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In Collaboration with Association for English Studies of India (AESI)

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The Department of English, Andhra University feels privileged in inviting senior scholar academicians, and research scholars to participate in the 58th All India English Teachers’ Conference which will be organised between 27 and 29 December 2013 for the second time after a gap of 24 years. Andhra University will be holding the 58th AIETC in collaboration with the Association of English Studies in India, formerly known as Indian Association for English Studies, in the fond hope that this humble attempt to provide a platform for learned participants to present scholarly papers, hold discussions and interact with eminent academicians and experts. The intention of holding this conference is to promote a comprehensive accessibility of the literatures of the world and focus on various perspective of social problems which need immediate attention.

ABOUT ANDHRA UNIVERSITY

Andhra University is located in the uplands of Visakhapatnam with magnificent ‘Kailasa Hills’ as the backdrop and the mystic blue of the Bay of Bengal in its front. The University enjoys a unique setting and its calmness and serenity inspires the seekers-after-knowledge. Its landscape is adorned with beautiful sea beaches and Kailasa Hills. It is indeed a tourist’s paradise. Not only the location of the campus is beautiful, it is also an academic destination for students of coastal Andhra Pradesh as well as across the globe. The campus is engaged in teaching, training and research in different disciplines. The campus is well equipped with amenities to hold seminars and conferences.

The University campus is a self-contained township with two administration blocks out of which one is exclusively for housing the examination sections, well-equipped laboratories and workshops, a huge library ranking fifth in magnitude in university libraries in the country. The University has its own press and publications division and an employment information and guidance bureau run by the State government for the benefit of the student community. It has also a student centre and sports complex including an indoor gymnasium hall.

It is a premiere institution of higher education in India today, established in 1926 with few academic departments on the campus and a small number of colleges affiliated to it. The University has grown in leaps and bounds, not withstanding the fact that colleges located in the districts of Krishna, Guntur and Prakasam together with the graduate departments located in the erstwhile PG centre Guntur were transferred to Nagarjuna University in 1974, and some are transferred to Adikavi Nannaya University which is established in 2008. Today there are over 70 teaching departments on the main campus, being administered through the five principals of College of Arts & Commerce, College of Law, College of Science and Technology, College of Engineering and College of Pharmacy. Three campuses of Post Graduate centres and about 460 affiliated colleges and a school of Distance Education offering under-graduate, post-graduate and professional programmes besides research and development and consultancy.

VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY

To create new frontiers of knowledge in quest for development of a humane and just society and also to achieve world class standards in academic excellence by imparting skill-based and quality higher education for the empowerment of rural youth by using innovative technology-driven learning methods and strengthening capacity building with sustainable development by introducing professional courses and outreach programmes, keeping in view the vistas of international collaboration and effective governance.

HOST DEPARTMENT

English as part of the Department of European Languages was started in 1932 with Mr. M.V.N. Subba Rao as its Head. English as a general paper then was taught to B.A. (Hons). B.Sc.(Hons) and Law students of the University. B.A.(Hons) English was started in 1945 while the University was at Guntur with Mr. A.F. Thyagaraju, a product of London University as its Head Mr. M. Muthuswamy, Mr. K. Viswanadham, Dr. K. R. Srikanth Iyengar, Mr. G. Subba Rao, Mr. K. Hanumanth Rao Darja and Mr. Narasimha Das were the other members of the faculty. The syllabus was of the standard of Oxford and Cambridge Universities of London. Mr. Thyagaraju left for Guwahati in 1950 to found a college, later known as Dr. Akkineni Nageswara Rao College, at the behest of the then Vice Chancellor Dr. V.S. Krishna. Dr. Iyengar joined the Department in 1947. In 1962 the present two year M.A. course was introduced. Till 1966 three year B.A.(Special) was also continued. From 1966 the Department offered two-year M.A. Course under non-semester system. In 1976 the semester system was adopted and continued upto 1980. In 1966 when Prof. Iyengar became the Vice Chancellor of Andhra University, Prof. Viswanathan became the Head and after his retirement in 1976, Prof. Mrs. Ila Rao became the Head. During her time, three-year Headship by rotation was introduced. The Department was later headed by Prof. L.S.R. Krishna Sastry, Prof. Ramesh Dutta, Prof. K. Lakshmi
Devi, Prof. V. Ramakrishna Rao, Dr. A. V. Narasimhaswamy, Prof. M. S. Rama Murthy, Prof. K. Nirupa Rani, Dr. E. Joshi Babu, Dr. K. Solomon Raju, Prof. V. C. Sudheer, Prof. B. Parvathi, Prof. S. Prassannasree and Prof. T. Narayana (local Secretary of the Conference) is the present Head of the Department.

