

International Conference On Life Narratives Conclusion

Nov 06, 2019 - Nov 07, 2019



There is a need to re-conceive our literary genres and Life writing can enable the promotion of an ethical imagination, said Prof. EV Ramakrishan, in his valedictory address at the conclusion of Two-day International Conference on Multiple Selves in Multiple Texts: Life Narratives in South Asia held at Central University on Jammu on 7th November, 2019. Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu was the chief guest of the valedictory function. Prof. Chandra Mohan chaired the valedictory session.

In his address, the Chief Guest Prof. Aima, not only remarked on the excellence of the event but also admired its academic thrust areas which included Indian literature, ancient and modern and the prevalence of many significant articulations in its layout. Further, he stressed upon such academic events that enhance the academic environment of a campus.

The valedictory speaker, Prof. EV Ramakrishnan delivered a valedictory address on a challenging theme highlighting the importance of self in autobiographical narratives in the current scenario in literature. He mentioned the inclusion of autobiographies as a part of the curriculum. He stressed the changing shape of colonial modernity which is contributing to the homogenization of self. The chair, Prof. Chandra Mohan described the event a unique in its larger perspective touching upon the counterclaims of truth put forward in the autobiography, social perspectives as an investment in a collective act of resistance and literary theories taking shape in the epistemology of the critical discourse. He eulogized the role played by Dr. Vandana Sharma and her team for the hard work. He complimented Dr. Sharma for bringing out a Volume on **'Feminist Discourses in Indian Context'** and congratulated her and the contributors for its release at the conference.

A tribute to Late Prof. Avadesh K. Singh, an iconic literary figure, who had committed to participate but left the world all of a sudden was also made during the session. Earlier, welcoming the guest, Dr. Vandana Sharma, Conference Convener, and Head, Department of English presented a report of the papers presented and committed the valuable outcome of the conference through the publication of papers. Ms. Nancy Sharma conducted the proceedings and Dr. M A A Farooq proposed the vote of thanks.

International Conference on Life narratives in South Asia Inauguration

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Release of Conference Souvenir

L-R Dr.Vandana Sharma, Prof. R K Sinha, Prof. Manoj Dhar, Prof. Ganesh Devy, Prof. Govind Singh

Two-day International Conference on Multiple Selves in Multiple Texts: Life Narratives in South Asia was inaugurated on 6th November 2019 at the Central University of Jammu. Prof. Manoj Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jammu was chief Guest and Prof. R K Sinha, Vice-Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University was the Guest of Honor whereas Prof. Ganesh Devy delivered the keynote address.

In his augural address, Prof. Dhar appreciated the efforts of the department of English under the guidance of VC Prof. Aima and highlighted the significance of deliberations on Life Narratives which serve as inspiring documentation of lives worth reflecting for self-realization. The Guest of Honor, Prof. R K Sinha, appreciated the theme of the conference and said that knowledge is like a globe which multiplies knowledge and emphasized the interdisciplinary scope of multiplying knowledge through such academic ventures.

The keynote speaker, Prof. Ganesh Devy, a writer and cultural activist best known for the People's Linguistic Survey of India and pioneer of the Adivasi Academy dwelt at length over the problematics of self and emphasized that the self-articulation will survive. Further Prof. Devy predicted that expression is immortal and there are innumerable possibilities of articulating the self and the way texts are outlying in various dimensions, makes the theme of the conference very much relevant.

