Report on Ten-day Online GIAN Course on Cinema Studies Organized by Department of English and Foreign Languages

The ten-day online course 'Introduction to Cinema Studies', organized by the Department of English and Foreign Language which had started on 4 May 2022, concluded on 14 May 2022. This course was under the prestigious GIAN (Global Initiatives for Academic Networks) Scheme of Ministry of Education.

The course had started with the inspiring presence of Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal who spoke on the importance of cinema studies in the present times and also expressed hope for collaboration with resource person from abroad and with his institution.

The resource persons for this course were Professor Vincent Piturro from Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA and Professor H. Nikhila from English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad, both experienced teachers with immense knowledge of cinema and cinema studies. Both the experts talked about cinema and its intricate aspects. While Professor Piturro covered the basics of cinema like cinematography, editing, sound, mise-en-scene and movements in cinema all over the world including those in Germany, Italy, France, and America in particular, Professor Nikhila covered cinema from India, including parallel cinema, regional cinema, and the socio-cultural and political aspects of Indian cinema.

The course had a total of 57 participants who were from all over India and included undergraduate and postgraduate students, Ph.D. scholars doing research on cinema, a filmmaker, and several college and university teachers as well. There were lively discussions with the resource persons throughout the course and participants were also given assignments and study materials and videos through Google Drive.

On the concluding day, Sowmya Gulati, Soumya Chandrakar, Aishwarya Mehta, Aishwarya Vedula, Pratibha Somkunwar, Aayushi Chauhan, Susmit, Dr Harpreet Kaur, Vipin Kadavath, Ojal Kashyap and several other participants gave very positive feedback about the course and praised the resource persons for making them understand the elements and aspects of cinema so that they can now watch cinema with new eyes and speak and write about it. Anurag Chauhan, Head of the Department, was the Coordinator of the Course while Dr Prasenjit Panda was the Co-Coordinator of the Course and Dr Chakradhar Rao was the Local Coordinator. Video recording and live streaming of the course was also done so that many more people could learn from it.

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