



State-Level Seminar
on
**Posthuman Tendencies
in Recent Literatures**

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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About the University:

Located in Bhuj, Krantiguru Shyamji Krishna Verma Kachchh University has been fulfilling the higher education aspirations of thousands of students ever since its establishment in 2003. Named after the legendary freedom fighter, Shri Shyamji Krishna Verma, the university is committed to uphold the ideals espoused by him. The university has six faculties and a total of twenty academic departments which include English, Gujarati, Sanskrit, Chemistry, Geosciences, Environment and Life Sciences, Computer Science, Management Studies, Commerce, Archaeology, and Social Work among others. The university offers a broad spectrum of postgraduate and doctoral programs in arts, commerce, science, education, law, technology, and pharmacy to cater to diverse academic interests and career choices.

Department of English:

Ever since its inception in 2008, the Department of English has upheld high standards of teaching and research. It seeks to sharpen linguistic, literary and critical abilities of the students by encouraging close textual reading, critical debate and innovative thinking. Currently, we offer MA and PhD programmes which have received a very good response from students, reflecting the department's commitment to pedagogy and research. In recent years, many students from the department have qualified NET and GSET and have also won prestigious scholarships like JRF, ICSSR and SHODH, demonstrating our commitment towards academic excellence.

About Kachchh:

Kachchh, the largest district of India, is rich in geographical and cultural diversity. If it has a vast desert, it also has beautiful sea beaches and ancient hills. The people of Kachchh are known for their enterprising and hard-working nature. The Rann Utsav, which is organized between November and February every year, reflects their spirit of resilience and capacity to celebrate the joys of life amidst challenges.

About the Seminar:

Posthumanism, which has emerged as a major critical theory across humanities and social sciences in recent times, essentially critiques the assumptions of anthropocentrism, a world-view that gives centrality to human beings. Right from the ancient days of Greek antiquity, man has been perceived as the measure of all things. The nature-culture binary, so dominant in the western discourse, is emblematic of this mode of thinking. Shakespeare's famous quote, "What a piece of work is man," also exemplifies the same world-view. Posthumanism overlaps with other major contemporary discourses like Postmodernism, Poststructuralism and Postcolonialism, and, like those approaches, it also de-centres the idea of a human being as a stable, unified subject, endowed with reason and speech, and views humans as inseparably connected to and dependent upon the world of nature and technology.

The proposed seminar seeks to delve into the theoretical foundation of Posthumanism and examine literary texts that engage with this critical framework so that we can understand what it means to be a human being in an ontologically levelled world of humans, nature and machines.

The submission may address (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Posthumanism and Eco-criticism
- Posthumanism and Feminist Literary Texts
- Science Fiction, Dystopias and Posthumanism
- AI and Literary Imagination
- Redefining Selfhood and Identity in Posthuman Literature
- Posthumanism and Anthropocene
- Posthumanism and Apocalypse
- Retelling of Myths in Posthumanist Literature

Keynote Speakers

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Who should attend?

PG students/ Research Scholars/ Academicians/ Faculty Members

Registration Details:

- There is no registration fee
- Interested individuals can fill out the registration form (Link given below)
- **Last date for registration: 25th January, 2026**

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/cv6S7EiCgiAR1vZ79>

Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract:** 200-300 words
- **Font:** Times New Roman, Size 12, 1.5 Line Spacing
- **Heading:** 14 pt. Bold. Margin : Keep all sides at 1 inch (2.54cm)
- **Referencing:** APA/MLA style (Latest Edition)
- **File Format :** MS Word (No PDF will be accepted)

Last Date for Submission of Abstracts: 25th January, 2026 (Participants will be informed about the acceptance of their papers by 31st January, 2026)

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper: 4th February, 2026

- Certificates will be awarded for participation/paper presentation
- Selected papers will be published in a book with an ISBN in future

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