



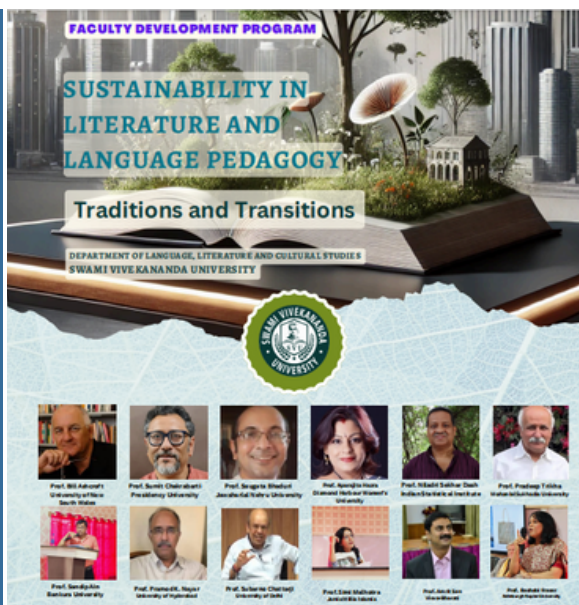
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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE LITERATURE AND CULTURAL STUDIES

EDITORIAL

This month has been exceptionally fruitful for the department. The department successfully organized a 12-day Faculty Development Program (FDP), featuring eminent speakers from around the world, with over 100 faculty members participating in the sessions. A major highlight was the book launch and keynote address delivered by Prof. Ruth Vanita from the University of Montana. Another significant milestone was the launch of the department's **Centre for Peace and Ethics in the Age of AI**, which aims to foster interdisciplinary research and dialogue on ethical challenges in the era of artificial intelligence. Alongside these special events, the department has continued to actively engage in its regular research and academic initiatives, upholding its commitment to scholarly excellence.

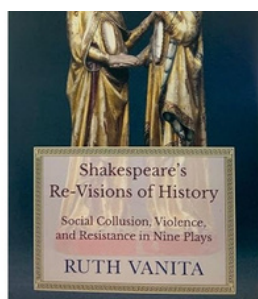


Faculty Development Program on Sustainability and Literature and Language Pedagogy

The Department successfully organized a 12-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Sustainability and Literature and Language Pedagogy. Held in a hybrid mode, the program featured both online and offline sessions, ensuring broad participation and accessibility.

The FDP brought together a distinguished panel of speakers, including Prof. Bill Ashcroft, Prof. Basabi Fraser, Prof. Simi Malhotra, Prof. Saugata Bhaduri, and several other eminent scholars from across the globe. Their insightful sessions offered critical perspectives on the intersections of sustainability, literary studies, and pedagogical practices.

Over 100 faculty members from various institutions across the country participated in the program and successfully completed it. The FDP provided a valuable platform for academic exchange, interdisciplinary dialogue, and professional development, reinforcing the department's commitment to fostering innovative and socially responsive teaching and research.



Ruth Vanita
Professor Emerita
University of Montana

The Department had the honour of hosting Prof. Ruth Vanita, Professor Emerita, University of Montana, for the launch of her latest book, *Shakespeare's Re-Visions of History: Social Collusions, Violence and Resistance in Nine Plays*. Prof. Vanita delivered an enlightening lecture that offered fresh insights into the canonical brilliance of William Shakespeare, examining his historical plays through the lens of social dynamics, power structures, and resistance. Her talk illuminated new critical pathways for engaging with English literary traditions, enriching our understanding of Shakespeare's work in contemporary academic contexts.



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Launch of the Centre for Peace and Ethics in the Age of AI

The Department proudly launched the Centre for Peace and Ethics in the Age of AI on 16th April. The inaugural ceremony was graced by distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Rajesh Kumar (IPS), Principal Secretary, Department of Correctional Administration, Government of West Bengal; Shri L.N. Meena (IPS), Additional Director General, Department of Correctional Administration; Prof. Dr. Subrata Kumar Mondal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Swami Vivekananda University; and Prof. Sarasimohon Dan, Hon'ble Chief Mentor of the University. The establishment of the Centre was inspired by the visionary leadership of Dr. Nandan Gupta, Hon'ble Chancellor of Swami Vivekananda University.

Prof. Raj Nath Bhatt has been appointed as the Director of the Centre, with Mr. Debarshi Arathdar, Assistant Professor of the Department, serving as the Deputy Director. The Centre aims to serve as a platform for critical inquiry and interdisciplinary research on ethical paradigms and peace-building in the evolving landscape of artificial intelligence.

The Department envisions active engagement in this vital domain through research, dialogue, and policy-oriented scholarship, contributing meaningfully to the global discourse on ethics and peace in technologically mediated societies.

