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FEBRUARY UPDATES

The Department of Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies at Swami Vivekananda University recently hosted a landmark International Conference on Australian Studies, bringing together scholars, researchers, and students to explore diverse aspects of Australian literature, history, and culture. The conference served as a platform for critical discussions on postcolonial narratives, Indigenous voices, and transnational literary exchanges, fostering a deeper understanding of Australia's evolving cultural landscape.

In parallel, the Centre for Gender Studies and the Centre for Tagore Studies enriched academic discourse by organizing a series of special lectures. The Gender Studies forum delved into contemporary debates on gender and identity, addressing pressing issues through an interdisciplinary lens. Meanwhile, the Tagore Studies sessions celebrated Rabindranath Tagore's global intellectual legacy, highlighting his influence on literature, philosophy, and education.

These initiatives reaffirm our department's commitment to encouraging meaningful dialogues and interdisciplinary research, strengthening our engagement with global and local literary traditions.



The conference, **Transactions: History, Culture, and Identity in Australia and India**, held from January 31 to February 1, 2025, showcased insightful deliberations and dynamic academic exchanges. Esteemed scholars, including Prof. Bill Ashcroft, Prof. Paul Sharrad, Prof. Michael Griffiths, Dr. Michelle Cahill, Prof. Pradeep Tripathi, Prof. Anandarup Biswas, Prof. Samrat Sengupta, Prof. Sibendu Chakraborty, and Prof. Helen Pringle, delivered thought-provoking lectures. The event also witnessed enthusiastic student participation, fostering a spirit of intellectual engagement and scholarly discourse.



A landmark Letter of Intent was signed between Swami Vivekananda University and University of Wollongong, paving the way for future academic collaborations.



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The Centre for Gender Studies and the Centre for Tagore Studies continued their certificate program with a series of distinguished lectures by eminent scholars, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and academic enrichment. Prof. Blanka Knotkova-Čapková from the Department of Asian Studies, Metropolitan University Prague, delivered an insightful lecture at the Centre for Gender Studies, while Prof. Sumit Chakraborty from the Department of English, Presidency University, engaged scholars with his thought-provoking discourse at the Centre for Tagore Studies. These sessions contributed significantly to the ongoing academic exchange, further strengthening the department's commitment to critical inquiry and intellectual growth.

