

Workshop Report

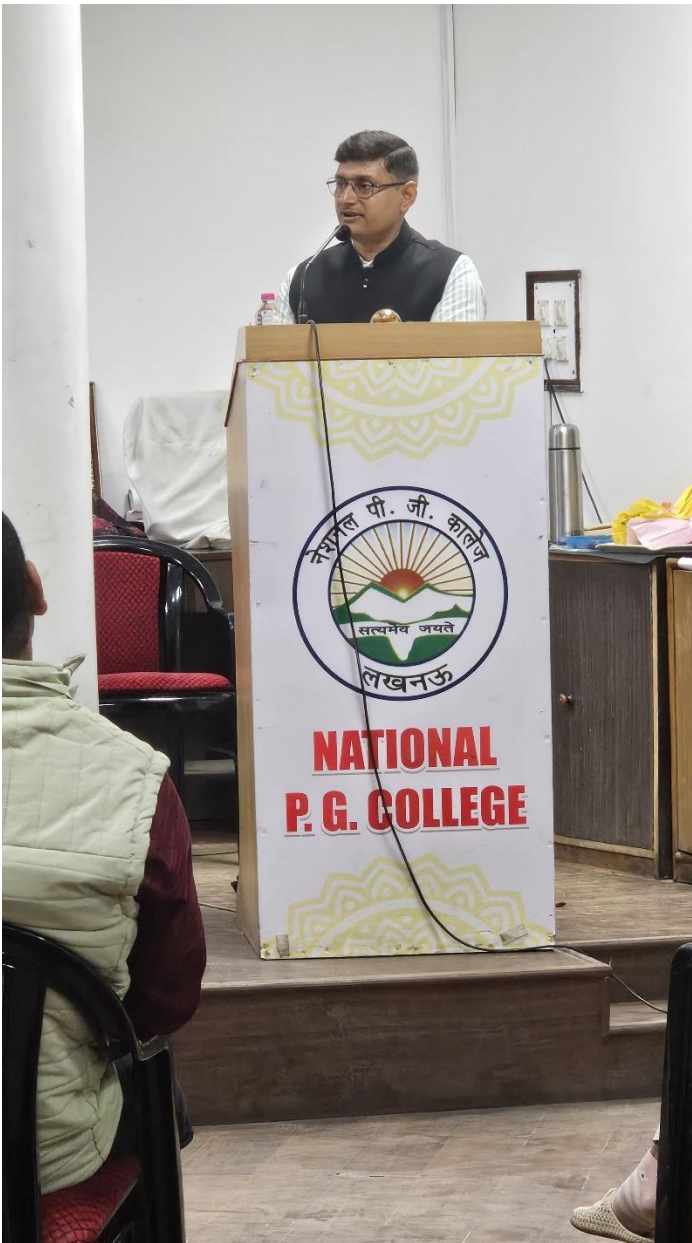
A National Workshop on “*Ecocriticism and the Socio-Ecoliterary Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Approach*”

On March 10, 2025, a one-day national workshop titled "Ecocriticism and the Socio-Ecoliterary Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Approach" was organized under the joint aegis of the Ecosophical Foundation for the Study of Literature and Environment (EFSLE), New Delhi, and National PG College, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.



The program began with a welcome address by Prof. P.K. Singh, who regaled the session with verses from the Ramcharitmanas. The introduction of the topic was deftly done by Prof. Siddhartha Singh, Vice President of LUATA and the workshop's convener. He touched upon the idea of ecocriticism and how paramount it is in amalgamating literature with other disciplines, such as geography, botany, and environment in general. He underscored how the current academic discourse is teeming with an interpenetration of all these.





Internationally renowned environmentalist and literary figure and the President of EFSLE, Dr. Rishikesh Kumar Singh was present as the workshop facilitator. He established Ecocriticism as a multidimensional subject and highlighted its various aspects. More importantly, he addressed the need of the hour to see the world with an ecocritical lens. He highlighted the ways in which ecocriticism enables one to respond to growing concerns of environmental degradation, climate change, and the ways in which humans interact with nature.

The addresses were followed by some important announcements by Dr. Bharti Rai. She announced several upcoming projects focused on India's ecological history, translation of environmental-critical texts, ecocriticism, indigenous and tribal cultures, ecological linguistics, and cognitive acquisition.

To mark this occasion, **Paryālocana** (पर्यालोचन) (*A Half-yearly Bilingual Peer-Reviewed Journal for Humanities*) was also announced.

Furthermore, Prof. Siddhartha Singh was appointed as the head of EFSLE's Northeast Zone, comprising of the three states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand.



Lastly in a significant and historic move, an MoU was signed between EFSLE and National PG College, Lucknow, to further concretise and disseminate the ideas discussed in the workshop.

The workshop witnessed almost 135 participants. Most of them were faculty members and Research Scholars from the different departments of the various Colleges and Universities of Lucknow and the nearby districts like Sitapur, Bahraich, Rai Bareli, Hardoi and Basti.



The Chief Guest of the program was Shri Bharat Singh, Secretary of the UP Press Association and Special Correspondent for Outlook Magazine.

The Presidential address was delivered by Prof. D.K. Singh, Principal of National PG College.

The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Beenu Singh.

The compering of the session was done by Dr. Ritu Jain.
