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Department of English

A Report

The Department of English has conducted a National Webinar on Anthropocene Reading and Creative Writing on 25.06.2020. The aim of conducting this National Webinar on Anthropocene Reading and Creative Writing is to create awareness and to introduce a new literary critical theory of Anthropocene and how to apply that from the research point of view; also is to update the latest version and techniques in Creative Writing.

Objectives are very comprehensive and it helps the learners :

- to apply new literary theory
- to enrich critical knowledge
- to elucidate from reading
- to apply in Research Writing
- to write creatively with the use of latest techniques
- to critically think and analyse

The webinar has been conducted on Google Meet platform received with 444 responses and 334 feedback submitted. The Session I started at 10.30am, Ms.G.S.Angelin, Head of the Department of English and the Convener of the Webinar welcomed the participants, elaborated the concept and the significance of the conduct of Webinar, followed by the introduction of the Resource Person of the first session Dr. Prayer Elmo Raj, Asst.Professor, PG and Research Dept.of English, Pachaiyappas College, Chennai. Dr. Prayer Elmo Raj delivered a lecture on Anthropocene Reading. He opined and explained that Anthropocene is an informal epoch which tries to account for the human imprint on the geological record. He added that the word has two root meanings: *Anthropos* (humans) and *cene* (age or epoch); the Anthropocene, the proposed epoch in which a human “signature” appears in the lithostratigraphic record; the Anthropocene Reading considers the implications of this concept for literary history and critical method.

Dr.K.M.Sumathi, Assistant Professor of English and the Organising Secretary introduced the Resource Person of the II Session Prof. Abhijeet Prakash Wadalkar, Asst.Professor, Department of English Language and Literature in Model Degree College, Buldana, Maharashtra. Prof. Abhijeet delivered a lecture on Creative Writing and how one’s hidden potential has to be enlightened. Also he stated that Creative writing is “writing that expresses ideas and thoughts in an imaginative way from one’s own experiences”. It is the “art of making things up or putting a creative splash on history”, as in creative nonfiction. The lecture was informative and induced the participants.