

Event: National Webinar organized by the Department of English and the Department of Environmental Studies in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell

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Topic: Man ↔ Nature: Through the Lens of Eco-criticism

The Department of English, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, organized a two day National Webinar, Man ↔ Nature: Through the Lens of Eco-criticism. Scholars from different universities presented papers that explored different dimensions within ecocriticism. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Murali Sivaramakrishnan. In their inaugural address, Prof. Charanjit Singh Shah and Dr. Pankaj Sekhsaria discussed the benefits of ecologically practical architectural innovations and the vulnerable environs of Andaman and Nicobar Islands respectively. This interdisciplinary webinar explored a wide range of subjects such as the problem of parali, ecological concerns in literature, ecofeminism, ecoaesthetics, cultural ecology, animal studies, eco critical reading of literary texts, among the multitude. The cluster of papers presented were fascinating in terms of their understanding and engagement with the discourse on ecocriticism and its concern with both human and the nonhuman. The body of theories discussed were also interesting for their relation to contemporary scholarship and emerging trends in literary pedagogy. Dr. Bhagwant Kour concluded the event with a vote of thanks. The webinar witnessed active participation from students and scholars alike who were highly benefitted by the interactive sessions, which encouraged them toward adopting an ecologic worldview