

Event Report: Department of English

Title: “Can Literature Save the Environment?”

Category: Extension Lecture (Online)

Organized by: Department of English & IQAC

Date: 25.08.26

Time: 10: 30 AM -11:45AM

Venue: Room no. 25

Resource Person: Dr. Modhumita Roy, Associate Professor and Interim Chair, Department of English, Tufts University, Boston, MA, USA.

Number of Participants: 44

Brief Description of the event: The department of English organized an online lecture titled “Can Literature Save the Environment?” on 25th August 2026. The lecture explored the relationship between literature and environmental concerns, with particular emphasis on the issue of environmental justice. The resource person, Dr. Modhumita Roy, examined how literary texts can draw attention to ecological destruction, unequal access to natural resources, and the disproportionate impact of environmental crises on vulnerable communities. It also considered whether literature can contribute to changing the way people understand and respond to environmental problems.

Outcome: The online lecture provided an insightful understanding of the connection between literature, ecology, and social justice. Its focus on environmental justice demonstrated that environmental degradation is not simply a scientific or ecological problem but also a social and ethical one. The lecture ultimately suggested that literature has an important role in environmental discourse. Through storytelling, imagination, empathy, and critical reflection, it can make invisible injustices visible and inspire readers to reconsider their relationship with nature and society. Although literature cannot save the environment by itself, it can help create the awareness, sensitivity, and collective imagination required to work towards a more just and sustainable world.

