# Report on

National Webinar on "Post in the Present: A Postcolonial Study of History and Contemporaneity" (Series -01)

**ORGANISED BY** 

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH** 

**RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA** 

National Webinar (Series-01)

Date: 29th August, 2020 Time: 5pm-7pm

Mode: ONLINE

Participants: All the students of the Department, 153

### **CONTEXT:**

Postcolonialism, the historical period or past happenings, focusing the consequences of western colonialism has been an important area of literary and cultural studies. The term is also used to describe some attempts of rethinking the history of people subordinated during the colonial period. Though the term suggests a possibility of overcoming the influence of colonialism, new challenges come throughout the ages and even in the postcolonial period we cannot claim of living in a world devoid of colonialism and its perpetuating patterns. So the after effects of colonialism are still felt in today's world. Thinking of the importance of postcolonialism in literature and the recent and ongoing crisis in the wake of Covid-19, the Department of English, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, Champadanga, Hooghly organized a webinar on "Post in the Present: A Postcolonial Study of History and Contemporaneity".

### **OBJECTIVE:**

- 1. The Webinar introduced students to some of the major issues and themes of post-colonial theory like empire, hybridity, identity and resistance.
- 2. The Webinar developed the application of the theoretical concepts in some literary and cultural texts.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Webinar (Series - 1) was held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The webinar started in online mode with the presence of the departmental teachers and the respected resource persons. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr Prasanta Bhattacharyya, Principal of the college. The speakers were Dr. Ariktam Chatterjee and Shaswat Panda. Dr Chatterjee gave an overview of postcolonial poetry and Mr Panda delivered a talk titled "Empire, History and Identity: An introduction to Postcolonialism.". Dr Chatterjee delivered a talk titled "An Overview of Postcolonial Poetry" and he discussed all the poems of the syllabus of CCXIV paper. All the students of the department enrolled themselves as participants and most of the students joined in the live session. The question-answer session was very interesting and our enthusiastic students wanted to clear their doubts through their interaction to the resource persons. The programme ended with thanks giving ceremony by one of our departmental teachers.

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# RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH NATIONAL WEBINAR (LECTURE SERIES - 1)

"Post in the Present: A Postcolonial Study of History and Contemporaneity"

### About the Webinar

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### Jointly organized by

Department of English and Internal Quality Assurance Cell



Date - 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

Time - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### **Speakers**

Dr. Ariktam Chatterjee (WBES) Assistant Professor in English Singur Govt. College, Hooghly Title - An Overview of Postcolonial Poetry Dr. Shaswat Panda,
Assistant Professor in English,
North Orissa University, Odisha,
Title – Empire, History and
Identity: An Introduction to
Postcolonialism

### **Organizing Team:**

Jt. Conveners:

Ambalika Biswas, Asst. Professor Basabi Pal, Asst. professor

Deputy Convener: Soma Nandi, SACT Patron & Chairperson:

Dr. Prasanta Bhattacharyya, Principal Rabindra Mahavidyalaya

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Tanmoy Kumar Bandyopadhyay Associate Prof. in Commerce

IT Support and Host:

Dr. Pronobi Porel, Librarian

**How to Register:** Please click the below link and last date of registration is 28.08.2020 till 7:00 pm. E-certificate will be issued to the registered participants only.

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Link: https://forms.gle/jZqqYbtJ8dtRhbqDA

### **Outcome of the Webinar:**

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**ORGANISED BY** 

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH** 

**RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA** 

National Webinar (Series-01)

Date: 21st September, 2020 Time: 5pm-7pm

Mode: ONLINE

Participants: All the students of the Department, 153

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# Report on

# Special Lecture Series on Feminism

# ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA

Special Lecture Series on Feminism

Students: Semester VI (2020), Date: 11, 12, 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020(01 Hour per day)

Mode: Online

Participants: 44

### **CONTEXT:**

There is a close relationship between texts and literary theory, because the understanding of theoretical notions helps us to understand the texts more deeply and intellectually. Feminism as literary theory is highly significant for critically understanding how literature represents the issues related to gender, patriarchal values and stereotypical ideas. This theory helps one to understand how women's voices have been muted since time immemorial. The feminist perspective represents the marginalized, secondary and inferior status of female in the patriarchal society. Feminist theory seeks to recover women's voice and status in the society and thereby helping them to search for their identity, space and voice in the world of patriarchal domination and subjugation. So, feminist theory is a tool for women to fight for their rights for equality, freedom and justice in the world of politics, social, economic and literature. Thinking of the importance of feminism as a literary theory, the Department of English organized special lecture series on this important issue.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

