



## Report on National Seminar on 'Nationalism, Populism, and Discourses: India in the 21st Century'

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**About the University**  
Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, is a Central University of India, located in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh State. The University has 9 schools and 32 departments offering Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D. programmes in various subjects. Located in an academically challenged region covering a vast Schedule V area, the university is committed to provide quality driven opportunities through access and equity on one hand and to bring itself on the international map by offering globally competitive research opportunities in the niche areas simultaneously.

**About the department**  
The Department of English and Foreign Languages has been endeavoring to provide the students a firm grounding in English studies in a very congenial atmosphere since its inception in 1990. A growing number of undergraduate students opt for English as their honours or elective subject every year. Students aspiring to obtain a post graduate degree in Literature in English get introduced to all the important aspects of literatures written in English. The teaching activity of the Department extends to other departments with the teaching of English and Communication skills to students of other departments as well. Teaching of English for Remedial English classes, and for competitive examinations is also undertaken by the department.

We have a team of dedicated and competent teachers who are quite accessible to students. The academic excellence of the faculty members reflects in the continuous publications and participation in national and international conferences and workshops. The teachers and students have also been presenting papers at International national seminars and conferences and have been appreciated. The number of our students clearing UGC NET has been increasing every year. Our recent activities include a workshop in English and communication skills and two GLAN courses under MERID Scheme. The Department seeks to have further involvement in collaborations for teaching and research.

Our placement record is excellent, with most of our former students teaching in prestigious schools, colleges, and universities. In addition, many of our former students hold good positions in administration, media, animation and other diverse fields.

The department also runs diploma courses in French and German languages as add-on courses.

**About Bilaspur**  
Bilaspur is the second largest city of importance in Chhattisgarh. It is known as judiciary (Nyayadhani) and cultural (Sanskritdhani) capital, rich in etiquette & hospitality. Ever since creation of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur has progressed in leaps and bounds. This city has developed as a centre of education for Chhattisgarh. The place is a nice amalgamation of fast developing city and at the same time a region having natural beauty and spiritual importance.

**Route Direction**  
**How to reach Bilaspur**  
By Train: Bilaspur is well connected by Railways/Road transport, and situated on the Mumbai - Nagpur-Howrah route of the Indian Railways. Another nearby station is Udaipur.  
By Air: Nearest airport is at Raipur (Sherma Vivekananda Airport) which is about 126 Km away from Bilaspur City.  
How to reach the University from Bilaspur city  
The University is located at "Koni - Ratnagar Road" which is approximately 10 km from the railway station. Prepaid Autos are available at railway station with fare around Rs. 100. Bilaspur City buses are also regularly ply from Railway station to the University Main Gate. Bilaspur has Ola cab service too.



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### **Details of Event Proceedings**

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### **A Brief Abstract of the Event (Maximum 500 Words):**

Nationalism and populism are very much related. Popular sovereignty is woven into the fabric of nationalism, which arose as a revolt against aristocratic and foreign rule. Whether nationalists bring power to the people, or merely use the people as a cloak to advance their own agenda, they draw on an ideology which considers foreign and elite interests to be illegitimate. Brexit, and the election of Trump to the American presidency shook western politics, opening up a new political cleavage between nationalist and globalist that cuts across traditional divides of left and right. In Russia, India, Turkey, the Philippines and Latin America, it is not uncommon to see populist leaders rise to power by mobilising opposition to established elites or foreign influence.

Nationalism, since Herder, is also focused on ensuring that culture and politics, ethnicity and the state, past and present, are aligned. The culture may evolve and the past may be partly imagined, but nationalists view these as relatively permanent. The people who bear



sovereignty should have a well-developed identity and a sense of timeless continuity with generations past. When the continuity of identity is seen to be under threat – through the global spread of ideas or immigrants, for instance, a cultural nationalist backlash can arise. National pride becomes important too: the rise of nationalism brings a sense among nationalists –such as in contemporary India--that the nation has been humiliated, betrayed by elites or foreigners, and must recover its proper place in the world. Elsewhere populists generally accept liberal institutions but mobilise voters who are psychologically authoritarian in Adorno or Altemeyers terms, in that they seek order and security rather than pluralism and change.

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