

Sri G.V.G. Visalakshi College for Women, Udumalpet

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) sponsored - A Three Day National Seminar – 15th, 16th & 17th March 2023

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<p>About the College</p> <p>Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women, Autonomous the most prestigious educational institution, steadfast for women education, enjoys the status of being the first ever women's college in the then Coimbatore District. Thiru.G.V.Govindaswamy Naidu, the munificent and philanthropic founder envisioned the importance of women's education and established the illustrious institution in 1952. From then the institution has rendered seven decades of impeccable service for the progress of women and society. It has had remarkable multi-directional growth in diversified areas that provide opportunities for women students to effectively explore and expand their academic interests and extension activities. The institution facilitates an excellent academic ambience and focuses on field work exposures, frequent syllabus revision and updating, and participatory teaching and learning using ICT. Thus meeting the demands of the community in a comparatively educationally backward student community of Udumalpet, the college has attained "A+" grade from NAAC in the fourth cycle in the year 2019. Further, the institution is NIRF ranked and funded under DBT Star College Scheme.</p> <p>About the Department</p> <p>The Department of English was founded in 1952, undergraduate courses were introduced in 1972, and it was promoted to a research department in 2004. The department has planned to incorporate top-notch instruction that encourages proficiency in English communication through the world of literature. The educational curriculum has been methodically planned by the department so that students can learn about the various social, cultural, spatial, and temporal dynamics of the world via literature. Numerous classroom extension activities are held to improve the students' communication skills in addition to enhancing their intellectual and creative abilities. Through the study of English literature and language, the department hopes to empower young women with academic prowess, research ability, and life skills as part of its quest for greatness.</p> <p>About the Seminar</p> <p>India being a heterogeneous society struggles a lot in maintaining national integration. Integration in family promotes harmony and democracy at all levels of society. Integration among countries brings in emancipation and</p>	<p>progression at global level. The seminar intends to highlight the extent of integration of the diasporas in host countries and the impact of such integration. It reflects the diaspora - the people migrated to other countries and their efforts toward adaptation and adoption. The Diasporic reflections present the issues regarding socio-economic conditioning, political and emotional crisis and loss of identity in alien lands. The literature of the Diaspora reflects the integration of the hitherto disintegrated culture, tradition, social values and even history through the depiction of life in native land and host country.</p> <p>The proposed seminar serves as an opportunity to reflect on the concerns of Diaspora and offers a platform to writers, policy makers, researchers, and academicians to deliberate upon the problems and perspectives of Diaspora Literature, and examines the contribution of the Diasporic writers who promote the rich cultural heritage of India. It tends to bridge the gap between countries of origin and residence by contributing to political, economic and socio-cultural development. It brings out the sense of integration among the Diasporas and draws our attention to an important aspect of our era in which responsibilities of citizens go across national boundaries.</p> <p>The seminar emphasizes the importance of fostering integration in the minds of every individual because integration not only generates psychological and physiological ease, but also uplifts the entire country. It explores how the Diaspora tends to benefit the home as well as the host countries by enriching the intellectual, social, economic and cultural domains.</p> <p>Sub-Themes</p> <p>Integration and Assimilation Migration and Expatriation Nostalgia and Quest for Identity Cultural Conflict Social, Economic & Political contribution of the Diasporas Diasporas Tolerance and Cohabitation Alienation and Displacement War, Ethnic Conflict & Natural calamity Exile, Memory and Return Understanding Migration and Diaspora Diasporic Adolescents - Changing Identities</p> <p>Note: The paper should be related to but not restricted to these themes.</p>	<p>Paper Submission</p> <p>The format of the paper should be in MS Word in Times New Roman, 12 point font and double spaced. The percentage of plagiarism should be less than 20%. The hard copy of the paper has to be sent by post. Email ID: vgenglishicssr2023@gmail.com</p> <p>Important Dates</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Abstract Submission</td> <td>06.02.2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Notification of Acceptance</td> <td>10.02.2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Date for full paper submission</td> <td>15.02.2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Last Date for Registration</td> <td>20.02.2023</td> </tr> </table> <p>Registration Fee</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Participation</th> <th>Presentation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Faculty/Academicians</td> <td>Rs.1000</td> <td>Rs.1500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Research Scholars</td> <td>Rs.750</td> <td>Rs.1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Students</td> <td>Rs.350</td> <td>Rs.500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Publication Details</p> <p>The submitted papers will be published in seminar proceedings with ISBN after a double-blinded review. 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15, 16 & 17 March 2023