- 1. The Special Lecture Series on Feminism introduced students to some of the major issues and themes of feminist literary theory like gender, sex, masculinity, femininity.
- 2. This Lecture Series provide a critical lens to the issues of gender representation in some literary texts.
- 3. The Special classes focus on the power dynamics the male and the female- within a literary text.
- 4. The Special Lecture developed the application of the theoretical concepts in some literary and cultural texts.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Special Lecture Series on Feminism was held through online mode from 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020-15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Each day the class was scheduled for only one hour. The inaugural address of this series was delivered by Dr Prasanta Bhattacharyya, Principal of the college. The first lecture was delivered by Dr Hardik Brata Biswas and he brilliantly delved into the major themes of feminism. The title of his talk was "Gender, Difference and Feminism: Our Lives Matter". The second day was far more important as our honourable speaker Dr Madhurima Mukhopadhyay discussed "Different Waves of Feminism" elaborately and interestingly. Rima

Ghosh delivered her special lecture on the third and fourth day (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020) and her talk was more important as she elaborately analysed the different perspectives of Indian feminism. On the last day she had applied some of the perspectives of Indian feminism in Rassundari Devi's "Amar Jiban". All the students of the Semester VI (2020) enrolled themselves as participants and most of the students joined in the live session. The question-answer session was very interesting and our enthusiastic students wanted to clear their doubts through their interaction to the resource persons.

### **Attendance:**

	Roll No	Name
	470058	PRANAY ROY
		MOHINI DEBNATH
		SRIJA PURKAIT
		SOUGATA DE
		POULAMI POREL
	170066	KUSHAL SAMANTA
		LIPSA MANNA
		URNISHA BHATTACHARYA
	170070	SOUVIK RAKSHIT
		ARUP DAS
		ANKITA JANA
		SWATI SAMANTA
	170075	
		MATAN DAS
		ARPITA GHOSH
		MOUMITA BERA
		REETAM BHAUMIK
		MUNNA MANDAL
		SUDIP KHAN
		DISHANI MUKHERJEE
		PRITY SAMANTA
		SUJAN PATRA
		SWETA SHAW
	170093	
		PRITHA NANDY
		MOTINATH CHAKRABORTTY
		SUDIPTO BHANDARY
	170102	SUKANYA CHOWDHURY
		PIYALI CHAKRABORTY
		SOMA MAJI
	170106	RIYA MANNA
	170109	SALMA MAHBUB
	170112	POULAMI POREY
	170113	RITU MONDAL
	170116	DANISH NAWAZ ANSARI
	170117	SUMAN BAHADUR
	170118	RIMA KHANRA
	170120	ARNAB SANTRA
	170121	BIKRAM HAZRA
	170122	SAMIN MALLICK
	170123	RABISANKAR JANA
	170123	RINKU GHORUI
	170164	JULEKHA KHATUN
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# Online Special Lecture Series:



### RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA, CHAMPADANGA, HOOGHLY

### **ONLINE SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES**

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**



Day - 1 (11th September 2020) From 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Inaugural speech – Dr. Prasanta Bhattacharyya, Principal, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya Speaker – Dr. Hardik Brata Biswas, Asst. Professor, School of Womens Studies, Jadavpur University

Title - Gender, Difference and Feminism: Our Lives Matter

### Day - 2 (12th Sept. 2020) From 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Speaker – Dr. Madhurima Mukhopadhyay Asst. Professor, Amity Institute of English Studies and Research, Amity University, Kolkata

Title – Different Waves of Feminism

### Day - 3 (14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020) From 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Speaker – Rima Ghosh, Asst. Professor, Swami Niswambalananda Girls' College, Bhadrakali, Hooghly

Title – Socio-political Trajectory of Indian Feminist
Literature

### Day - 4 (15th Sept. 2020) From 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Speaker – Rima Ghosh, Asst. Professor, Swami Niswambalananda Girls' College, Bhadrakali, Hooghly

Title – Praxis of Indian Feminism: A Study in Rassundari Devi's "Amar Jiban (My Life)"



Joining Link for Lecture Series: meet.google.com/wnx-xmjk-mkh

# Report on

National Webinar on "Post in the Present: A Postcolonial Study of History and Contemporaneity" (Series-03)

**ORGANISED BY** 

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH** 

**RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA** 

Webinar (Series-03)

Date: 26th February, 2021 Time: 6pm-8pm

Mode: ONLINE

Total Registered Candidates: - 159

### **CONTEXT:**

Postcolonialism, the historical period or past happenings, focusing the consequences of western colonialism has been an important area of literary and cultural studies. The term is also used to describe some attempts of rethinking the history of people subordinated during the colonial period. Though the term suggests a possibility of overcoming the influence of colonialism, new challenges come throughout the ages and even in the postcolonial period we cannot claim of living in a world devoid of colonialism and its perpetuating patterns. So the after effects of colonialism are still felt in today's world. Thinking of the importance of postcolonialism in literature and the recent and ongoing crisis in the wake of Covid-19, the Department of English, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, Champadanga, Hooghly organized a webinar on "Post in the Present: A Postcolonial Study of History and Contemporaneity".

