

Janki Devi Memorial College University of Delhi JDMC-IQAC

English Department Association organizes Writer's Lecture Series Session 2: Ecofeminism in Green studies and Ocean Humanities

Name of the event:	Writer's Lecture series session 2: Ecofeminism in Green Studies and Ocean Humanities
Name of the organizer (s):	English Department Association: Ms Ruchika Bhatia, Mr Tarun Sharma, Dr Madhulika Nirmal
Type of event (intra-college/inter-college/ state/ national or any other collaboration)	Inter college
Objectives of the event:	To introduce the students to the concepts of Green studies and ocean Humanities
Name and Affiliation of the Resource person:	Prof Nandini Sahu

The English Department Association of Janki Devi Memorial College organised the second session in the Writer's Lecture series with Professor Nandini Sahu on the topic "Ecofeminism in Green Studies and Ocean Humanities" in the committee room at 12:45 PM on 23rd November 2023 which was attended by more than 50 participants. The event was anchored by the president of EDA, Ayisha Hima P, with Teacher-in-charge Dr Namita Sethi felicitating the speaker.

Prof. Nandani Sahu introduced the listeners to ecofeminism and elaborated on the perspective of nurturing and preserving nature with the awareness of the term. She especially talked about the connotation of 'folklore' and how people misinterpret it, associating it with music and dance only, while the word has a broader meaning. Professor Sahu explained to the audience how ideas of rewriting history and historical characters (mainly women protagonists) are not well received by most people and taken otherwise. She clarified that through her writings, she is not encouraging women to Fight or rebel for rights, instead opening a new door for them to realize that they are strong enough to protect themselves.

Beautifully, she explained how the different elements and resources are associated with our ancient narratives. She referenced the concept of the Panopticon by Michel Foucault, talking about how many people might be observing one person from all sides in a glass box; however, it can be vice versa, where one person can look back upon everyone from that glass box. She connected the concept with the significant episode of the Mahabharata, the disrobing story of Draupadi. A story that may be about the court of people watching Draupadi being dishonoured can also be understood as a story of the Draupadi watching the people in the court and understanding their true intentions and sentiments.

The session culminated with more such insights, anecdotes, reading of an excerpt from her published book *Sita* (*a poem*), and some interesting questions from the spectators.

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English Department Association organizes Writers' Lecture Series Session 1: Of Friendships and Fables: (Re)writing Gender in The Indian Context" by Dr Debotri Dhar

Name of the event:	Of Friendships and Fables:(Re)Writing Gender in the Indian Context
Name of the organizer (s):	English Department Association: Ms Ruchika Bhatia, Mr Tarun Sharma, Dr Madhulika Nirmal
Type of event	
(intra-college/inter-college/ state/	Intra college
national or any other collaboration)	
Objectives of the event:	Importance of healthy friendship
Name and Affiliation of the Resource person:	Dr Debotri Dhar

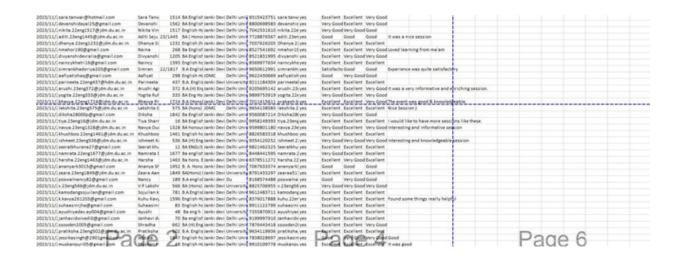
The English Department Association of Janki Devi Memorial College organized a session on "Of Friendships and Fables:(Re)Writing Gender in the Indian Context" with Dr. Debotri Dhar on 22nd November 2023 from 11:00 AM onwards in room number 13. The event was anchored by second-year student Debalina Adhikari, with Teacher-in-charge Dr Namita Sethi felicitating the speaker.

Dr Debotri Dhar emphasized the importance of healthy friendships in an individual's life throughout her talk, giving references from her works to explain the power of friendships and how they hold a significant position over other relationships. She encouraged budding writers by sharing her experiences and the plots of her famous novels. She shed light on some of her extensive work on the lives of courtesans of India and talked about how her books have females as the main protagonists and males in supporting roles, unlike

the books written and published by various male authors. Dr Dhar also shared her valuable experience and ideas behind writing the renowned short story "A Flute Called Radha" in the anthology Finding Radha: A Quest for Love. Dr Namita Sethi personally recommended the book and even read an extract from the same.

The session ended with a series of questions by the students and faculty members, with a vote of thanks by the president of EDA, Ayisha Hima P. A total of 92 participants attended the seesion.





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