

NATIONAL WEBINAR

Organized by the Department of English, Ganjam College, Ganjam

Topic: "Reading Literature across Boundaries"

Date: 12th February, 2022

GANJAM COLLEGE, GANJAM, ODISHA
(Affiliated to Berhampur University, Odisha)
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
invites you to
NATIONAL WEBINAR
on
"READING LITERATURE ACROSS BOUNDARIES"
Date: 12.02.2022 Time: 10:45 a.m.

Resource Persons

- Prof. Farheena Danta, Professor of English, Dept. of English, Tezpur University, Assam
- Prof. Bijaya Ku. Danta, Professor of English, Tezpur University, Assam
- Dr. Laxmikant Tripathy, Regional Director (HE) Berhampur, Odisha

Chief Guest

Dr. Laxmikant Tripathy, Regional Director (HE) Berhampur, Odisha



CONCEPT NOTE

LECTURE I:
"FOUR APPROACHES TO CRITICISM THROUGH CHINUA ACHEBE'S Things Fall Apart" -- by Dr. Bijaya Ku. Danta

Literary Criticism helps us analyze literature; it offers us not only options but also informed orientations about how to read well which could as well mean how to read differently. To this end literary criticism alerts us to different elements of literature in a text, such as structure, form, content, language among others. It would be interesting to see what questions we ask while reading a particular text from a known perspective. This lecture intends to understand four critical perspectives -- 1) New Criticism, 2) Structuralism, 3) Marxist Criticism & 4) Feminist Criticism making use of Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*.

LECTURE II:
"THE AMERICANNES OF AMERICAN LITERATURE" by Dr. Farheena Danta

The lecture revisits the Americanness of American literature by looking at the American difference in literature. American literature is marked by a sense of boldness and cultural anxiety. Key figures like Emerson and Whitman helped to shape an American identity in literature. While Emerson showed the way to counter the European influence through his faith in the individual, Whitman gave shape to Emerson's ideas by spreading horizontally across America to include everything and everyone in the American Self. Both Emerson and Whitman were focused on content more than on form; while Emerson looked at poetry as a metre-making argument while Whitman relied on speech-floods to carry his poetic impulse.

Free Registration
e-Certificate for all the Participants
Meeting Platform: Google Meet
Join us at 10:30 a.m. using the following code or through meeting link to be provided 15 minutes prior to the meeting
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Google Meet link - cny-yfge-kbu

PROGRAMME

10:45 a.m. - Welcome Address by the Principal
10:50 a.m. - Guest Introduction by Dr. S. Hota, Head, Dept. of Eng.
10:55 a.m. - Address by the Chief Guest
11:00 a.m. - LECTURE I by Prof. B.K. Danta
11:50 a.m. - LECTURE II

Organizing Committee

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The Department of English, Ganjam College, Ganjam organised a National Webinar on the topic titled "Reading Literature across Boundaries" on 12th February, 2022. A total number of 100 participants had attended the webinar from different colleges of Odisha and India. Dr. Pabina Kumar Nanda, Principal of the college inaugurated the session. Prof. B. K. Danta, the keynote speaker of the day focused on literary works that circulate beyond national borders with special reference to Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*. There are some social and linguistic obstacles in the interpretation of such literature still its intrinsic value is enough to reach a wider audience. The speaker also highlighted on the importance of Translation which makes books possible to go beyond boundaries. Prof Farheena Danta spoke on the myths related to American Literature.

Finally the webinar ended with a grand success. Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Smaranika Hota, HOD, to the Chairman of the seminar, Resource Persons, the teachers and students for their active participation. Smt. Mamata Padhy, Reader in English and Dr. D.P. Dash, Lecturer in English coordinated the programme.

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