

A Two-Day National Seminar
On
Ethical Values and Contemporary Literature
(6-7 Jan 2020)

Literature has remained not only as a mighty weapon through the ages to bring change in the society but also an instrument to bring to light the issues so far taken granted by the society. The role played by the Post-colonial and Fourth world literatures is commendable in bringing the squalor involved in the so called values upheld by one section of the society which took it as their privilege and god given gift to enjoy their supremacy over the other section of the society. The writers of these literatures question the very nature of the values in which this section of the society revel, by exposing how these values promote inhuman attitude in them that result in disharmony and inequality in the society. To this end there is a need for ethical values that dispel the values responsible for disharmony. There have been several discussions on the plights of the 'other', their revolts and problems. A change in the attitude of the exploiter is equally essential.

People though by nature are good, they are often indifferent to change as it takes away the privileges they enjoy. As such creative writers as usual felt the need to direct people to the communal harmony. Hence they often mention the need for cultivating ethical values that help individuals to change their attitudes and develop right attitude towards others and give away the practices which are inimical to society. The contemporary writers bring this awareness

not just by questioning the hegemony but also making it realize to go to margins if necessary. As the age old hierarchical structures slowly collapse, margins become primary and the centre secondary.

The focus today is on the margins - Aboriginals, Dalits, Minorities, Transgender, Commercial Sex workers and others- as they are equally important to make the society a complete one. Social philosophers and thinkers like Marx, Derrida and Ambedkar have focused their theories based on the marginalized in the society.

The promotion of altruistic ethical values through literature helps to establish this kind of harmony and peace in the society and assist the canon and conventions to be introspective.

Invitation for Papers: Research Papers are invited on the Literatures of the World that focus on the above said theme.

Selection of Papers: Originality of ideas would be one of the criteria in accepting the paper for presentation. Research papers on lesser known writers will be given preference.

Abstract: An Abstract of 300 words needs to be sent to the email.id thummapudi@hotmail.com on or before November 21, 2019.

Full Paper: Hard copy of the selected papers has to be sent on or before December 24, 2019 to the undersigned. (MS-Word format with Times New Roman, font 12, line spacing 1.5 by following the latest MLA style)

Registration Fee: Rs. 1000/- has to be paid at the time of Registration. (Spot Registration only)

Accommodation: Participants are required to make **their own arrangements**. However, with intimation in advance, the Organizers will help the participants for locating accommodation with reasonable charges.

Attention: The participants who can stay for two days and present in every section only may send the Abstract.

Thummapudi Bharathi, Ph.D

Seminar Director

Department of English

S.P. Mahila University

Tirupati- 517 502

Contact Office. No: 0877 2284515/ 0877 2284504

Do remember:

Last Date for submission of Abstract	21 November, 2019
Last date for submission of Paper	24 December, 2019
Seminar Dates	6,7 January, 2020