



A THREE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR (IN PERSON MODE)

Decolonizing ELT: A Postmethod Approach for Higher Education in India for Effective Implementation of NEP 2020

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by

**Department of English,
Shri Govind Guru University,
Vinzol-Godhra**

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About the University

Shri Govind Guru University was established by the Government of Gujarat vide Gujarat Act No. 24/2015. Shri Govind Guru University is a State University under Gujarat Public Universities Act 2023. The Jurisdiction of the University is spread over five Districts of Gujarat State i.e. Panchmahals, Dahod, Mahisagar, Chhota Udepur and Vadodara (Rural). At present 286 Colleges are affiliated to the University and over 1,25,000 students are pursuing higher education.

About the Department

The Department of English became functional in the academic year 2019-20. The department offers postgraduate level programmes: Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

The first successful batch of the students of Master of Arts passed out in 2021-22. Keeping in view the local geographical and cultural demographics as well as international standards laid down by the UGC, the department offers a cutting-edge curriculum to cater to the holistic needs of the students of the region. It is noteworthy to mention that the department has taken concrete steps in implementing the vision of NEP 2020 in curriculum frameworks. While instilling keen interest in literary investigations, the department also promotes interdisciplinarity, as per the guidelines of NEP 2020, cutting across the varied disciplines to cultivate a broad understanding and innovative problem-solving skills among students. In addition, the department, while maintaining global standards, facilitates innovative research projects as part of the doctoral program.



About the Seminar

The Three-Day National Seminar on “Decolonizing ELT: A Postmethod Approach for Higher Education in India for Effective Implementation of NEP 2020” aims to bring together scholars, educators, policymakers, and research students to discuss how English Language Teaching (ELT) can be reimagined in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The seminar explores postmethod pedagogies, indigenous knowledge systems, and context-sensitive approaches that empower learners and promote linguistic justice in higher education.

Concept Note

English Language Teaching (ELT) in postcolonial and multilingual contexts like India remains largely influenced by imported, standardized methods that often disregard local linguistic and cultural realities. Traditional pedagogies such as Grammar Translation, Audio-Lingualism, and Communicative Language Teaching, when applied uncritically, show clear limitations in diverse classrooms. B. Kumaravadivelu’s (2006) concept of postmethod pedagogy responds to these concerns by advocating context-sensitive, learner-centered, and teacher-empowered approaches.

Classroom experiences in semi-urban and rural Indian schools reveal a sharp gap between theory and practice. Challenges such as linguistic imperialism, insufficient teacher training, policy imposition, rigid assessment systems, and low learner motivation hinder effective ELT. Therefore, postmethod pedagogy requires not only theoretical reorientation but also structural reforms in curriculum, assessment, and institutional support.

This seminar invites ELT practitioners and researchers to reconceptualize language teaching as a critical, adaptive, and culturally responsive practice, offering practical strategies to align global insights with local needs.

Objectives

- To critically examine colonial influences in ELT practices in India.
- To explore postmethod teaching strategies relevant to diverse learner contexts.
- To align ELT practices with the vision and goals of NEP 2020.
- To provide a platform for researchers and practitioners to share innovative ELT methodologies.
- To promote a culturally responsive and learner-centric ELT ecosystem.

Theme and Sub-Themes

Theme

Decolonizing ELT in HE: Materials, Methods, Assessment Techniques and Teacher Education

Sub-themes

- **Postmethod Pedagogy: Concept & Application**
- **NEP 2020 & Positioning ELT within Mother Tongue Based & Regional Language Rich Ecosystem**
- **Rethinking Curriculum, Materials and Assessment**
- **Indigenous Pedagogies and Multilingual Practices**
- **Rethinking 'Method' in ELT: Postmethod Parameters of Particularity, Practicality and Possibility**
- **Teacher and Learner Autonomy**
- **Operationalizing Postmethod Pedagogy in Indian Higher Education Classrooms**
- **Integrating Indian Literatures (in English and Translation) & indigenous knowledge**
- **Technology Integration in ELT Classrooms**
- **Postmethod Assessment Techniques**
- **Case Studies and Best Practices from Indian Higher Education**
- **Reorienting Teacher Education: Preparing ELT Practitioners for Postmethod Approach**

Participants

Faculty Members
Research Scholars
Teacher Educators
Students of English and Education
ELT Practitioners
Curriculum Designers



Eminent Speakers



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Former Director, H M Patel Institute of English Training and Research, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat and Subject advisor (English) to the Government of Gujarat.

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Call For Papers

Participants are invited to submit original and unpublished research papers on the seminar theme/sub-themes. Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Word Limit: 250–300 words

Line spacing: 1.5

Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt

Keywords: 4–5

Email to: event_english@srgu.ac.in

Full Paper Submission Guidelines

Word Limit: 3000–4500 words

Format: MLA/APA (latest edition)

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Important Dates

Registration on or before: 11th January, 2026

Abstract Submission on or before: 11th January, 2026

Full Paper Submission on or before: 18th January, 2026

Seminar Dates: 29, 30 & 31 January, 2026

Registration Details

Paper Presentation and Publication

- Teachers/ Faculty Members: Rs. 1500
- Research Scholars and Students: Rs. 1000
- Publication is free of cost. The Organising Committee reserves all rights to select papers for publication subject to the quality and academic contribution.
- In case of collaborative papers, all contributors will have to register paying stipulated fees.

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Participation Only

- Teachers/ Faculty Members: Rs. 700
- Research Scholars and Students: Rs. 500

Mode of Payment: Online only

Accommodation

Please pay in advance to confirm accommodation.

- Swaminarayan Mandir- 350 rs per day
- Hotel Luxura- Executive room - INR 1890 Single occupancy
Executive room - INR 2415 Double occupancy

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Nearest Railway Station: Godhra

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