

# Department of English organizes Seminar on 'Indigenous Literary Studies and Hegemonic Narratives'.

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JAMMU, July 24: Prof D K Rampal Memorial Trust, in collaboration with the Department of English, University of Jammu, organized a one-day national seminar on 'Indigenous Literary Studies and Hegemonic Global Metanarratives', here today. Prof Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, was the chief guest on the occasion while Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, JU, presided over the function. In his inaugural address, Prof Pragati Kumar spoke of the socio-political dynamics of the narratives in the context of global perceptions and the importance of contextualising our narratives in our own contemporary reality to reclaim our epistemological space in the global discourse. "Indigenous knowledge systems need modern interpretations and it is such academic deliberations that are essential for reclaiming our narratives" he added. Prof Umesh Rai underscored the profound connection between individual's identity and their national and linguistic heritage. "Time has come for us to create our own narrative, moving away from the perspectives imposed by British historians and those who have followed their agenda," Prof Sucheta Pathania, Head, Dept. of English, outlined purpose and structure of the seminar. Prof Satnam Kour, former HoD English, proposed the vote of thanks. Prof Monika Chadha introduced the keynote speaker and Dr Garima Gupta conducted the proceedings.

Later in the plenary session, Prof Sudhir Kumar from Punjab University, Chandigarh, Prof Ram Bhau Badode from the University of Bombay, Mumbai and Prof Geetanjali Rana, Principal GDC,