

Report of Research Centre in English (2017-22)



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The faculty and research scholars of the Research Centre have been contributing to the organization and execution of various academic endeavours during the period 2017-22. Some of these activities are:

2017:

Activities:

- A RUSA sponsored workshop on 'Translations: Technicalities and Challenges' was organized with Prof. Rana Nayar, Dept of English and Cultural Studies, PU as the resource person.
- Team of experts from Bar-Ilan University, Israel and PU Chandigarh visited and interacted with the students of the department wrt 'A Cross Country Study of Directed Motivational Currents in English Language Teaching and Learning in Israeli and Indian Universities'.
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Guests/ Experts Visited:

- Prof. Rana Nayar, Dept of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh

2018:

Activities:

- A lecture by Prof Rumina Sethi, Dept of English and Cultural Studies, PU, Chandigarh on the topic, 'Postcolonial Literature and Theory' was organized.

Guest/ Experts Visited:

- Prof Rumina Sethi, Dept of English and Cultural Studies, PU, Chandigarh

2019:

Activities:

- Under the aegis of IQAC, a workshop on ‘Neuro-Linguistic Programming’ was organized on 15 February 2019, with Dr. Sakshi Mehrotra, Senior Assistant Professor, Amity University, Delhi and NLP Trainer, as the resource person.
- An extension lecture on ‘Research and Ethics’ by Prof. Anil Raina, Department of English & Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh was organized on 7 February 2019. He elaborated on key concepts like ‘Transparent Subjectivity’ and ‘Plagiarism versus Intellectual Honesty’.
- An Extension lecture on ‘Subtle Nuances of Feminism: A Perspective’ was organized on 28 August, 2019, with Dr. Rana Nayar, former Professor at Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, as the resource person.

Guests/ Experts Visited:

- Dr. Sakshi Mehrotra, Senior Assistant Professor, Amity University, Delhi and NLP Trainer
- Prof. Anil Raina, Department of English & Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Prof. Deepti Gupta, Chairperson, Department of English & Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Dr. Rana Nayar, former Professor at Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University

2020:

Activities:

- An online lecture on ‘Women, Reason and Masculinity in the era of the French Revolution’ was conducted by Ms. Deeksha Bhardwaj, a renowned journalist from The Hindustan Times.
- A five-Day Online International Workshop on ‘Breaking the Stereotypes: A Paradigm Shift in Gender Studies’ was jointly organized by the Post Graduate Departments of English and Sociology. Professor Elisabetta Marino, Associate Professor of English Literature at the University of Rome, Italy and Professor Aparna Rayaprol, Former HOD and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Hyderabad, India were the resource persons.
- A discussion on the Cinema of Wong- KarWai was organized.
- An Online Training Workshop on the theme of ‘Information Disorder and Media Literacy: Fighting or Fake Fighting’ was organized in collaboration with Data Leads and Google News Initiative under Factshala India Media Literacy Initiative Program. The Resource Person for the Workshop was Dr. Pragya Kaushik, Factshala Trainer and Media Educator under Factshala India Media Literacy Initiative Program. The workshop was followed by an online talk and interaction on creative writing which was organized by Ms. Pia Bakshi, author, founder, PhilARThropy and writer at Owliver’s Post.

Guests/ Experts Online/ Offline Visitors:

- Ms. Deeksha Bhardwaj, a renowned journalist from The Hindustan Times
- Professor Elisabetta Marino, Associate Professor of English Literature at the University of Rome, Italy
- Dr. Pragya Kaushik, Factshala Trainer and Media Educator under Factshala India Media Literacy Initiative Program

2021:

Activities:

