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The University felicitates its faculty member **Dr Alka Singh** for procuring a grant of Rs 4,00,000/- to undertake the work of **Centre of Excellence** on the topic **Human Rights and English Literary Studies (Making An Annotated Bibliography)** under the scheme of establishing 'Centre of Excellence' in FY 2024- 25 , Department of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, with effect from 07/10/2024 vide Shashnadesh No.78/2024/1015/सत्तर-4-2024-001-70-4002(002)/4/2023 dated 23/09/2024.

This Centre of Excellence propagates Human Rights and Literature as quite intertwined. Any text of literature explores human sensibilities and offers a perspective on making human society a beautiful web to live, sustain the crisis and harsh realities, and to enjoy the values of life. When we talk of human rights /law and literature, we refer to an interdisciplinary study. This study examines the issues and patterns related to both the fields concerned. In the contemporary academic environment, at advanced level of legal studies, the interrelation between human rights and literature is significant and shall be given due places in the relevant disciplines while syllabus formulation. In the world of academia, the relationship of Law/Human Rights and literature saw it's seeding roughly from the 1990's. Major academic journals in the field concerned referred to the English classics by William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

With the advancement of literature in the postcolonial sectors, the issues of human rights made a potent theme in literary writings, and subsequently the contemporary phase in legal education has offered a new insight on different issues of human rights and literature. These disciplines are interestingly related. Being quite apart explicitly, these find many significant trajectories in common and contribute to the systems of the world in general and legal world, in particular.

This Centre of Excellence envisions at studying different genres of English studies from the perspective of Human Rights. Under the Centre, an Annotated Bibliography of select texts shall be prepared from the perspective of Human Rights and English Literary Studies. It is a unique project because no important work in this regard has been done in this line across India. It also touches the canons of NEP 2020 where major focus is given to develop interdisciplinary perspective in teaching and research. Under NEP 2020, the study forms a significant interdisciplinary area to train and sharpen the skills of law and literature students studying English with the need of time in terms of understanding human values and humanitarian approaches while interpreting texts concerning legal education and humanities. This Centre of Excellence has some of its modest objectives as follows:

- i. documenting the major texts from English studies in sync with the issues of Human Rights
- ii. to establish a relationship between human rights and literature
- iii. to show interdisciplinary patterns in Legal studies
- iv. exploring human face of legal and literary studies
- v. to reflect upon creative venture with reference to NEP 2020