

Lecture Series as part of ‘Discourse on Literature and Culture’

28-06-18 & 29-06-18

A two-day lecture series was organised on ‘Emerging Trends in Literary Criticism and Theory’ as part of Discourse on Literature and Culture on 28-06-18 and 29-06-18 in the New Seminar Hall. Dr Kanakavinayakam, SRM University, Chennai, was the resource person.

Dr Vinayakam, an expert in literary theory and criticism, dealt specifically with Psychoanalysis and Structuralism on the first and second day respectively. He elaborated on the different facets of both. Psychoanalytic criticism grounded on the specific premises of the workings of the mind, the instincts and sexuality and its application in different literary texts were discussed as one of the most influential interpretative theories in the post-war period.

Dr Vinayakam, on the second day, detailed how structuralism as a literary theory confronted the notion that a literary work imitated a reality and foregrounded the notion of composition/formation of a text, based on linguistic conventions and its position among other texts. The shift/transition from structuralism to post-structuralism was discussed. A few notions on the other post-theories were also deliberated.

The lecture series was attended by UG and PG students of the department of English. There was an active interactive session in which the participants actively shared their perspectives and cleared their doubts. The two-day lecture series ended with a formal note of gratitude from the students and faculty members of the English department.



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