

"Reading Indian Literature: Reading Ourselves"

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Abstract :

Indian Literature has evolved continuously over a period of 3,500 years and is articulated in over twenty languages, from Sanskrit to English. Its delightful diversity encompasses the many phases of our cultural history and all its subtly intertwined strands. We recognize in it the lived world around us as well as our collective sensibility and our innermost thoughts and feelings. And now in our globalized times, Indian literature is refracted in new ways as we read it in English translation – which is what many of us find ourselves obliged to do.

Bio note:

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