

Title: LITERARY REGALE - Five day Lecture series

Date: 29/01/2022 to 06/02/2022

Resource Person: Prof. Waseem Akram, Prof. Akhila, Dr. Chandan, Dr. Anitha Rao and Dr. B.N Shreekeerthy

Report:

DAY 1 - Farewell Address at Chicago

Name of the Event: Guest lecture on the chapter "Farewell Address at Chicago - Barack Obama"

Date: 29-01-2022

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Mode: Online (Google Meet / Youtube)

Number of students attended: 200

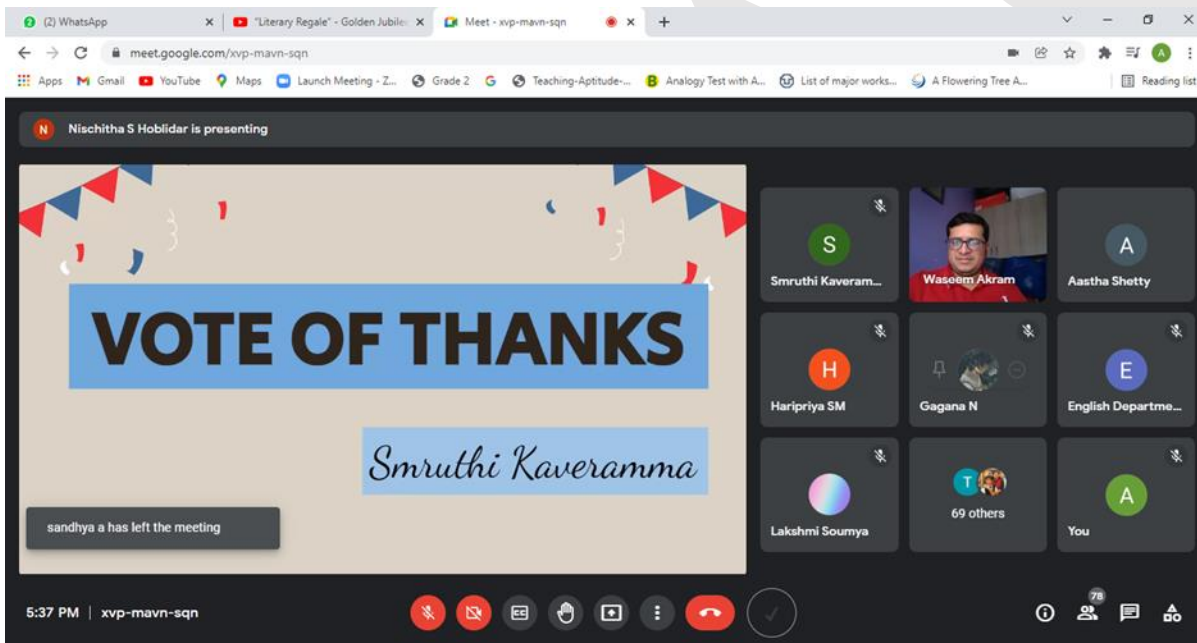
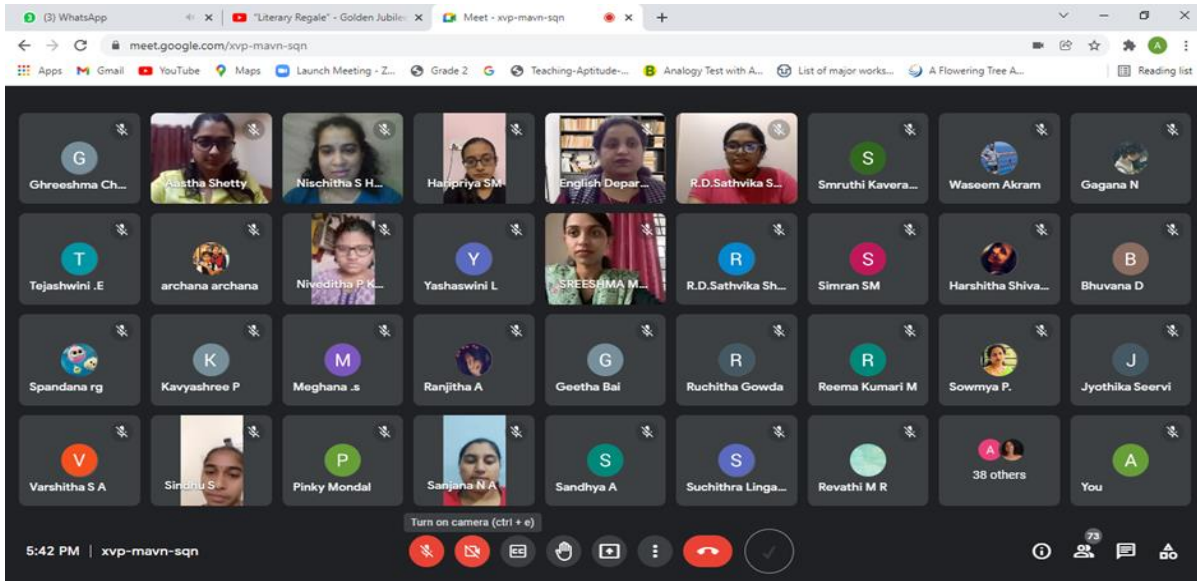
Organised by: Department of English

