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Report

One Day Lecture Series on Indian Literary Theory by Dr. Suresh Kumar (HPU Shimla)

On 4th December 2023, the Department of English at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Memorial Government College, Hamirpur, organized a thought-provoking one-day lecture series on Indian Literary Theory. The lectures were delivered by Dr. Suresh Kumar, Assistant Professor at the Department of English, HP University, Shimla. The event aimed to delve into the rich heritage of Indian Literary Criticism and Theory, catering specifically to MA English students.

The lecture series commenced with Dr. Suresh Kumar's detailed discourse on the literary Criticism and **Theory of Rasa and Bhava** by '**Bharatmuni**', a pivotal figure in the realm of ancient Indian literary tradition. Dr. Kumar masterfully navigated through Bharatmuni's profound insights, shedding light on the essence of literary criticism during that era, comparing it with Aristotle's conception of drama given in his '**Poetics**'.

Following this enlightening session, Dr. Suresh Kumar delved into another significant figure in Indian literary criticism and theory, **Sri Aurobindo**. His lecture encompassed Sri Aurobindo's perspective on literary criticism as propounded in his essays '**The Essence of Poetry**' and '**The Source of Poetry**'. The students were stimulated by the comparisons drawn between Bharatmuni and Sri Aurobindo's viewpoints with the western thought, enriching their comprehension of diverse literary theories.

The day concluded with a captivating lecture on **'Sanskrit Non-translatables'** by Dr. Kumar. This session showcased the nuances and intricacies of Sanskrit literature, emphasizing words and concepts that possess no direct translation in other languages. The MA English students actively engaged with Dr. Kumar, exhibiting enthusiasm by actively participating in discussions and posing thought-provoking questions.

Dr. Suresh Kumar's erudite delivery and scholarly insights not only captivated the audience but also instilled a deeper appreciation for the rich literary heritage of India. His ability to elucidate complex theories in a comprehensible manner greatly benefited the students, fostering a deeper understanding of Indian literary criticism and theory.

The Department of English at NSCBM Govt College, Hamirpur, expresses gratitude to Dr. Suresh Kumar for his invaluable contribution to the lecture series. This one-day lecture series has undoubtedly proven to be a milestone in enhancing the academic horizon of the MA English students, providing them with a solid foundation in Indian literary criticism and theory.





