REPORT ON GUEST LECTURE HELD ON 27.09.2023



Mrs. Sundari Subhashini, lecturer and program leader for language and communication in the faculty of education and humanities at UNITAR, International University, Malaysia, delivered a guest lecture online on the topic "Importance of Literature in Real Life." The event was attended by around 60 students from the first, second, and third years, faculty from the department of English, and research scholars from the department of English. The speaker elucidated the benefits associated with the study of literature, underlining its profound potential to enrich lives in diverse dimensions. She highlighted how literature serves as a reflective mirror of the cultural, social, and economic milieu.

She mentioned that literature challenges individuals to think critically by analyzing complex narratives and themes, aiding in sharpening thinking skills. She touched on the creative aspect of literature, suggesting that it spurs imaginative thinking and helps individuals understand the world better. She talked about literature's therapeutic and aesthetic values, noting how reading can provide comfort and an appreciation for linguistic richness and narrative techniques. She mentioned the interdisciplinary nature of literature, linking it to fields like history, philosophy, sociology, and psychology, underlining how literature provides a multifaceted approach to understanding human experiences. The lecture followed a Q&A session where students asked intriguing questions about the talk. Mr. Harishankar Raja, from the third year, proposed the vote of thanks.