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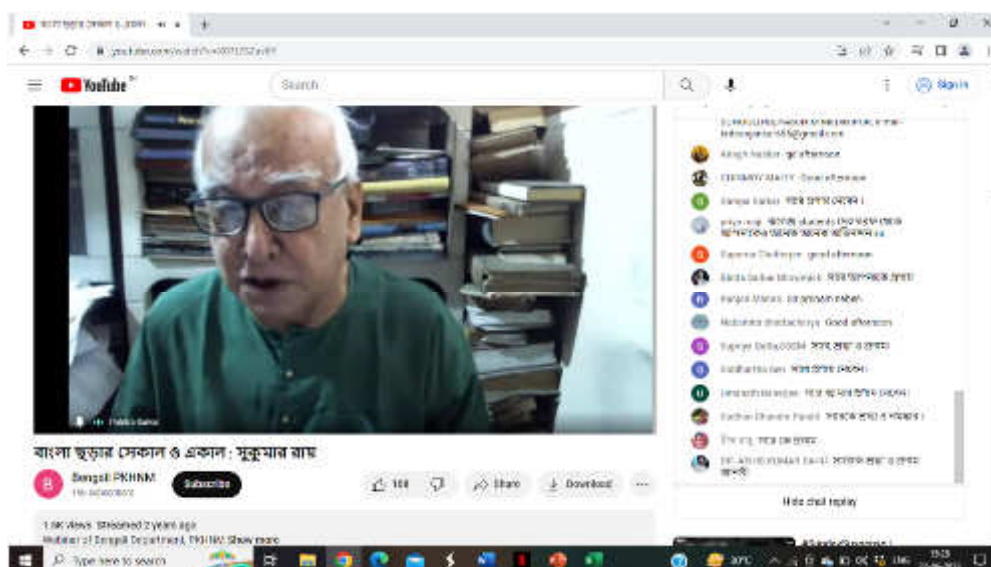
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## Report on 3 days' Online Special Lecture Series Organized by Bengali Department of Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya

Bengali department of the institution under the aegis of IQAC, organized three special lectures on 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The first topic of discussion was *Now and Then of Bengali Rhyme: Sukumar Roy*. Speaker was Prof. Dr. Pabitra Sarkar. Dr. Sarkar taught very efficiently in the Bengali Department of Jadavpur University for a long time. He was also the Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University. He has contributed immensely to the development of Bengali literature through his writing.

On August 17, 2020, the work of the meeting started through Google Meet at 4 p.m. The principal of the college, professors of other departments and faculties of other colleges attended the lecture. Numerous students of our college also participated in this discussion very enthusiastically. For this, apart from Google Meet, the help of YouTube was taken. Prof. Sarkar gave an interesting discussion about the similarities and contrasts of rhymes created by various modern poets with rhymes of traditional Bengali folk literature. Rhyme was an oral and spontaneous creation in ancient times, but in modern times it became a conscious creation and began to be expressed in printed letters. Dr. Sarkar illustrated this evolution in an impressive manner by quoting rhymes from ancient and modern eras. Prof. Sarkar's speech was followed by a question-and-answer session.





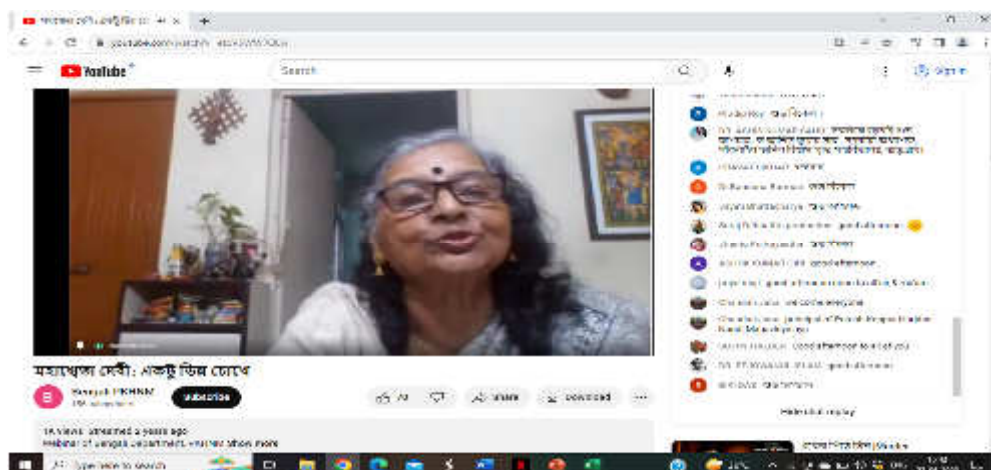
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On the second day, i.e., August 19, the discussion meeting started at the same time. The topic of the day's speech was - *Mahasweta Devi: A little different perspective*. The speaker was Professor Nandita Basu. Professor Basu was a professor of the Department of Modern Indian Language and Literature at Delhi University. Professor Basu has gone beyond conventional notions about the story of Mahasweta Devi and presented Mahasweta Devi in a new light. In the story of Mahasweta Devi, she has highlighted the greater social identity of women beyond family boundaries. Like the day earlier, Professor Basu's speech was followed by a question-and-answer session.



