

National Seminar Report

Narratives of Transformation: Social Change, Literature and Governance

The Counselling & Guidance Cell (CGC) and Happy Thinking Laboratory (HTL), University of Lucknow, in collaboration with the Department of English & M.E.L., successfully organized a two-day National Seminar on “Narratives of Transformation: Social Change, Literature and Governance” on 9 and 10 December 2025 at the Happy Thinking Laboratory, ONGC Building, University of Lucknow. The seminar aimed to provide an interdisciplinary academic platform to explore the interconnections between social change, literary narratives, and governance structures.

The seminar was organized under the Chief Patronage of Prof. Manuka Khanna, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Lucknow. Prof. Arvind Mohan, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Lucknow, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Eminent scholars including Prof. Rajesh Mishra, renowned sociologist, and Prof. Vikas Sharma, CCS University, Meerut, participated as Guest Speakers, enriching the deliberations with their scholarly insights.

The poster is for a National Seminar titled "Narratives of Transformation: Social Change, Literature and Governance" held on 9-10 December 2025 at the Happy Thinking Laboratory, ONGC Building, 3rd Floor, University of Lucknow. It features portraits and names of the Chief Patron, Guest of Honour, Guest Speakers, and the organizing team. Logos for the University of Lucknow, CGC, and HTL are also present.

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Counselling & Guidance Cell & Happy Thinking laboratory in Collaboration with Department of English & MEL

Organises
NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON

**Narratives of Transformation: Social Change,
Literature and Governance**

9 – 10 December 2025(10:30 AM Onwards)
Venue: Happy Thinking Laboratory, ONGC Building, 3rd
Floor, University of Lucknow

Chief Patron
Prof. Manuka Khanna
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Lucknow

Guest Of Honour
Prof. Arvind Mohan
Dean, Faculty of Arts

Guest Speaker
Prof. Rajesh Mishra
Eminent Sociologist

Guest speaker
Prof. Vikas Sharma
CCS University, Meerut

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Convener
Prof. Vaishali Saxena
Director
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Day One: 9 December 2025 (Offline Mode)

The first day of the seminar began with the registration of participants, followed by the arrival of the distinguished guests. The inaugural session formally commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge, wisdom, and academic enlightenment, and setting an auspicious and scholarly tone for the academic proceedings that followed.



This was followed by the welcome of dignitaries and participants. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Vaishali Saxena, during which the guest speakers were felicitated with bouquets and mementos. Subsequently, the concept note was presented, outlining the objectives and thematic framework of the seminar. The entire inaugural programme was hosted and efficiently coordinated by Dr. Tanuka Chatterjee, Department of English & MEL.



The inaugural session featured an insightful address by the Guest Speaker; Prof. Vikas Sharma highlighting the evolving narratives of social transformation and their relevance in contemporary governance and literature. After a tea break, the Plenary Session was conducted, followed by an interactive question-and-answer session, enabling meaningful academic exchange among scholars and participants.



Post-lunch, the academic proceedings resumed with an insightful and thought-provoking address by Prof. Rajesh Mishra, Eminent Sociologist, who offered meaningful academic guidance and shared critical perspectives on issues of social transformation, governance, and intellectual engagement. His address was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session, during which participants actively engaged with the speaker, raising pertinent queries and sharing scholarly reflections. Subsequently, the seminar proceeded with four offline technical sessions, organized in two slots, focusing on paper presentations. The sessions were chaired by Prof. Vaishali Saxena, Prof. R. P. Singh, Prof. Rajesh Mishra, and Prof. M.

Priyadarshini, whose scholarly guidance and expertise significantly enriched the academic deliberations. Scholars and researchers from various universities and institutions presented papers on diverse sub-themes related to social change, literary discourse, cultural narratives, and governance challenges.



