

## MATRIX Event Review

### **“The Namesake” By “Jhumpa Lahiri”**

Shakespeare said ‘What is in the name?’ and Jhumpa Lahiri has explained this question further with her book ‘The Namesake’.

Matrix threw this question open to debate by organising a book review on the same. Jhumpa Lahiri was born in London and brought up in US. The book contains finest details of the conflicting identity of an American of Indian origin who is American at heart and Indian by name, and the human emotions associated with it.

The discussion marked off with Geetha Mam, our faculty panellist explaining the relevance of the title ‘The Namesake’. In reply to a question regarding mounting pressure on young generation today, Shweta Goyal, our student panellist aptly commented that the biggest pressure on today’s generation is the expectation from oneself, thanks to high aspiration and the cut throat competition.

Then the talk moved on to evolution of Identity. Mrs Geetha called this as ‘Multiple Identity’, as one person is simultaneously associated with caste, religion, state, country as well as his or her socio economic state. Debasis Patnaik Sir and Ranjan Dey Sir shared their wisdom by narrating their day to day experiences and inspiring thoughts. Then ensued a discussion upon the acceptance of western culture by Indians living in west as well as impact of education on identity evolution. The event was an excellent stage to share ideas and a great opportunity for building a thought process.

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