

JSLH COMMENCEMENT LECTURE



**FRIDAY
8TH AUGUST
2025**

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

F18 Auditorium,
Prithviraj Jindal Academic Block (T1),
O.P. Jindal Global University

THE HUMANITIES AND THE PRESENT: READING, AFFECT, KNOWLEDGE

DR. UDAYA KUMAR

Professor, JNU (Retired)

Faculty Coordinator
Dr. Priya Ranjan
Associate Professor

PROGRAMME

11:00 AM-11:10 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS

Professor Kathleen A. Modrowski
Dean, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities
O.P. Jindal Global University

11:10 AM-12:10 PM

COMMENCEMENT LECTURE on

"The Humanities and the Present: Reading, Affect, Knowledge"
Dr. Udaya Kumar
Professor, JNU (Retired)

12:10 PM-12:20 PM

Q&A

12:20 PM-12:30 PM

VOTE OF THANKS

Professor (Dr.) Jayani Jeanne Bonnerjee
Professor and Vice Dean,
Academic Affairs, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities, O.P. Jindal Global University

12:30 PM-12:40 PM

PRESENTATION OF TOKENS OF APPRECIATION

SPEAKER'S BIO

Udaya Kumar has been a Professor at the Centre for English Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. His publications include *Writing the First Person: Literature, History and Autobiography in Modern Kerala* (Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2016) and *The Joycean Labyrinth: Repetition, Time and Tradition in 'Ulysses'* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1991), and papers on modern literature and thought. His recent research has focused on death and contemporary culture, forms of life writing, and idioms of vernacular social thought. He is currently completing a book tentatively titled *Literary Remembrance: Effective Histories in Late Twentieth-Century Fiction from Kerala*.