The third day was August 21. The topic of the day was *Rabindranath's philosophy of environment: in mind and creation*. The speaker was Prof. Debalina Seth. Prof. Seth was the Head of the Bengali Department at Rabindra Bharati University. Professor Seth had discussed in great detail how Rabindranath's environmentalism was reflected in his various works. The extent to which Rabindranath was environmentally conscious is evident in his various activities at Santiniketan. At the end of the discussion, the IQAC convener, Prof. Sharanya Sen, of the English Department of our college, thanked everyone.

The institution had issued certificates for all the professors and students who had participated in this discussion. On behalf of Bengali department sincere efforts had been made to archive the lecture series on its YouTube Channel.

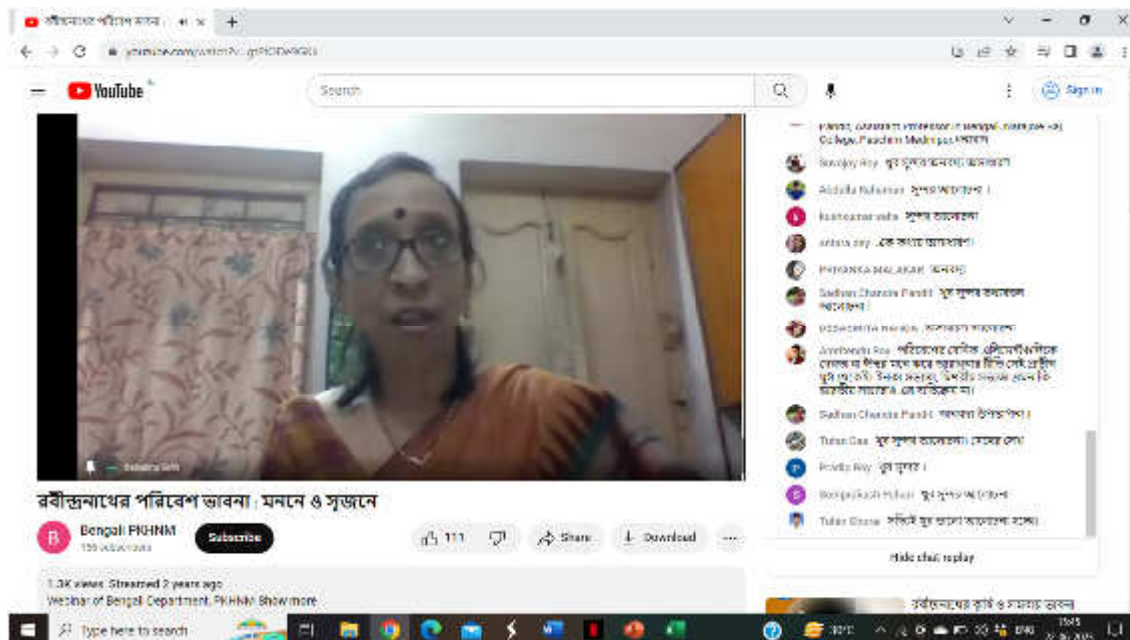


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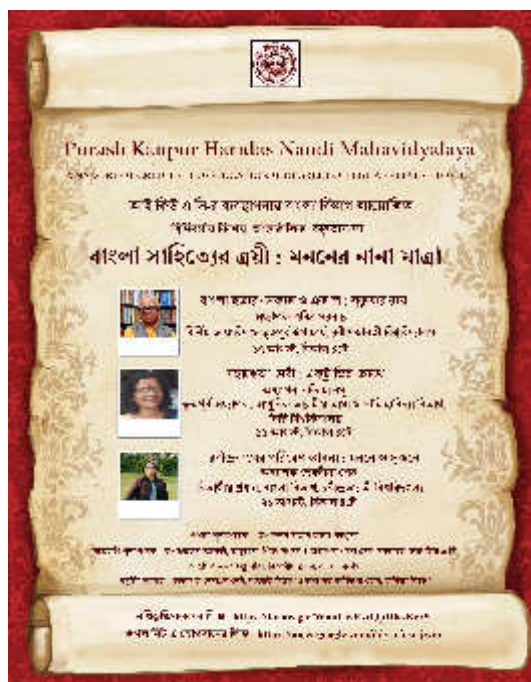
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## Poster of the Lecture Series





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## Report on Gender Sensitization, Mansplaining

Name of the Cell: WOMEN CELL

Date:- 12.06. 2021

Time: 11.30 pm

Venue: Online Platform

Number of student participants: 65

Number of faculty: 6

### Brief description:

The inaugural lecture of the Popular Lecture Series is delivered by the respected IQAC coordinator and HOD of the Department of English, Prof. Saranya Sen on 12th June, 2021, titled as 'Mansplaining'. Prof. Sen has clearly explained the etymology and the meaning of this popular word famed as the word of the year in 2010-11. He dips into the details about how the word containing 'man' is not related to any specific spicity of mankind, rather it is a know-all-attitude of explaining something (typically by a man to woman) in a condescending manner (as if she has no knowledge). He points to the lack of economic and political empowerment of women in India causing the deterioration in Gender Gap Index of India, 2020 at 112 th position in the world and simultaneous increase in the crime rate against women by 7%. As the remedy he urges the audience to get empowered to question each and everything from all respects with the critical consciousness prior to internalizing the idea. Because it is the healthy exchange of dialogues which the attitude of mansplaining fears most.