Prof. Govind Singh, Dean, School of Languages, while speaking on the occasion highlighted the life narratives which hitherto have been less talked about topic. Reminiscing his experiences as an academic and journalist, he threw light on some noteworthy memoirs and travel diaries. Earlier, welcoming the guest, Dr. Vandana Sharma, Conference Convener, and Head, Department of English gave an overview of the conceptualization of the conference which is to unfold the labyrinths of self and how it is constructed through life narratives. Further, Dr. Sharma said that the two day conference will have deliberations on varied aspects of life narratives in South Asia as 95 speakers are going to present their papers in the conference on Autobiography as a narrative of Personalized memory, socio biography, build roman, and how the self in navigated in biographies, memoirs and diaries. Moving in time and space across South Asia, the deliberations on life narratives will vary from indigenous autobiographies to transgender autobiographical narratives, Dalit life narratives or and many others. Moreover, a plenary panel session on Interplay of Self, Society, and History: Life Narratives in South Asia has been planned to provide a platform to eminent academics and thinkers from across South Asia, prominent among them are Prof. Chandra Mohan from Delhi, Prof. Roshan Sharma from the central University of Jammu, Sh. GRK Murty from Hyderabad, Prof. Monika Sethi, Prof. Shyam Narayan and Prof. Vishva Raksha from University Jammu. Moreover, a session on Dogri life narratives will also be there to impart glocal approach and a holistic understanding of the theme.

Ms. Nancy Sharma conducted the proceedings and Dr. Neena Gupta proposed the vote of thanks.



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Commemorating the Writer Series

Ismat Chughtai Birth Anniversary

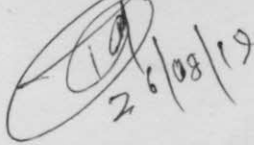
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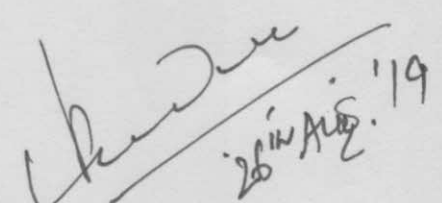
Under **Commemorating the Writer Series**, the Department of English, Central University of Jammu is celebrating the birth anniversary of Ismat Chughtai on 27th August, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. in the University Auditorium.

The Commemoration will be a two hours session on Projection of Documentary, Book Review and Panel Discussion on "Ismat Chughtai: In Text and Context". Under the wider rubric of her work and context, discussions and deliberations are welcome on Literature, Aesthetics, Censorship and Politics of the era.

All are cordially invited.

Dr. Raj Thakur
Convener, Event


26/08/19


(Dr. Vandana Sharma)
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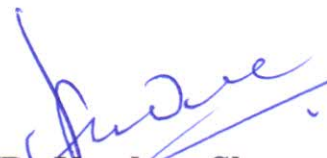
COMMEMORATING THE WRITER SERIES

MUNSHI PREMCHAND BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Under **Commemorating the Writer Series**, the department is celebrating the birth anniversary of Munshi Premchand on 23th July, 2019 at 2.30 P.M. in the Committee Room of the university.

The Commemoration Ceremony will be a two hours session on Projection of documentary, Book Review and Panel Discussion on "Relevance of Munshi Premchand's Literary Works in 21st Century" to discuss and deliberate on the legacy of Munshi Premchand, President of the Progressive Writers' Movement of 1930s.

All are cordially invited.


(Dr. Vandana Sharma)
Head
Department of English
16th July '19

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Department of English celebrated Premchand Jayanti

Under “Commemorating the Writer Series”, the Department of English, Central University of Jammu celebrated Munshi Premchand Jayanti in the University Campus on 23rd July, 2019. The objective of the series is to impart a holistic understanding of legendary writers to students and scholars of the university so as to initiate an exploration of the contemporary relevance of their world-view. Under the series, Premchand Jayanti was celebrated wherein students, scholars and faculty of the department got engaged in discussing varied facets of the Premchand’s oeuvre by situating it in socio-politico and cultural context. In the opening remarks, Dr. M A A Farooq, the coordinator of the event focused primarily on Premchand’s idea of language and literature. Dr. Vandana Sharma, Head, Department of English in her address highlighted the significance of the Series, which is primarily to empower students to emerge as good scholars. She further said that since the birthdays of two towering writers fall in July, which are Wole Soyinka and Premchand, the department decided to celebrate the later in view of Premchand’s contribution to Indian literature. She further gave a comparative perspective of Premchand and Wole Soyinka.

