

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH BHASHA-BHAVANA



History of the Department

The Department of English was originally set up as Department of English and Other Modern European Languages after Visva-Bharati became a Central University in 1951. Many distinguished teachers of English like Balraj Sahni, Alex Aronson, Edward Thompson and Amiya Chakravarty taught here in the past. Apart from teaching English literature, faculty members are involved in programmes like AECC, GEC and SECC under the CBCS system. The department is also engaged in interdisciplinary research. Texts written in languages other than English including Indian, European, Asian, African and South American languages in translation are also taught. The faculty members frequently visit foreign universities and renowned institutes located in various parts of the world and internationally known scholars of esteemed universities and institutes visit our department and deliver lectures. The department collaborates with reputed national and international organizations like Sahitya Akademi, IACLALS, British Council and American Centre in various projects. The department received the UGC DRS (SAP) project on "Rabindranath Tagore: East-West Confluence" and has successfully negotiated the first (2009-10 to 20014-15) and the second phase (2015-2020) of the project. Centre for Modern European Languages, Literatures and Culture Studies (CMELLCS) was set up comprising four European languages in 2014 which started to function independently as a Centre since 2017. At present the Department of English offers BA (CBCS), MA, MPhil and PhD programmes in English.

Programmes and Courses Offered

| | Programme Name | Number of Courses |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | BA (Honours) in English (CBCS) | 19 |
| 2 | BA AECC + SECC (CBCS) | 1+2=3 |
| 3 | BA GEC English (CBCS) | 4 |
| 4 | MA in English | 25 |
| 5 | MPhil in English | 9 |
| 6 | PhD in English | 4 |