

A Two Day National Seminar on
“Contemporary Trends in Studies of English Literature and English Language”

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The objective of this Seminar was to lay out the contemporary trends that are studied and approached in the fields of English Literature and English Language.

The purpose of this Seminar is to discuss and perhaps introduce new trends in the studies related to the fields of English Literature and English Language Education/Teaching. It is hoped that this Seminar will be pivotal in harnessing the ideas and expertise of every scholar and academician to deeply explore the Contemporary Trends related to English Literature and English Language Education/Teaching.

The Seminar tried to discuss how Literature, which is a reflection of self and society, facilitates humanism and innovation. It is constantly evolving, with various forms of literature and their respective outlooks. In the contemporary era, literature is no longer limited to canonical readings and questions the concept of a text. This has led to a change in the theoretical praxis of English literature, requiring a holistic approach to examine the relationship between text and context. The intersection of digital, corporeal, and literary fields creates fertile ground for exploring trends and practices in the 21st Century. This interdisciplinary approach helps understand the complex landscapes of the world.

The Seminar also saw discussions on English Language Education, a field which is constantly evolving with the rise of technology and computer-aided classrooms. The concept of Green ELT, which focuses on environmental issues, is gaining popularity. The English language has become the lingua franca of the globalized world, leading to concepts like ESP and ECP. This has led to a shift from rote memorization to communication and cultural competency. The seminar will discuss contemporary trends in English language education, including technology integration, learner-centered methodologies, and cultural sensitivity. The seminar aims to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange, leading to continuous improvement in English language education and providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of global trends in ELT.

The Keynote Address on English Literature was delivered by Prof. Rakhee Kalita Moral from Cotton University, Guwahati and the Keynote Address on English Language Education was delivered by Prof. Anita Tamuli from Gauhati University, Guwahati.