The first lecture in the series was on the chapter "Farewell Address at Chicago - Barack Obama", organised by the Department of English on the 29th of January, 2021 for the first semester students was a success. Prof. Sowmya, the convener of the event, extended a warm welcome to the resource person, Prof. Waseem Akram. The student team actively participated in hosting the webinar as previously decided. The master of ceremony was Aastha from I BSC. Firstly, Ms. Arpita invoked the presence of the Almighty with her melodious rendition. The formal welcome speech was then delivered by Ms. Sathvika. This was followed by Ms. Sanjana's introduction of the resource person, after which the webinar was over to Prof. Akram.

The resource person began with a brief interactive session with the students regarding democracy, equality and the Constitution of India and what the Preamble entails. He then went on to elaborate on said points, talking about how Discourse, Debate and Dissent were the three pillars of Democracy and how a fall of any one of these would eventually lead to the fall of democracy itself. He also stressed on how the youth and youngsters are the universal catalysts for progress and how true progress is hard to achieve unless the masses learn to question and raise their voices for what they believe in. He went on to speak of how economic inequality, racial discrimination and a lack of healthy debates serve as the main threats to democracy, and how if paired with extremism, sectarianism and authoritarianism, would mean the definite fall of the system. He concluded by saying that Democracy prevails the moment one asserts themselves and takes a stand for what they believe in. He was considerate enough to answer all the questions satisfactorily, as moderated by Ms. Haripriya.

The formal vote of thanks was then proposed by Ms. Smruthi. The session was closed with the Ammanni Anthem being played, sung by Prof. Phalguni Bhatt, marking the end of the webinar.

Report by Gagana N, I BSC (PBZ)



DAY 2 - Chitra by Rabindranath Tagore

Name of the Event: Guest lecture on the play Chitra by Rabindranath Tagore

Date: 31-01-2022

Time: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Mode: Online (Google Meet / Youtube)