### Outcome:

The whole discussion creates a stir among the audience. A number of students and teachers question their own experience of day-to-day hard realities. A few of the questions asked by the students are as follows: Nandita Senapati [GEO. (H)] asked how she can find herself and take decisions in this omnipresent patriarchal mindset starting from her family to the broader society. In choosing her stream of study she wants to be an air-hostess,





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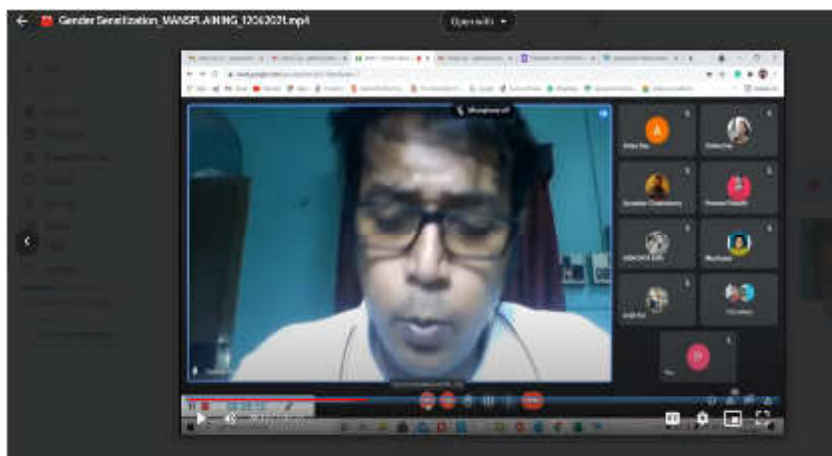
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but her family puts the barrier and decides, on behalf of her, to study in a general course which it thought to be safer for her career. Sumit Chandra [English (H)] put the question as whether the precepts/disciplines of our scripture are only to maintain the male dominance or the fear of such-discipline-free women to over-empower men. Riya Mukherjee, a student, expresses her real-life confusion over the chivalrous attitudes shown by the men as if to protect the women and girls, while in getting all their requirements done they always command on the hard labour of the women in the family. All the questions have been dealt by the honorable speaker with care and explained in the language comprehensible to the students.

## Poster of the Event



## Screenshot of the Event





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## WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION 2019

Name of the Cell: WOMEN CELL

Date: 08.03.2019

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: (Room No.): 23

Number of student participants: 50

Number of faculty / staff members present: 09

Brief description (100 words):

The main objective behind the program is to observe “Women’s Day” by spreading awareness among students about women equity and emancipation. The programme started with the anchor and Women’s Cell convener Dr. Puspita Sengupta introducing the history of the observation of Women’s day. The programme continued with a cultural presentation by the students. Pragna Nandi, Lisa pal, Chaitali Nandi, Urmila Takal and Moutusi Mondal participated in the inaugural song. Dr. Chandan Kumar Jana, Principal delivered the introductory speech. Saheli Samanta, Chatali Nandi, Srijon SAasmal, Sk. Anisha Yasmin discussed on the different theme of the IWD of different year. Joint convener Smt. Aloka Das introduces 2019 theme “*Better the Balance Better the World*” through which she highlighted the importance of a gender- balanced world. The songs and dance recitals of the students along with recitation of some very suitable verses signifying the theme

Outcome (100 words):

The program was extremely successful. All the students participated very enthusiastically. The objective of the programme i.e to spread awareness among all was attained. The fact that women should become aware of their social, economic and cultural rights and must learn to exercise the same was successfully communicated through the entire programme. Overall, it was a learning experience for all the stakeholders.

**Poster of the Event**



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## Observance of International Women's Day, 2019



### Picture of the Event







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## Report on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

Name of the Cell: WOMEN CELL

Date:- 26.11.2020

Time: 1.30 pm to 2.30pm

Venue: Online Platform

Number of student participants:106

Number of faculty / staff members present: 4

Brief description:

Workshop on Menstrual Health and Hygiene for the second time is organized by Women Cell to spread awareness. One of the reputed companies like Unicharm has stepped forward to conduct the workshop to improve the health and hygiene of girl students living in remote corners of the state as a part of their social responsibility. Roshnee Bhowmick, CSR Executive, Unicharm discussed about the hygiene practices such as the use of sanitary napkins, washing and cleaning. Girls were given useful information on the correct way of disposing of napkins followed by precautions to be taken during the period. It also included giving knowledge on dietary habits so as to enable them to lead a healthy reproductive life in future. They were also given an overview of menstruation disorders in the body such as any kind of pelvic inflammatory infections due to lack of adequate hygiene.

