

Program Name:

State-Level Conference Panel on “**The Victorian Transformations: Looking Back & Ahead**”.

Date- 13.04.2024, Time- 11.30 AM

Place: Sir Jadunath Sarkar Conference Hall

Organiser: Department of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya

Name of the Resource Persons: **Dr. Sahntanu Majee**, Techno India University, **Dr. Sanchayita Paul Chakraborty**, Dr. Meghnad Saha College, **Dr. Arnab Chatterjee**, Harishchandrapur College

Learning Objective: This Conference Panel was organized to raise awareness among students about the Great Victorian Period, and the Reform Bill of 1832 that paved the way to major social and political transformation in the Victorian era.

Learning Outcome: All the three presentations dealt with the question of Victorian Women and how the process of patriarchal oppression started in that era. Writings of Darwin were discussed by Dr. Majee, whereas Dr. Chakraborty spoke of the connection of between Victorian Women writings and the Bengali Women Writers who composed significant essays almost around the same time. Dr. Arnab Chatterjee brought in the issue of Fanny Parks and her travel writings that deviated from the Orientalist Tradition.

Among the participants, we got **Prof. Aditi Dasgupta** of Loreto College, **Dr. Rahi Soren** of Jadavpur University took part in this program and enlightened us with their knowledge.

Student got to know these aspects of the Victorian Age which the present syllabi of the English Literature partially address. This panel discussion was followed by presentations by students.

Brochure of the Conference Panel

Seminar

The Great Victorian Transformation : Looking Back & Ahead



Concept Note

The Victorian Period is characterized by the paradoxical moniker- 'It was the best of times; it was the worst of times' (Dickens). As the age of industrial revolution and laissez faire capitalism it witnessed the rise to supremacy of England in Europe ushering in radical social and cultural transformations,

mechanization of life, class inequality and depopulation of villages. Such crises also led to growing popular discontent, working class politics and the dream of a communist society expressed through Marx's famous The Communist Manifesto. The 'outflow of capital' also led to empire building and colonial enterprise making huge transformations in the social, cultural and epistemic habitus of colonised countries through exchange of ideas as well as hierarchisation of existing knowledge. Under the veneer of respectability and conformity, the gender roles were also getting transformed. These transformations engendered great expectations as well as hard times for many, and the ramifications are felt still today.

The proposed seminar and panel discussion engages with this transformative milieu and critically looks back at what we gained during this period and what went wrong taking into account current issues and challenges.

Speakers

Dr. Sharfatai Majee
Dr. Anub Chatterjee
Dr. Saichavita Paul Chakraborty

13 April 2024

11 AM

New Conference Hall (R-208)

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Schedule of the Program



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April 13, 2024

Schedule of Panel Discussion

Session 1: Inauguration

Welcome Address: Dr. Dhritiman Chakraborty, Coordinator, IQAC, Gour Mahavidyalaya

Behind the Mike: Sudipta Paul and Protham Pandey, Sem-IV, Dept. of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya

Session 2: Panel Discussion (1.15- 2.30 PM)

Speaker 1: Dr. Shantanu Majee, Techno India University, Kolkata

Topic: The Mindful Men and the Feminine Nether World: Revisiting Women and Intellectual Traditions of Nineteenth-Century England

Reponere: Pradipta Mandal, Sem-VI, Dept. of English, Gour Mahavidyalaya

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