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Invites Proposals for Presentations in a
NATIONAL SEMINAR

on
ENVIRONMENT @75 : ECOCRITICAL DISCOURSES AND THE POSTHUMAN TURN
to be held on
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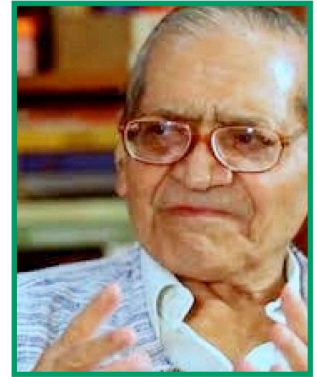
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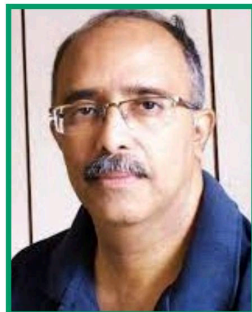
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KEY NOTE SPEAKER



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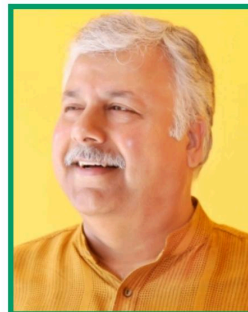
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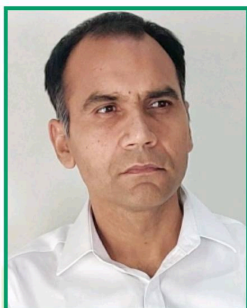
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CONCEPT NOTE

At the momentous occasion when India completes 75 years of Independence, one way to study the past could be to look at our environment—how it changed us and how we have changed it over 75 years. Admittedly, the journey of our environmental concerns begins from Vedic age and constitutes a part of our heritage and consciousness. Nevertheless, colonial ecological intrusion and environmental colonialism made unexpected impacts on indigenous communities.

One of the predominant concerns of literary environmentalism ever since its inception as an academic discourse in the West is an exploration of how literature and literary criticism could be a potent tool for or against environmental change. Various tropes and approaches in ecocriticism which emerged from western academic circles initiated debate from pastoralism and wilderness to overarching ecodiscourses encompassing issues of gender, race and class. Ecocriticism with its earth-centered approach continues to investigate complex intersections between environment and culture, believing that “human culture is connected to the physical world, affecting it and affected by it” as opined by Glotfelty. In South Asia, postcolonial ecocriticism moves away from deep ecology, which is an ideology for the sparsely populated regions of the world with limited relevance in places like South Asia.

At the epoch making juncture when India completes 75 years of independence, it is imperative to trace not only the anthropocentric capitalism and diverse forms of resistance that contest the anthropocentric capitalism often held responsible for the exploitation of nature, but also to address the questions of indigeneity as they relate to the environment of South Asia with layers to postcolonial ecocriticism in South Asia. Further envisioning the possible solutions that social scientists, writers, ecocritics, and environmentalists are individually and jointly imagining in the world with special reference to South Asia, the conference will be exploring the posthuman turn on ecocriticism. With their intersecting stories and theories, posthumanism and ecocriticism converge to produce new epistemological configurations and introduce changes in the way materiality, agency and nature are conceived.

Proposals are invited exploring the trends, movements and processes of environmental movements and ecocritical engagements in India in particular and South Asia in general through theoretical, social, literary and cultural interconnections between ecocritical forms of engagement with matter and life and posthuman turn which induces an out-of-the box thinking which in Katherine Hayles words, “evokes the exhilarating prospect of getting out of some of the old boxes and opening new ways of thinking about what being human means”.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for submission of Abstract: 15th November, 2022

Intimation of acceptance of Abstract: 20th November, 2022

Last Date for conference registration: 5th December, 2022

Last Date for submission of full paper: 10th December, 2022

NOTE

Submit the abstract and paper to

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