



### **Knowledge Sharing Initiative**

**Date: 15th & 19th March 2019**

#### **Report of the Event**

Dr. Sankar Oomaidurai delivered a guest lecture to the IV Semester BA-JPE students on slave narratives on March 15 and 19, 2019, which is a part of BU syllabus of Optional English. The lectures provided an overview of the history of African-American literature as the tradition of writing slave narratives forms the foundation of Afro-American literature. The focus of the lectures was on a tale of grit and gumption: Frederick Douglass' Narrative which recounts Frederick Douglass' painstaking efforts to get himself educated despite being a chattel slave leading to his empowerment. The yarn is a rag to riches story which offered an insight to the students into the oppressive existence of the African slaves in America.

### **A Walk Down the memory Lane Called Facets of Language**

**Date: 24th & 29th April 2019**

#### **Report of the Event**

Mr. Jithin Devassy delivered guest lectures on April 24 and 29, 2019 on 'Stylistic Analysis', which is an important component of Literary Discourse in the BU syllabus of Optional English for IV Semester BA-JPE students. He lucidly explaining the concepts such as Lexis, grammar, figures of speech and context comprising of cohesion and coherence. The lectures were made interesting for the students by providing examples from the concepts used in spoken English and also by the use of multimedia. Guest lectures/invited talk



## The Fight for Equal Rights - Guest Lecture on Gender Studies

**Date: 14th January 2020**

### **Report of the Event**

Lecture in Gender Studies Throughout the years there have been countless paradigm shifts in both creation and analysis of literary texts. It is not uncommon to assume that literature has led to revolutionary changes in the functioning of societies and tearing down unfair norms to invoke an egalitarian space. The field of Gender Studies hence is merely an outgrowth of this ideology and attempts to change the contested grounds of English literature. To honour both the beginnings and successive movements of Gender Studies, Dr. K. S. Vaishali, Professor, from Bangalore University's Department of English, delivered a lecture on Gender Studies and its significance to the students and teachers of the Department of Arts and Humanities on 14 January 2020.

Dr. Vaishali spoke at length on the philosophy of Gender Studies and how it has been effective in dethroning all pre-established schools of thought like those of liberalism, humanism and solipsism, only to invite their practices to a thorough examination. Dr. Vaishali spoke at length on the philosophy of Gender Studies and how it has been effective in dethroning all pre-established schools of thought like those of liberalism, humanism and solipsism, only to invite their practices to a thorough examination. She concluded the guest lecture with a succinct question on discourses: What would happen if we were to fuse the personal with the political? After all, change in the world is caused by change in an individual's thought. The sessions received enthusiastic support and praise from the students who were both marvelled and curiosity-stricken when they grasped the concepts of gender studies and its implicit consequences in our daily lives.