

International Webinar

On

‘Apocalypse Narratives: Literature and Popular Culture’

Organized by the Department of English, Prafulla Chandra College

On 4th & 5th July, 2020

Activity Report

The Department of English, Prafulla Chandra College, Kolkata, organized an International Webinar on 4th and 5th July, 2020 on "Apocalypse Narratives: Literature And Popular Culture." The Convener of the webinar was the Head of English Department, Dr Angshuman Mukhopadhyay and the Joint Convenor was Prof Anuradha Mazumder. The webinar was attended by students and faculty members from colleges and universities in India and abroad. On 4th July, the keynote speech was delivered by Dr Arleen Ionescu from Shanghai Jiao Tong University on the subject of imagined and real apocalypses. This was followed by a lecture by Dr Pinaki De on apocalypse narratives in comics. On 5th July, Prof Dr Madhuja Mukherjee talked about popular cinema and popular perceptions of the pandemic. The last lecture was delivered by Dr Sudev Pratim Basu on rock music and apocalyptic and post-apocalyptic visions. All the lectures were informative as well as enjoyable and were followed by Q & A sessions. All participants were given e-certificates for attending the webinar. Other than enriching academic activities of the college during the pandemic, the webinar substantially contributed to intellectual researches in the field; as the approaches were fresh and invigorating, all four lectures opened up new angles of critical discourses on the topic of an interface of disease, literature, and popular culture.