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Research Department of English
Programme

Day 1 - 15/03/2023

09.00 AM Registration

09.30AM Lighting the Lamp

09.35AM Thozhizhathai Vazhithu

09.40 AM Welcome Address

Dr.D.Sujatha
Head & Associate Professor, Department of English
Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women
Udumalpet

09.45 AM Presidential Address

Dr.N.Rajewari, Principal
Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women
Udumalpet

09.50 AM Special Address

Dr.J.Manjula, Director
Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women
Udumalpet

10.00 AM Inaugural & Keynote Address

Blurring the Boundaries: Indian & Sri Lankan Diasporas
Dr.G.Bankaran
Professor of English,
School of English & Foreign Languages,
Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram - 624302

11.10AM Vote of Thanks

Dr.K.Sathyapriya
Assistant Professor
Department of English
Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women
Udumalpet

11.15AM Tea Break

11.30AM Technical Session I

Self, Aesthetics & Identity: The Indian Diasporic Experience in English Poetry
Dr. Maya Shankar Pandey
Professor of English,
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221005

01.30 PM Lunch Break

02.15PM Technical Session II

Diaspora@75: Narratives of Multicultural India
Dr. B. Padmanabhan
Assistant Professor,
Department of English & Foreign Languages,
Bharathiar University, Coimbatore – 641046

03.45 PM Tea Break

04.00 PM Paper Presentation

Day 2 – 16/03/2023

09.30 AM Technical Session III

Diaspora: The Need to be at Home
Dr. B. Hariharan
Professor, Institute of English, University of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala – 695034

11.15AM Tea Break

11.30AM Technical Session IV

Identity Retention, Integration & Assimilation in Diaspora: An Indian Perspective
Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta
Assistant Professor, Centre for Diaspora Studies,
Central University of Gujarat, Gujarat – 382030

01.30 PM Lunch Break

02.15PM Technical Session V

Varudev Kutumbakam: National & Cosmopolitanism in Diasporic Literature
Dr. Shibūy Nuaman VZ
Assistant Professor, Department of English,
Presidency University, Bengaluru – 560064

03.45 PM Tea Break

04.00 PM Paper Presentation

Day 3 – 17/03/2023

09.30 AM Technical Session V

First-Gen Diaspora: Towards Nationalism
Dr.T.Maru
Professor, Department of English,
Pondicherry University,
Puducherry – 605019

11.15AM Tea Break

11.30AM Technical Session VII

Residential Segregation: Patterns & Determinants
Dr.B.Kathiresan
Professor, Department of English,
Thiruvalluvar University, Serkadu,
Vellore- 632 115

01.30 PM Lunch Break

02.15PM Technical Session VIII

Indian Diaspora: The Bridge-builder: of the World
Dr.V.P.Rathi
Assistant Professor, Department of English,
Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College,
Pasumalai, Madurai – 625004

03.45 PM Tea Break

Valedictory Session

04.00 PM Thamizhthai Vazhthu

04.05PM Welcome Address

Dr.D.Sujatha
Head & Associate Professor
Department of English
Sri GVG Visalakshi College for Women
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04.10PM Valedictory Address

04.40 PM Certificate Distributions

04.55PM Vote of Thanks

Dr.K.Sathyapriya
Assistant Professor
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National Anthem

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**Report on Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) sponsored
A Three Day National Seminar – 15th, 16th & 17th March 2023**

Research Department of English, Sri G.V.G. Visalakshi College for Women, organized the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) sponsored A Three Day National Seminar titled *Indian Diaspora: National Integration Across The Borders* on 15th, 16th & 17th March 2023. The inaugural session of the seminar was conducted on 15th of March 2023.

