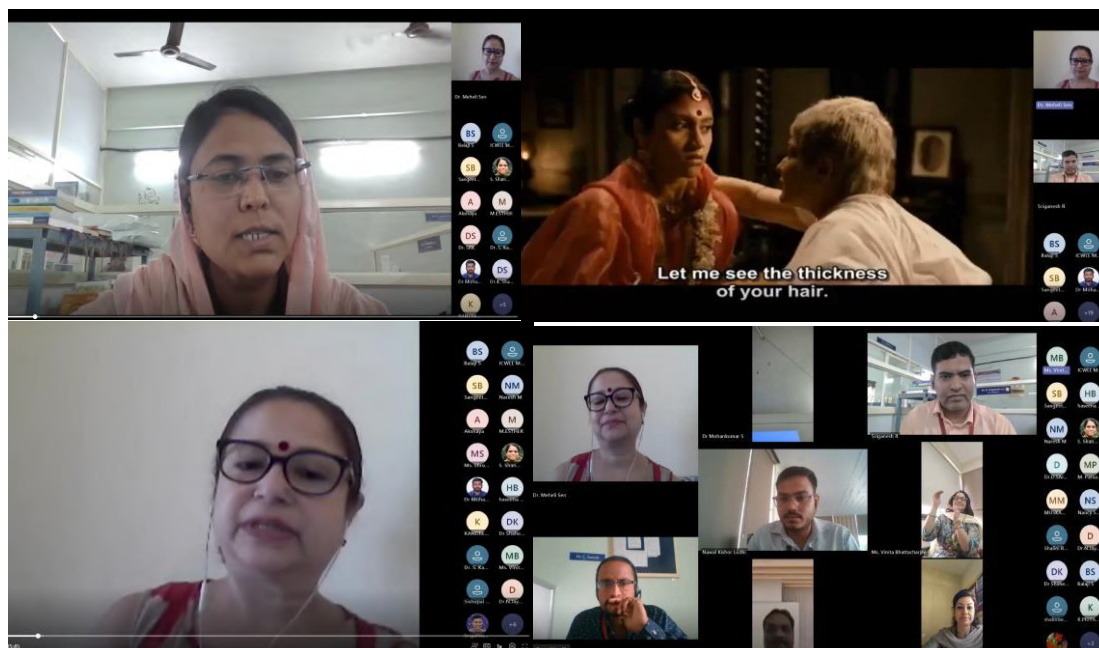


Day Two

The sessions on Day Two began at 9:50 a.m. with reading the report on Day One sessions by Dr. Sriganesh.

Plenary Session 2

It was followed by Plenary Session by Dr. Meheli Sen from Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA. Dr. K. Shaheen, Assistant Professor, introduced the esteemed guest to the audience. The session was titled “Ghosts in Bengali Literature: Modernity, Gender, and the Politics of Adaptation.” She lucidly explained the ghost stories featured in Bengali films. Dr. Sen gave a beautiful or rather scary imagery of the stories and the film clips. She used the Bengali films and explained the nuanced characters in the movies *Monihara* (1961) and *Goynar Baksho* (2013).. The session was highly appreciated by the audience. Dr. K. Shaheen proposed the formal Vote of Thanks.



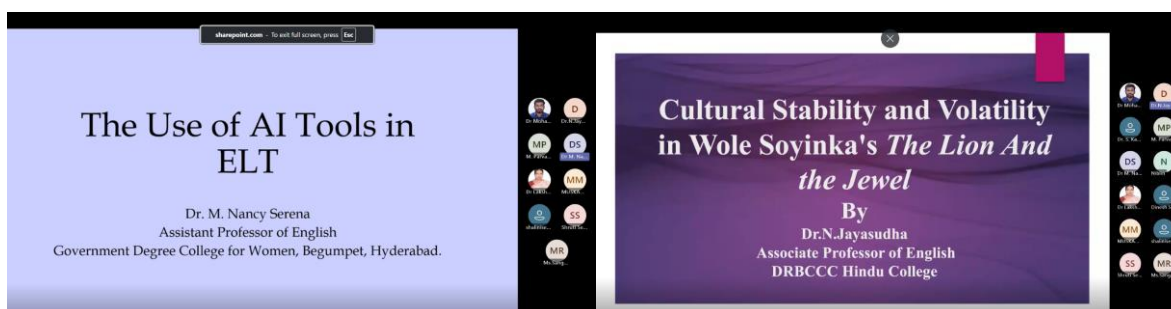
Conference Sessions 3A and 3B

Conference sessions 3A and 3B happened synchronously. Session 3A was chaired by Dr. S V Rasajna and Dr. Suresh Chimata. Dr. Sriganesh introduced the chairs to the presenters and invited presenters to present their papers. A total of 12 participants presented their papers online during this session. Session 3B was chaired by Dr. K. Lakshmi Devi and Dr. M. Parvathi. Dr. Mohankumar introduced the chairs and hosted session 3B. 11 participants presented their research articles in this session.