- A RUSA sponsored Workshop-cum-Awareness-Programme on ‘Ethics and Plagiarism’ was organized on 7 January 2021 to reflect on the issues which dilute the sanctity of research worldwide. The Resource Person for the Workshop was Prof Deepti Gupta, Chairperson, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.
- A discussion on Eve Ensler’s *The Vagina Monologues* was organized on 20 January 2021.
- A RUSA Sponsored Online Awareness Programme on ‘Literary Movements and Periodization: Negotiating Challenges’ was held on 12 February 2021. Prof Praveen Sharda, Coordinator, English Department, University School of Open Learning (USOL), Panjab University was the resource person for the Programme.
- An 8-day online Translation Workshop ‘Beyond Linguistic Barriers: Workshop on Translation of Literary Texts’ was organized from 25 May to 2 June 2021. The resource persons invited for the workshop included Prof. Akshaya Kumar (Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University), Prof.(Retd.) Rana Nayar, (Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University), Prof. Deepti Gupta (Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University), Dr. Chander Trikha (Director, Haryana and Sahitya Akademi and Haryana Urdu Akademi), Daljit Ami (Documentary Filmmaker and Journalist) and Dr Ritu Bhanot (Dev Samaj College for Women, Chandigarh).
- A 4-day Creative Writing Workshop ‘Expanding the Creative Horizons’ was organized in which various writers and poets engaged in the craft and pursuit of creative writing from 7-10 June 2021. The resource persons included Dr. Usha Bande (a renowned critic and writer), Ms Sakoon Singh (author of the novel *In the Land of the Lovers*), Shri Ankit Narwal (Hindi writer), Ms. Basudhara Roy (an acclaimed poet and author of *Stitching a Home*) and Dr. Baljinder Nasralli (Punjabi novelist and short story writer).
- A national level online 30-hour workshop titled ‘Contemporary Research: Scope, Challenges and Methodology’ was organized for faculty members, research scholars and post-graduation students to apprise them of the nuances of research as recommended in the National Education Policy 2020. Nearly 157 participants from different parts of the country enrolled for this programme.

- An online extension lecture titled ‘Mary Shelley and Birth of Science Fiction’ was organised in association with Gopichand Arya Mahila College, Abohar. Dr. Elisabetta Marino, Associate Professor of English and American Literature at the University of Rome “Tor Vergata” was the resource person for this informative lecture. More than 160 participants attended the lecture using virtual mode.

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- Prof Deepti Gupta, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Prof Praveen Sharda, Coordinator, English Department, University School of Open Learning (USOL), Panjab University
- Prof. Akshaya Kumar (Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University)
- Prof.(Retd.) Rana Nayar, (Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University)
- Dr. Chander Trikha (Director, Haryana and Sahitya Akademi and Haryana Urdu Akademi)
- Daljit Ami Documentary Filmmaker and Journalist)
- Dr RituBhanot (Dev Samaj College for Women, Chandigarh)
- Dr. Usha Bande (a renowned critic and writer)
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- Dr. Elisabetta Marino, Associate Professor of English and American Literature at the University of Rome
- Prof. Gurupadesh Singh (Rtd), Dept of English & Director- HRDC, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
- Dr Vivek Sachdeva, University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi
- Prof Dilip Barad, Dept of English, M K Bhavnagar University, Gujarat
- Prof Sudhir Kumar, Dept of Evening Studies, Multidisciplinary Research Centre, PU- Chandigarh
- Dr Neeraj Kumar, Deputy Librarian, AC Joshi Library, PU, Chandigarh

2022:

Activities:

- An online talk on 'Roots and Routes: An enquiry into reportage, representations and creative writing' by internationally acclaimed author, academician and journalist, Tabish Khair was organized on 4 March.
- A workshop/lecture on 'Linguistic & Cultural Issues in Translation' with Internationally acclaimed translator, author, painter and sculptor, Kamal Dhaliwal was organized.
- An interactive session 'Meet the Author' with Major Priya Jhingan, First Lady cadet of the Indian Army was organized on 16 March.
- An event with the leading novelist, Arundhati Roy was organized on 19 March. The theme 'Reflections on Creative Process: Exploring the World Within' was expounded in a conversation with the noted author hosted by Daljit Ami.

Guests/ Experts/ Online/ Offline Resource Persons/ Visitors:

- Tabish Khair, internationally acclaimed author, academician and journalist
- Arundhati Roy, Internationally acclaimed author
- Daljit Ami, Punjabi author, translator
- Major Priya Jhingan, First Lady Cadet of the Indian Army
- Kanwal Dhaliwal, Internationally acclaimed translator, author, painter and sculptor