Department of English, Guru Nanak College, Dhanbad **MEET THE AUTHOR: KIRAN BHAT** 27 th November. 2024

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ANNUAL BOOK FAIR 2024 EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF WORDS!

Meet the Author: KIRAN BHAT

an internationally acclaimed Indian-American novelist, poet, short-story writer, literary critic, and translator



for a talk on his book **SPEAKING IN** TONGUES published by

The Department of English organized a talk titled 'Meet the Author: Kiran Bhat' on 27th November, 2024 in the SJS Grewal Auditorium of Bhuda Campus. Kiran Bhat is an internationally acclaimed Indian-American novelist, poet, short-story writer, literary critic and a translator. This event was associated with the two day book fair on 26th and 27th November, and took place on the second day.

The aim of this talk was to create a space for students to directly communicate with the writer to experience the magic of words and to understand the importance of literature and language. Mr. Bhat discussed the process and stylistics of poetry writing and encouraged students to express their thoughts, feelings and ideas using words without any inhibition. He also read a few of his poems from his collection of poetry 'Speaking in Tongues: Poems in Spanish, Mandarin, and Turkish'. Following the reading

session of the poems, Kiran Bhat engaged in an interactive question-answer session with the teachers and students present. Everyone actively asked several questions related to the process, style, and composition of poetry. Moreover, Kiran Bhat, a global citizen (lived in around 24 countries), also shared his experiences with the students about his encounter with different cultures and people.

Sardar R.S.Chahal (President G.N.C) emphasized on the importance of literature and reading books for the humane development of individuals. The principal of the college, Dr. Sanjay Prasad, welcomed and thanked the speaker (Kiran Bhat) for his presence. He also congratulated the Department of English for planning a mindful talk.

The Dean of Students' Welfare of Binod Bihari Mahto Kovalanchal University, Dhanbad, Dr. Debjani Biswas was invited as the chief guest of the event and she addressed the students and emphasized on the importance of reading and the need to conduct such interactive sessions.

The event was conceptualized and coordinated by Dr. Varsha Singh. Head of Department, Prof. Amarjit Singh shared his views that reading books enriches knowledge and develops critical thinking and how organizing books fairs promotes literary and cultural exchange and develops a love for reading. Prof. Dipak Kumar delivered the vote of thanks and congratulated the organizing committee and participants for successful completion of the event.

Following persons were present during the event:

Sardar R.S.Chahal (President, GNC), Sardar D.S. Grewal (Secretary, GNC) Dr.Sanjay Prasad (Principal, GNC), Prof. Amarjit Singh (Prof-in-Charge, Bhuda Campus), Dr. Ranjana Das (Prof-in-Charge, Bank More Campus), Prof. Dipak Kumar, Dr. Varsha Singh, Prof. Ghanishtha Verma, Prof. Surabhi Kashyap, Prof. Rashi Poddar, Dr. Mina Malkhandi, Dr. Neeta Ojha, Prof. Sanjay Sinha, Prof. Pushpa Tiwari, Prof. Santosh Kumar, Prof. Uday Sinha, Prof. Sadhna Kumari, Prof. Snehal Goswami, Nushrat Parveen, Prof. Daljit Singh, Prof. Arnab Sarkhel, Prof. Pratima, Prof. Sonu Yadav, Prof. Mamta, Prof. Ayushi etc were present.

The students of different departments (English, Commerce, History, Economics, Psychology, Hindi and Political Science) were actively present in the event.

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