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### Message

As a commendable initiative, the Department of English organized a three-day National Seminar on "Subaltern Literature: Resistance and Reconstruction" from 23 to 25 January 2018, and the selected research papers are published in the UGC approved journal *Language in India*. Publication of research papers is indeed a good academic endower and these research articles on Subaltern writings will definitely help the young researchers and faculties to conduct further research in this thrust area.

Subaltern literature as an academic discipline designates the writings of populations who are socially, politically, and geographically marginalized. It is described as "history told from below." In other words, it gives voice to the "voiceless" sections of the society. It is a mark of civilization to welcome and respect alternative view point though one need not agree with it. Moreover, India is a nation of diverse cultures, languages, religions and geographical conditions. Our tradition has always welcomed and respected differences and celebrated unity in diversity.

The publication of two volumes of articles (*Subaltern Indian Writings in English* and *Subaltern Black Writings*) in the reputed journal *Language in India* is a rare academic achievement by the Organising Secretary Dr. T. Deivasigamani of the Department of English. The articles by creative writers, critics, and academicians across the country explore all the issues of subalternity as represented in the writings of the marginalized of all sorts – social, geographical, economic, cultural, etc., and pave way for the integration of all as human beings and citizens of our great nation.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Editor of the two volumes Dr.T.Deivasigamani, and the other members of the faculty of the Department of English for their efforts to publish the research papers presented during the seminar.

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