The Department of English, one of the oldest in the University was carved out of the Department of Modern European Languages, offered by the University in 1945. What began as the course in general English has grown into a post graduate course, offering ten papers in two years of study with five electives in emerging areas. Many have contributed to its growth as a research department. G. Subba Rao, did pioneering work on Indian Loan Words in English, K. Viswanadham worked on comparative poetics and criticism and Prof. K. Srinivasa Iyengar conceptualised the study of Indian Writing in English as a foundation paper. Prof. Srinivasa Iyengar worked as the Head of the Department and Vice Chancellor of the University. His initiative in writing Indian Writing in English impelled the study of this course all over the world today. For the first time in the country Indian Writing in English was introduced as Paper, for the Post Graduate level, owe their genesis to the pioneering work of Iyengar. In 1960 the Department offered Indian Writing in English, American and Commonwealth Literature, which were new areas of study. In tune with the disciplinary needs subsequently Literary Criticism, New Literatures, Special studies in American Literature, English Language Teaching, European Classics in translation, Novel were also offered. At present the restructured course is offered in four semesters since 2001 -- Genre studies in ten papers i.e. the first two semesters and core papers in Indian Writing in English, Literary Criticism, American Literature, New Literature and European Classics in translation in the third and fourth semesters. The electives offered for the third and fourth semesters are English Language Teaching, Translation Theory and Practice, Woman's Writing, Colonial Encounters and Black Literature.

The Department offers research for M. Phil and Ph.D. Degrees in areas such as Indian Writing in English, American Literature, British Literature, Black Literature, Australian Literature, West Indian Literature, Canadian Literature and English Language Teaching. The Department has so far successfully completed many major and minor Research projects and one is in progress at present. It has so far produced 60 M.Phil’s and more than 200 Ph.d.’s. It is in the English Department that Prof. Srinivasa Iyengar prepared his lectures in Indian Writing in English to be given in the University of Leeds in 1958 later formed the basis of the famous book Indian Writing in English. Prof. Srinivasa Iyengar corner which was started very recently provides as a source centre for young scholars to study Indian Writing in English.

ABOUT VISAKHAPATNAM – THE CITY OF DESTINY

The city is nestled along the coast of the Bay of Bengal and it is bounded and broken by the bold head-land called the Dolphin’s Nose. Dr. C. R. Reddy, founder Vice Chancellor of this University, prophetically called it as the ‘City of Destiny’. The place is also known as the Black More’s Hill. The harbour of Visakhapatnam is considered to be one of the best natural harbours in the World. The harbour area is a very picturesque spot. The hills seem to suddenly rise from the water. On one of the hills overlooking harbour is a Church, on another the temple of Sri Lord Venkateswara exists. And on the third shrine stands a Mosque. This is said to belong to a Muslim saint Saiyad Madina alias Ishaq Madina. This is an important place of pilgrimage for the Muslims. This coasted city is the commercial and industrial heart of Andhra Pradesh’s isolated north-east corner and is home to India’s largest ship building yard. Originally it was two separate southern port town of Visakhapatnam (known as Vizag). However, as Vizag grew (and continues to rapidly do so) the pair gradually merged. These days the towns have little to offer tourists and the pall of industrial smoke that hangs in the air makes them unenticing. Vizag’s best known site is the rocky promontory known as the Dolphin’s Nose jutting into the harbour. The hilly sea side area of Waltair is edged by long beaches affording views across the Bay of Bengal and the busy Calcutta-Chennai shipping lane. At Simhachalam hill 10 KM north of town there is an eleventh century Vishnu temple in fine Orissa style. The best beach is Rushikonda also about 10 KM north. The APSRTC operates full day tours of Vizag and Waltair. The Railway Station and Bus Stand are about 1.5 KM apart. Both are about 2 KM from the city centre based loosely around the Poomara Market area. The Beach Hotels are all located in waltair, which is the most pleasant place to stay. The tourist office in the Railway Station has precious information. Visakhapatnam city is connected to all important cities of our country by both road and railways and Visakhapatnam airport. Last day of the conference site seeing tour will be arranged at 0300 PM from the campus i.e. on 29-12-2013. Book exhibition will also be arranged at the venue.

THE CLIMATE

Visakhapatnam is moderately cold during winter for those who come from the Northern States and central regions of the country but fairly cold for those who
TOURIST PLACES
There are many places of tourist interest around the city. Visakhapatnam is sprinkled with numerous religious spots, places of historical interest such as Bhimnipatnam, Simhachalam, Kailasa Hills, Yerradibbalu, Lotugadda, Applikonda, Yarada Beach, Rushikonda Beach, Mudasarlova Park, and Hotel Senora Beach etc. Bhimnipatnam about 25 KM north-east of Vizag, one of the safest beaches on this part of the coast. It is also the site of the ruins of the East Coast's oldest Dutch settlement. A further 30 KM north is the Burra Caves, home to a number of isolated Tribal communities. It is situated at a distance of 34 KM from Visakhapatnam. Simhachalam is a place of pilgrimage near Visakhapatnam. It is situated on the Simhachalam Range of Hills. It is about 60 KM from Visakhapatnam connected by both rail and road. The Temple of Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha is situated on the Hill which is 244 metres above the sea level.

