



Department of English, School of Humanities,  
Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India

in Collaboration with



Guild of Indian English Writers, Editors and Critics  
(GIEWEC),

H.Q. at Thodupuzha East, Kerala, India

## National Seminar

on

# Indian Literatures in English: New Directions, Newer Possibilities

at

Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry, India

on

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014 (Thursday & Friday)



### Registration Form for Participation

(Photo copy of the duly filled form is to be sent along with the DD by Speed Post to Dr. K. Reshmi, Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, Puducherry- 605 014, before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014. Simultaneously, scanned copy of the DD and the Registration form should be sent by e-mail to Dr. K. V. Dominic, Secretary, GIEWEC along with abstract/poems, bio-data, passport size photograph etc.)

Name of the Participant: .....

Address of the participant with e-mail address and phone number:  
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Whether participating as paper presenter or poet:  
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Details of the Registration Fee

(For outstation participant, Rs. 1000. For local participant, Rs. 500. Through DD drawn in favour of 'The Treasurer, Dept. of English, Pondicherry University' payable at Puducherry.

DD number .....of .....Bank,  
dated.....for Rs. ....

Name and Signature of the participant with date: .....

### How to Reach the Venue

Pondicherry University is situated on the Chennai-Puducherry East Coast Road (ECR), where buses ply frequently from Chennai to Puducherry on the ECR route and stop readily on request, at the University Gates I or II. **From Chennai, this is the most convenient route to reach the University.** However, from Chennai, Puducherry can also be reached by NH 45 via Tindivanam and one can get down at Puducherry Bus Stand and then take a city service to reach the University. From other southern towns and cities like Bengaluru, Tiruchirapalli, Madurai, Coimbatore, Trivandrum by road/rail, one should get down at Puducherry Bus Stand/Railway Station. By train, one has to derail at Puducherry Railway Station and reach the Bus Stand in order to catch a town bus to reach Pondicherry University. The Pondicherry University is located about 11 Kms north of Puducherry Bus Stand and can be reached by town bus. The travelling time is about 25 minutes and the bus fare is Rs. 5. Autorickshaws are also available from Puducherry Town and may vary between Rs.100-300- to get to the University.

### Call for Critical Papers and Poems for the Festival

The two day Literary festival will have six sessions consisting of paper/power-point presentations, poetry reading and Panel Discussion(s). Original and unpublished critical papers on the topic "Indian Literatures in English: New Directions, Newer Possibilities" (critically examined under its various aspects like Nature, Environment, Science, Myth, Ethos, Nationalism, Patriotism, Politics, Ethics, Philosophy of life, Social Consciousness, Urban and Rural Sensibilities, Anxieties and Agonies, Erosion of Values, Women, Sex, Sensuousness, Sexism, Ageism, Child Labour, Superstitions, Patriarchy, Tyranny, Cruelty to Women, Children and Animals etc.) are invited for presentations at the different parallel sessions of the two day festival. The critical studies are invited on all genres of contemporary Indian literature in English (including translations).

### Deadline for Submissions

- ❖ Abstracts of original and unpublished papers (Max.150 words) with name, address, brief bio-data, a passport size photograph and phone number should be sent to Dr. K. V. Dominic, Secretary of GIEWEC (email: [prof.kvdominic@gmail.com](mailto:prof.kvdominic@gmail.com)) by email attached Word file before 25 January 2014. The acceptability will be intimated within two days. Full papers should not exceed 2000 words and should be sent by e-mail after the registration.
- ❖ Paper presenters will be given ten minutes for their presentation and three minutes for interaction.
- ❖ Poets will be given upto ten minutes for reading/reciting their poems and three minutes for interaction. Two unpublished short poems of not more than twenty lines (as samples) each and a passport size photograph of the poet with full address, brief bio-data and phone number should be sent to the Secretary by email before 25 January 2014. The acceptability will be intimated within two days.
- ❖ Registration fee for outstation participants is Rs. 1000 and for local participants Rs. 500. The fee shall be paid through DD to be sent directly to the Treasurer, Dr. K. Reshmi, Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, Puducherry- 605 014 (Email: [reshmi.krishnan03@yahoo.co.in](mailto:reshmi.krishnan03@yahoo.co.in) Phone: 0413-2654344) along with the photo copy of the registration form duly filled. A scanned copy of the DD and the filled up registration form shall be sent by email to Dr. K. V. Dominic, Secretary, GIEWEC, along with the abstract/poems, bio data, passport size photograph etc.

## PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

### DAY ONE: THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2014

9 a.m.-10.45 a.m.	: Inaugural session including Launching New Books
10.45 a.m.-11 a.m.	: Tea Break
11 a.m.-1.15 p.m.	: Plenary Session on Contemporary Indian Literature in English. Participants include: Jayanta Mahapatra, Ashokamitran, Manoj Das, Prof. Murali Sivaramakrishnan etc.
1.15 p.m.-2 p.m.	: Lunch break
2 p.m.-4 p.m.	: Poetry Reading (Leading English poets of the country read their poems)
2 p.m.-4 p.m.	: Parallel sessions of paper presentations on Contemporary Indian Fiction in English
4 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	: Coffee break
4.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	: GIEWEC's Executive Committee and General Body Meeting

### DAY TWO: FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2014

9 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	: Paper Presentations on Contemporary Indian Poetry/Short Fiction in English
10.30 a.m.-1.15 p.m.	: Panel Discussion
11 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	: Coffee break
1.15 p.m.-2 p.m.	: Lunch Break
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	: Parallel sessions of paper presentations on Contemporary Indian Non Fiction in English
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	: Poetry Reading
3 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.	: Coffee break
3.15 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	: Valedictory function including certificates distribution

\*This is a Draft Programme and is liable to change

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## Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India.

**Pondicherry University**, established under an Act of Parliament in the year 1985, has grown from strength to strength in all possible ways all these years and has become a place on the educational hub of the country. 15 Schools, 37 Departments and 10 Centres offering 175 PG & Research programmes are within its fold and housed in the 800-acre sprawling Wi-Fi-enabled vibrant campus, which is just 12 kms. away from the Puducherry town. It has all the state-of-the-art facilities in all the Schools and Departments paving the way for the students to have a student-friendly, result-oriented academic environment with green ambience. The University has over 400 faculty and 6100 students from across the country on its rolls. There are over 45,000 students in its 87 affiliated colleges.

### About Department

The Department of English, one of the Oldest Departments of the University, was established on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1986, and since inception the Department has been the hub of teaching and research activity, attracting a cross-section of students and research scholars from all over the country. It has established itself as a stronghold of Comparative Literature, teaching Comparative Literary Theory and fostering Comparative Literary studies between Indian Languages and English. In recent years, Cultural and Translation Studies too have come to be a thrust area, inspiring inter-disciplinary and intra-disciplinary insights among faculty and students alike. Reading Literature(s) in English alongside literary narratives in Indian languages has certainly provided our students with deeper insights, as evidenced by the innumerable scholarly dissertations which have been submitted as part of the students' course work. An ecologically sensitive critical thinking and teaching has also emerged alongside, and the Department is one of the earliest in the country to proffer multicultural studies in this area—and with the founding and establishment of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment—ASLE India (the Indian counterpart of the International forum of that name) in 2006, under the academic guidance of Prof. S Murali, this has fostered a renewed direction to academics and Scholars alike.

## Guild of Indian English Writers, Editors and Critics (GIEWEC)

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A literary forum of Indian writers in English, entitled Guild of Indian English Writers, Editors and Critics (GIEWEC) was established on 24 September 2010 at Thodupuzha, Kerala, India. It was registered on 13 October 2010 and its Head Office is functioning at the residence of the Secretary at Thodupuzha. GIEWEC is a non-profit-making institution aimed at promoting Indian literature in English through the members' creative and critical writings and by editing and publishing books and journals. The chief objectives of the Guild are: to promote Indian Literature in English, to exchange creative writings between nations, to conduct annual conferences and literary festivals, and to help Ph.D. scholars. The Guild is publishing an international biannual refereed journal entitled *Writers Editors Critics* (ISSN 2231-198X). The issues come out in March and September. GIEWEC is fast growing with 202 members till date, of which 80 are life members. Professors and Lecturers of universities/colleges, professional English writers and PhD research scholars are its members.

### Executive Committee of GIEWEC

President	: Dr. T. V. Reddy, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
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Ex. Committee Member	: Mr. Rama Krishna Perugu, Nelloore, A.P.
Ex. Committee Member	: Dr. Poonam Sahay, Ranchi, Jharkhand

## COMMITTEES

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### ORGANISING COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Prof. MURALI SIVARAMAKRISHNAN,  
Professor and Head, Department of English, Pondicherry University.

#### Co-ordinators:

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President, GIEWEC      Secretary, GIEWEC      Professor & HoD of English,  
Pondicherry University

**NOTE:** Outstation participants will be provided local hospitality on 19th, 20th, 21st of March 2014. No T. A. will be given to any participant. All registered participants will be supplied copies of the souvenir along with the seminar kits. They will also be given participation certificates.

## Distinguished Writer Participants



Jayanta Mahapatra



Ashokamitran



Manoj Das

### For further details contact:

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