



**SWAMI RAMANAND TEERTH MARATHWADA UNIVERSITY, NANDED
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE STUDIES, SRTMUN**

**THE DEPARTMENTS OF FRENCH AND SPANISH
jointly organise**

One -Day National Seminar (Online)

on

“Indo-European Exchanges: Knowledge and Culture”

17 MARCH 2026

Concept note:

The Indo-European world represents one of the most significant cultural and intellectual networks in human history. From the early linguistic connections identified in the 18th century to contemporary academic collaborations across Europe and South Asia, Indo-European exchanges have shaped philosophy, science, governance, literature, religion, and the arts. As colonization spread European languages across the globe along with multi-polar migration of people, the sphere of European influence expanded to include almost every corner of the world. Over centuries, exchanges between regions such as India and Europe (and its erstwhile colonies) have influenced knowledge systems ranging from mathematics and astronomy to political thought, literary traditions, and spiritual philosophies. Therefore, here, we use the term ‘European’ figuratively and include the colonies where European languages and culture have left their indelible imprint in our exploration of the past and present.

In today’s globalized yet fragmented world, revisiting Indo-European intellectual and cultural linkages offers valuable insights into shared heritage, intercultural dialogue, and collaborative knowledge production whose impact area is far beyond the two geographic areas of India and Europe.

The seminar aims to:

Explore historical evolution of Indo-European exchanges across Eurasia and the rest of the world.

Examine cross-cultural transmission of knowledge systems (philosophy, science, language, and governance).

Analyse literary and artistic interactions across Indo-European societies.

Discuss the contemporary relevance of Indo-European cooperation in academia, diplomacy, and cultural dialogue.

Foster interdisciplinary research collaboration among scholars and institutions.

Key Themes and Sub-Themes

Linguistic, Intellectual and Scientific Knowledge Exchanges

Transmission of languages and philosophical traditions.

Classical texts and their cross-cultural interpretations.

Flow of mathematical and astronomical knowledge, medical traditions.

Translations and manuscript circulation.

Cultural, Social and Literary Interactions

Mythology and shared narrative motifs, epic traditions.

Transmission of literature, music, dance, painting and other art forms.

Renaissance, Orientalism, colonial encounters, intellectual reform movements.

Social, political and economic movements.





Modern and Contemporary Exchanges

Literature, Cinema, Plastic Arts, Music, Popular Culture

Gastronomy, Architecture, Technology, Tourism

Foreign Language learning and its professional applications.

Cultural diplomacy and heritage studies, rewriting histories.

Exchanges of Knowledge and Culture between India and erstwhile European colonies.

Papers are invited on but not limited to the above sub-themes from academicians, researchers, doctoral scholars and postgraduate students across disciplines to unravel the expanded and nuanced web of 'Indo-European Exchanges' beyond the traditional critique and engage in dialogue about connections hitherto neglected or unrecognised. Papers may be presented in **English, Hindi, Marathi, French or Spanish**. E-certificates will be provided to participants who present papers in online mode at the seminar.

This seminar will provide a platform for enhanced academic dialogue on Indo-European knowledge systems and development of collaborative research networks. It will further serve to provide insight for integration of IKS under NEP 2020 in the field of foreign languages.

DATE: 17 MARCH 2026

TIME: 10.30 AM- 4.00 PM

VENUE: SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE STUDIES, SRTMUN

Google Meet Joining Information

Tuesday 17 Mar • 10:30–16:00

Google Meet joining link: <https://meet.google.com/tao-jafg-ijm>

DEADLINES:

Registration and abstract submission: 09 MARCH 2026

Selection of abstracts: 14 MARCH 2026

Link for Registration and abstract submission will be provided to selected paper readers.

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SCHEDULE

10.30 – 11.00	INAUGURATION Introduction to the School Introduction to Seminar by the Convenor Presidential Message by Prof. Ashok Mahajan Hon. Pro Vice Chancellor, SRTMUN
11.00 -11.30	Keynote Address Prof. Vidya Vencatesan Head, Department of French and Director, Centre for European Studies University of Mumbai
11.45 – 13.00	Paper Reading 11.45 Dr Kalpalata (EFL University, Hyd) Aux origines multiples de la raison : relire l'Inde avec Ratié et Eltschinger 12.00 Svetlana Sawant (University of Mumbai) Loti et Rousselet - deux voyageurs orientalistes en Inde 12.15 Dr Kavita Patil (B.M. Ruia Girls' College, Mumbai) Traduire la liberté, l'égalité et la fraternité: De la Révolution française à la constitution de l'Inde 12.30 Question-Answer Session
13.00-14.00	LUNCH BREAK
14.00 -15.00	Round table on European Languages in India – Present and Future Prof. Shailaja Wadikar English : A Key to Success Prof. Prithviraj Taur Connecting the World through Poetry: Indian-European perspectives Mohd Zishan Ali Blending Traditional & Modern: A need based approach to Foreign Language Teaching & Learning Dr Nina Gogate (Moderator) Foreign languages in India: From Linguaphilia to Utilitarianism
15.00 -15.30	CLOSING CEREMONY Report of the event by the Convenor Vote of thanks