ACCOMMODATION
Arrangements will be made in guest houses and hostels. Accommodation for office bearers will be arranged in the Guest Houses of the University and Visitors Hostel. Accommodation for the delegates shall be arranged in Hostels on a twin-sharing basis. Providing accommodation will be possible only when the registration fee has been paid by 30-11-2013. Those who wish to make their own arrangements for stay/accommodation may be given assistance by the Local Secretary, prior intimation will be necessary. Delegates planning to bring their families will be assisted in making their own arrangements for stay/accommodation by intimating the same to us at least a month in advance.

AESI MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION
The conference is open to all members of Association of English Studies in India (AESI) whether they hold annual membership or life membership, and also open to English teachers at the tertiary level who may not be members. Those with annual membership would need to renew their membership, and non members can be enrolled as members by paying Rs.200/- in cash each as the annual membership fee to the Treasurer, AESI at the venue. Members get a free copy of the Indian Journal of English Studies as well as the newsletter of the Association. Life members of the AESI/AES would be required to bring receipts issued to them. It would be possible to enroll as a life member by paying Rs. 2000/- as fee to the Treasurer, AESI.

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The registration fee must be sent by DD issued in favour of The Local Secretary, 58th AEIC, payable at Visakhapatnam. Please mail the registration form and the DD to Prof. T. Narayana, Local Secretary, 58th AEIC, Head, Dept. Of English, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam 530003, Andhra Pradesh. Contact Phones: (Off) 0891-2844334/2844332, (Mob) 9393104777; email: narayana_t123@rediffmail.com.

Note: Registration fee and membership fee must be paid separately to the Local Secretary and Treasurer.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
December is a busy month during which the flow of traffic on the Railways is usually at its peak. Making early travel arrangements for a round trip journey would be advisable. We request each of the delegates planning to attend the conference to make his/her travel bookings for a round trip journey to Visakhapatnam. The Department is short of manpower and the recent amendments to the Railway would make it almost impossible for your host Department to arrange for any on the spot reservations. Your host department will help you out, if there is any emergency.

CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS
English studies today come to encompass in itself a wide array of sub-disciplines. The recognition of English as an international language has changed complexity of
English language and literature. English is no longer the language of the English, but of the users of English the world over, and most of these are individuals who may not necessarily be English by birth. There is change all around. The British colonies of yesteryears, now independent, are keen today on promoting their own literatures written in English. This has led to the popularity of post-colonial literatures. All these developments have opened newer areas for researchers to investigate and negotiate. English studies is thus an umbrella term that embraces within itself even other areas like western literary theory, western literary criticism, creative writing, gender studies, ethnic studies etc. And all these English and the list gets longer with the addition of newer areas at regular intervals. The theme for this conference is NEW DIMENSIONS IN ENGLISH STUDIES. Proposals are invited for paper presentation dealing with any of the following suggested areas.

1. Emerging trends in literature and language
2. Emergence of subaltern literature
3. Woman's writing and gender issues
4. Indian diasporic writing
5. Literary representation of community, culture and ideology
6. Whither English studies?
7. New paradigms in English language teaching
8. English literary and cultural studies
9. Translation studies and their application in transcreation
10. Indians poetics and its application to English texts
11. Contemporary theories and changing concepts
12. Current trends in new literatures in English
13. Comparative literature
14. Use of ICT in ELT

The areas suggested above are those of common interest. More may please be added depending upon your areas of interest/specialisation. Papers on such areas in English studies as are not included in the suggested list above are welcome.

We would urge each of our fellow delegates who may wish to present a paper to ensure that they send a short abstract of their proposed paper in about 250 words to the Local Secretary latest by 20-11-2013 via email positively. We seek the abstracts in advance so as to enable us to get a book of abstracts ready well in time for the Conference. We may therefore not be in a position to accept any abstract received after the due date. All full length papers must conform to the MLA style sheet and be limited to not more than 3000 words and must be emailed to the Local Secretary, 58th AIETC latest by 30-11-2013. Paper presenters are requested to keep the time limit of 15 minutes for presentation. The abstracts and full length papers may be emailed to head_english@rediffmail.com. The papers will be peer reviewed on the originality, technical strength research significance, quality of presentation and relevance to the conference theme.

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8) Life member of AESI? Yes ( ) No ( )
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