### Outcome:

The in depth discussion helped in sensitizing our girl students on various complications arising out of lack of menstrual hygiene. At the end, a question-answer round was conducted by Shreya Das, Member of the Women Cell. The program received overwhelming response from both faculties and students. Moutusi Mondal, Mouli Paul, Saba Karima, Ankita dey and Sanchita Das spoke about their real life experiences on the problems they faced during the menstrual period. They had lots of questions which were patiently addressed by Roshnee and Aloka Das, Convener of the Women Cell. It has now become critical that discussion about menstruation be



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## Report on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

Name of the Cell: WOMEN CELL

Date:- 04.08.2020

Time: 3 pm to 4.30 pm

Venue: Online Platform

Number of student participants: 65

Number of faculty / staff members present: 4

Brief description:

The main objective behind the program is to make the students aware about menstrual hygiene. It was conducted by Unicharm India Pvt. Ltd represented by Roshnee Bhowmick and organized by the Women's Cell of the college. The programme started with the anchor and Women's Cell convener Dr. Puspita Sengupta. She introduced the topic and conveyed a message from the Principal Sir. Girls and women need to maintain good menstrual hygiene to uphold their health and dignity. She explained the same in very simplistic terms. The workshop was conducted with an aim to talk more and more about safe menstrual practice and issues in maintaining hygiene. Roshnee also discussed hygiene practices such as the use of sanitary napkins, washing and cleaning. Girls were given useful information on the correct way of disposing of napkins followed by precautions to be taken during the period. It also included giving knowledge on dietary habits so as to enable them to lead a healthy reproductive life in future. They were also given an overview of menstruation disorders in the body such as any kind of pelvic inflammatory infections due to lack of adequate hygiene.

Outcome:

During the workshop, the students were told about the science behind menstruation and the myths surrounding it. The girls were also taught basic hygiene that should be maintained during periods. It helped in sensitizing them on various complications arising out of lack of menstrual hygiene. In the end, a question-answer round was also conducted. The program received overwhelming response from both teachers and students. Anusree



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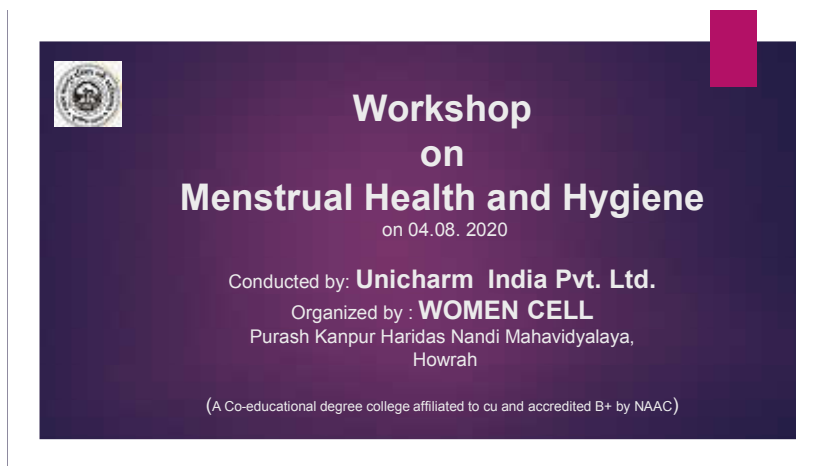
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Adhikary, Titir Nandi, Sumana Maity, Kakon Maity and Nandita Senapati spoke about their real life experiences on the problems they face during this time of the month. They had lots of questions which were patiently addressed by Roshnee and the faculty members. It has now become critical that discussion about menstruation be mainstreamed as a normal biological process. It is a fundamental developmental milestone and a vital health sign. Girls and women were enabled and encouraged to manage their period with confidence and dignity.

## Poster of the Event



## Screenshot of the Event



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## Webinar on “Geography and Society: Issues and Techniques”

**Name of the Cell:** Department of Geography

**Date:** 07.07.2020

**Time:** 4 pm to 7 pm

**Venue: (Room No.):** Online

**Number of student participants:** 1236

**Number of faculty / staff members present:** 20

### Brief description:

The main objective to organize the Webinar on “**Geography and Society: Issues and Techniques**” is to highlight the two streams of ideas of Geography. The first raises the evidence and debate on current social and environmental problems. The second flows from an increasing awareness of the argument which is attempting to articulate the role which Geography, as a discipline, should play in contributing not only to an understanding of the nature of the environmental crisis but also to the decision-making process towards seeking solutions. Thus the focus of this webinar is on the emerging socially conscious aspects of geography which on the one hand questions the relevance of our current disciplinary code to contemporary society and on the other hand challenges the discipline to adopt greater advocacy and participatory roles as an agent of social change.

The following are the resource persons and topic of their discussion:

1. Prof. Lakshmi Narayan Satpati, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Calcutta  
Director, UGC-HRDC, University of Calcutta: “**Teaching and Research in Geographical Sciences under Covid19 New Normal: Some Insights**”.
2. Dr. Priyank Pravin Patel, Assistant Professor Department of Geography, Presidency University:  
“*Geospatial Approaches towards resolving Environmental and Planning Issues*”.
3. Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board: “**Sorrow of Bengal: Myth or Reality**”





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## Outcome:

The webinar received overwhelming response from both teachers and students. The Q&A session was very helpful for understanding the subject in details.

## Poster of the Webinar:

**One Day Webinar**  
On  
**Geography and Society: Issues and Techniques**  
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## Report on The Webinar Organized by the Department of Sanskrit

**Date of the Event: 12/08/2020**

Puras-Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya along with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized an webinar on the importance of Sanskrit literature on 12th August 2020. This webinar was organized to spread awareness on the importance of studying Sanskrit literature and what bright aspects it has on the future of the students.

