



इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय, अमरकंटक, मध्य प्रदेश
INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY, AMARKANTAK, MADHYA PRADESH



International Webinar
on
**Literature and Life in
the Era of COVID-19**

**27th & 28th
June
2020**



Prof Shri Prakash Mani Tripathi
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, IGNTU
(Chairman)



Prof Krishna Singh
Head, Dept of English and Foreign
Languages, IGNTU (Convener)

GUESTS



Prof Raj Kumar
Vice-Chancellor
Panjab University, Chandigarh
(Chief Guest)



Prof Stephen Gill
Noted Poet, Novelist,
Essayist and Critic
(Guest of Honour)



Prof Madhumita Das
Vice-Chancellor
Fakir Mohan University,
Balasore (Special Guest)



Prof David Ayers
Writer and Critic
University of Kent, UK
(Key-Note Speaker)



Prof. Monika Spolia
Social Scientist & Editor
in Montreal
(Special Guest)

Organized by

The Department of English and Foreign Languages, IGNTU

Prof Abhilasha
(Co-Convener)

Dr. Deepa M Boruah & Dr. Guru J Jegan
(Organizing Secretaries)

Dr. (Mohd) Tausifur Rahman
(Financial & Tech. in-charge)

IGNTU at a Glance

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak which was established by an Act of the Parliament of India in 2007 started functioning from July, 2008. It's known for two characteristic features-i.e. "National" and "Tribal", which exhibit the pan-Indian jurisdiction of the University and focus on tribal centric issues catering tribals' long cherished dream of higher education at their threshold. The University started with a meagre number of 154 students in 2008 which has now multiplied to more than 3500 across 30 Departments which offer UG, PG, PhD and PG Diploma Programme. Rooted in country-side, serene, tranquil and idyllic surrounding of the University enthuses vigour and vitality giving impetus to academic pursuits. Amarkantak is well-known for its mythic and religious milieu, an important pilgrimage where sacred Narmada, Sone and Johila rivers originate and satisfy the spiritual appetite of the millions of devotees.

Department of English and Foreign Languages: A Synoptic Sketch

The Department of English and Foreign Languages which was established in 2008 offers BA, MA, PhD and PG Diploma in English Proficiency and Soft Skills. There are six faculty members from Universities of high repute with specialization in multiple branches of British, American, African, Indian and literatures of Third World countries, Linguistics and English Language Teaching (ELT). The Department, since its inception has organized 01 National Seminar, 01 International Seminar, 01 National Webinar and as a sequel the current International Webinar hosting scholars of national as well as international recognition. The Department is credited to have one *International Journal of Tribal Literature and Cultural Studies* (ISSN: 2395-5848) edited by Prof Krishna Singh.

Concept Note:

Onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected the entire human life disrupting the normal goings on. Complete lockdown opened new vistas and horizons of imagination which is a positive sign that introduced new genres of literary writings and evolution of new formats and stylistic features. Alternative modes of articulation and literary expression ushered a new era of e-Text and Hyper Text and multiple formats. The spirit of the age, especially COVID-19 effect, is manifest in the contemporary writings—i.e. short poems, narratives, short stories, condensed fictional writings, literary reactions, conversations, interviews of the literary giants, video clips sharing on social sites and the media. Socio-cultural behavior, dislocation and trauma of migration and homelessness, birth of nationalistic feeling, religious awakening, alternative modes of teaching, emerging new life style, dietary habits and health awareness and India's initiative to tackle COVID-19 and its global acknowledgement are core concerns which present Webinar aims to highlight through logical discourse, Plenary Lectures, Research papers and the talks by the eminent scholars. Creative Writing Session intends to provide space to new writings exhibiting the effect of COVID-19.

Sub-themes:

1. Literary Creations under COVID-19
2. Literature in the Face of COVID-19—Thematic Contents and Stylistic Features
3. Poetry in the Times of COVID-19
4. Literature *vis-a-vis* Life
5. Changing Linguistic Patterns in the Works of Art
6. Emerging New Genres (i.e. Short Literary Reactions, Videos, Conversations, Interviews, Critiques on YouTube, Websites, Twitter etc.)
7. Alternative Modes of Literature and Language Teaching during COVID-19
8. Contemporary Hindi and Regional Literatures under COVID-19
9. Changing Socio-Cultural Behaviour under COVID-19
10. Dislocation and Trauma of Migration and Homelessness
11. Nationalism and Awakening of Religious Spirit (Role of TV Programmes & Social Media)
12. Emerging New Life Style, Dietary Habits and Health Awareness
13. Indian Approach towards COVID-19 & Its Global Acknowledgement

*The list is not exhaustive; other issues related to the thrust area may be selected for presentation.