Session 3A



Session 3B

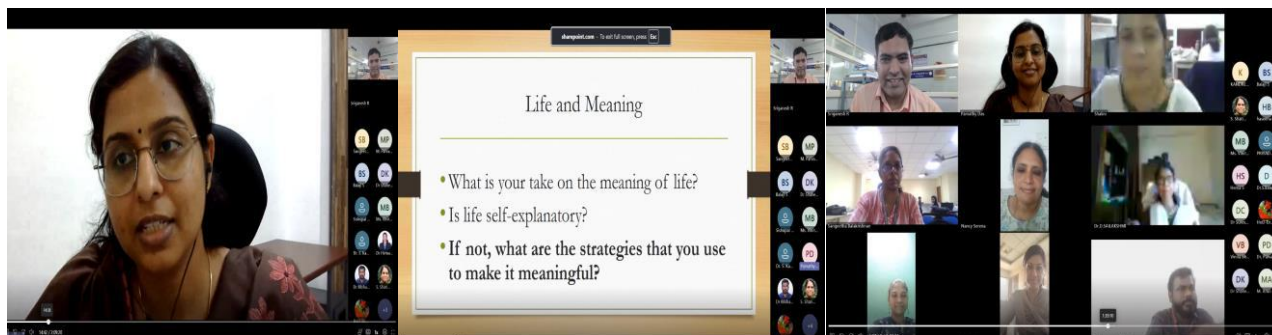


Workshop 2

Workshop 2 was held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and was hosted by Dr. Sriganesh, who introduced the resource person, Dr. Parvathy Das from IIITDM Kanchipuram. The workshop was titled “Life and Narrative”.

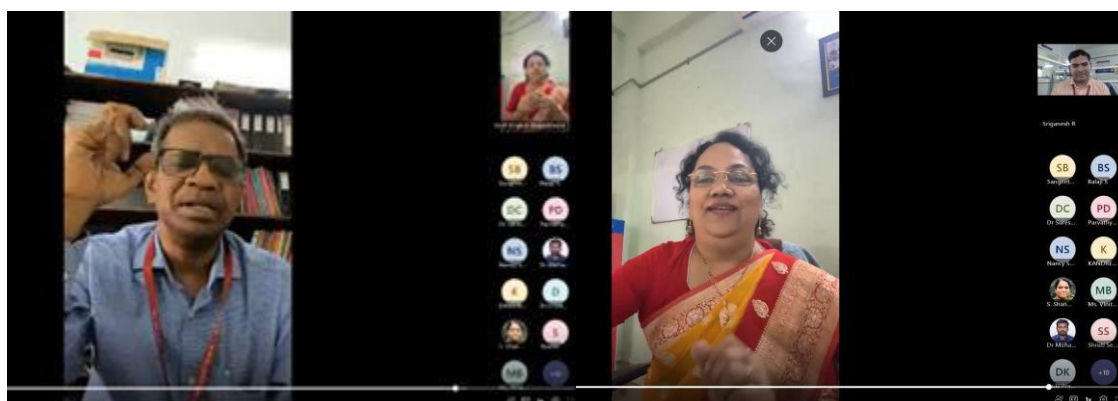
Dr. Parvathy Das’s workshop on Life and Narrative made us think and express ourselves. She recalled how we narrate about ourselves through journalling, writing resumes, and even taking photographs to preserve our memories. Dr. Parvathi lucidly explained how the idea of self is comparable to the concept of centre of gravity. She explained her postulates through relevant

examples and metaphors from the popular authors like Yuval Noah Hariri. In short, Dr. Parvathi made us become curious about ourselves.



Valedictory Ceremony

The valedictory ceremony began at 3:30 with a report on Day Two’s sessions read by Dr. Sriganesh. The session was presided over by Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar, who is the Chief Coordinator, NAAC/NEP/ISO Affairs and the Head of PAARC Cell of MITS. In his Valedictory Address, Dr. Pradeep Kumar acknowledged the global spirit of the conference and stressed the importance of language teachers and researchers adapting new technology such as artificial intelligence in personalized language learning. He requested the participants and organizers to further enhance the relevance of language teaching for the changing landscape in language teaching during the next edition of ICWLL.



Following this, Dr. P. Athahar presented her closing remarks by saying that the entire organization of ICWLL 2025 was “flawless”. She appreciated the organizers’ teamwork and the participants’ contributions to making this event an astounding success.



Later, the best paper awards were announced. Three exceptional presenters were called upon to deliver their acceptance speech. MITS Presenter, Ms. Saranya from the first year ECE also received the best paper award in the MITS category. Dr. Suresh Chimata, Assistant Professor, delivered the Vote of Thanks.