

Report on “Perceptions and Perspectives of Women’s Writing in India” Conducted on 20th March, 2014 to 21st March, 2014

A Two – Day National Seminar on “Perceptions and Perspectives of Women’s Writing in India” was conducted at the Department of English, Bharathidasan University Sponsored by UGC unassigned grant, Bharathidasan University. Ninety one participants (sixty four scholars and twenty four College teachers) from all over Tamil Nadu and Kerala presented their research paper in the technical sessions conducted on both days of the Seminar.

The Seminar was inaugurated on 20th March, 2014 at 10.30 am by Dr. A. Selvam, Controller of Examinations and Ms. Sumathi Srinivasan, CEO “We Magazine”, Chennai, delivered Special address highlighting the role of Women’s writing in Mass Media and Journalism. Dr. S. Armstrong, Professor, Head of the Department of English, University of Madras, delivered the keynote address. Dr. Isaac Jabestine, Head i/c, Department of English, Bharathidasan University, welcomed the gathering. Followed by the inauguration Ms. Sumathi Srinivasan delivered special address to the participants highlighting the job scenario in the publication industry.

In the afternoon session of 20th March 2014, Dr. E. Benet, Associate Professor of English, National Colleges, Trichy, delivered the plenary session on “Towards an Indocentric Feminist Aesthetics”. Participants presented their research paper in the technical sessions between 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm in six parallel sessions.

On 21st March, 2014 at 10.30 am, Dr. R. Azhagarasan, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Madras, Chennai, handled the plenary session on the topic “Gender and Aesthetics and Return to Phenomenology”. Dr. Papu Benjamin Ilango, Department of English, St. Joseph’s College, Trichy spoke on “Regional Women’s Literature in Translation” at 11.45 am. Dr. Subha, Assistant Professor, Centre for women’s studies, Bharathidasan University, spoke on “Intersections of Patriarchy: Caste and Gender in Shamila Rege’s Writings”. In the afternoon session of 21st March 2014 participants presented their research papers in six parallel sessions.

The valedictory function was conducted on 21st March, 2014 at 3.45 pm and it was presided over by Dr. E. Ram Ganesh, Registrar-in-charge, Bharathidasan University. Dr. Rupkumar Balasingh, Coordinator, Research Wing, Bishop Heber College, Trichy delivered the Valedictory Address. Dr. V. Vinod Kumar presented the report of the seminar and Dr. Angkayarkan Vinayaka Selvi delivered the Vote of Thanks.