Number of students attended: 90

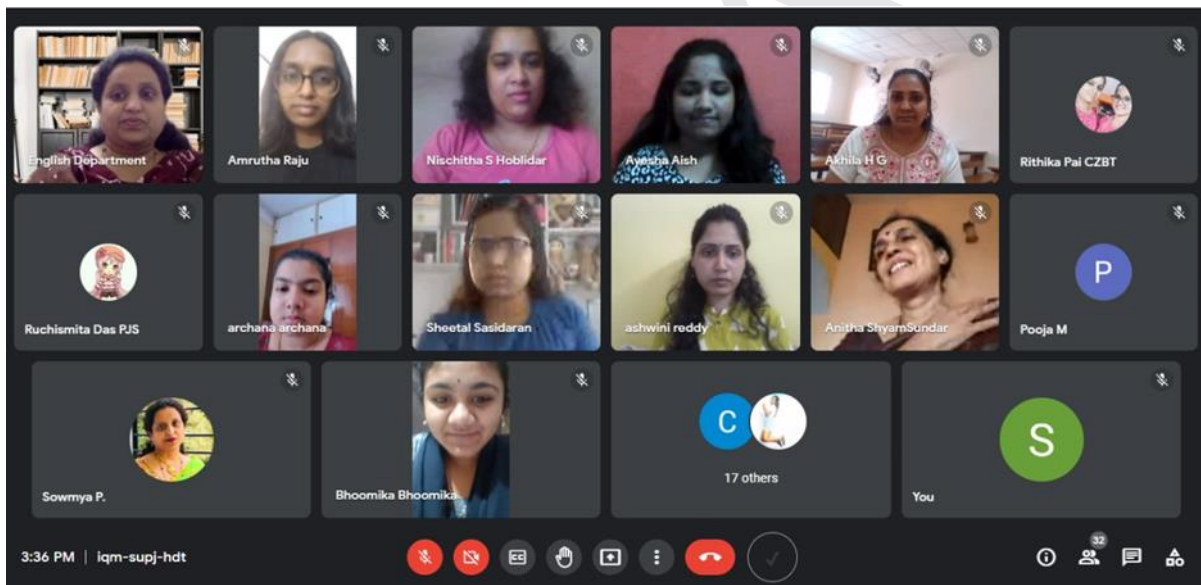
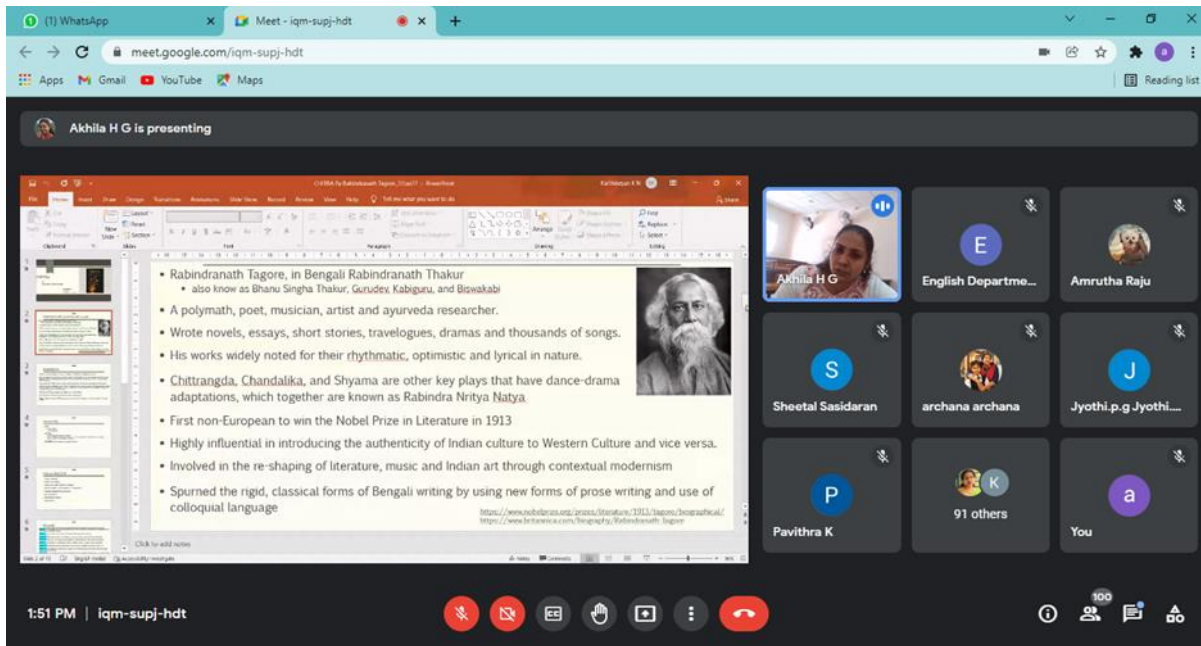
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With the webinar beginning at 1:30 P.M. On the dot, the program began with a beautiful prayer by Arpitha. The master of ceremony Amrutha Raju then introduced Arpitha to welcome the gathering. Sheetal was in charge of introducing our guest speaker, Prof. Akhila H. G, who brought a great myriad of knowledge and experience to the table. With a brief introduction of the play 'Chitra' By Rabindranath Tagore, Prof. Akhila took over the session for the next hour. Her lecture was divided into three parts.

Firstly, she introduced the participants to the author of the play, educated us on his accomplishments and his writing style. She proceeded to explain about the background of the play, the play's role in Mahabharatha, along with the literary facts. Secondly, she explained the nine scenes of the play and their significance to the plot. She highlighted how the main character, Chitra, undergoes an internal conflict regarding her love for Arjuna; and how the characters Vasanta and Madhana contribute to that internal conflict. Thirdly, there was a detailed critical appreciation of the play which included character analysis, the motive of the author, the conflicts in the play and how the author balances the equation with Chitra and Arjuna. Lastly, she concluded her lecture after describing the resolution, context of the play and how it is relevant to current generation readers and society.

