



State Level Seminar
Topic: Resistance
Literature: Genesis, Theory
and Praxis

Organised by the Department of English

Ganjam College, Ganjam

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A State level Seminar on “Resistance Literature: Genesis, Theory and Praxis” was organised by the Department of English on 30th January, 2019. As the Pre-seminar initiative, the calls for papers brochures were circulated through post as well as e-mail to various colleges of Odisha. Then seminar invitation had been sent to all the registered delegates. A total number of 110 delegates registered and actively participated in this seminar. Seminar Kit was provided to all the registered delegates and special invitees.

The seminar was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. Priyansu Pradhan, Hon’ble M.L.A., Chatrapur & presided over by Dr. Ranganath Kanungo, Principal. Dr. Prafulla Kumar Mohanty, Principal (Rtd.), Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. After the invocation to God by lighting up the lamp, Guests on the dais were introduced to the audience by Dr. Smaranika Hota, Reader in English. Then, Head of the

Department and Convenor Dr. Pradeep Kumar Brahma presented the concept note of the seminar. Dr Ranganath Kanungo, Principal, Ganjam College welcomed all the dignitaries, delegates, media persons, students and members of staff. A Souvenir was released on the occasion.

The Chief Speaker, Dr. Prafulla Kumar Mohanty, Professor of English and Former Principal of Ravenshaw College, Cuttack addressed the audience and spoke about the significance and characteristics of

Resistance Literature. He highlighted the possibility of producing literature that challenges societal dominations and oppression. Guest of Honour, Dr. Chitaranjan Bhoi, Principal, KMBB Science College, Bhubaneswar, addressed the gathering about the inter-disciplinary scope of the topic. He asserted how Resistance Literature voices the concerns of the under privileged and marginalized for centuries.

The Keynote Speaker, Prof. (Dr) Ram Narayan Panda, Professor of English, Berhampur University enlightened the audience on “Resistance Literature: Othered and Out of Reckoning”. He explored the writings of quite a number of writers like Edward Said, Barbara Harlow and Caren Kaplan, who made significant contributions to the Resistance Literature. Prof. Panda also made some valid points on how resistance literature can be at par with the canonical texts of Western Literature.

Technical sessions were scheduled after lunch break. There were about thirty papers presented by the delegates from different colleges of Odisha. The technical session consisted of two parallel sessions. At the end of each session there were interactive sessions in which the papers were put into discussion.

The Valedictory session took place on the same day. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. D. P. Dash, Lecturer in English. All the participants received certificates from the Chief Guest which was coordinated by Smt. Mamata Padhy, Senior Lecturer in English.




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