

Department of English
Central University of Jammu
organizes an
Literary Interactions with Prof. Badri Raina
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Department of English, Central University of Jammu, organized an Extension Lecture by Prof. Badri Raina at Temporary Academic Block, Sainik Colony, Jammu. The lecture was chaired by Prof. Nandini Bhattacharya, Head, Department of English.

Prof. Badri Raina is a noted academician and former Professor of English, University of Delhi. He is a Fulbright Scholar and Ph.D. from Madison, Wisconsin. He has several collections of poems, essays and translations to his credit besides his doctoral thesis on "Dickens and the Dialectic of Growth," which was subsequently published by Wisconsin University. Speaking on the topic "Politics of Language and Genre: Revisiting Mikhail Bakhtin," he gave a fresh insight into the understanding of Bakhtin. Prof. Raina situated Bakhtin in the history of Democracy.

Prof. K.B. Razdan, former Professor of English, University of Jammu was a special invitee on the occasion. Speaking on the topic, "Diaspora and Diasporic Tribulations: an Existential Odyssey in the Sisyphean Mode," Prof. Razdan, put Kashmiri diaspora within the perspective of the universal dilemma of exile.

The lectures were followed by a discussion on Kashmiri diaspora vis a vis Siddhartha Gigoo's book *A Long Dream of Home: The persecution, exile and exodus of Kashmiri Pandits*. Prof. Badri Raina is also one of the contributors to this book. He shared his memories of Kashmir before 1961, the year he left Kashmir.

The lectures were attended by the faculty members, scholars and students of the Department. Research scholars from Aligarh Muslim University also attended the lectures and actively participated in the discussions that followed.