**Outcome:** Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we couldn't organize the conference offline but thankfully due to the initiatives taken by the professors and teachers of the institution, we were able to organize the webinar on the Google Meet. The main topic of this webinar was "What we are not". Dr. Shushank Kumar Bag the HOD of the Department of Sanskrit at Maharani Kasiswari College had graced the occasion with his presence. The cooperation of the students and professors helped the webinar to achieve its goals and made it a successful one.

### Poster of the Event





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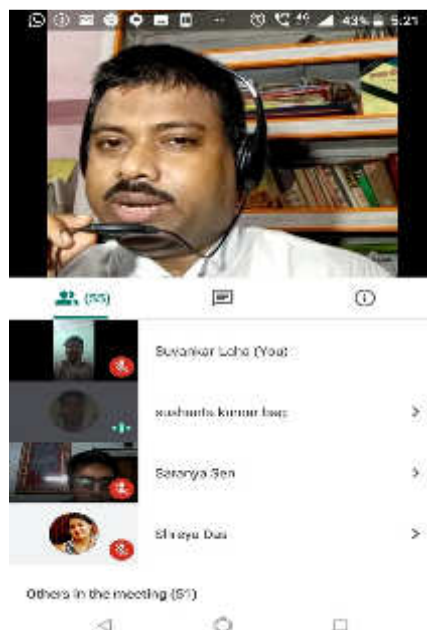
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## Screenshot of the Webinar





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## **Report of the Online Special Lecture Series Organized by the Library**

**THEME :** E-LEARNING, VIRTUAL LEARNING AND OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES.

**SPEAKERS :** Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua.

**DATES :** 10/08/2020 & 18/08/2020

A Two days Special Lecture Series was organized jointly by the library Sub-committee of Mahavidyalaya under the aegis of IQAC. The Chief patron was Dr. Chandan Kumar Jana, Principal of PKHN Mahavidyalaya and convenor of this lecture series was Mr. Sudipta Chakraborty, the Librarian as well as the convenor of library sub- committee of Mahavidyalaya. Other members of the organizing committee of this series were Dr. Suvankar Chakraborty, the then convenor of academic council and prof. Saranya Sen, Co-ordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell of mahavidyalaya and Prof. Debanjan Seth as technical supporter. The decision of arrangement of such a lecture series was previously taken in a meeting of the library sub-committee on 04/08/2020 and with unanimous consent of the chairperson /principal and other members a two days lecture series was organized by the committee. In the committee meeting it was also decided that the first day lecture would be on 10/08/2020 with speaker Dr. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay , Professor of University of Kalyani and the second day lecture would be on 18/08/2020 with speaker Dr.Sudip Ranjan Hatua of RBU. Our honourable first speaker had enlightened us about the modern day academic pedagogy in his brief discussion as named by him “From Open Access to Open Learning: The Road Ahead” and our second speaker had enlightened us about the various open educational resources in his discussion named by him as “Higher Education In India: learning environment and resources during Covid19”.

## **Poster of the Special Lecture Series**




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**Dr. Parthasarathy Mukhopadhyay**, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal will speak on **"From Open Access to Open Learning: The Road Ahead"** on **10.08.2020 (Monday)** from 11.30 a.m.



**Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua**, Professor and Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, will speak on **"Higher Education in India: Learning Environment and Resources during Covid19 Pandemic"** on 18.08.2020 (Tuesday) from 2.00 p.m.

To Register click here: <https://forms.gle/EQavs2rZxYQdH8728>  
To join the video meeting click here : [meet.google.com/tmq-ljqu-ciq](https://meet.google.com/tmq-ljqu-ciq)  
E-certificates to be provided to participants on submission of feedback form

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## Report on

### CEREBRATIONS – The Online Lecture Series

**Date: 12/07/2020, 15/07/2020, 18/07/2020, 22/07/2020**

**Organized by: Department of English under the aegis of IQAC**

**Objective:** The department of English conceived this lecture series in order to inculcate the literary interest among the students. It was believed to have the potency to mould the esthetic sensibility and shape the ontological episteme of them. Being a lecture series open to participants of other institutions as well, it aimed at a greater dissemination of knowledge that would familiarize a vast community of interested people with the emerging fields of research in humanities in general and English studies in particular.

**Outcome:** The lecture series proved to be a success with participation across the length and breadth of the country. The open interactive sessions were lively. The participants expanded their vistas on the subjects taken up by the resource persons.

#### Online Posters of the Lecture Series

**Day 1, Date: 12/07/2020**



**Day 2, Date: 15/07/2020**



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**CEREBRATIONS : The Online Lecture Series**  
Organized by:  
**Department of English under the aegis of I.Q.A.C.**  
**Decadent Monsters & Ghosts: Late Victorian Gothic Narratives**  
Dr. Rajarshi Mitra  
Assistant Professor  
Humanities & Social Sciences  
Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati  
To join the video meeting, click this link:  
<https://meet.google.com/btc-vrks-aaf> on **15/07/2020 at 11:30 AM**

Daye 3, Date: 18/07/2020

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**CEREBRATIONS : The Online Lecture Series**  
Organized by:  
**Department of English under the aegis of I.Q.A.C.**  
**Comics Comics Studies & Tintin in Tibet**  
Dr. Partha Bhattacharjee  
Assistant Professor  
Department of English  
Amity University, Patna  
To join the video meeting, click this link:  
<https://meet.google.com/btc-vrks-aaf> on **18/07/2020 at 11:30 AM**

