

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SARRC LITERATURE AND CULTURE**

The two day National Conference MATSLIT 2017 was organized by the School of Arts and Humanities, Department of English, on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The topic of the conference was SAARC Literature and Culture . The first day of the conference started at 10:30am on 25<sup>th</sup> April with the inaugural ceremony. The Chief Guest of the occasion was Prof.Nafisa Hatimi, Retired Professor MLS University, Udaipur. The Guest of Honor was Dr.Jaya Tiwari, Govt. D.B.Girls' P.G.College Raipur. The Vice-Chancellor of MATS University Prof.Byju John and Dr.Shilpi Bhattacharya, Head, Department of English was also present for the occasion. Dr.Shilpi Bhattacharya extended the welcome speech to all the dignitaries. Prof.Byju John extended good wishes for the success of the conference. The inaugural ceremony was presided by the key note address by Prof.Nafisa Hatimi on the topic 'Divide in Heart:Cracked Walls' followed by the plenary session on 'Women Above Borders: A SAARC Perspective' By Prof.Jaya Tiwari. The plenary sessions were followed by two post lunch technical sessions. The first technical session was chaired by Prof.Harsh Sharma, from Govt. Nagarjuna P.G. Science College, Raipur in which 14 delegates read their research papers on varied topics. The second technical session was chaired by Prof.Pratibha Mukherjee Sahukar, Durga Mahavidyalaya Raipur in which 8 delegates read their research papers. The first day of National Conference was summed up by the chairperson's report of the technical session.

The second day of the conference started at 10:30 am on 26<sup>th</sup> April, with the key note address of Mr.Nimish Kapoor, Head Science Films Division, DST, Govt. of India who spoke on Role of Media and Cinema in SAARC Literature and Culture. The Key note address was followed by a tea break and Plenary session II by Prof.Savita Singh, Govt.Nagarjuna Science P.G.College , Raipur. Post Lunch there were two technical sessions. Technical session I was chaired by Dr. T.Jalaja Nair. Prof. Govt.Chhattisgarh College, in which around 18 delegates presented their papers. The Technical session II was chaired by Prof.Anita Juneja , Govt. Chhattisgarh College, Raipur, in which around 18 delegates presented their research papers. This was followed by Valedictory Ceremony. Around 150 delegates, research scholars and academicians from various colleges and universities got registered for the National Conference. The two day National Conference got an overwhelming response from the academicians and research scholars. Lastly the aim of the Conference was to bind all the scattering aspects of SAARC Literature and Culture in a single stream.