For the next twenty minutes, Rithika Pai moderated the question answer session where students cleared their doubts and curiosities. Ayesha was called to propose the vote of thanks on behalf of the college. The very informative and educative webinar ended when the beautiful college anthem was played. Overall, it was a very organized and successful lecture which educated the participants on a beautiful piece of literature by the national poet, Rabindranath Tagore. (- Written By Amrutha Raju, Year II, BSC-PBZ, mLAc

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DAY 3 - The Golden Dream

Name of the Event: Guest lecture on the chapter "The Golden Dream- Poornachandra Tejaswi"

Date: 03-02-2022

Time: 11:45 am - 1:45 pm

Mode: Online (Google Meet / Youtube)

Number of students attended:

Organized by: Department of English

A Webinar on the topic "The Golden Dream" was organized by the English Department and invited speaker Dr. Chandan on 3rd February, 2021. This was the fourth lecture in the "Literary Regale" lecture series conducted between Jan 29th and Feb 6th in celebration of our Golden Jubilee year.

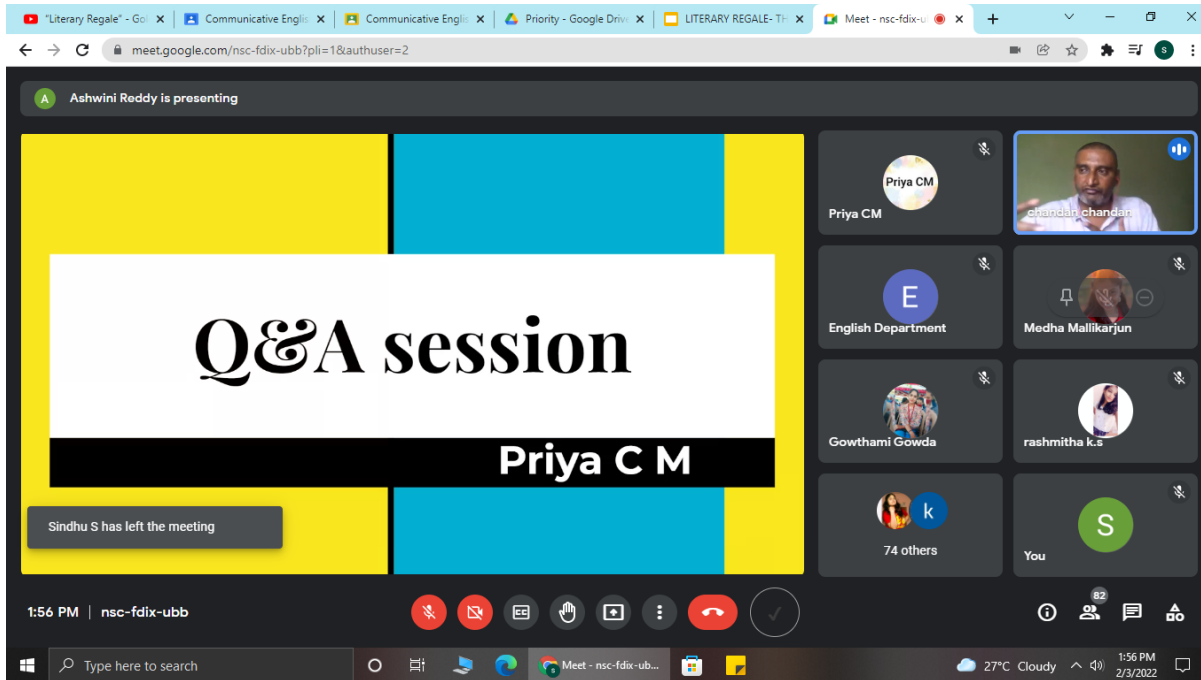
The Webinar had a smooth start, beginning at sharp 12 p.m. The Master of Ceremony was Medha Mallikarjun. Arpitha S sang an invigorating prayer that spearheaded the meeting which was followed by a Welcome speech by Varsha R and an introduction of the speaker by Rashmitha.

The invited speaker, Dr. Chandan gave a very illuminating session on Poornachandra Tejaswi's "The Golden Dream". He started by introducing the acclaimed writer's multidimensional personality - from photography to an avid ornithologist. Dr. Chandan then gave a brief introduction to what encompasses a short story. He then gave an outline of the story- the detached town of Hattur and its people; continued to illustrate the protagonist's nature through his ailment. He then dove deep into the theme of the story - the magic of 'dreams'.

