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TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR
on

INDO-US Relations at the Crossroads

10.07.2026 & 11.07.2026

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THE SEMINAR

Annamalai University, one of the largest Universities in terms of disciplinary diversity and student enrolment, is also one of the oldest universities in South India. Sprawling over a vast and sylvan campus of 1000 acres, the University houses about 50 Departments of Study under Eight Faculties. Founded by the legendary philanthropist and farsighted visionary, Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar in 1929, Annamalai University has played a key role in social, cultural, and economic uplift of the people across the rungs of society for nearly a century. Annamalainagar, the University Town, is located just to the east of Chidambaram, the Abode of the Cosmic Dancer, Lord Nataraja.

To serve the downtrodden and to promote Tamil Language and Literature, Rajah Sir S. R.M. Annamalai Chettiar founded Sri Minakshi College, Sri Minakshi Tamil College and Sri Minakshi Sanskrit College at Chidambaram in the early 1920s. In 1928, Rajah Sir S. R.M. Annamalai Chettiar agreed with the local Government to handover the above said institutions for establishing a University. Thus, on 01.01.1929 Annamalai University came into existence as the first-ever to have been founded by a private philanthropist. Ever since its establishment, Annamalai University has played an incredible role in the lives of the people near and far. Until 2013, the University was governed by the Annamalai University Act, 1928. In 2013, the Annamalai University Act, 2013 (Tamil Nadu Act 20 of 2013), was passed and has come into force from September 25, 2013. The University, which remained "unitary" in status until 2021, was made an "affiliating" one with Mayiladuthurai, Cuddalore, Villuppuram, and Kallakurichi districts as its jurisdiction and 81 colleges are affiliated to the University now.

Annamalai University, a "university" in the true sense of the term, has been sustaining a unified ecosystem of education by offering diverse programmes under one roof. Being multi-faculty institution, Annamalai University has evolved as a time-tested system of administration to ensure the ceaseless transaction of teaching-learning, boundless expansion of research and innovation, and selfless extension of service to the society. Availability of diverse disciplines of study along with sports pavilion, gymnasiums, libraries, yoga/meditation halls, the University ensures a fertile ground and favourable climate for learners to become all rounded and competent individuals rather than mere "programmed specialists" Annamalai University has also been a forerunner in making education accessible to countless citizens through distance education mode. All the programmes offered in by the Directorate of Distance education (DDE) are approved and accredited by the Distance Education Board (DEB). The on-campus programmes are duly approved/accredited by the competent bodies such as NAAC, NBA, AICTE, NCTE, ICAR, etc. In 2022, the University is accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC in the fourth cycle of accreditation.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Political Science was established in 1981 following the bifurcation of the erstwhile Department of History and Politics, with the primary objective of strengthening the discipline in Tamil Nadu. At that time, Political Science was a marginalized field, offered at the undergraduate level in only four colleges, along with two university departments in Madras and Madurai. Under the visionary leadership of Professor S. Bhaskaran, a Fulbright Scholar, the Department aspired to evolve into a centre of excellence, emphasizing teaching, research, and nation-building. By the mid-1990s, its focus expanded to include thrust areas such as national integration and development, alongside a strong commitment to character and skill building among students. Over the years, the Department has actively promoted academic engagement through workshops, seminars, which facilitated interdisciplinary dialogue and research dissemination through regular academic events and publications by the faculty members in reputed research journals and articles in edited books.

