

ELTAI Research Special Interest Group (ELTAI Research SIG)

The English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI) is pleased to launch the Research Special Interest Group (Research SIG) as a national platform to promote a strong and inclusive research culture as part of studies in English language and literature across India. The Research SIG seeks to create awareness about conducting quality research, facilitating high-quality publications, and promoting responsible research supervision, while encouraging socially conscious and ethically grounded scholarship. It supports research that is locally relevant, globally informed, and pedagogically meaningful.

The SIG works for the benefit of university and college professors, school teachers, teacher educators, research scholars, and students, ensuring due importance is accorded to all stakeholders within the research ecosystem. Special emphasis will be placed on empowering school teachers and early-career researchers to undertake meaningful research, develop context-sensitive teaching methods, and contribute actively to knowledge creation.

OBJECTIVES

- Promote high-quality, ethically grounded research and publications in English Language Teaching, English literature, and interdisciplinary English studies.
- Support effective PhD guidance, structured research supervision, and mentoring
- Encourage diverse research including classroom-based, literary, theoretical, interdisciplinary, and practice-oriented studies
- Develop indigenous and context-sensitive research approaches across kindergarten, primary, high school, and tertiary levels
- Enable and empower teachers to design and implement research-informed teaching methodologies
- Build an inclusive research culture benefiting school teachers, college and university faculty, teacher educators, research scholars, and students

ACTIVITIES

The Research SIG will work towards creating a quality research ecosystem among English teachers and scholars in India through:

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| ■ Webinars on research methodology and academic writing | ■ Guidance on quality publications and supervision practices |
| ■ Expert talks and panel discussions | ■ Sharing global best practices in research |
| ■ Research mentoring for teachers and scholars | ■ Platforms for collaboration among school and higher education teachers |

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Research SIG invites volunteers with research expertise in English language, English literature, and related areas. Experienced researchers, published authors, and PhD supervisors, and Indian teachers working across the globe are encouraged to contribute as mentors and resource persons to help build a vibrant national research community.

HOW TO JOIN

Research SIG membership is open to all ELTAI members and is free of cost. School teachers, college professors, teacher educators, research scholars, and students are welcome to join. Members can log in to the ELTAI Members' Portal at eltai.in and select 'Research SIG' to become part of this collaborative national research initiative.

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