

Seminar Report

Title: An Overview of 21st Century Literature

The Department of Hindi at Loyola College, Chennai, organized a one-day national seminar on the 14th of August 2024, held in the LS Hall. The event was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including the Chief Guest, Dr. P. Nazeem Begum, Former Associate Professor and Former Deputy Registrar at DBHPS, Chennai, and the Special Guest, Dr. G. Logeswar, Retired Professor, Department of Hindi, Loyola College, Chennai. The seminar was further honored by the presence of Rev. Dr. B. Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary and Correspondent, Loyola College, Chennai, and Rev. Dr. A. Louis Arockiaraj SJ, Principal and Chairman, Loyola College, Chennai.

The program commenced at 10:00 AM with a prayer song performed by the department choir. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Mahalakshmi K, Coordinator, Department of Hindi, Loyola College, followed by an introductory address by Dr. Beena Kumari Nair V.G, Head of the Department of Hindi. Dr. Nair provided a brief overview of the event, highlighting its importance. A key highlight of the day was the release of two significant publications:

1. "Ekkis Vin Sadi Ke Hindi Sahitya Ka Vihangavalokan"

Editors: Dr. Beena Kumari Nair V.G and Dr. Mahalakshmi K

2. "Ravindranath Tagorin Kathaisurangal"

Author: Dr. Mahalakshmi K

These publications added to the academic significance of the event, making the day particularly memorable.

The distinguished guests shared their insightful perspectives on contemporary Hindi literature, setting a scholarly tone for the day. The opening session concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Rekha G., Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Loyola College, Chennai.

Session Details

First Session (Online)

Time: 11:20 AM

Chair: Dr. Raj Shekhar, ICCR Chair, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius

Format: Online (Zoom)

Highlights: This session featured intellectuals from across the nation, who presented their insights on various topics related to contemporary Hindi literature.

Second Session (Offline)

Time: 12:40 PM

Chair: Dr. Ravita Bhatia, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Hindi, Patrician College of Arts and Science, Adyar, Chennai

Format: Offline

Highlights: This session continued the discussions on Hindi literature with presentations from scholars who were present in person.

Lunch Break: A brief lunch break was provided, allowing attendees to network and discuss the morning's presentations.

Third Session (Online)

Time: 2:20 PM

Chair: Dr. V..Jayalakshmi, Head of the Department and Associate Professor, Madras Christian College, Chennai.

Format: Online

Highlights: The third session, chaired by Dr.Jayalakshmi, focused on various thematic elements of contemporary Hindi literature, featuring online presentations.

Fourth Session (Offline)

Time: 3:20 PM

Chair: Dr. P. Nazeem Begum, Former Associate Professor and Former Deputy Registrar at DBHPS, Chennai.

Format: Offline

Highlights: This session brought together scholars in person to discuss further dimensions of Hindi literature.

Fifth Session (Online)

Time: 4:15 PM

Chair: Dr. Vatsala 'Kiran,' Retired Reader at Ethiraj College for Women and former President of the Tamilnadu Hindi Sahitya Academy

Format: Online

Highlights: The final session of the day included presentations from various intellectuals, providing a broad perspective on contemporary issues in Hindi literature.

Topics Covered

The seminar included a wide range of topics:

The global significance of Hindi

The role of plays and poetry in modern literature

Representations of women and communalism

The impact of globalization on Hindi literature

Diaspora literature and its implications

The intersection of cinema and literature

Rural literature and Adivasi community representation

Gender equality in literary discourse

Conclusion

The seminar concluded with a valedictory session honoring Dr. J.A. Charles, recognizing his contributions to Hindi literature. A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Rahul Khuntia, acknowledging the efforts of all speakers, participants, and organizers.

The event was marked by a strong emphasis on the diversity and evolving nature of 21st-century Hindi literature. It highlighted the dynamic impact of Hindi literature on society and culture, reflecting its significance in a global context.



Book Release: "Ekkis Vin Sadi Ke Hindi Sahitya Ka Vihangavalokan"

Editors: Dr. Beena Kumari Nair V.G and Dr. Mahalakshmi K



"Ravindranath Tagorin Kathaisurangal" Author: Dr. Mahalakshmi K



Chief Guest: Dr. P. Nazeem Begum, Former Associate Professor and Former Deputy Registrar at DBHPS, Chennai.

Report Prepared By:

Dr Mahalakshmi K

Coordinator

Department of Hindi