

Editorial

Welcome to another edition of the ELTAI Journal on Literature!

As you are aware, ELTAI is commemorating the 400th death anniversary of the poet-dramatist in a big way by conducting a series of programmes throughout India. In this issue, we have included the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor of Tamilnadu, Dr. Rosaiah at S.I.E.T. College for Women, Teynampet. Chennai as part of 'Shakespeare lives-2016' organized by the English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI) in collaboration with the British Council.

In this edition, we have three papers on various fields of literary studies. Dr. Seemen Mahmood and K. Shiny Antony have written an article on Mulk Raj Anand's first novel *Untouchable*. They have discussed in detail the repression, inequality, and mistreatment meted out to the outcastes in India. According to their study, *Untouchable* evokes in the mind of the reader, the appalling social malady that existed in the colonial days and the succeeding decades through a tale of socially created wretchedness to the downtrodden in the Indian society.

Dr. Alpana Gupta writes about Dalit literature in the paper titled "The Reverberations of Identity in Telugu Dalit Poetry". According to Dr. Kalpana, Dalit writers identify themselves with a casteless society based on the principle of equality, fraternity and justice. The defining feature of Telugu Dalit identity is the demand for self-respect and dignity. The paper exemplifies these components of identity through the exemplification of poetry from several Telugu poets.

Dr. Nagender Singh Nathawat writes about the textual level intricacies embedded in the fiction *Shame* by Rushdie. According to Dr. Nagender, Rusdie makes use of various strategies to present the plethora of histories documented. They include magic realism, satire, fable, legend, irony, allegory, symbolism, mythology, metaphors, parallelism and contrast, fantasy, and inversion. These are employed to create history out of fiction.

Hope you will surely enjoy reading these articles.

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