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Department of English

Infinity - Online Guest Lecture series

'Reviewing Children's Literature and its many incarnations'

Date: 13 January 2021

Venue: Google Meet

Organized by: Department of English and IP and Research Cell

Resource Person: Ms. Vidya Mani, Founder and Editor at Melting Pot.

The Chaucer's Academy, a creative association of Department of English had organized a guest lecture on 13 January 2021. This lecture was part of the series of lectures organized every semester by all the departments of St. Francis de Sales College. The focal point of this guest lecture was to introduce our English students to the various incarnations of children's literature in India and globally.

Ms. Vidya Mani, Founder and Editor at Melting Pot, an acclaimed publishing house was the resource person for the lecture programme. She addressed the audience on a virtual platform. The session began with a prayer by Prof. Francis Lopez. Prof. Evangeline Richard welcomed the participants and the resource person to the gathering. She also introduced the resource person to the gathering and threw light on her accomplishments in the field of publishing children's books and keeping alive the oldest tradition of story-telling and reading literature. Ms. Vidya captured the attention of the audience and introduced them to the importance of children's literature for the millennial. She shared her hands-on experience and her association with literature of the same genre since many years. Ms. Vidya made known to us the world-famous literary figures of this genre. She also elucidated the difference between children's literature and young-adult literature.

Ms. Vidya chronologically sketched the evolving of publishing houses at a national level in India. Though India has a very rich and ancient tradition of story-telling, this genre of literature

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was not well documented. It was only in 1957 under the initiative of K. Shankar Pillai, a publishing agency — Children Book Trust was established. Succeeding this was the entrenchment of National Book Trust as envisioned by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru to make low cost books available to young readers. Ms. Vidya acquainted to the audience, an array of writers like Salman Rushdie, Poly Sen Gupta, Kings Joyce etc who are pioneers in children's and young adult literature. The journey of NBT was discussed in detail by the resource person and she explored various picture books that were published in many Indian languages. She briefed about the native voices in these publications, trying to capture the essence of nationhood and spread the message of Indianess in the young minds.

As the session progressed towards the end, the question and answer session was initiated and well moderated by Prof. Francis. This was open to questions from the students and faculty members. The students posed many questions about the author's views on bestselling novels and shared their experience of reading those alluring picture books during their childhood. Students were also curious about the availability of books displayed by Ms. Vidya during her discourse. Dr. Sheeba Murugan, HoD of English, proposed the vote of thanks and in her speech she thanked the resource person for readily accepting the request of the department to address the students. She congratulated the entire department for the success and knowledge enriching session. Ms. Vidya expressed the joy of being affiliated with young, curious and interactive minds in her closing lines. She also acknowledged Dr. Maduramozi, the department coordinator for the thoughtful choice of topic for the discourse. Dr. Sheeba also mentioned that many such departmental initiatives are in the pipeline and the department is consistently engaged towards fostering an inclination towards literature, irrespective of which stream the students belong to.



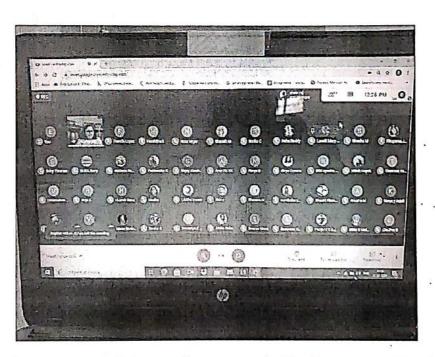
Participant's List



Ms. Vidya displaying books to the audience



Session in progress - Ms. Vidya speaking on Children's literature



Participants of the Infinity guest lecture organized by Department of English

Attendance List of the Participants

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