

## Department of English celebrated Premchand Jayanti

Under “Commemorating the Writer Series”, the Department of English, Central University of Jammu celebrated Munshi Premchand Jayanti in the University Campus on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2019. The objective of the series is to impart a holistic understanding of legendary writers to students and scholars of the university so as to initiate an exploration of the contemporary relevance of their world-view. Under the series, Premchand Jayanti was celebrated wherein students, scholars and faculty of the department got engaged in discussing varied facets of the Premchand’s oeuvre by situating it in socio-politico and cultural context. In the opening remarks, Dr. M A A Farooq, the coordinator of the event focused primarily on Premchand’s idea of language and literature. Dr. Vandana Sharma, Head, Department of English in her address highlighted the significance of the Series, which is primarily to empower students to emerge as good scholars. She further said that since the birthdays of two towering writers fall in July, which are Wole Soyinka and Premchand, the department decided to celebrate the later in view of Premchand’s contribution to Indian literature. She further gave a comparative perspective of Premchand and Wole Soyinka.

The event began with a documentary on the life of Munshi Premchand presented by Mr. Bhuvnesh Pargal, student of M.A. English followed by an exhaustive presentation by Miss Jhilmil Mengi on Munshi Premchand as a translator. Students and Scholars of Department of English, Department of Social Work and Department of MCNM participated in panel discussion on “ Relevance of Premchand in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”. Ms. Priyanka Dogra and Miss Sunali Charak, students of M.A. Semester III, Department of English made poster presentation.. Miss Surbhi Badyal presented a book review on Premchand’s famous work *Gaban*. Dr. Neena Gupta Vij proposed the vote of thanks and gave an overview of Premchand’s portrayal of women.

