

## Two days International Conference by ELTAI, NCR-Greater NOIDA Chapter

29-30 March 2019

The two day International Conference on *New Directions in 21st Century Linguistics, Literature and Language Teaching: Moving Towards Karmik Linguistic Theory and Practice 2019* was jointly organised by Karmik Linguistic and Literary Association, ELT@I-NCR Greater NOIDA Chapter and Sharda University. This International Conference, a peer-reviewed academic event became a comprehensive venue for the free exchange and dissemination of ideas on language, linguistic, translation, literary and cultural studies. It brought together research scholars and teachers researching the intersections of these fields in the welcoming atmosphere of Sharda University, Greater Noida.

The inauguration began on an auspicious note with an invocation to goddess Saraswati with the lamp lighting ceremony. The welcome address was given by Dean SHSS, Prof P.K Mitra and Dean Academics Prof H.S.P Rao, Sharda University. Vice Chancellor, Sharda University, Prof. GRC Reddy gave a few words of motivation to the gathering. The inaugural also included addresses from Guest of Honour Prof, PB Sharma, Vice Chancellor Amity University and Prof Imtiaz Husnain, Sociolinguist, Aligarh Muslim University. Prof. Priya Ranjan Trivedi, Chancellor and Plenipotentiary, Indira Gandhi Technological and Medical Sciences University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Keynote addresses were delivered by Prof. C. Bhuvaneshwar, Founder KLLAS and Prof. SK Jha, Director, School of Liberal Arts, Amity University.



The Conference proceeded with a Plenary Session with panellists from diverse fields. The topic of the panel discussion was *New Trends in Language, Linguistics and Literature*. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Prem Kumari Srivastava, Associate Professor, Maharaja



Agrasen College, University of Delhi. The panel consisted of Prof. C. Bhuvaneshwar, Founder KLLAS, Prof. Vikas Sharma, CCS University, Meerut who spoke on the novels of Manju Kapur, Prof. Shabina Nishat Omar, Head, Department of English, Mili Al-Ameen College, Kolkata who talked about the new trends in English Language Teaching, Dr. Raj Kumar Verma, Associate Professor, Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi who spoke on New Trends in Marginal Narratives, Prof. (Dr.) Imtiaz Husnain,

Sociolinguist, AMU, who spoke on Language and Society and amongst us was Mr. Chandan Sharma a member of Macmillan. Some of the deliberations were centred upon identifying the

marginalised and giving them space. The struggle of recognition emerged as a powerful paradigm. This theme is at the intersection of different areas of the human sciences: philosophy, gender studies, critical theory, discourse analysis, literature, linguistics etc. This focussed on the importance of upholding ones regional language and to innovate teaching methodology in such a way as to create multi-lingual prodigies.

**Focusing on the aspects of Language, Literature and Linguistics and employing interdisciplinary approach to address the research problems with insights borrowed from multiple disciplines, the conference received an overwhelming number of papers. The conference received over 182 abstracts from 138 participants who were delegated in multiple parallel sessions categorised into specialized areas like Indian Literature, Diasporic Studies, Gender Studies, ELT and Karmik Linguistics.**

The first day ended with the workshop by ISKON based on relevance of Karma, Vedic knowledge and monotheism. This workshop triggered the question of existential dilemma. The study of the Vedas enables us to understand of the existentialist dilemma which is borne out of materialism.

Day two of the conference began with a workshop by Prof. Ashu Bhardwaj, ELT@I, NCR-Greater NOIDA Chapter on Advanced Strategies of Reading Skills.

The next talk was by Prof. Nurmira Abdybekova from Krygyz Academy of Education on Developing Students communicative competence through teaching materials from Krygyz national games: Moving towards Karmik language teaching approach.

This enlightening session was followed by Prof. Lazgin Barany from University of Duhloc, Iraq who spoke on The Iyzidi Religion and the epic of Immortality. Prof. Muhammad Basil Al-Azzawi from University of Mosul spoke on Teaching Pronunciation: Revisited. Research scholars from Iran presented their paper on the modern approaches of Linguistics.



It was followed by a talk on Bhagwad Gita and its Influence on Living: A Personal Account of Transformation in Personality Development by Chris Shanon, also known as Krishna Kirti, who is a Pracharak and member of ISKON since 1986. The second day also saw a number of paper presentations on multifarious topics.

The second day concluded with the valedictory session where the Guest of Honour, Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj, Deputy Director, Amity Institute of English Studies and Research spoke a few words of encouragement. Dean Academics, Prof H.S.P Rao, Sharda University shared his words on the great success of the Conference. Finally, Dean SHSS Prof PK Mitra gave the valedictory address giving his observations and opines on the two day international conference.