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REPORT

TRANSLATING WOMEN: TRANSLATORS' PERSPECTIVE

09.01.2024 Academic Council Hall

The Research and Development Cell and the Department of English, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, jointly organized a special lecture titled "Translating Women: Translators' Perspective" at 3 pm on the 9th of January, 2024 at the Academic Council Hall. The meeting commenced with a prayer song by the Post graduate students of the Department of English. Ms.Kavya, Full-time Research Scholar, Department of English, was the Master of the Ceremony for the event. Dr A. Vijayarani, the Head of the Department of English, welcomed the gathering and introduced the key speakers of the day - Prof. Dr. Alladi Uma, Professor of English (Retd.) and Prof. Dr M. Sridhar, Professor of English (Retd.), University of Hyderabad. Dr. Bharathi Harishankar, the honourable Vice-Chancellor of the University, delivered the Presidential Address, in which she highlighted the necessity and relevance of addressing the subject of translation in the contemporary scenario. Drawing upon her own experience as an academician and as a translator, she emphasized the tasks of the translator and the limitations within which he/she engages in the process of translation.

The Presidential Address was followed by the keynote address titled "Translating Women: Translators' Perspective" by Dr Alladi Uma and Dr M. Sridhar. The lecture commenced by discussing significant questions related to translation pertaining to the choices/decisions made by the translator, the selection of the text(s), the perspectives adopted by

the translator, the biases that haunt the translator as a subjective human-being, the linguistic possibilities and the limitations confronted by the translator etc. Citing instances from their own translated literary pieces, Dr Uma and Dr Sridhar stressed upon the inevitable plurality of voices involved in translation and the choices made by the translator consciously/unconsciously. The speakers mainly focused on the problems faced by the translators while dealing with 'women' as the subject(s) of translation. With the help of examples from their short stories (translated from Telugu to English), they pointed out the flaws in homogenizing 'women' as a unified category while translating fictional works by women writers and those involving women characters. This becomes further problematic in the Indian context where 'doing' translation often involves writers and translators coming from different socio-cultural backgrounds.

The talk progressed in an interactive manner and the discussion brought in several aspects related to translation such as the challenges faced by the translator, faithfulness to the text, problems faced by Indian translators as non-native speakers of English, limitations of language, responsibilities of the translator, experiments in style and form, politics of publishing translated works, and the 'conflicts' of using the English language to write/translate experiences rooted in the Indian cultural milieu. The audience, mainly the faculty, scholars and the PG students of the School of Arts and Social Sciences, raised several queries and observations with regard to translation making it a fruitful platform of intellectual deliberation.

As the meeting concluded (by 5:30 pm), Dr Lalitha, the Director of the Research and Development Cell, and Dr. Shobhana, the Dean of the School of Arts and Social Sciences presented a memento of love and gratitude to the esteemed speakers of the day. Dr Kalamani, Professor of English, proposed the vote of thanks, with which the meeting came to an end. It was, thus, an enlightening lecture which made the audience ponder on the immense potential and possibilities of translation, and the many problems faced by the translator in the present times.



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"Translating Women: Translator's Perspective"

On 9 January (3.00pm)

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7. Financial Assistance Required: Yes (Annexure attached)

8. Details of assistance sought from other sources: NIL

9. Details of collaborating institution, if any: NIL

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Research and Development Cell

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Tentative Budget for Expenses

No of participants: 50

Particulars	Amount	
Honorarium for Chief guest (1000*2)	2000	
Refreshments	500	
Miscellaneous Expenses	500	
Guest House	5000	
Total	8000	

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Programme

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3.00pm-3.05pm

Welcome Address and Dr.A.Vijayarani Introducing the guests Associate Professor

3.05pm-3.15pm Head, Department of English

Presidential address Dr. V. Bharathi Harishankar

3.15pm-3.25pm Vice Chancellor

Special lecture Resource Persons

3.25pm-3.45pm **Prof Dr.Alladi Uma**

3.45pm-4.05pm Professor of English(Retd)

University of Hyderabad &

Prof Dr.M.Sridhar

Professor of English(Retd) University of Hyderabad

Vote of Thanks Dr.S.Kalamani

4.05pm-4.10pm **Professor of English**