

Press Note

As a step towards promotion of native/indigenous literature, Department of English Language and Literature Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora Pulwama, organized a two-day National Seminar on “*From the Margins to the Centre: Texts and Contexts*” on November 04 and 05, 2015 in the University auditorium. The inaugural ceremony began with ecstatic University Tarana. The welcome address and introduction to the seminar was given by Dr. Munejah Khan, Head of the Department of English Language and Literature IUST. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Harish Narang Former Chairperson, Centre for English Studies JNU, Delhi. In his address Prof. Narang explicated upon the various concepts like ‘centre’, ‘margin’ and ‘globalization’ followed by a discussion session which enlightened the audience. The inaugural session was presided by Hon’ble Vice chancellor, Prof. A. R Trag who was the chief guest of the event. Prof. Trag in his address emphasized the need of nourishing the native language and culture, emphasized the importance of such events and promised his support for such activities in future as well. Among various dignitaries Prof. Sudhi Rajiv, Dean School of Humanities and Head Dept. of English, Jai Narain Vyas, University Jodhpur, Prof. Anil Raina, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Anupama Vohra, DDE, University of Jammu were also present. The inaugural function ended with presentation of mementoes and a formal vote of thanks by Mr. Fayaz Sultan, Assistant Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, IUST.

The valedictory session concluded the Two-Day National Seminar on “*From the Margins to the Centre: Texts and Contexts*” on November 04 and 05, 2015. The Head Department of English Language & Literature Dr. Munejah Khan gave a report of the Seminar. Thirty three papers were presented by the national and local delegates. The function was presided by Prof. A.G. Rather, Registrar IUST as the chief guest, who said that the Seminar was an attempt to unmask the ideological perspective of western imperialism and to reclaim our roots and identity. Prof. Harish Narang (Guest of Honour) Former Chairperson, Centre for English Studies JNU, Delhi, appreciated the department for organizing a well organised seminar and the quality papers that were presented. Prof. Anil Raina appreciated the academic efforts of the university. The valedictory function ended with distribution of certificates and a formal vote of thanks by Mr. Fayaz Sultan, Assistant Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, IUST.

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