### **OBJECTIVE:**

- 1. The Webinar introduced students to some of the major issues and themes of post-colonial theory like empire, hybridity, identity and resistance.
- 2. The Webinar developed the application of the theoretical concepts in some literary and cultural texts.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Webinar(Series-03) was held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The webinar started in online mode with the presence of the departmental teachers and the respected resource persons. The inaugural address of each series was deliverd by Dr Prasanta Bhattacharyya, Principal of the college. This series was especially attractive by the talk of Prof. Dr. Tapodhir Bhattacharjee, former Vice-Chancellor of Assam University, India. All the students of the department enrolled themselves as participants and most of the students joined in the live session. The question-answer session was very interesting and our enthusiastic students wanted to clear their doubts through their interaction to the resource persons. The programme ended with thanks giving ceremony by one of our departmental teachers.

You Tube Link: https://www.youtube.com/live/2zb3UeyB644?si=35LEoWPSxjOMDUV6

Attendance:



# National Webinar (Series-3)



## RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA

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Champadanga, Hooghly, West Bengal

Department of English

National Webinar (Lecture Series - 3) on

"Post in the Present: A Postcolonial Study of History and Contemporaneity"

### About the Webinar

Postcolonialism, the historical period or happenings, focusing consequences of western colonialism has been an important area of literary and cultural studies. The term is also used to describe some attempts of rethinking the history of people subordinated during the colonial period. Though the term suggests a possibility of overcoming the influence of colonialism, new challenges come throughout the ages and even in the postcolonial period we cannot claim of living in a world devoid of colonialism and perpetuating patterns. So the after effects of colonialism are still felt in today's world. As McLeod thinks, "Postcolonialism, as we have seen, in part involves the challenges to colonial ways of knowing, 'writing back' in opposition to such views. But colonial ways of knowing still circulate and have agency in the present; unfortunately, they have not magically disappeared as the Empire has declined". Thinking of the importance of postcolonialism literature and the recent and ongoing crisis in the wake of Covid-19, the English, Rabindra Department of Mahavidyalaya, Champadanga, Hooghly organizes a webinar on "Post in the Present: A Postcolonial Study of History and Contemporaneity"

### Jointly organized by

Department of English and Internal Quality Assurance Cell



Date:

26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Time:

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Inaugural Speech**

Dr. Prasanta Bhattacharyya

Principal, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya

### Plenary Session I

Prof. (Dr.) Tapodhir Bhattacharjee

Former Vice-Chancellor Assam University, India

Title – উপনিবেশোন্তর চেতনা : সাহিত্যে নন্দনের নতুন মাত্রা

# Plenary Session II

Arghya Singh

Research Scholar, Dept. of English

Ranchi University, India

itle – Postcolonial Life View of Marga<mark>ret Atwood – Its Complexit</mark>i

and Modern Vogue

### Organizing Team:

Jt. Conveners:

Ambalika Biswas, Asst. Professor Basabi Pal, Asst. professor

**Deputy Convener:** Soma Nandi, State Aided College Teacher Patron & Chairperson:

Dr. Prasanta Bhattacharyya, Principal Rabindra Mahavidyalaya

Technical Assistant:

Dr. Rabiul Alam, Asst. Prof. in Chemistry

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IQAC Coordinator:

Tanmoy Bandyopadhyay
Associate Prof. in Commerce

Host:

istry Dr. Pronobi Porel, Librarian

E-certificate will be issued to the registered participants only. Last date of registration is 26.02.2020 till 4:00 pm.

Registration Link: https://forms.gle/YMdkAci8aoc2jwMs5

Joining Link: https://youtu.be/2zb3UeyB644

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### **Outcome of the Webinar:**

The students could easily understand the overview of Postcolonialism as a literary and cultural theory. They were aware of the basic terms and important issues of postcolonialism. They knew about the important theorists and their works. They also gathered some ideas of applying this literary theory in some texts. In a word, the programme was very successful and thought-provoking.

