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Forum for Research in English Post Graduate and Research Department of
English
Discourses on Research – Scholar Talk Series

On 12th October 2022, the Post Graduate and Research Department of English at St Joseph's College organized a seminar entitled 'Reading Comics/ Graphic Narratives' as part of the Scholar Talk Series initiated by the Forum for Research of the Department of English. The resource person of the talk was Ms. Sandra Mariam Xavier, Research Scholar at the Department of English, St Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda . There were about 40 participants in the seminar comprising both the first year and the second year Post Graduate students of the Department. The session was aimed at introducing students to new genres and areas of research for aiding their Post Graduate dissertation. The talk was very interesting and informative. Students were introduced to genres like Comics and Graphic Narratives. Comics is a medium used to express ideas with images, often combined with text or other visual information. It typically takes the form of a sequence of panels of images. Textual devices such as speech balloons, captions, and onomatopoeia can indicate dialogue, narration, sound effects, or other information. A graphic novel is a book made up of comics with entertainment content in it. Although the word novel normally refers to long



fictional works, the term graphic novel is applied broadly and includes fiction, non-fiction, and anthologized work. It is, at least in the United States, typically distinct from the term comic book, which is generally used for comics periodicals and trade paperbacks. The session was of immense use to the students. They got familiarized themselves with the genres of comics and graphic narratives and some even had shown interest in taking up researches on the same