The event began with a documentary on the life of Munshi Premchand presented by Mr. Bhuvnesh Pargal, student of M.A. English followed by an exhaustive presentation by Miss Jhilmil Mengi on Munshi Premchand as a translator. Students and Scholars of Department of English, Department of Social Work and Department of MCNM participated in panel discussion on “ Relevance of Premchand in the 21st century”. Ms. Priyanka Dogra and Miss Sunali Charak, students of M.A. Semester III, Department of English made poster presentation.. Miss Surbhi Badyal presented a book review on Premchand’s famous work *Gaban*. Dr. Neena Gupta Vij proposed the vote of thanks and gave an overview of Premchand’s portrayal of women.





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Commemorating the Writer Series

R.K. Narayan Birth Anniversary

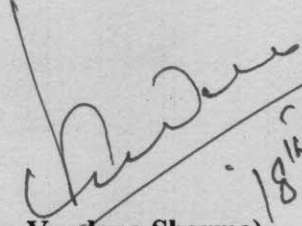
(10 October 1906—13 May 2001)

Under **Commemorating the Writer Series**, the Department of English is celebrating the birth anniversary of the renowned author R. K. Narayan on 22nd October, 2019 at 2: 30 PM in the Class Room No. 26.

The Commemoration will be a two hours session which includes presentations and panel discussion on "Relevance of R.K. Narayan in the Present Times".

All are cordially invited.

Dr. Parveen Kumari
Convenor, Event


(Dr. Vandana Sharma)
Head
Department of English
18th Oct. '19

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Department of English celebrated Ismat Chughtai Birth Anniversary

Under “Commemorating the Writer Series”, the Department of English, Central University of Jammu celebrated Ismat Chughtai Birth Anniversary in the University Campus, Rajinder Singh Auditorium on 27th August, 2019. During the event the various facets of the Ismat Chughtai’s works was discussed in socio-political and cultural context. In the opening remarks, Dr. Raj Thakur, the coordinator of the event highlighted the relevance of Chughtai’s works in the contemporary times. Dr. Vandana Sharma, Head, Department of English formally inaugurated the event by throwing light on the significance of the Series in general and Chughtai’s relevance in particular. She spoke about the increasing need for organising such events which will in long run augur the critical spirit and research potential of the department.

The event began with a documentary on the life of Ismat Chughtai presented by Surbhi, student of M.A. English followed by panel discussion on “Ismat Chughtai in Text and Context”. Dr. Vandana Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Central University of Jammu, Mr. Rashid Ali, Assistant Professor, MCNM, Central University of Jammu, students and scholars of Department of English, Department of MCNM, Department of Hindi and Department of PPA participated in panel discussion. Ms. Priyanka Dogra, Mr. Usmaan Mehmood, Ms. Shaista Sadeeq, Ms. Milli Jamwal, Mr. Jabar Ahmed, Mr. Nasim Ali, the students of M.A., Department of English enacted a skit on *Lihaff*. Dr. Parveen Kumari proposed the vote of thanks and congratulated the students for exhibiting their creative talent.



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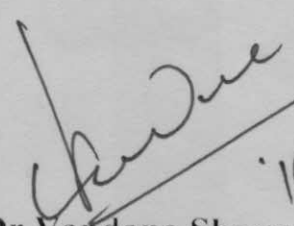
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SHARAT CHANDRA CHATTERJEE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Under **Commemorating the Writer Series**, the department is celebrating the birth anniversary of Sharat Chandra Chatterjee on 18th September, 2019 at 2.30 P.M. in the Committee Room of the university.

The focus will be on "**Sharat Chandra Chatterjee's Role in the Emancipation of Women in India**".

All are cordially invited.


(Dr. Vandana Sharma)
Head
Department of English

16th Sept. 19

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