

# **Department of English, Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Nanded**

## **Overview**

The Department of English at Yeshwant Mahavidyalaya, Nanded, established in June 1963, is one of the largest and most distinguished departments in the Faculty of Arts. Since its inception, the Department has maintained a strong tradition of academic excellence, intellectual engagement, and cultural enrichment.

The Department was founded under the visionary leadership of Shri N. C. Varadacharyulu, who served as the Head until 1977 and later became the second Principal of the college. Over the years, the Department has been guided by eminent academicians including Dr. I. Venkateswarlu, Shri M. U. Deshmukh, Dr. V. D. Chandanshive, Smt. Vidya Gahilot, and Dr. Ajay R. Tengse.

Since December 2021, the Department has been led by Dr. L. V. Padmarani Rao. With the dedicated contributions of faculty members, Dr. K. M. Ingole, Mr. M. S. Dudhate, Dr. R. U. Mhaske, and recent addition Dr. S. D. Madanwad, the Department continues to grow in academic, research, and co-curricular domains, sustaining its legacy while adapting to contemporary educational needs.

## **Legacy & Growth**

Over the decades, the Department has evolved into a centre of excellence, offering undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in English. It has significantly contributed to the academic and professional success of students across the region.

The Department is recognized as a research centre and has successfully guided numerous scholars to M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees. It has consistently organized seminars, workshops, conferences, and skill-based programmes to enhance both academic and professional competencies.

With modern infrastructure such as a language laboratory, smart classrooms, and e-learning facilities, the Department blends traditional literary studies with contemporary pedagogical practices.

### Incumbency List of Heads

Sr. No.	Name	Period
01	Shri N. C. Varadacharyulu	1963-1978
02	Dr. I. Venkateshwarlu	1979-1993
03	Shri M. U. Deshmukh	1994-2000
04	Dr. V. D. Chandanshive	2001-2004
05	Smt. Vidya Gahilot	2004-2010
06	Dr. Ajay R. Tengse	2010-2021
07	Dr. L. V. Padmarani Rao	2021-Present

### Faculty Members

Sr. No.	Name of the Faculty	Designation
01	Dr. L. V. Padmarani Rao	Head and Professor
02	Dr. Swati D. Madanwad	Associate Professor
03	Dr. Kailash M. Ingole	Assistant Professor
04	Mr. Madhav S. Dudhate	Assistant Professor
05	Dr. Ratnamala U. Mhaske	Assistant Professor

### Vision

- To pursue and promote academic excellence, foster intellectual inquiry, and advance research and innovation in English Studies and allied disciplines.

### Mission

- To nurture academic excellence among undergraduate and postgraduate students through innovative teaching practices
- To enhance students' proficiency in English for global academic and professional competence
- To develop soft skills and life skills for holistic personality development
- To promote research culture and scholarly engagement
- To establish academic collaborations at national and international levels

## **Program Objectives**

To provide comprehensive knowledge of English language and literature

- To develop critical thinking, analytical ability, and interpretative skills
- To enhance communication skills for academic and professional purposes
- To prepare students for competitive examinations (NET/SET) and higher studies
- To encourage research aptitude and interdisciplinary learning

## **Alignment with NEP 2020**

- Emphasis on multidisciplinary education
- Integration of skill-based and value-added courses
- Focus on experiential learning and critical thinking
- Promotion of research and innovation culture
- Support for flexible and student-centric curriculum

## **Alignment with Institutional Goals**

- Commitment to academic excellence and quality enhancement
- Promotion of inclusive and equitable education
- Development of employability and life skills
- Encouragement of research, innovation, and extension activities
- Contribution to community engagement and social responsibility

## **Notable Alumni**

The Department is proud of its alumni, many of whom have distinguished themselves in academics and public service. A few notable achievers include:

- **Mr. Sambhaji Manurkar** (SET 2013)- Assistant Professor
- **Mr. Ganesh Aglave** (SET 2014)- Assistant Professor
- **Mr. Gajnan Zunjare** (NET 2014, SET 2017)- Assistant Professor
- **Mr. Madhav Dudhate** (SET 2016, NET 2019)- Assistant Professor
- **Mr. Sunil Kadam** (SET 2019)- Assistant Professor

The Department of English continues to build upon its rich legacy with vision, innovation, and a deep sense of social commitment. Both faculty and students remain actively engaged in furthering the Department's mission and aspire to contribute meaningfully to the academic and cultural landscape of the institution.