

Department of English
Central University of Jammu

Literary Interactions with Prof. Neerja Mattoo

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Venue: Committee Room, TAB CUJ.

Prof. Neerja Mattoo visited the Department of English, Central University of Jammu. She spent an afternoon in a literary interaction with scholars, students and faculty members of the university. She spoke extensively on the significance of literature in enhancing life skills. She emphasised that the study of literature makes one more receptive, sensitive and tolerant towards life experiences. She recounted her experiences as a female student, as a woman lecturer and as a principal.

She has been a pioneer of education for women. In one of her articles she says: “The achievements of women during these decades [1950s-1970s] were so significant that that they altered the gender landscape of schools, colleges, offices, courts, police stations, hospitals, hotels and business establishments” (“A Kashmiri Education”).

She also talked about her books: *Contemporary Kashmiri Short Stories*, *Stranger Beside Me: Short Stories From Kashmir*, *Kath* and *Kashmiri Cooking*.

The occasion was graced by the presence of our esteemed Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ashok Aima; Prof. Nandini Bhattacharya, Head Department of English; Prof. Rita Jitendra; Prof. Deepsheekha Kotwal, Head, Mass Communication and New Media; Prof. Lokesh Varma, Head, Department of Education were also part of the event.