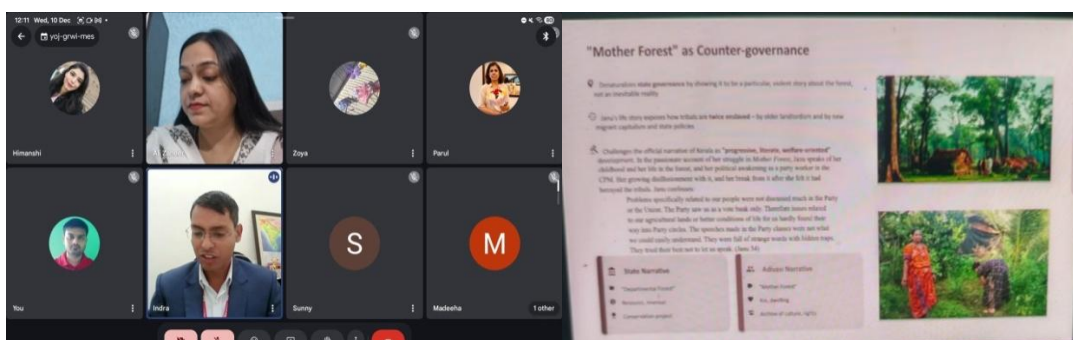
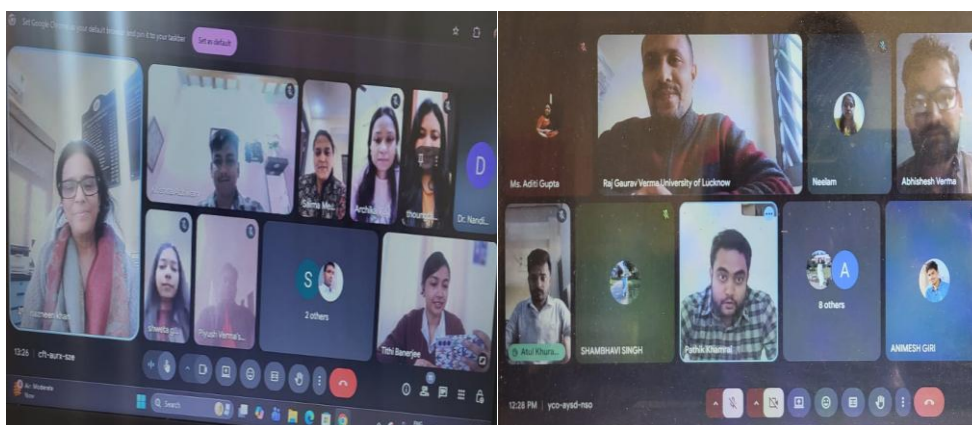
The sessions were marked by active participation, constructive discussions, and valuable feedback from session chairs and participants. The proceedings concluded with a group photograph, capturing the collective academic spirit of the seminar. Refreshments and lunch were provided to all participants, ensuring a comfortable and engaging academic environment throughout the day.

Day Two: 10 December 2025 (Online Mode)

The second day of the seminar was conducted in online mode and featured four technical sessions dedicated to paper presentations. Researchers from across the country participated virtually, presenting papers that reflected contemporary issues, theoretical perspectives, and empirical studies aligned with the seminar theme. The online sessions facilitated inclusive academic participation and cross-regional scholarly interaction.



- **Technical Session 1A** (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM):chaired by **Dr. Indra Pratap**, Central University of Jammu, and moderated byMrs. Aisha Zaheer.
- **Technical Session 1B** (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM):chaired by **Dr. Alok Gaurav**, Central University of Karnataka, and moderated byMrs. Chetna Singh.
- **Technical Session 2A** (12:00 PM – 1:30 PM):chaired by **Prof. Nazneen Khan**, Head, Department of English & M.E.L., University of Lucknow, and moderated by Miss Tithi Banerjee.
- **Technical Session 2B** (12:00 PM – 1:30 PM):chaired by **Dr. Raj Gaurav Verma**,Department of English & M.E.L., University of Lucknowand moderated by Mr. Animesh Giri.



A lunch break was provided as per the scheduled programme, following which the certificate distribution ceremony was held to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of paper presenters, session chairs, and participants. The seminar then concluded with the Valedictory Session, during which the overall proceedings and key outcomes of the seminar were formally summarized. The Valedictory Session featured a brief address by Prof. M. Priyadarshini, Director HTL, who shared her insightful reflections on the academic deliberations and the significance of the seminar's theme.





This was followed by the vote of thanks proposed by Prof. Vaishali Saxena, Director CGC. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and the Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Lucknow, the Head and faculty members of the Department of English & M.E.L., and all distinguished speakers and session chairs for their valuable guidance and support. She also acknowledged the dedicated efforts of the Happy Thinking Laboratory (HTL) and Counselling & Guidance Cell (CGC) teams, the seminar coordinators, and the student volunteers, whose collective cooperation and commitment contributed significantly to the successful organization of the seminar.

The two-day national seminar successfully achieved its academic objectives by fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and encouraging critical engagement with narratives of transformation in society, literature, and governance. The seminar provided a vibrant platform for scholars, researchers, and academicians to share ideas, exchange perspectives, and strengthen academic collaboration.

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