NB:

- Registration Fee: Rs. 500=00 for Indian Delegates & 20 US Dollar for Foreign Delegates
- Link for Registration: <https://forms.gle/4EghGgortsj5cvTF6>
- Email ID for sending Abstract and Creative Writing: eflwebinar.igntu@gmail.com
- Select papers will be included in an Edited Volume entitled *Literature in the Face of COVID-19-Thematic Contents and Stylistic Features* bearing ISBN which shall be published by an International Publisher and paper contributors will get a complimentary copy of the Volume.
- Papers under sub-theme: Contemporary Hindi and Regional Literatures under COVID-19 can be submitted for presentation in English or Hindi scheduled on 28th June, 2020-Technical Session-6: Time-11.30am- 1.15pm (IST)
- Deadline for the Registration and submission of Abstract/Paper and Creative Writing is 25th June, 2020.
- Registered Participants will get e-Certificate of Participation/Paper Presentation
- Plenary Speakers and Technical Session Chair/Co-Chair will also be issued e-Certificate.
- Seating Charges will be paid to the Invited Speakers/Plenary Speakers as per IGNTU norms.

Programme Schedule

***Day 1(27th June,2020): Inaugural of the Webinar: 11.00am—1.00pm (IST)**

1. Prof Shri Prakash Mani Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, IGNTU: Chairman
2. Prof Raj Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh: Chief Guest
3. Prof David Ayers, Writer and Critic, University of Kent, UK: Key-Note Speaker
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6. Prof Madhumita Das, Vice-Chancellor, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore: Special Guest
7. Prof Khemsingh Daheriya, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Philology
8. Prof Krishna Singh, Head, Dept of EFL- Convener
9. Prof Abhilasha, Dept of EFL- Co-Convener

Comperre: Dr. Deepa M Boruah

****Day 1 (27th June, 2020): 2.00pm—3.00pm (IST)**

Plenary Session:

Speakers:

1. **Prof Anita Singh, BHU**
Literature in the Face of COVID-19—Thematic Contents and Stylistic Features
2. **Prof Bhagwat Nayak, RGCU**
Poetry in the Times of COVID-19
3. **Prof Parsanna Shree, Andhara University, Vishakhapattanam**
Changing Linguistic Patterns in the Works of Art
4. **Prof Ajay Kumar Shukla, DDU University, Gorakhpur**
Emerging New Genres (i.e. Short Literary Reactions, Videos, Conversations, Interviews, Critiques on YouTube, Websites, Twitter etc.)

Comperre: Dr. (Mohd) Tausifur Rahman

Parallel Technical Session-1, 2 & 3: (27th June, 2020): 3.15pm—5.15pm (IST)

Technical Session-1: Paper Presentation

Chair: Prof AS Adhikari, Kumaon University

Co-Chair: Dr. Vipin Kumar Singh, Associate Prof. Central University of South Bihar University, Gaya

Comperre: Dr. Suruchy Dubey

Technical Session-2: Paper Presentation

Chair: Prof Rajesh Sharma, University of Lucknow

Co-Chair: Prof Madhu Kamra, Pt. Ravi Shankar University, Raipur

Comperre: Dr. Guru J Jegan

Technical Session-3: Paper Presentation

Chair: Prof Surendra Kumar Chauhan, Dayal Bagh Educational Institute, Agra

Co-Chair: Dr. Anurag Chauhan, GG Central University

Comperre: Dr. Manisha Tiwari

Creative Writing Session: (27th June, 2020): 5.30pm—6.30pm (IST)

Comperre: Ms. Sikha Pandey & Ms. Tripti Markam

Day 2 (28th June, 2020): 10.00am—11.15am (IST)

Plenary Session:

Speakers:

- 1. Prof Satyarth Prakash Tripathi, Amity University**
Alternative Modes of Literature and Language Teaching during COVID-19
- 2. Prof Sharavan Kumar, Gurukul University, Haridwar**
Literature vis-a-vis Life
- 3. Prof Suchita Pathania, Jammu University**
Dislocation and Trauma of Migration and Homelessness
- 4. Prof Rashmi Atri, AMU**
Literary Creations under COVID-19
- 5. Prof Tirtheshwar Singh**
Contemporary Hindi and Regional Literatures under COVID-19
Comper: Dr. Guru J Jegan

Parallel Technical Session-4, 5 & 6: (28th June, 2020): 11.30pm—1.15pm (IST)

Technical Session-4: Paper Presentation

Chair: Prof Samina Khan, AMU
Co-Chair: Dr. Manisha Tiwari, Pt SNS University, Shahdol
Comper: Ms. Tulsi Rani Patel

Technical Session-5: Paper Presentation

Chair: Prof RK Sinha, Bhagalpur University
Co-Chair: Dr. Archana Kumari (Associate Prof.), Central University of South Bihar, Gaya
Comper: Ms. Sonu Singh

Technical Session-6: Paper Presentation

Chair: Prof Renu Singh, IGNTU
Co-Chair: Prof Arti Jha, Pt SNS University, Shahdol
Comper: Dr. Jitendra Singh

Day 2 (28th June, 2020)

Valedictory Function: 3.00pm—5.00pm (IST)

Prof BG Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Pt SLS(O)University, Bilaspur: Chairman
Prof NDR Chandra, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bastar University: Chief Guest
Prof Amiya Bhushan Sharma, IGNOU, New Delhi: Guest of Honour
Prof SK Singh, Nilamabar Pitambar University Jharkhand: Special Guest
Prof Krishna Singh, Convener : Presentation of Webinar Report & Vote of Thanks
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