Day4, Date: 22/07/2020

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**CEREBRATIONS: The Online Lecture Series**  
Organized by The Dept. of English under the aegis of I.Q.A.C.  
**Rabindranath on Nationalism and Swadeshi Politics: A Postcolonial Reading of The Home and The World**  
An Web lecture by: **Dr. Debi Prasad Misra**, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, Panchmura Mahavidyalaya  
Google Meet address: <https://meet.google.com/btc-vrks-aaf> Date: 22/07/2020 Time: 11AM



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Day5, Date: 25/07/2020

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**CEREBRATIONS: THE ONLINE LECTURE SERIES**  
Organized by : The Department of English under the aegis of I.Q.A.C

**Situating the Magical:  
The Curious Case of  
Fantasy Fiction**

A Web-Lecture by **ANINDYASEN**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Assam University

To join the video meeting click here: <https://meet.google.com/ntc-vrks-asf> On 25.07.2020 at 11.00 a.m.

Day 6, Date: 26/07/2020

**Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya**  
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**CEREBRATIONS: THE ONLINE LECTURE SERIES**  
Organized by : The Department of English under the aegis of I.Q.A.C

**Memory, Haunting and the City in  
Elizabeth Bowen's Fiction during  
the Second World War**

A Web-Lecture by **DR. PAROMITA MUKHERJEE**, Assistant Professor & HOD,  
Institute of English Studies and Research, Amity University, Kolkata

To join the video meeting click here: <https://meet.google.com/ntc-vrks-asf> On 26.07.2020 at 11.00 a.m.





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## Report on the Extension Activity 'From Waste to Wealth'

Date: 21.12.2019

Time: 12 noon

Place: PKHNM Mahavidyalaya, Howrah.

Number of student participants: 59

Number of faculty / staff members present: 10

### Brief description:

Our Principal Sir, Dr. Chandan Kumar Jana delivered a lecture on the preparation of vermicompost. He explained the various stages of preparation of vermicompost with the help of a power point presentation, and highlighted the DO'S and DON'Ts of the procedure. He addressed the female members of the Self-Help Groups of the Gram Panchayats of Udaynarayanpur and Kanpur who had attended in large numbers. He emphasized the importance of using vermicompost for household farming which would fetch economic benefits for the users. According to him the process was easy, pocket friendly and guaranteed huge monetary returns. The programme was conducted as an Extension Activity undertaken by the Department of History.

### Outcome:

The program received overwhelming response from the participants. The participants asked questions and requested Principal Sir to hold training Programmes in future. They also shared their problems and were eager to learn the process of making vermicompost accordingly. The Programme yielded expected results.





## Purash-Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya

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*Invites you to*

**An Online Workshop on**

### **Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement for Higher Education Institutions**

**Date: 13.11.2020, Time :1.00 pm to 3.00 pm**



**Resource Person : Shri Narendra Babu Darla, Faculty,  
Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education (MGNCRE),  
Hyderabad**

**Organizing Committee:**

**Chief Patron : Dr. Chandan Kumar Jana, Principal**

**Patron : Dr. Suvankar Chakraborty, Convener, Academic Council**

**Convenor : Dr. Puspita Sengupta, Nodal Officer, AISHE**

**Member : Shri Saranya Sen, Convener, Career Advancement Cell & Coordinator,  
IQAC &  
Shri Debanjan Seth, Programme Officer, NSS**

**Meeting link: [meet.google.com/ttn-gaud-vxn](https://meet.google.com/ttn-gaud-vxn)**



**Report: Workshop on “Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement for Higher Education Institutions”**

Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with **Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education (MGNCRE), Hyderabad** is going to organize an online workshop on “Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhta and Rural Engagement for Higher Education Institutions” under the aegis of IQAC and NSS on 13.11. 2020.

**Objective:**

Its main aim is to formulate and recognise curricular inputs and accredit courses and higher educational institutions, which enable development of sustainable, climate and disaster resilient rural livelihoods. Social entrepreneurship is an approach by individuals, groups, start-up companies or entrepreneurs, in which they develop, fund and implement solutions to social, cultural, or environmental issues. On the other hand, Rural or Community Engagement in Higher Education is one where sustainable networks, partnerships, communication media, and activities between Higher Education Institutions and communities are fostered at various levels. There is an inevitable and symbiotic relationship that exists between communities and Higher Education Institutions. Communities help provide human resources that are necessary for higher education systems to foster and carry out their purposes. Higher Education Institutions in turn train students who eventually fill job vacancies and establish businesses of their own in society. Engagement activities between communities and higher education may be formal or informal blend for-profit goals with generating a positive "return to society".

**Number of participants:** 181

**Resource Persons:** Shri Narendra Babu Darla,

Faculty, Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education (MGNCRE),  
Hyderabad

**Outcome:**

Spontaneous participation of the students in the question answer session proves the success of the workshop.

# **A Report**

*on*

## **COVID-19 Pandemic Awareness Activity Carried Out Online By Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya, Howrah, WB**

Report Prepared by Dr. Puspita Sengupta, Nodal Officer, AISHE & MGNCRE

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The world has been challenged with a human-health crisis of the century. The governments and administrators all over the world are making policies and programmes to fight the virus. The doctors and health workers are fighting tooth and nails to save thousands life. Being privileged citizens of the country, the students, staff and teachers of Purash-Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya tried to contribute with their limited capacity but great enthusiasms.

Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya, Howrah, West Bengal have engaged its students and faculty members in carrying out an important online extension activity to prevent the spread of corona and to build up appropriate COVID-19 preventive behaviours through awareness generation among the students, their family members, relatives and neighbours. Under the leadership of Dr. Chandan Kumar Jana, Principal of the College some faculty members like Prof. Aloka Das, GB member; Dr. Puspita Sengupta, Nodal Officer, AISHE & MGNCRE; Prof. Debanjan Seth, NSS Prog. Officer. Unit -I; Prof. Uttam Das, NSS Prog. Officer Unit -II have supervised the projects. They have been able to engage more than five hundred students and some staff in this noble endeavour during this tiring time using information technology tools and social media. The month-long activities resulted in lesser COVID-19 case report in the localities compared to other parts of the district of Howrah.

### **OBJECTIVE**

1. To disseminate available knowledge and information about COVID-19 pandemic
2. To help the students learn about preventive measures to curb spread of corona virus
3. To make them sincere through preparing masks for themselves and family members
4. To make them serious on maintaining social distancing and stay at home

### **PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN**

#### **Creation of WhatsApp Groups to disseminate knowledge and information on COVID-19**

To make students aware of COVID-19 pandemic and prevent its spreading, two WhatsApp Groups were created namely PKHNM FIGHTS COVID-19 and PKHNM FIGHTS CORONA

for disseminating knowledge and information through texts and video chats. More than five hundred members were present in the groups. Encouraged by the enthusiasms of the students PKHNM Fights Corona group was created after number of members in the PKHNM Fights COVID-19 group exceeded 256.

Besides faculty member, our Principal Sir and Mr. Lokanath Sarkar, BDO of Amta, Howrah, were also present in the groups. Later Ms. Shrayashi Das, Consultant-SAP, MGNCRE was also included in the groups to share our activities.

The student members of the WhatsApp groups were given the tasks of discussing with their family members, relatives and neighbours about the “importance of maintaining social distancing to prevent spread of corona and to stay at home during lockdown”. This awareness programme was carried out by students by making phone calls. The contact numbers were submitted to the WhatsApp group for verification by the teachers.

Since at the beginning of COVID-19 Pandemic masks were not easily available in the market. Therefore, the students members were asked to make masks. Most of the student members stitched mask for him/herself and for family members and displayed on the WhatsApp groups. Some photos are attached in figure 1 which were shared by our students on WhatsApp groups





**Figure 1.** Screenshots of PKHNM Fights COVID-19/CORONA. Students were found displaying COVID-19 preventive message collage wearing masks prepared by themselves.

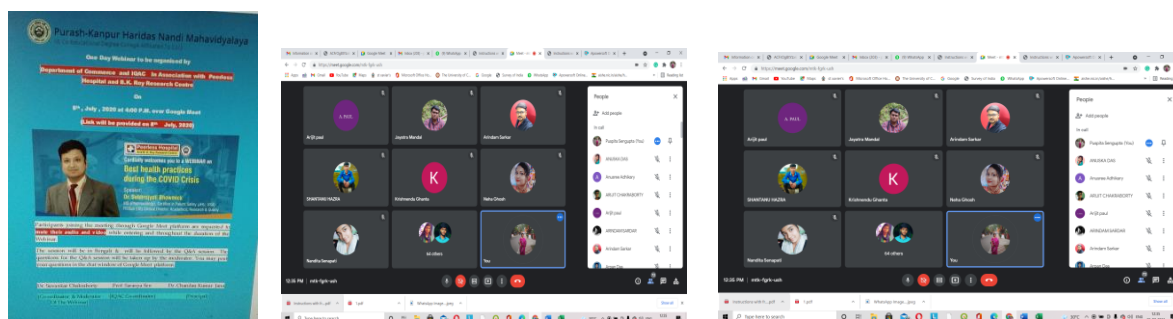
### Aarogya-Setu App installed

All the members including teachers and staff were asked to install Aarogya-Setu App on their smartphone and use the same to have his/her own health status related corona infection and other updates and information.

### Webinars on COVID-19

A day-long webinar on “*Best Health Practices during the Covid Crisis*” was organized in association with Peerless Hospital and B.K.Roy Research Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. where reputed doctors, as Dr. Subhrojyoti Bhowmick and Dr. Bodhisattwa Mishra delivered their lectures on ‘what is COVID-19’ and how to prevent the spread of it. All students, teachers and staff have participated and enriched themselves through interaction.

In total about one hundred participants had logged in for the Webinar that includes students, teachers, staff and their family members and ex-faculry members. The flyer of the webinar and some of its screenshots are shown in figure 2.





