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From the Editors' desk...

Luciano Pavarotti says, "One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating". In this materialistic and tech savvy world, his words make little sense to the younger generation.

Gone were the days when man did everything to earn his food. Today fast food has become the order of the day and food has lost its priority. But in a curious reversal, just when the western modernization is ready to pronounce humanity's liberation from its constant food quest, the quest for food reappears to define our times. Whether the food quest is a constant search for the aesthetic or the authentic, for contemplation or entertainment, for study, or for staking moral and political positions, food continues to consume us.

The Department of English strongly believes that food is the ingredient that binds humans together. Many have started writing and conducting seminars on food but not about food's relevance to life's experience; life turns out to be a background for food. Hence, this national seminar.

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