The seminar commenced with the lighting of ceremonial *Kuthuvizhakku* followed by *Tamizh Thaaai Vazhthu*. Secretary Smt. Sumathi Krishnaprasad presided over the inaugural function. Dr. D. Sujatha, Head & Associate Professor, Department of English, welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Rajeswari, Principal, in her Presidential Address advised the scholars and students to develop their research acumen to compete in the global intellectual arena. Dr. J. Manjula, Director, delivered the Special Address.

Inaugural Address

The Chief Guest Dr. G. Baskaran, Professor of English, School of English & Foreign Languages, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, delivered the Key-note address titled *Blurring the Boundaries: Indian and Sri Lankan Diasporas*. He accentuated “literature comes from struggles, both within and without.” He gave an overview about Indian and Sri Lankan Diasporic writers, the rootedness of their characters and raised concerns about the importance of insisting Diasporic writing in down south. He discussed on the emerging genre auto fiction and added about post-migration and post-colonial literature. He also deliberated how diaspora is used by many as a blanket term and the need those generations of diaspora should be explored under new destinations. He ended his presentation by giving a few examples to further elaborate on his talk.

Dr. Maya Shankar Pandey, Professor of English, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta, Assistant Professor, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat and Dr. B. Padmanabhan, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, the resource persons of the technical sessions honoured the occasion with their presence.

Dr. K. Sathyapriya, Assistant Professor of English and convenor of the seminar, proposed the vote of thanks.



Chief Guest Dr. G. Baskaran, Resource Persons Dr. Maya Shankar Pandey, Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta, Dr. B. Padmanabhan, Head of the Department Dr. D. Sujatha, Dr. K. Sathyapriya, Assistant Professor of English and Convenor of the seminar at the inaugural ceremony.

Technical Session 1

Dr. Maya Shankar Pandey, Professor of English, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, honoured as the resource person of the session. He addressed on the topic *Self, Aesthetics & Identity: The Indian Diasporic Experience in English Poetry*. He discussed about Indian Diasporic Literature, gave an overview about a few works of Indian Diasporic Writers, Finding Indianness when the characters in the works are out of India, Detachment, A clear insight of the homeland from their perspective, Nostalgia to melancholic, Rootedness and Displacement to rootlessness.



Dr. Maya Shankar Pandey addressing on the topic *Self, Aesthetics & Identity: The Indian Diasporic Experience in English Poetry* on 15.03.2023 at the Technical Session 1.

Technical Session 2

Dr. B. Padmanabhan, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, gave an address on the topic titled *Diaspora@75: Narratives of Multicultural India*. He conversed about transnational communities created by emigration, identity crisis, different phases of Diasporic experience, HOME- different connotations, Home away from home, Post Independence Diaspora - 1960s, Brain Drain Phenomena, Diaspora from Second Generation Perspective, Shocking difference between imagined India and existential India, Old Diaspora- promised land - futility of immigration. He also emphasized on differences in the narratives of Rushdie, Naipaul and Rohinton, multicultural ideologies, processes of acculturation and transculturation and themes of nationalism. He quoted and discussed the works of Anita Desai, Jumpa Lahiri, Chitra Banerjee, Meera Alexander and Kiran Desai.



Dr. B. Padmanabhan addressing on the topic titled *Diaspora@75: Narratives of Multicultural India* on 15.03.2023 at the Technical Session 2.

Technical Session 3

Dr. B. Hariharan, Professor, Institute of English, University of Kerala, addressed on the title *Diaspora : The Need to be at Home*. He elaborated on ideas of homeland or a place from where the displacement happens, and deals with the narration of harsh journeys taken on by the characters due to their expulsion. The themes of Displacement, Existential rootlessness, Nostalgia and Quest for identity were discussed. Diaspora is discussed as a journey towards Self-realization, Self-recognition, Self-knowledge and Self-definition.



Dr. B. Hariharan facilitating on the topic *Diaspora: The Need to be at Home* on 16.03.2023 at the Technical Session 3.

