



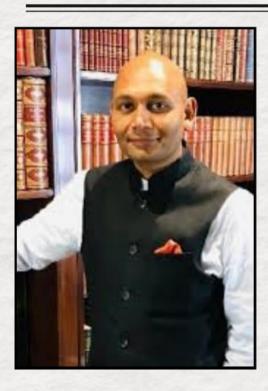
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ABHAY K

Indian poet-diplomat, editor, translator, anthologist and artist Deputy Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi.

Topic -Kalidasa in Translation



November 14



2:30 p.m



Conference Room

Principal-Prof Manoj Sinha Convener-Dr. Roshni TIC-Ms. Alka Lakhera

Date: 14 November 2024

Time: 2:30 PM

Venue: Conference Room

Speaker: Abhay K (Poet-Diplomat, Editor, Translator, Anthologist, Artist, and Deputy

Director General, ICCR, New Delhi)

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The English Literary Association of Aryabhatta College organized an enlightening lecture by Abhay K, noted Indian poet-diplomat and Deputy Director General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), on 14 November 2024. The session, titled "Kalidasa in Translation," was held in the college conference room and witnessed active participation from faculty members and students of the Department of English.

Dr. Roshni, Convenor of the English Literary Association, warmly welcomed the speaker and also served as the moderator for the event. She guided the flow of the talk and initiated a lively discussion at the end, encouraging students to share their thoughts and engage with the speaker.

In his address, Abhay K highlighted the distinct cultural and natural sensibility found in Kalidasa's works, with particular attention to the poet's detailed representation of flora and fauna. He emphasized how Kalidasa familiarizes readers with the natural world, making it an integral part of his poetic vision.

The lecture explored Kalidasa's celebrated works such as *Meghadutam* and *Raghuvamsam*, using them to contextualize *Abhijnanasakuntalam*, which is part of the first-semester English Honours syllabus. His talk provided students with a deeper appreciation of Kalidasa's narrative artistry, thematic richness, and continuing relevance in literary studies.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where students raised thoughtful questions about translation, cultural resonance, and the challenges of preserving Kalidasa's poetic charm in English.

Ms. Alka Lakhera, Teacher-in-Charge of the Department of English, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speaker for his valuable insights and to the participants for making the event successful.









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