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The School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL) was established in the year 2009 as a separate school. The prime focus of the School is to impart futuristic education in subjects such as Commerce, Economics, Finance and Accountancy, Business and Corporate Law, Psychology, Sociology, History, Music, Ethics & Values, Master of Social Work and Indian and Foreign languages such as English, French, German, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, and Arabic, apart from Tamil and Hindi.

ABOUT ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department at VIT provides compulsory English courses for all undergraduate and postgraduate students, with a focus on technical English, communication, and soft skills like public speaking and leadership. The Department of English has an established Ph.D. Programme. The department enhances learning through state-of-the-art language laboratories. The faculty are highly qualified, conduct workshops and webinars, and engage in research, contributing to global standards and the university's reputation.

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School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL)

Department of English

Organises

One Day Online National Workshop on Storytelling, Gender, and Identity in the Language Classroom

Date : 10 October 2026, Saturday

Time : 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

Venue: Online (Google Meet)

About the Workshop

Storytelling is central to the language classroom because learners encounter language not as isolated vocabulary and grammar, but through characters, voices, conflicts, memories, and points of view. Stories also carry social assumptions. They can reproduce familiar ideas about gender and identity, leave particular experiences unspoken, or create space for learners to question inherited roles and imagine other possibilities. A language classroom that reads stories critically can therefore become a space for linguistic development as well as reflective engagement with power and representation.

Who can attend?

- College and university faculty
- Research scholars and students of Gender studies and English language teaching
- Language educators
- Postgraduate students interested in literature, identity, critical pedagogy, and digital storytelling

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Workshop Schedule

09:30 – 10:00 AM
Inaugural Session

10:00 – 11:00 AM
Decoding the Story: Unmasking Power on the Page

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Critical Reading Workshop: Gender, the Binary Paradigm, & Structural Silence

(Lunch Break: 12:30 – 01:45 PM)

02:00 – 03:00 PM
Digital Storytelling & Animation: Engaging the 21st-Century Language Learner

03:00 – 04:30 PM
Digital Story Lab: Reframing Gender and Identity through Storyboarding & Animation

04:30 – 05:00 PM
Valedictory & Feedback Session

Registration Details

- Registration Fee: ₹300/- (Including GST)
- Link/QR code for registration: events.vit.ac.in
- Last Date for Registration: 9 October 2026, Thursday
- Registration is mandatory to participate in the workshop and receive an e-certificate.

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Session: Decoding the Story: Unmasking Power on the Page

- Introduces critical approaches for reading classroom literature through three connected concerns
- Explores critical pedagogy and the disruption of the status quo
- Examines gender and the binary paradigm
- Investigates structural silence — what the page omits
- Uses discussion and guided analysis to help participants formulate questions and activities
- Encourages learners to read beyond plot and attend to voice, perspective, absence, and power

Session: Digital Storytelling and Animation: Engaging the 21st-Century Language Learner

- Focuses on the pedagogical use of digital storytelling and animation in the contemporary language classroom
- Uses gender and identity as the thematic frame
- Examines how multimodal composition supports vocabulary, sequencing, narration, collaboration, and learner agency
- Challenges stereotypes and enables alternative representations
- Participants develop an activity adaptable to different proficiency levels and classroom contexts

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