

A Report on the Webinars organized by the Dept of English

a) Date: 26.06.2020

Online Platform: Zoom

Time: 11 a.m.

Special Lecture: Popular Lecture

Resource Person: Dr Amrit Sen, Professor of English, Visva-Bharati Shantiniketan

Topic: Playing with the Form: The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

No of participants: 250

The Department of English, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya has been striving for academic excellence since its inception. We are fully committed to the pursuit of excellence and are sensitive to the concerns of our students. The Department has taken the initiative of enlightening students and emerging scholars with latest research in different fields of study. One primary objective of academic programmes undertaken by the Dept is to facilitate the dissemination and exchange of knowledge and ideas with a keen eye on the texts prescribed in syllabi under the CBCS pattern. With this objective we invited Prof Amrit Sen to deliver Special Talk on a text prescribed in the CBCS syllabus. After the lecture, there was animated discussion and interaction between the speaker and the participants.

b) Date: 13.07.2020

Online Platform: Zoom

Time: 11 a.m.

Special Lecture: Girl Interrupted, Trauma and Emancipation of Women

Resource Person: Dr Shipra Mukherjee, Professor of English, West Bengal State University

Topic: Pushing the Boundary of Imagined Woman

No of participants: 620

In her talk Prof Mukherjee interrogated the concept of 'girl' by underscoring the myriad dimensions of feminism. She talked on the basic concerns of feminism and argued for

the need to go beyond the stereotypes. There was an intellectually stimulating discussion and interaction after the talk

c) Date: 13.07.2020

Online Platform: Zoom

Time: 4.30 p.m.

Special Lecture: Girl Interrupted, Trauma and Emancipation of Women

Resource Person: Dr Robin E Field, Professor of English, King's College, Pennsylvania, USA

Topic: Re-centering the Rape Victim in Contemporary American Novels

No of participants: 510

Dr Robin E Field made threadbare discussion on American novels that offer different dimensions and perspectives on the issue of 'rape'. She argued for the use of nomenclature like 'rape novel' that depict the changing pattern of response to the victims of rape. There was a very engaging discussion and interaction.

d) Date: 13.07.2020

Online Platform: Zoom

Time: 08:00 pm.

Special Lecture: Girl Interrupted, Trauma and Emancipation of Women

Resource Person: Dr Aishiki Chakraborty, Professor of History, Jadavpur University

Topic: Calcutta Cabaret: Pleasure, Politics and Perversion

No of participants: 530

In her talk Prof Chakraborty made eloquent discussion on the politics and perversion associated with cabaret. She argues how the image of Miss Shefali as a bar dancer posed problems to the 'bhadralok' identity of contemporary Bengali people. She made the audience enthralled by her captivating speech, and understandably there was animated discussion after the lecture.