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## **VC SMVDU inaugurates Two-Day National Seminar & Language Lab**

**Katra, March 13:** Two-day National seminar on **Language & Literature in Global Context: Perspectives & Challenges** organized by School of Languages in collaboration with English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI) J&K Chapter was held here at University campus. The proceedings commenced with the inauguration of Software Based Language Laboratory set up in the School and was inaugurated by Prof. N.K Bansal, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU.

Seminar Co-ordinator, Dr. Vandhana Sharma welcoming the guests and the participants gave an over view of the theme and said that English Language and Literature has been in a state of constant flux and the seminar proposes to deliberate on various perspectives and challenges faced by English teachers in the present global scenario.

The Keynote Speaker Prof. G.K Das , Former Vice Chancellor , Utkal University talked about the importance of English which originally emerged as a 'help language' and is more widely learnt today by choice rather than under compulsion. He stressed on the point that Indians should use English for the enrichment of Native languages as we are facing the challenge of Cultural & Linguistic Darwinism.

In his inaugural address, the Chief Guest, Prof. N.K Bansal traced the history of English Language. Prof. Bansal who is a renowned energy scientist himself, emphasized on the point that to acquire knowledge one needs to know Language properly and the changes in

the English language over the years have led to the societal, economic and industrial development.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Vijay Sharma from University of Delhi appreciated the theme of seminar which focuses on the integration of Language and Literature and stressed on the point that we should always have integrated approach towards language and literature.

The seminar is being attended by number of scholars from across the country. Prof. Sudhir Singh, Secretary ELTAI J&K Chapter delivered the vote of thanks. Ms. Subika Jamwal conducted the proceedings.

An enthralling evening of dance and music representing the rich cultural heritage of J&K was presented by the M.A English students of the school of Languages in Maatrika Auditorium. The Archeological Survey of India made a presentation on the monumental heritage of J&K. The audience was spell bound with a kathak dance by the guest performer Mukulini Sethi. The programme was widely appreciated by audience.