



## Centre for Research & Development

### Research Supervisor (Guide) Profiles

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Dr. S. A. Sovya Shephyr is an accomplished academician and Assistant Professor in the Department of English, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru. Her research focuses on Ecocriticism and African Literature, with particular attention to environmental consciousness, postcolonial narratives, and indigenous voices, alongside sustained engagement with Dalit and African American literatures. Her doctoral research examines African literature through the works of Ibrahim al-Koni, highlighting the interconnectedness of humans and nature and contributing to discourses on ecological and cultural interrelations. She has published extensively in Scopus- and Web of Science-indexed journals and is regularly invited as a resource person at national conferences and Faculty Development Programs. She is committed to transformative pedagogy, mentoring students to engage in critical thinking, innovative research, and socially relevant scholarship.

#### **Selected Publications:**

1. Narayanan, S., & **Shephyr, S. A. S.** (2025). Why Offensive and Not Free Speech? The “Performativity” of Gender Identities in Digital Heterotopia. In *Interstices of Space and Memory* (pp. 189–192). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003606666-36>
2. Leelavathi, R., Jeeva, M., Philip, B., Alwyn, F., **Shephyr, S. A. S.**, & Kaushireddy, N. (2024). A Study on Key Factors Affecting the Women Entrepreneur’s Performance in the Present Scenario. In *Studies in Systems, Decision and Control* (pp. 1075–1085). Springer Nature Switzerland. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-67890-5\\_96](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-67890-5_96)
3. **Shephyr, S. A. S.**, Kaushi, R. N., Alwyn, & Magdalene, T. R. (2024). Picturizing the Judgmental World of Infertility: Embracing Empathy. In *Revitalizing Health Through Humanities: Foregrounding Unheard Trends* (pp. 124–129). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003567660-22>