

**SWAMI KESHVANAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT &
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

A REPORT

TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

**HERMENEUTICS TODAY: NEGOTIATING TRADITIONAL
APPROACHES ACROSS CULTURES, LITERATURES AND LANGUAGES**

24- 25 JANUARY, 2020

The Department of English organized a 2-day international conference on **Hermeneutics Today: Negotiating Traditional Approaches across Cultures, Literatures and Languages** from 24-25 January, 2020. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for deliberating on the relative efficacy of the traditional approaches and contemporary hermeneutics with special emphasis on social issues.

BROAD THRUST AREAS

- Traditional Hermeneutics vs. Hermeneutics of Suspicion
- Efficacy and Limitations of Traditional Approaches
- Prospects and Limitations of New Approaches
Religion and Spirituality
- Relevance of Mythology in the present scenario
- Relevance of Folk Tales in the present scenario
- Interpretation of Sacred Texts, Philosophical Texts and Wisdom Literature and negotiating their relevance in the present scenario.
- Translation Studies and Practices
- Feasibility of Interdisciplinary Approach as a pedagogical method
- Liminality in Language, Communication and Literary Studies
- Verbal and Nonverbal Communication
- Regional Language v/s English Language as a Medium of Teaching
- Grammar: Its role in modern language and its usage
- Whether Standard Language is a Myth
- Identity and Alterity
- Normative Ethics
- Meta Ethics
- Applied Ethics
- Gender, Race and Sexuality
- Metaphysics and Epistemology
- Aesthetics
- Impact of Contemporary Hermeneutics on Society

Day 1: It flagged off with the inaugural ceremony presided over by the chief guest Prof. William Feaver from Nottingham Trent University, England and guests of honor Prof. K.C Baral, Vice Chairman, AbulKalam Azad University of Asian Studies, Kolkata and Prof. Sanil V. Department of Humanities, IIT, Delhi. Prof. Feaver in his inaugural address emphasized on the role of art, paintings and writings in bringing out the inner self in today's highly scientific and technical era. Prof. Baral threw light on reflections in post theory times in his key note address. Prof. Sanil gave an insightful talk on interpretation in the age of fake news and hate speech. Prof. Dayanand Bhargava explained the new interpretations of the Vedas, Vedantas and Geeta in today's context. He reinterpreted the concept of the origin of various castes- Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas and Shudras. Besides this, there were presentations by plenary speakers. Prof. Sanjay Arora from Central University of Rajasthan gave a discourse on.....Dr Sib Sankar from

Central University of Assam discussed on the topic.....It was followed by two parallel sessions of paper presentations at GyanMandir Auditorium and J.C Bose Seminar Hall.



Day 2:It consisted of two plenary sessions. In the first session, Dr Tikaram Poudel from Tribhuvan University, Nepal talked on the topic "Resisting Hegemony of English in South Asia". It was followed by the presentation of Dr Sheetal Setia from Law University, Mumbai. He deliberated on the importance of Hermeneutics in the field of Law. Dr Mashrur Hussain from Dhaka gave a very erudite lecture on the topic "Here 'There is no place/ that does not see you' :Thirthing the Power/Pleasure Schema in Male Ekphrastic Poetry". After that delegates presented their papers in two parallel sessions. It was again followed by the second plenary session in

which DrArzuman from English and Foreign Language University, Shillong conversed on “Rethinking Hermeneutical Approaches to Pedagogy in Humanities”. Dr Narendra from LNMIIT, Jaipur discussed the significance of Hermeneutics in Literature. It was succeeded by two parallel sessions of paper presentations. In all there were 72 paper presentations.



Convenor

DrAnupriya Singh

Co-Convenors

Prof. Krishna Sharma

Dr. NehaPurohit