'Discourses on Literature and Culture'

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The lecture series on 'Discourses on Literature and Culture' was inaugurated by Dr Franson Manjaly, faculty, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU, New Delhi on 17th October 2017, in the MMT Hall. D Manjaly's areas of research interest include Ethics, Aesthetics and Linguistics, Philosophies of Discourse Poetics and Politics of Language, Metaphors in Cultural Discourse, Philosophy of Image and Topologico-Dynamical Models of Language and Cognition.

Cultural studies and its relevance related to literature were the thrust areas. Dr Manjaly elucidated how Cultural Studies as an academic discipline associates social and literary theories, sociology, cultural anthropology, history etc to learn, unlearn and relearn cultural occurrences in different societies and how it emphasises the relationship between certain social phenomena and the issues of class, gender, identity and ideology. The application of the theory in literary works was elaborated by citing some significant literary texts and contemporary socio-cultural scenarios. The scope of research in the area was also discussed.

PG students from the neighbouring colleges and faculty and students from St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Irinjalakuda were the active participants of the lecture series. There was an active interaction with the resource person in which the participants actively shared their thoughts and clarified their doubts. The session concluded with a formal note of gratitude by a student representative.



