# Department of English Ranaghat College

**An Event Report** 

Of

**National Webinar** 

On

Postcolonial Elements in Indian Short Stories in English

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Date and Time of Activity	21st July, 2020 : 6 p.m.

# ONE DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR

"Postcolonial Elements in Indian Short Stories in English"

ON 21ST JULY, 2020

**ORGANIZED BY** 



#### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH IN COORDINATION WITH IQAC RANAGHAT COLLEGE

#### About College

Ranaghat College is one of the premier institution of higher education in the district of Nadia in West Bengal. It is a Government Sponsored General Degree College affiliated to University of Kalyani and situated in the convenient locality of Ranaghat which is well-connected with other parts of the district as well as the state of West Bengal by roads and railways. The college saw the light of day in 1950 and since then it has been catering to the needs of students of the locality by imparting them the state-of-art education in Arts, Science and Commerce at the undergraduate level.



#### About Department of English

So far as the Department of English is concerned, it is equipped with well-ventilated classrooms and well-stocked library. The department has completed almost two decades successfully since the introduction of Honours course and produced several Honours graduates who have secured lucrative position in their professional career. The devoted teachers are always eager to take the department to a great height with their innovative ideas and diverse activity. Besides teaching, teachers are also engaged in active research.

As the college has been closed due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic and lock-down for a long period, it becomes necessary to carry on the academic activity online at present. For this purpose, it has been decided by the teachers of the

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activity online at present. For this purpose, it has been decided by the teachers of the department to organize a webinar with the help of reputed scholars on a relevant topic for the benefit of students and teachers of English. The co-operation and participation of the willing teachers and students are hereby earnestly solicited to make it a great success.



#### DATE: 21st JULY 2020:

- 6:00PM Introduction by Dr. Arunodoy Mukherjee (IQAC Co-ordinator)
- 6:05 PM Welcome Address by Dr. Arup Kumar Maiti (Principal)
- 6:10 PM Introduction of Speaker by Prof. Parimal Mondal
- 6:15 to 6.50 PM Keynote Address by Dr. Shankar Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Department of English, Govt. J. B. College, Lunglei, Mizoram
- 6.50 to 6.55 PM- Interactive Session
- 6.55 to 7.00 pm- Introduction of Speaker by Smt. Saheli Mitra
- 7 pm to 7.35 pm Lecture by Dr. Punita Jha, Professor, Department of English, L. N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar Title of Talk: The Genesis and Prospects of Indian Short Stories in English
- 7.35pm to 7.40pm Interactive Session
- 7.40 pm to 7.45pm Introduction of the Speaker by Sri Siddhartha Sarkar
- 7.45pm to 8.20pm Lecture by Dr. Shubh Brat Sarkar, Associate Professor, Department of English, RBC College, Naihati, West Bengal
  Title of Talk: Untouchable Tales of Postcolonial India: Dalit
  Micronarratives in English Translation
- 8.20 pm 8.25pm Interactive Session
- 8.25 to 8. 30pm Feedback from the Participants
- 8.30pm to 8.35pm Vote of Thanks by Dr. Subhendu Sarkar

#### **Organizing Committee**

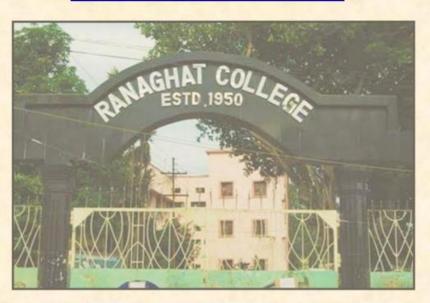
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## **Online Registration**

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Registration will be closed on Tuesday 20th July, 2020 RANAGHAT COLLEGE, OLD BERHAMPORE ROAD RANAGHAT, NADIA-741201

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#### **Department of English**

#### A Report on Webinar

Event: A national webinar on Postcolonial Elements in Indian Short Stories in English

**Date: 21st July, 2020** 

**Objective:** It was intended to broaden the idea of participants, specially the students of college, about the postcolonial issues and literary writings.

**Description**: During the challenging time of lockdown, the teaching staff of Department of English made an effort to carry on the academic activities by engaging online classes and organizing webinars. It was decided in the departmental meeting that the topic of webinar would be Postcolonial Elements in Indian Short Stories in English included in the syllabus of undergraduate course. The topic was considered relevant as it would facilitate learners to understand the postcolonial tests of their curriculum properly. The webinar was organized on 21st July, 2020. A considerable number of participants joined the webinar. In the beginning, the coordinator of IQAC addressed the participants and pointed out the purpose and theme of the webinar. Thereafter, the Principal accorded warm welcome to all participants. The distinguished speakers were introduced by the departmental teachers and they threw light on the topic of the webinar elaborately. Dr. Punita Jha, Professor of Department of English in L.N. Mithila University, Darbhanga, Bihar, delivered a scholarly lecture on the postcolonial issues in the context of India and the effort of Indian writers to deal with those issues in their writings. She dwelt upon various aspects of postcolonial elements namely social issues, hybrid culture, exploitation by the colonizers and subsequent protest of postcolonial writers. Her lecture focused mainly on the Indian writers of short stories and various themes highlighted in their writings. Another distinguished speaker, Dr. Shubh Brat Sarkar, Associate Professor of Department of English in RBC College, Naihati, West Bengal, discussed the tales of untouchables in the postcolonial India. His touched upon various aspects of Dalit writings reflecting the issue of caste, poverty and other disadvantages of the downtrodden people. Starting with the popular short story The Shroud of Premchand, he discussed the stories of other writers related to Dalit society. His lecture was enlightening and informative. During the interactive session at the end of the lecture, students raised various questions and the speakers tried to answer those questions satisfactorily.

#### Feedback:

- 1. The webinar engaged students in academic activity during the lockdown period.
- 2. It widened the knowledge of learners about the postcolonial writings and Indian short stories written in English.
- 3. The response of learners and other participants was quite satisfactory.
- 3. Participants found the webinar useful and enlightening.

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