Technical Session 4

Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta, Assistant Professor, Centre for Diaspora Studies, Central University of Gujarat honoured as the resource person of the session. He addressed on the title *Identity Retention, Integration & Assimilation in Diaspora: An Indian Perspective*. He further dealt about Diaspora, Related terminologies, Features of Diaspora and Global Indian Diasporic Evolution, Identity Retention, Integration & Assimilation, Indian Diaspora in the context of National Awakening and Independence Movement, Indian Engagement with Diaspora.



Dr. B. Hariharan facilitating on the topic *Diaspora: The Need to be at Home* on 16.03.2023 at the Technical Session 3.

Technical Session 5

Dr. Shibily Numan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Presidency University, Bangalore, discussed on the topic titled *Vasudev Kutumbakam: National & Cosmopolitanism in Diasporic Literature*. He highlighted about Indian National Identity Elements, Sense of Belonging, a set of shared assumptions about the usefulness of studying the impact of migration, poetics of displacement and location, geographical complexities, the questions of border crossings, Geographical displacement in the rhetoric of physical and psychological fragmentation. Hybrid Subjectivities, The becoming of subjectivities, Creative resistance of cultural amnesia, Reassessment of dominant cultural mode are the key areas of the session.



Dr. Shibily Numan facilitating on the topic *Vasudev Kutumbakam: National & Cosmopolitanism in Diasporic Literature* on 16.03.2023 at the Technical Session 4.

Technical Session 6

Dr. B. Kathiresan, Professor, Department of English, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore, discussed on *Residential Segregation: Patterns & Determinants*. He focussed about residential segregation, spatial mismatch under residential segregation, religious segregation and communal segregation and their impact on society. Partition Poverty, Peasantry, Subjugated Women, Rural-Urban Divide, East-West encounter, Feudal Practices, Casteism, and Communalism in the works of Bharati Mukherjee, Anita Desai, Jhumpa Lahiri, Anita Rao Badami, Chitra Banerjee, Manjula Padmanabhan, V.S.Naipaul, Salman Rushdie, Amitav Ghosh, Indra Sinha, Kiran Desai, Easterine Kire, Meena Alexander, Deepak Unnikrishnan, V.S. Naipaul and Salman Rushdie were also brought to the foreground.



Dr. B. Kathiresan addressing on the topic *Residential Segregation: Patterns & Determinants* on 17.03.2023 at the Technical Session 6.

Technical Session 7

Dr. V. P. Rathi, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai, briefed on *Indian Diaspora: The Bridge-builders of the World*. Literature from Indian functioning as a substitute for the homeland on a global platform, the crisis it traverses through historical periods and geographies, the psychological connections it encompasses to the *home away from home*, variety of perspectives namely dislocation, marginalization, acculturation, Diasporic mobility towards modernity were also discussed in detail.



Dr. V. P. Rathi addressing on the topic entitled *Indian Diaspora: The Bridge-builders of the World* on 17.03.2023 at the Technical Session 7.

Valedictory Session

Valedictory Session of the seminar commenced with *Thamizhthai Vazhthu*. Secretary Smt. Sumathi Krishnaprasad presided over the session and Director Dr. J. Manjula and Principal Dr. N. Rajeswari, felicitated the gathering.

Dr. D. Sujatha, Head & Associate Professor, Department of English welcomed the gathering.

The Chief Guest Dr. P. Vasuki, Vice Principal, Head & Associate Professor, Convenor of PG and Research Department of English, Govt. Thirumagal Mills College, Gudiyatham, delivered the valedictory address. She deliberated on prominent diasporic writers who has immersed themselves in and studied both worlds of the hyphenated identities.

She deliberated on how diasporic communities have shaped societies all over the world and how hard it is to see how any society can change or evolve without the help of diasporic cultures. She added that the beneficiaries of the seminar would sure have had a stimulating and invigorating experience; the lessons learnt will stand a good stead in their research acumen that will in turn immensely benefit the future research community.



Faculty members, Research Scholars and Students from more than twenty five colleges turned up. Certificates for the category ‘Best Faculty Paper Award’, ‘Best Scholar Paper Award’ and ‘Best Student Paper Award’ were issued. More than 215 members were benefitted out of this

seminar. Dr. K. Sathyapriya, Assistant Professor of English and convenor of the seminar, proposed the vote of thanks. The session came to a closure with National Anthem.