

## REPORT OF STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP

### Dept.of ENGLISH

A state level workshop sponsored by the UGC under the XII plan was organized by the Dept. of English in Christ College, Cuttack. The topic of this workshop was "The Portrayal of Women characters in Indian English Literature". It was organized on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb. 2017.

These were an august gathering consisting of many Professors from various other colleges like Ravenshaw University, Stewart Science College. Women's College, Imarti Devi College and Indira Gandhi College. It was also attended by the members of the Governing Body of the College.

The Workshop was declared open by the Principal, Mr. Manmath Kumar Otta, at 11.30 a.m with a welcome address. Flower bouquets were offered to the dignitaries on the dais by the students of the Dept. of the English followed by a melodious welcome song. Then the H.O.D of English, Mrs. Madhumita Patra gave a detailed introduction of the two illustrious guests- The chief guest, Dr. Ajit Mukharjee and The Guest of Honor Dr. Chandan Das. The key note address on "The Portrayal of Women characters in Indian English Literature" was given by Dr. Zehera Jabeen, a senior faculty member of English Dept.. Then the, Dr. Ajit Mukharjee delivered his lecture. He spoke about various women writers like Arundhati Roy, Kamala Markanday, Nayantare Sehgal and Amita Desai who brought out the importance of women through their novels. He also spoke about the four archetypal characters- Sita, Draupadi, Savitri and Kunti. After this Dr. Chandan Das, the guest of honour spoke about odia heroines in English stressing on Fakir Mohan Senapati's translated novel "Lachhama". The paper attempted to establish as major literary maestro of both genres and to analyse the theme of the emancipated woman.

The other faculty members of the department of English, Dr. Jeeta Ray, Mr. Sarada Kar, Mrs. Meghamala Satpathy and Mrs. Somalika Sahoo played a very important role in organizing the workshop.

The students of the English Dept. were also instrumental in the grand success of the state level workshop.

Finally the meeting ended with a vote of thanks offered by Mrs. Somalika Sahoo, Asst. Prof. of the Dept. Of English.

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