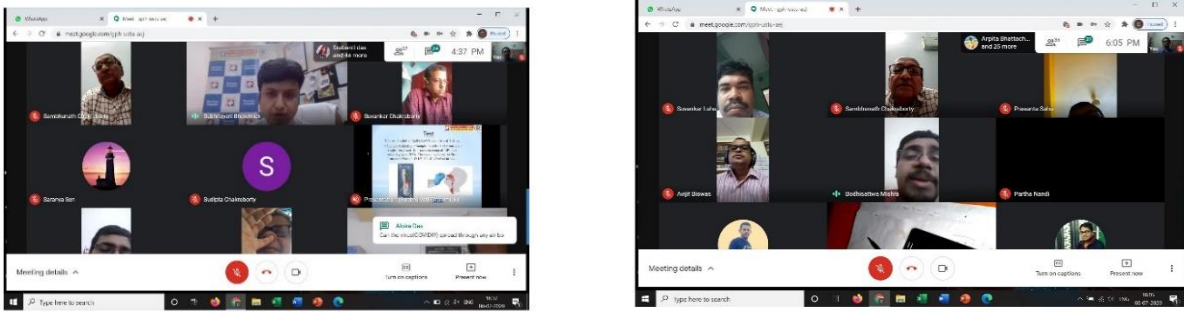


Figure 2.: The Flyer of the Webinar on COVID-19 and some screenshots of it

Another webinar was organised in association with MGNCRE on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 on “*Guidance on Psycho-social skills to Helpers during Pandemic*”. The speakers were Ms. Shrayashi Das and Ms. Tanupriya Chandra, Consultant, MGNCRE and Dr. Sabita Misra who have encouraged our students to gain mental strength and boost immunity to fight back the menace of the Century. Ms. Shrayashi Das and Ms. Tanupriya Chandra of MGNCRE were also present and guided our students to develop different skills as helpers for themselves and fellow citizens to stay healthy and safe during Pandemic and overcome the crisis. The flyer of the webinar is shown in figure 3.

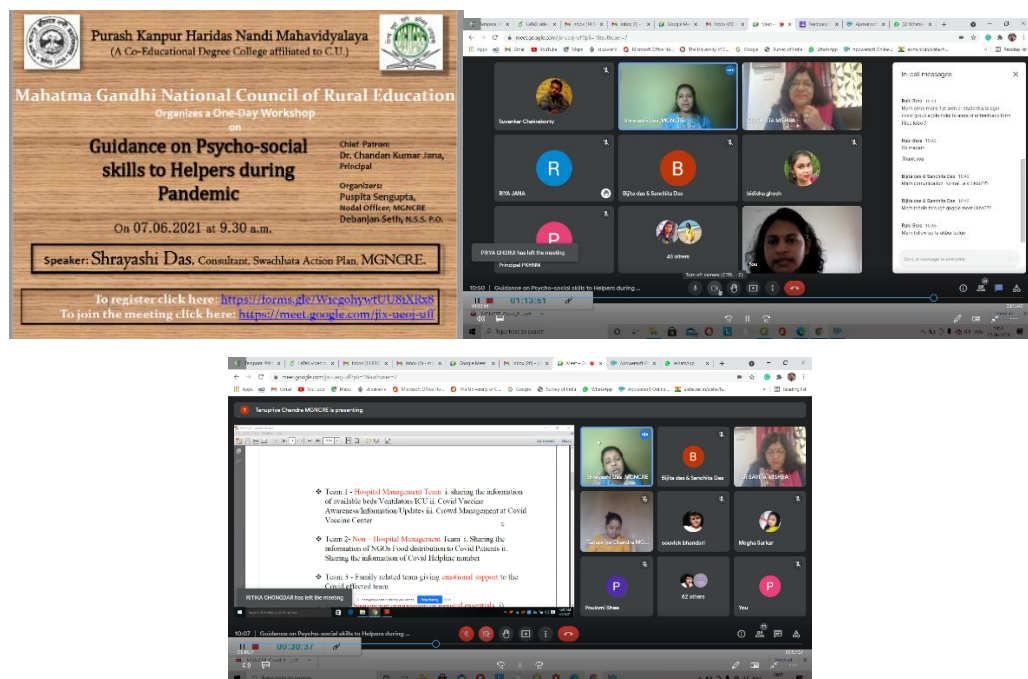


Figure 3: Flyer and a screenshot of the Webinar on “Guidance on Psycho-social skills to Helpers during Pandemic”



### **Vaccination Assessment among students and their family members:**

To assess status of vaccination against COVID-19 our students have been engaged in an online survey recently (started on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2021). More than three hundred students responded through Google form on vaccination status of themselves and their family members and accessibility of the vaccine in their locality. Though all the students are keen to receive the shots only 21% of them have been able to get that. A report was prepared and submitted to Principal Sir for future references and actions.

### **FUTURE PLAN**

It's just a beginning. We look forward to carry on many more programmes and activities for the social cause if COVID-19 pandemic does not stop. More specifically, we have the plan for providing vaccines to all our students and staff. They will be made aware of the ensuing 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of the pandemic with more dangerous mutants. Willing students would be asked enrolled themselves as COVID-WARRIOR for specific activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

With their knowledge and skill and equipped with information technology tools and social media platforms the students, faculty members have engaged themselves in online extension activities means to generate awareness to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic to save themselves in particular and the society at large.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I would like to thank Dr. Chandan Kumar Jana, Principal of our college for conceiving the idea of online extension activity for generating awareness on COVID-19 which commensurate with the time and situation and also guiding us in its execution and monitoring. I also like to extend my sincere thanks to the local administration for helping and encouraging us. I'm grateful to my colleagues for supervising our students. I also acknowledge officers and doctors at MGNCRE for encouraging us in this type of activities. Last but not the least I would like to appreciate participation of our dear students.