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# Report

on

# Online Special Lecture Series on Tintin in Tibet Semester III (Hons.)

**Organised** 

By

Department of English
Rabindra Mahavidyalaya, Champadanga

**Venue:** Online platform

Speaker: Soumyadeep Chakraborty, Research Scholar, Bankura University

**Date:** 16.01.2021, 20.01.2021, 22.01.2021

**Time**: 12 noon to 1 pm

Target Group: Students of Semester III (Hons.)

Aim: Cultivate Academic Perspectives on Children's Literature/Popular Literature

**Attendance:** 53 Students



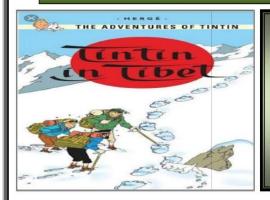
# RABINDRA MAHAVIDYALAYA CHAMPADANGA, HOOGHLY

### ONLINE SPECIAL LECTURE SERIES ON

# **Tintin in Tibet**

Organised by

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**



Day - 1 (16<sup>th</sup> January 2021) From 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Inaugural speech – Dr. Prasanta Bhattacharyya,
Principal, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya

Speaker – Soumyadeep Chakraborty, Research Scholar, Bankura
University

Day - 2 (20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2021) From 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**Speaker** – Soumyadeep Chakraborty, Research Scholar, Bankura University

Day - 3 (22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2021) From 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

**Speaker** – Soumyadeep Chakraborty, Research Scholar, Bankura University



Joining Link for Lecture Series: https://meet.google.com/pxa-scbb-ztf

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Enhance participants' understanding of key concepts, and theories related to popular fiction, children's literature, and graphic novels.
- Broaden participants' perspectives by exposing them to diverse viewpoints and experiences.
- Create a virtual environment where participants can connect with peers, experts, and professors.
- Facilitate discussions, breakout sessions, and interactive Q&A
   segments to encourage critical thinking and knowledge sharing.
- Encourage participants to continue learning and stay connected to the seminar community beyond the event.

### **CONTEXT**

Tintin in Tibet is part of the Online Special Lecture Series organised by the Department of English, Rabindra Mahavidyalaya. The English Department proudly presents an immersive lecture that takes the students on a journey through the captivating world of Hergé's beloved comic book character. The online lecture seeks to explore the intricate symbolism and rich character development that make "Tintin in Tibet" a masterpiece of graphic storytelling. It was delivered by Soumyadeep Chakraborty, a Research Scholar from Bankura University.

Chakraborty meticulously examined the visual elements of the novel, highlighting the vibrant colours and dynamic panel compositions that immerse readers in the breathtaking landscapes of Tibet. He delved into the symbolism embedded within Hergé's artwork, dissecting the metaphorical significance of the yeti and the spiritual undertones of Tintin's encounter with the Chang monks. The lecture shed light on the evolution of Tintin's character,

emphasizing how his interactions with the Tibetan people challenged his preconceived notions and broadened his horizons.

Moreso, the lecture series was a means to introduce students to the different facets of literary studies, namely, popular culture and children's literature. Students explored how popular culture influences our understanding of ourselves, our relationships, and the world around us. Another central theme was children's literature, which highlighted the unique power and importance of literature designed for young readers. Students analyzed how children's books can shape children's imaginations, values, and critical thinking skills.

Through these lectures, students gained a deeper understanding of the diverse facets of literary studies, recognizing the importance of considering popular culture and children's literature alongside more traditional literary works. They developed a critical lens to analyze and appreciate the complexities of literary texts, regardless of their genre or intended audience.

### **SUMMARY**

The event started with a welcome note from the Head of the Department, Professor Basabi Pal, in the presence of the principal Dr Prashanta Bhattacharyya, Prof. Ambalika Biswas and Prof. Soma Nandi. It was followed by the inaugural lecture by the Principal, Dr Prashanta Bhattacharyya, highlighting the aims of the series and the contemporaneity of the lecture on children's literature and popular fiction.

The event commenced with the speaker exploring the historical and cultural context of "Tintin in Tibet," examining how Hergé's meticulous research brought the region and its people to life. He discussed the novel's impact on Western perceptions of Tibet and its contribution to the broader understanding

of Himalayan culture. In addition to analyzing the narrative and artistic aspects of "Tintin in Tibet," Chakraborty also explored its broader significance as a work of art. He argued that the novel transcended its status as a mere comic book, becoming a timeless allegory about friendship, courage, and the power of human connection.

This online lecture was a testament to the enduring allure of "Tintin in Tibet" and its ability to captivate audiences with its timeless themes and masterful storytelling. The intricate symbolism, rich character development, and stunning visuals of the novel were brought to life through Chakraborty's passionate and insightful analysis. Each session ended with a Q&A session from the audience.

### FEEDBACK LINK

https://rmvonline.in/engl.php