

**A Report on Various Webinars/ Conferences organised by the institution during the
year 2020-2021**

Total Number of National Level Event: 6

Total Number of International Level Event: 2

Summary of the events

New Media and Digital Journalism (National): The online event was hosted by the IQAC of the institution, which was held on 17-08-2020. The event was graced by Dr. Archana Kumari, Assistant Professor, Dept of Journalism, University of Jammu. In the event around 90 participants from various parts of the country took part and interacted with the resource person. During the presentation the resource person extensively dealt with new digital media including social media platforms and highlighted the immense potential that these platforms possess. After all in the event the participants learned about new digital media and digital journalism and the possibilities that these platforms carry for the transformation of society.

How to Choose Career Options, Learn Effectively and Establish in Life (International): This online event was held on August 23, 2020 and the event was particularly directed towards the direct assistance that the student needed during the pandemic situation regarding their career. Dr. Bhaskar Choudhury, former senior scientist Intel Corporation (USA), Founder and CEO -Paper Boat Academy and president – Cratoo Inc, Oregon, America was the resource person in the event. Around 140 participants, mostly students of the entire region took part and learned about various career avenues from the RP. Dr. Choudhury outlined the basic principles including effective communication as a tool for a successful career and stressed upon acquiring skill to go beyond the conventional jobs. Choudhury in his address to the students brought references to his own struggle to arrive at his present position and cited many other anecdotes to motivate and inspire the participants. At the end of the event, the participants thanked him for enlightening them and showing them the roadmap to take the challenges in life

New Directions in critical Theory (National): The event was hosted online on 7-09-2020 through google meet. Dr. Mridul Bordoloi, Professor, Dept. of English, Dibrugarh University

and Dr. Basil N. Darlong Diengdoh Assistant Professor Dept. of English Dibrugarh University took part as resource persons. Prof. Bordoloi in his presentation particularly focussed upon critical race theory and outlined theoretical development in the USA. Dr. Diengdoh in his speech focussed upon post humanism and the technological interventions even in an area like critical theory. So, in both the presentations the RPs acquainted the participants with the recent developments in the field of critical theory and shared valuable insightful research outputs. Around 100 students and faculties from various parts of the nation took part in the event and interacted with the RPs for further research and development in the field of literature. In short, the event highlighted the new directions that have taken place in literary in the new millennium.

Revisiting Nationalism in the 21st Century (International): This two day long online event was conducted on September 16 and 17, 2020. On September Prof. Richard English, Pro Vice- Chancellor, Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland, the UK and Professor Chidananda Bhattacharya, Dept. of English Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata acted as resource persons. Prof. English in his lecture dealt with the topic *Nationalism in the 21st century* and pointed out various facets of nationalism manifested around the globe. Prof. English in his talk also highlighted global terrorism and brought into light interpretations connected to terrorism related nationalism. Prof. Chidananda Bhattacharya delivered valuable talk on the topic *Red Oleanders: Rabindranath Tagore's Postcolonial Interpretations of the Western Colonialist- Industrialist Western Paradigm*. Prof. Bhattacharya negotiated Indian Nationalism with reference to the mentioned play of Tagore and emphasised specificities of Indian Nationalism.

On September 17, 2020, the institution hosted two other resource persons namely Dr. Panos Eliopoulos Dept of Philosophy, University of Ioannina, Greece and Dr. Debojyoti Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of English, Bodoland University, Assam. Dr. Eliopoulos delivered his lecture on the topic *Nationalism and the Ethical Impact of Phenomena of Political Communication in Greece and Europe*. Dr. Eliopoulos outlined Greek Nationalism in the context of the West and highlighted the various nuances that took place in Greece. Dr. Biswas directed his lecture towards the topic *The Trajectory of Nationalism in India and its Dynamics*. Dr. Biswas also negotiated Indian Nationalism and pointed out the diverse trajectories witnessed in colonial and free India. Around 150 participants from India and abroad took part in the online event and engaged in fruitful deliberations on both the days.

New Education Policy 2020: Critical Thinking at the Crossroads (National): This online event was hosted on September 29, 2020. Dr. Bhaskarjit Neog, Centre for Philosophy, JNU joined as the resource person of the event. In his lecture Dr. Neog talked about the Govt of India, promulgated NEP 2020 and emphasised upon the crossroads that institutions across the nation have to undergo while adopting the NEP. Dr. Neog also stressed open critical thinking that the policy has envisaged for an empowered and skill India. Around 100 participants across the country took part in the event and shared their ideas/thoughts/ queries with the RP. The event concluded smoothly and apprised the participants about the changes that institutions must adopt in the near future.

Lifestyle Changes, Nutrition and Covid-19 (National): this online event was based on one of the significant aspects of human life i.e., lifestyle changes during the pandemic. The event was conducted online on 28th September 2020 and Dr. Aritra Pradhan from Shristi Hospital and research centre Dibrugarh took part as the resource person. Pointing out pandemic brought unprecedented mental stress, Dr. Pradhan puts stress on changing lifestyle to cope with the challenges and maintain mental wellbeing. Dr. Pradhan justifies that nutritional level is directly proportional to the wellbeing of being and therefore nutrition level must be maintained as per need and requirements. Dr. Pradhan also shared flowcharts containing information about the sources of nutrition and urged all the participants to follow necessary guidelines. The event benefitted the participants immensely and provided much needed information and knowledge.

Emphasis on Mother Tongue in NEP 2020: Its Prospects and Challenges (National):

The online event addressed the topic of Mother Tongue in the recently unveiled new education policy. The event was conducted online on 30-08-2020 and Dr. Ratul Deka from Bodoland University participated as the resource person. In his talk Dr. Deka outlined the new thrust accorded on mother tongue in the NEP for realising the potential of all learners. The event assisted the participants to realise the role of mother tongue to turn the objectives of NEP 2020 into reality.

Artificial intelligence, automation, and robotics-future of humanities (National): This event was held on July 24, 2020, through google meet. the resource person of the event who hails from Kajiranga University Jorhat, briefed the audience about the growing importance of artificial intelligence in all spheres of human life and its transformative role in society. The discussion also directed towards automation and robotics future of humanities. The participants became aware of latest technologies and the increase in role of such technologies in the education sphere.

As a whole, the institution through IQAC made all the possible efforts to keep pace with the rapid developments despite pandemic challenges.

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