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Language & Literature in Digital Era

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Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce organized the First National Winter Language Conference on the theme 'Language and Literature in the Digital Era' on November 8, 2024.

The journey of this conference began with the conceptualising the theme and sharing the call for papers in the first week of September this year. The conference received an overwhelming response in the form of 77 Abstract submissions from scholars and faculty. There was also a wide geographic representation in these submissions, from states including Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi – NCR. A total of 56 full papers were received by the end of October month with final 30 of them being shortlisted for presentation today.

The academic collaborators for this event included: **Pravachan Journal**, the Quarterly Literary magazine in Punjabi being published since the year 2000 with **Dr. Kulwant Singh Sandhu** as the Chief Editor of Journal, **Hindi Anushilan**, the UGC Care Listed Patrika published by **Bharitya Hindi Parishad**, Allahabad with **Prof. Yogendra Pratap Singh** as the President of Bhartiya Hindi Parishad and **Dwibhashi Rashtra Sewak Patrika**, the UGC Care Listed monthly Bi-Lingual publication of **Assam Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti**, Guwahati. The journal is managed by **Prof. Mohan** as the Editor of the journal and **Dr. Ksheerda Kumar Shaijya** as the General Secretary of Assam Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti.

Brand **Anand Prakash** was the Event partner for the Conference which provided artistic and handmade assortment of gifts for the guests.

On the day of the conference, the trilingual conference witnessed the presence of academicians, scholars, and students from reputed institutions across the country. The event was co-hosted by the **Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore (CIIL)** and **Sahitya Akademi, Delhi**. **Prof. Shailendra Mohan**, Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and **Dr. K Shreenivasa Rao**, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi were the co-patrons of this conference.

Dr. Vaibhav Puri, Convenor, Seminar Committee of the college, presented the concept note of the conference. He stated that the college is committed to contributing to the holistic development of the intellectual caliber of its students and faculty by undertaking research initiatives. In this series, the present conference was conceptualized and convened to understand the subtle changes that the digital revolution has brought in the language and literature of three languages, namely, English, Hindi, and Punjabi.

The principal of the college, **Prof. (Dr.) Jatinder Bir Singh**, in his welcome address appraised the timely theme and delineated the disruptions that technology has brought for language and literature. The Chairman of the college, **Sdr MPS Chadha**, recounted how technology has made our lives easier, but he insisted on the need for comprehensive education and mental development. He stressed the need to stay grounded and stay connected to our roots, for which we may need to take a break from digital devices.



The event was graced by the Heads of the respective language departments of the University of Delhi, as the Guests of Honour for this conference.

Prof. Anil Kumar Aneja, Head, Department of English, University of Delhi, demonstrated how new technology has always brought apprehensions in human history, but once adjusted, they become a part of life. He showcased how the digital era is benefiting the dissemination and development of both language and literature. He added that artificial intelligence (AI) is part of evolution and should not necessarily be seen as a threat to humanity but rather be made an integral part of life. He hailed the use of technology for making language and literature available to specially-abled people, like visually impaired persons.

Prof. Kumud Sharma, Head, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, remarked that Hindi has well-adapted to technology in the past, as language inherently survives only when it changes. She expressed her confidence that it will survive the latest interferences that the digital era is witnessing. For literature, she asserted, the digital world has democratized creative expression. For instance, she added, women writers have been able to overcome self-censorship. However, AI cannot replace the romance of the human imagination with words and language that give expression to unique creativity.

Prof Kulvir Gojra, Head, Department of Punjabi, highlighted the challenges that Punjabi language and literature face in the digital era. For the development and enrichment of the Punjabi language, knowledge from other languages needs to be translated into and made available to the native speaker. For this, he urged the publishers to create e-content in the right format in Gurmukhi to make the most of the digital revolution. All the speakers stressed the need to save humanity, compassion, and sensitivity in the era of social media and digitization.

Dr. Amit Singh, Associate Professor in Dept. of Hindi, Shyam Lal College (Eve.) apprised the audience about the initiatives of Bhartiya Hindi Parishad. **Dr. Vaibhav Puri** delivered a vote of thanks to the distinguished guests for the inaugural session.

The inaugural session was followed by three parallel paper presentation sessions in English, Hindi, and Punjabi.

English Session was chaired by **Dr. Devender Singh**, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi, and **Dr. Geetanjali Kala**, Assistant Professor, Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi. A total of 12 research papers were presented during the session by scholars and faculty members from departments of linguistics and literature of different universities. The best paper award was given to **Ms. Vishnupriya Saxena** and **Ananya Trivedi** of **Netaji Subhash University of Technology**. All the participants were awarded certificates. The session chairs shared their valuable insights with the presenters and encouraged them for their research endeavour.

The Hindi session was chaired by **Dr. Sangeeta Verma**, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Kamla Nehru College, University of Delhi, and **Dr. Rakesh Kumar Singh**, Associate Professor, Satyawati College, University of Delhi. Ten research papers were presented during the session. The best paper award for the Hindi research papers was given to **Dr. Raj Kumar Sharma** of **Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi**. The session chairs shared their observations and comments for all the paper presenters.

The session in Punjabi was chaired by **Dr. Baljit Singh Raina**, Editor, Aabru Journal, and **Dr. Baljinder Nasrali**, Associate Professor, Department of Punjabi, University of Delhi. Eight papers of high academic rigor were presented during the session. The best paper award was given to **Simran Kaur Sethi**, Faculty **SGND College, University of Delhi** and **Manpreet Kaur Dhaliwal**, teacher, **Government Primary School, Kanoi, Sangroor**. The guests expressed their pleasure in judging the presentations and shared their observations with the researchers.

A total of 30 research papers were presented by scholars, researchers, and faculty members from distinguished institutions from across the country. The best paper in each language was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7500, respectively.

The valedictory session was graced by the session chairs from the three disciplines and **Prof. Mohan**, former Head, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, who encouraged the scholars to deal with the challenges that the digital era brings with it. **Dr. Harpreet Kaur**, co-convenor, Seminar Committee, coordinated the session and highlighted the key takeaways from the addresses by the experts. Prizes for the best papers were distributed by the distinguished guests. **Dr. Vaibhav Puri** extended a vote of thanks for all the guests and participants.



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