

International Symposium

**“REFLECTIONS ON ENGLISH LITERATURE AND ITS
CULTURAL DIVERSITIES”**

Date: 2nd December, 2019

Venue: S.N.Bose Hall, Gushkara Mahavidyalaya



Organized by

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Profile of the Department

The Department of English in Gushkara Mahavidyalaya came into existence on 14th July 1965. The journey of the Department began with the General Course taught by only one permanent lecturer. However, later Honours Course was offered, and permanent faculties were appointed. The Department is currently functioning with three permanent and three part-time faculties. Dr. Tamali Neogi has obtained her PhD from Burdwan University and is currently the senior faculty in the department. Dr. Sukalyan Chanda has completed his PhD in Tagore Studies from Jadavpur University. Md. Hasanujjaman has completed his masters and M Phil from Hyderabad Central University and is currently pursuing PhD in English from Jadavpur University. Rishin Mitra has completed his masters from Kanpur University and is in charge of the Morning Section of the department. Gour Chandra Ghosh has completed his masters and M Phil from Visva Bharati University. Riya Chatterjee has completed her master's from the University of Burdwan and is currently pursuing PhD from Bankura University. In the current academic session, there are 62 students in 5th Semester, 58 students in 3rd Semester, 56 students in 1st Semester and also there are 480 students in 1st Semester English language class apart from the few students of general and generic English class. The Department has also been able to establish a departmental library. The Department is well established with the dedicated and bright faculties working in tandem with the requirements of the students for their academic advancement and intellectual growth.

Objectives of the Symposium

The Department of English is planning to organize an International Symposium in the college in the absolute interest of the students. Since the department has not so far been able to organize any event of this kind, it is an attempt to make the department more dynamic and engage the students more in academic activities apart from the classroom routine. The objective of the symposium thus is to provide the students with a new vigour for the academic environment and for the betterment of intellectual health. Their active participation in the departmental programmes will also make them realize their potential for future career and enhance their desire for learning.

The topic of the symposium is “Reflections on British Literature and its Cultural Diversities”, and it is being organized at a time when there has been a drastic change in the curriculum structure of English Honours. The new CBCS semester system has begun. The syllabi have also been designed in a way which does not follow the subsequent developments of History of English Literature. As a result, the students find it very difficult to make any sense of what literature is really about. Therefore, the event aims to provide the students with a clear and comprehensive view of English culture and other cultures as depicted in English literature. The clear understanding of English culture/literature and its diversities should motivate and instil a thirst for reading literature with joy and passion.

Distinguished Speakers

The programme will be graced by the absolutely young and talented resource persons coming from India and Bangladesh. Dr. Sheikh Mehedi Hasan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Bangladesh. He has obtained his PhD from The English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad and has taught several years at different universities and institutions including more than two years at The English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad. He has published 16 full-length research articles, wrote three books and presented more than 25 research papers in national and international forums.

Dr. Subhadeep Paul is an Assistant Professor, Department of English, Bankura University, West Bengal. He was formerly an Assistant Professor at Maulana Azad College, Kolkata. He has obtained his PhD in English from Jadavpur University. He has presented many research articles in national and international conferences and published them in reputed journals. He teaches a number of courses including Postcolonial and cultural studies, Diaspora Studies and also the Indian Writing in English.

Dr. Md. Intaj Ali has recently joined as an Assistant Professor of English in Netaji Subhas Open University, West Bengal. He has obtained his PhD in Comparative Literature from Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad. He was enrolled as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Department of English, Jadavpur University. He was awarded one month fellowship by Harvard University's Institute for World Literature. He has presented and published many research articles in national and international journals and also works as editor in many literary journals in India. His area of interest is Folklore, Ethnomusicology, Translation Studies and Digital Humanities.

The speakers will deliver three different lectures on the topic of the symposium. The titles are 1. Development of English literature from the classical phase to the neo-classical period (from Chaucer to the neo-classical authors. 2. The English Romantics and the Victorians: A reflection on literature and culture. 3. The evolution of English literature from the 20th century to the present: A Glimpse into Cultural Diversities.

Schedule of the Programme: 11 AM to 3 PM

1. The programme will commence at 10.30 AM in the Seminar Hall
2. The registration of the students and teachers from (10.30 to 11 AM)
3. The Programme inauguration by the host - (11 AM to 11.10 AM)
4. Welcoming of the guests and principal and senior faculty with bouquet by students
5. Felicitations of the speakers and principal - (11.10 to 11.15 AM)
6. The students will sing songs – (11.15 to 11.25 AM)
7. The introductory comments by the coordinator –(11.25 to 11.45 AM)
8. The Principal will deliver the keynote address – (11.45 to 12.15 PM)
9. The departmental senior faculty/HoD will initiate the discussion reflecting on teaching literature in the classroom – (12.15 to 12.25 PM)
10. Dr. Md. Intaj Ali will speak on development of English literature from classical phase to the neo classical period (from Chaucer to the neo- classical authors)-(12.25 to 1.00 PM)
11. Dr Subhadeep Paul will also deliver his talk on the English Romantics and the Victorians: A reflection on literature and culture- (1.00 to 1.45 PM)
12. Dr. Sheikh Mehedi Hasan will initiate a discussion about the evolution of English literature from 20th century to the present: A Glimpse into Cultural Diversities-(1.45 to 2.30 PM)
13. The question and answer sessions will follow,- (2.30 to 3.00 PM)
14. The valedictory comments by the coordinator - (3.00 to 3.15 PM)

Invitation

Dear Sir/madam

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the Department of English, Gushkara Mahavidyalaya is organizing an International Symposium on the topic entitled “Reflections on English Literature and its Cultural Diversities” on 2nd December, 2019. It is our sincere expectation that the symposium will provide the students, teachers and scholars a suitable platform to interact and exchange views on English and other cultures as depicted in English literature.

We, therefore, extend our invitation to you and members of your esteemed institution to take part in the symposium. We hope your presence and participation will make the event more meaningful and thought provoking.

Please follow the Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/2Dauw4i>

Honourable Resource Persons

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Dr. Md. Intaj Ali, Assistant Professor of English, Netaji Subhas Open University, West Bengal.

With thanks,

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