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Postcolonial Classroom: Frames and Pedagogies

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Does the classroom, emblematic learning space, meet the need for diverse pedagogies, and recognize the diverse subjectivities? Is the knowledge generation and dissemination located in the communities? What are the levels of access of our learner to the knowledge commons? Embedded as these questions are in the NEP 2020, they tag with our deepening democracy and inclusion of the historically marginalized communities.

The talk, while focusing on questions like these, would like to critically look at the postcolonial pedagogies and the entailing strategies like collaborative learning, and explore the possibilities of them 'illuminating a new movement in education'.



Prof. N. Nagaraju is currently the Vice-Chancellor of The English and Foreign Languages University (A Central University), Hyderabad. Earlier he was the Vice-Chancellor of Gangadhar Meher University Sambalpur, Odisha for a term of four years and three months. He superannuated from his parent position as Professor of English at Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga, his parent organization on 30.05.2025. He belongs to Gajapati district of South Odisha. He has more than 38(thirty eight) years of teaching, research and administrative experience (of which 22 years as Professor). Earlier Prof. Raju worked as professor of English at Rajiv Gandhi Central University and as Academic Advisor of Adikavi Nannaya University at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh. He was also a visiting faculty at Sri Satya Sai University. He has published research articles, Books, supervised research scholars and attended National and international level Conferences and Seminars which include recent ones organized by South Asian Literary Association at Seattle, USA and Modern Language Association(MLA) at Glasgow, Cambridge, UK. He also attended Academic Leadership Suite conducted in collaboration with UNITAR, Geneva. His administrative experience includes stints as Head, Department of English for eleven years, Dean of Languages for about three terms, Registrar for two years, and In-charge Vice-Chancellor several times for short periods. He is member of the statutory bodies of University like the Executive and the Academic Councils and Chairman of Board of Studies and external expert in the P.G. Boards of other universities, and well acquainted with University planning and new directions in Education and Knowledge Economy and changing social scenario, post NEP 2020 He designed various projects for the university and was actively involved in the University and Local communities' interface.

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