Significantly, the Department—one of the first in the Indian political science landscape—introduced a pioneering five-year integrated programme in Political Science to enhance access to higher education for rural and marginalized students. The curriculum was designed in alignment with the syllabi prescribed for State and Union Civil Services examinations, as well as UGC/NET and TN-SET, enabling students and scholars to prepare effectively while engaging with interdisciplinary subjects and extension activities that foster social awareness and personality development. The establishment of the Centre for Integration Studies, the Centre for Gandhian Studies, and the Anna Memorial Chair during the 1990s and 2000s further strengthened research activities at the departmental level, leading to the organization of numerous seminars, conferences, workshops, sensitisation programmes, round table discussions, and publications. Substantial contributions by faculty members, and research scholars, and students have enhanced the quality of research and added significantly to the academic reputation of the University. At present, the Department primarily focuses on areas such as Indian Government and Politics, Tamil Nadu Politics, Local Governance, Human Rights, International Relations, and Inter - Disciplinary studies. The Department is supported by a dedicated team of faculty members with diverse specialisations, continuing its commitment to academic excellence, research, and societal engagement.

THE SEMINAR

The proposed two-day National Seminar on 'Indo-US Relations at the Crossroads' aims to provide an academic platform for a comprehensive and critical exploration of one of the most pivotal bilateral relationships in contemporary global politics and the emerging world order. The India-United States partnership has undergone a remarkable evolution, transitioning from tentative engagement in the pre-Cold War era to periods of estrangement during the Cold War, and subsequently to a phase of deepening cooperation in the post-Cold War period. In recent decades, the two nations have significantly expanded their collaboration across diverse domains, including defence, trade, technology, education, and climate change, underscoring a growing convergence of strategic interests between the world's largest democracy and its most powerful economy.

Yet, this partnership faces a range of emerging challenges. Recent global developments—such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, China's assertive posture in the Indo-Pacific, energy and oil diplomacy, and taxation and trade disputes—have introduced new complexities, raising critical questions about the sustainability and future trajectory of Indo-US relations. Against this backdrop, the national seminar seeks to invite faculty members, researchers, members of civil society organisations, and think tanks to evolve a structured academic discourse on the historical, political, economic, and strategic dimensions of the bilateral relationship. The deliberations are expected to yield informed academic insights, actionable policy recommendations, and foster collaborative research initiatives. Ultimately, the seminar aspires to enrich existing scholarship and contribute meaningfully to India's strategic and policy discourse within an increasingly interconnected and multipolar global order.

SUB THEMES

1. **Historical Evolution of Indo-US Relations: From the Pre-Cold War to the Post-Cold War Period.**
2. **Political, Economic, Cultural, Diplomatic, and Trade Relations .**
3. **Democracy, Human Rights, and Shared Values.**
4. **Indo-US Nuclear, Strategic, and Defence Cooperation.**
5. **Technology and Innovation Partnerships.**
6. **Indo-Pacific Strategy and Regional Security Dynamics.**
7. **Cooperation in Good Governance, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber security, Space, Semiconductors, and Digital Governance.**
8. **Cooperation in Combating Cyber Warfare, Terrorism, and Fundamentalism.**
9. **Energy Security and Climate Change Diplomacy.**
10. **The China Factor in Indo-US Relations.**
11. **The Role of Soft Power in Promoting Indo-US Relations.**
12. **Education and Knowledge Exchange.**
13. **US Taxation Policies and Their Impact on Indo-US Relations.**
14. **The Role of the Diaspora in Promoting Bilateral Relations.**
15. **Challenges and the Future Trajectory of Indo-US Relations.**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Academics, Research scholars, and students are invited to present papers on the above themes or any sub-themes related to Indo-US relations. Research papers should be submitted as a soft copy in an MS Word file, adhering to the following format: a maximum of 3,000 words, Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. The submission must include an Abstract of up to 250 words along with keywords. All references should follow the APA format. The research papers must be original, free from plagiarism (with a similarity index of less than 15%), and should not have been presented, submitted, or published elsewhere. Selected research papers will be published in edited Books.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation shall be arranged for invited speakers and invited Participants only



IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission

01 July 2026

Full Paper Submission

08 July 2026



REGISTRATION FEES

Faculty Members / Professionals ₹ 1000

Outstation Research Scholars / Students ₹ 750

Annamalai University Research Scholars / Students ₹ 500



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