



Vyasanagar (Auto.) College, Jajpur Road, Jajpur, Odisha

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

“Understanding Shakespeare in Today’s Context : Macbeth in Special Focus”

Date : 05.09.2021 | Time : 6PM

Organised by : DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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Keynote Speaker - Prof. Dr. Tushar Raman Oza, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, USA

**Speaker 2-Prof. Dr. Krushna Chandra Mishra, Department of English
Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh**

Speaker 3 - Mr Tarun Kanti Rout, Director, All India Radio, Cuttack

**Speaker 4 - Prof. Dr. Steve Dooner, Quincy College, Massachusetts, USA
Actor & Director at The Company Theatre Centre for Arts**

Rapporteur - Sukanta Rout, Reader in English

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A BRIEF REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON "UNDERSTANDING SHAKESPEARE IN TODAY'S CONTEXT: MACBETH IN SPECIAL FOCUS" ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, VYASANAGAR AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE, JAJPUR ROAD, JAJPUR, ODISHA ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 (SUNDAY)

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An International webinar on "**Understanding Shakespeare in Today's Context: Macbeth in Special Focus**" was organized by the Department of English, Vyasa Nagar Autonomous College, Jajpur Road, Odisha, a premier non-government aided educational institution with national and international acclaim and catering to the needs of higher learning of thousands of students from different corners of the state and country on Sunday, the 5th September, 2021 on the auspicious Teacher's Day for more than three hours from 6 pm to 9.30 pm under the chairmanship of **Dr. Kusha Chandra Pradhan, the Principal I/C and the Head of the Department of English of the college.**

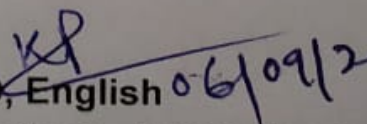
The webinar commenced with the patron and the chief organizer and coordinator of this historic event, **Dr. K. C. Pradhan's** welcome address followed by an enthralling and mesmerizing Odishi dance performance by Miss Monali Pati, a student of +3 Illrd year Arts with English as core subject. **Sri Pradeep Kumar Biswal**, the chief patron of the programme and President, Governing Body of the college delivered his address on the relevance of Macbeth by Shakespeare for the contemporary society and world. He pointed out that ambition, power and money in Macbeth made it timeless and universal. **Prof. Dr. Steve Dooner, Quincy College, Massachusetts, USA, Actor and Director at the Company Theatre Centre for Arts** spoke on ambition, emptiness, jealousy, progeny, etc. are the key factors for Macbeth's relevance today. **Mr. Tarun Kanti Rout, Director, All India Radio, Cuttack** and a brilliant student of English Literature shared his knowledge and experiences on Macbeth with the participants of the programme. **Prof. Dr. Krushna Chandra Mishra, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh** delivered an erudite and exciting speech on the topic in an impressive and enlightening way. **Prof. Tushar Raman Oza, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, USA**, delivered the key note address and an illuminating speech on the topic. He told on Macbeth's duality in character bringing out the good and evil in man, structure, metrical composition of most of lines of dialogues, its loose ends, and particularly comparison of the play with Lord Krishna's advice to Arjun and the character of Lady Macbeth with that of Draupadi in terms of the imagery of bloodshed and war.



In the interactive session the participation of the participants and lively discussions on the questions raised by the participants was very edifying and also interesting, particularly the discussions made by **Dr. Payal Trivedi from Gujarat, Mrs Somali Gupta from Bargarhanda and Sri Debasis Patra from Balasore, Odisha** added glamour and a new taste to the programme. It was very encouraging and beneficial from the academic point of view in relation to our current curriculum.

Sri Upendra Kumar Swain, Reader in English and convener of the event introduced the esteemed Guests and Resource persons, **Dr Pragyna Parbartika Das, Lecturer in English** of the Department moderated the webinar while **Sri Sukanta Rout, Reader in English, Choudwar College, Cuttack** and an Alumnae of this department was the rapporteur of the said programme who finally summarized the deliberations of all the speakers briefly with his own opinion on the topic. **Sri Dillip Kumar Rout, Lecturer in English and the Associate Convener** of the programme moved the vote of thanks to all at the end. Sri Rout opined that anyone who does wrong deeds for his personal gain is a modern day Macbeth. With vote of thanks to the Chair person, organizers, speakers, Guests and participants and good wishes for all teachers of the world on the Teacher's Day, the webinar was concluded.

From the discussion it is learnt that Shakespeare's Macbeth is relevant today for its motivation by greed, ambition, jealousy, craze for power and money, selfishness of man, dangers of over ambition, Macbeth's sense of guilt, contrast between reality and appearance, loyalty and guilt, kingship and tyranny, cruelty and masculinity, ambition and power, lack of own responsibility, persuasion, betrayal of faith, lack of moral values, mystery and supernaturalism, its brevity and musical language, composition and structure. It was really a very memorable and remarkable event in the academic history of the Department of English and also the college. It is hoped that this webinar would be highly beneficial for students and also refreshing and illuminating for the teachers and other participants of the webinar.


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