



## Activity Report Department of English ELA, 2020

- ELA Festival Pantheon 2020 The annual literary festival of English Literary Association, Pantheon was held on February 14, 2020. The theme of the day-long event was ‘Spectrum: Alternate Sexualities & Literature.’ Well-known personalities such as Niharika Banerjea, Himadri Roy, Vikramaditya Sahai, Dhiren Borisa and Umasankar Patra participated in the panel discussion. Events such as Street Play, Poetry Slam, Face Painting, Treasure Hunt, Debate and Football were also organised.

Activities organised during the Covid-19 Lockdown period: To continue the teaching-learning process the Department organised the following webinars:

Webinars

- **‘Old & Middle English Literature: An Overview’** with Dr Animesh Mohapatra, Assistant Professor, Department of English, DCAC on April 27, 2020 Dr Animesh Mohapatra, a faculty member, gave an overview of Old and Middle English Literature, delineating important texts and events that defined the beginning of English.
- **‘Comparative Literature: Concepts & Trajectories’** with Dr Sayantan Dasgupta, Associate Professor, & Head, Department of Comparative Literature Jadavpur University on May 14, 2020 Guest speaker Dr Sayantan Dasgupta drew attention on the ensuing studies on Comparative Literature emphasising its importance as an emerging field.
- **‘The illusion of empowerment: Politics of assimilation & involution in contemporary diasporic writings’** with Dr Uma Jayaraman, Associate Professor, Centre for English Language Communication, National University of Singapore on May 23, 2020 Dr Uma Jayaraman was invited as the speaker. She touched on varied aspects of Diasporic writing including the criticism they receive within their frame of work. Department of History The students of the department have actively participated in extra-curricular activities within and outside the college. Many of our students are active members of NSS, NCC and various societies of college like Prakriti and CLICK

The English Literary Association celebrated Doctor’s Day on the 1st of July, 2020 on the Instagram with opinion pieces and write ups by Dr Rajeev Jayadevan (IMA president Kochi) Dr. Muralee Thummarukudi (Operations manager at Crisis management branch of the United Nations Environment programme) and Dr Vijetha Chanabasanavar, (Post graduate scholar in Radio Diagnosis, DY Patil College, Pune)

**Lecture on ‘Language & Its Study: The Chomskyan Way’ with Professor B.N. Patnaik (5 October)**

The first seminar for the session 2020-21 was organised in collaboration with IQAC on 5th October, 2020 on ‘Language & Its Study: The Chomskyan Way’. The speaker was Professor B.N. Patnaik, retired Professor of English and Linguistics, IIT Kanpur. The talk was followed by an interactive Q&A session.

**International Creative Writing Workshop on ‘A Good Short Story Never Ends’ with Dr. Rijula Das (13 October)**

The team in collaboration with IQAC organised an international creative writing workshop on 13th October, 2020. The guest speaker was Dr. Rijula Das who spoke on ‘A Good Short Story Never Ends’. Her short story 'Notes from a Passing' won her the Dastaan Award in 2016 and Micheal King Writers Centre Residency in Auckland in 2019. The workshop explored the creative process involved and other technical aspects in writing a short story. This was followed by an interactive session where budding writers asked several interesting questions.

**Creative Writing Workshop on ‘Stories Without Sapiens- How to Tell Stories That Don’t Revolve Us’ with Shubhangi Swarup (16 October)**

Another online creative writing workshop was organised in collaboration with IQAC on 16th October, 2020 with Shubhangi Swarup on ‘Stories Without Sapiens- How to Tell Stories That Don’t Revolve Us’. She won the Tata Litlive award for her debut novel 'Latitudes of Longing' and the Sushila Devi award for women's writing. The workshop covered various aspects of creative story writing focusing on stories without humans.

**Student Paper Presentation Competition on ‘Gratification Through the Visual: Women and Cinema’ (26 October)**

A paper Presentation Competition was organised by the core team on 26th October on the topic ‘Gratification Through the Visual: Women and Cinema’. Students of various colleges participated and the winners were declared within a week.

**Lecture on ‘Laughter from the Periphery: Tamil Dalit Rewriting and Translation on the Offensive’ with Professor Hephzibah Israel (6 November)**

A talk was organised in collaboration with IQAC on ‘Laughter from the Periphery: Tamil Dalit Rewriting and Translation on the Offensive’ with Dr. Hephzibah Israel, senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh. The talk was held on 6th November, 2020 followed by an interactive session.

**Lecture on ‘Great Rooted Blossomers: Yeats and Tagore’ with Professor Sonjoy Dutta-Roy (24 November)**

A seminar was organised in collaboration with IQAC on 24th November, 2020 with Professor Sonjoy Dutta-Roy, Department of English Studies University of Allahabad, on the topic ‘Great

Rooted Blossomers: Yeats and Tagore'. The talk helped the participants become better acquainted with the works of Tagore and Yeats.