A State Level Seminar on
“Drama in the Classroom: Pedagogical Possibilities”
organised by the
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Literature teaching is being re-discovered today. Given the rich humanist quotient in literary studies, it is understandable that every era has to discover its preferred frameworks of literature teaching. However, it is meaningful to explore concrete methods of teaching specific literary forms in particular contexts. With this aim, the Seminar on “Drama in the Classroom: Pedagogical Possibilities” hopes to bring together dramatists, teachers and students to discuss the new challenges to and possibilities of teaching drama in Indian classrooms.

Drama poses special challenges for teachers as they have to at once address the page and the stage. One cannot ignore the performance aspects of drama even as one familiarises the students with the literary issues. English teachers have the additional burden of negotiating the students’ difficulties with language and culture. In the absence of a vibrant theatre atmosphere, drama classroom might be far from satisfactory. Demands of time and evaluation patterns add to the woes of an ambitious teacher. The Seminar hopes to engage with the diverse issues that anyone teaching drama encounter regularly.

We invite papers that illumine the various issues in the teaching of drama for undergraduate and postgraduate Indian students. Suggested topics include, though not limited to:
- Teaching of drama to undergraduate students
- Drama in postgraduate classes
- English / International drama in Indian classrooms
- Teaching drama as a text
- Teaching drama as a performing art
- Barriers in Drama teaching
- Language teaching through drama
- Techniques of drama teaching
- Evaluation methods for drama syllabi
- Designing a drama curriculum

Abstracts may be sent to the address given below before 10 January 2011. Complete contact details including email address and phone numbers will be required. Participants will be provided local hospitality. Those who need accommodation should inform the coordinator latest by 10th January 2011.

Registration fees:
- Rs. 300 (with accommodation, for teachers)
- Rs. 250 (without accommodation, for teachers)
- Rs. 100 (for students)

You are welcome to address your queries, correspondence or abstracts to:

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