

# 3<sup>rd</sup> History of English Language Education (HELE) Conference

## History of English Language Education in India: Interactions and Implementation

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Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad

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Society for Studies in the History of English Language Education



The English language has had a complex and intricate history in India. Starting from the eighteenth century, it has impacted Indian life, culture, and knowledge production systems in a way that demands study and attention. The coming of English was limited not just to the addition of another language to the multilingual landscape of India but also brought in its wake Western knowledge systems and practices that altered and engaged with existing ways of thinking and perceiving.

English has impacted different regions and communities in India in different ways, depending on the timeline and the motives of the newcomers and Indians. Its entry provided a new opportunity for Indians, elite and otherwise, to engage with the Eurocentric world on a larger scale. Consequently, the educational pedagogy that was employed was equally diverse. The teaching/learning of Indian languages went hand-in-hand, though along an uneven path, with English education. This complex mosaic was the result of the various contributors' motivations and philosophies. The primary contributors to English education in India were the missionaries, local royalty and philanthropists, private educators, education boards and the British government.

This conference will explore aspects of English education as it evolved from colonial times (18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> Century) to the post-independence period in different parts of the country. An important aspect of the study of historiography is accessing and maintaining archival materials. The conference will also examine how to preserve such materials and how, in modern times, digital technology may aid the process.

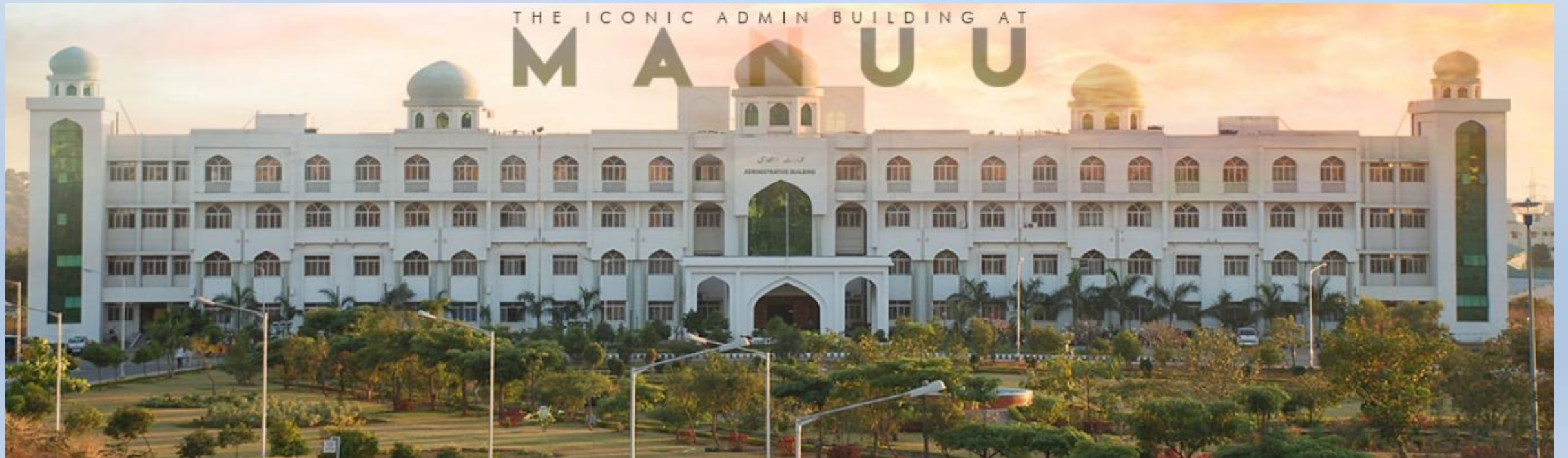
## Conference Sub-themes

- Language planning, policy, and debates around English language education
- Language-literature interface
- Aspects of bilingual and multilingual education
- Interaction of English with Indian languages and other European languages in India
- Issues of methodology in historiographical research in ELE in India
- English language textbooks and curriculum
- Minorities' response to English education
- Women's education
- Role of translation
- Archiving and digital technology

Other topics related to the history of English education in India are also welcome.

## About MANUU

Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) is a Central University established by an Act of Parliament in 1998. The headquarter and main campus of MANUU is located in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana, over an area of 200 acres. The University is named after Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the freedom fighter and outstanding scholar, who as the first Education Minister of the Independent India envisioned and laid the foundation of technical, scientific and higher education in India. With twin mandates to promote education through Urdu medium and to contribute to women education, MANUU has 8 schools of studies with 20 departments, and 9 academic, technical, professional training, and research centres. Furthermore, the university is fortified by 3 directorates and has established 18 satellite and off-campus across 11 states in India. In 2022, it has been awarded the “A+” grade by the NAAC, securing 3.36 CGPA on a 4 point scale.



## **About Department of English, MANUU**

The Department of English at MANUU offers MA in English, PGCTE, PGDTE, and PhD in English and Comparative Studies, in addition to the core, discipline-specific, ability enhancement, skill enhancement, and generic courses in line with the NEP-2020, for all the Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs offered in the University.

The Department aims at mainstreaming minorities, promoting quality research, enhancing English-Urdu Cultural interactions, and accelerating women's empowerment. It prepares students not only for employability purposes but also for carrying out societal responsibilities. Its primary objectives are to promote bi-lingual research in English and Urdu and to encourage innovative and interdisciplinary research. The thrust areas of research in the Department include English Language Teaching, Phonetics, British Literature, American Literature, Commonwealth Literature, English-Urdu Literature, English-Urdu Translation Studies, Muslim Literature, Indian Writing in English, and Literary Theory and Criticism.

## **About HELE Society**

The Society for Studies in the History of English Language Education (HELE Society), which is still in its nascent stage, is a voluntary and open group of academics and researchers interested in HELE in India. The Society aspires to evolve into a vibrant community of people interested in HELE and aims to promote historiographical research in ELE, documenting and conserving valuable historical resources and encouraging and supporting the dissemination of knowledge of HELE in India. Anyone interested in HELE is welcome to join the Society. The group held its first conference in Delhi on December 5-6, 2022 and the second in Hyderabad on December 12-13, 2023.

# Call for Papers

Proposals are invited for paper presentations on any thematic area(s) listed above.

- Papers will be of 20 minutes' duration including audience interaction.
- Proposals should include a 150-word abstract and 30-word presenter bio(s).
- All proposals will be subject to scrutiny and editorial review. Presenters may be asked by the Review Committee to make revisions, if necessary.

[Click here](#) for the presentation proposal submission form, or scan the QR code. You can also submit using the following link.

<https://forms.gle/6UxYhusz9usRXWsc6>

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# Delegate Registration

## Delegate Fees

MANUU Scholars/Students – Rs. 500/- (Provide a scanned copy of student ID.)

Scholars/Students – Rs. 1000/- (Provide a scanned copy of student ID.)

Faculty/Others – Rs.1500/-

Delegate fees will cover lunch and tea on the conference days and the conference kit.

[CLICK HERE](#) or use the QR code for the **Delegate Registration Form**.



## Important Dates

Last date for abstract/proposal submission – December 15, 2024

Feedback on submissions – December 23, 2024

Last date for registration- January 6, 2025

Last date for full paper submission– January 20, 2024



## **Conference Coordinators**

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**Conference venue:** MANUU, near LNT Towers, Telecom Nagar, Gachibowli, Khajaguda, Hyderabad, Telangana 500032

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*Travel bursaries will be awarded to the two best papers from young research scholars or faculty.*