

Two lectures delivered by Prof. Ram Niwas on the topic “Historical Perspective of English Education” on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

On the 18th of March 2024, students attended two lectures delivered by the esteemed Prof. Ram Niwas, centered around the compelling topic of the "Historical Perspective of English Education." In the first lecture, Prof. Niwas traced the historical trajectory of English education, shedding light on its origins and development over the centuries. From its nascent stages as a tool of colonial hegemony to its role in fostering intellectual enlightenment and social mobility, the lecture provided invaluable insights into the transformative impact of English education on society. Drawing from historical evidence and scholarly research, Prof. Niwas illuminated key milestones and paradigm shifts that have shaped the contours of English education. Through nuanced analysis, attendees gained a deeper understanding of the socio-political forces, cultural dynamics, and ideological underpinnings that have influenced the dissemination and reception of English education across different epochs.

The second lecture delved into the global spread of English education, examining its emergence as a lingua franca and its implications for cross-cultural communication and knowledge exchange. Prof. Niwas elucidated the complex interplay between language, power, and identity in the context of English education, highlighting its role in shaping individual aspirations and societal aspirations. Moreover, Prof. Niwas explored the challenges and opportunities presented by the globalization of English education, interrogating issues of linguistic imperialism, cultural hegemony, and educational equity. Through thought-provoking analysis, attendees were prompted to critically reflect on the implications of English education in an increasingly interconnected world.