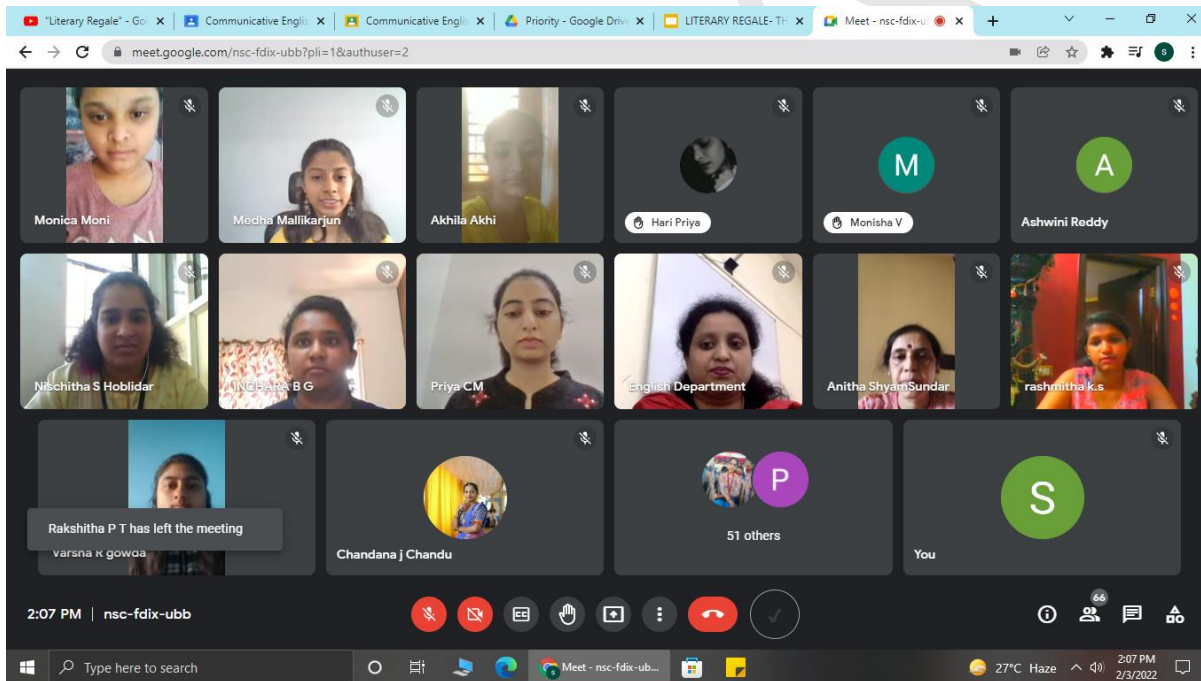
He drew out the importance of dreams vs the reality and highlighted the lost wonder of imagination that is ground out of children as they grow up. He concluded his session by discussing the symbolism of the story's ending, but not before leaving us with a food for thought- 'Do we live inside or outside our mind', hence beautifully bringing out a connection between the story and us, the readers.

After an enlightening Q&A session moderated by Priya CM, Inchara B.G proposed the vote of thanks. It concluded with all the participants rising for the college anthem and filling a feedback link.

Report by Medha Mallikarjun (I B.com-A)



This screenshot shows a Google Meet interface during a presentation. The main slide is yellow and blue with the text "Q&A session" and "Priya C M". A notification at the bottom left says "Sindhu S has left the meeting". The right sidebar shows a grid of participants: Priya CM, English Department, Gowthami Gowda, 74 others, and You. The bottom status bar shows the time as 1:56 PM on 2/3/2022.



This screenshot shows a Google Meet gallery view with 12 participants in a grid. The participants are: Monica Moni, Medha Mallikarjun, Akhila Akhi, Hari Priya, Monisha V, Ashwini Reddy, Nischitha S Hoblidar, INCHANA B G, Priya CM, English Department, Anitha ShyamSundar, and rashmitha.k.s. A notification at the bottom left says "Rakshitha P T has left the meeting" with the name "varsna k gowda" below it. The bottom status bar shows the time as 2:07 PM on 2/3/2022.

DAY 4 - Swami Vivekananda's Speech of 1893, Chicago

Name of the Event: Guest lecture on the chapter "Swami Vivekananda's Speech of 1893, Chicago"

Date: 02-02-2022

Time: 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Mode: Online (Google Meet / Youtube)

Number of students attended:

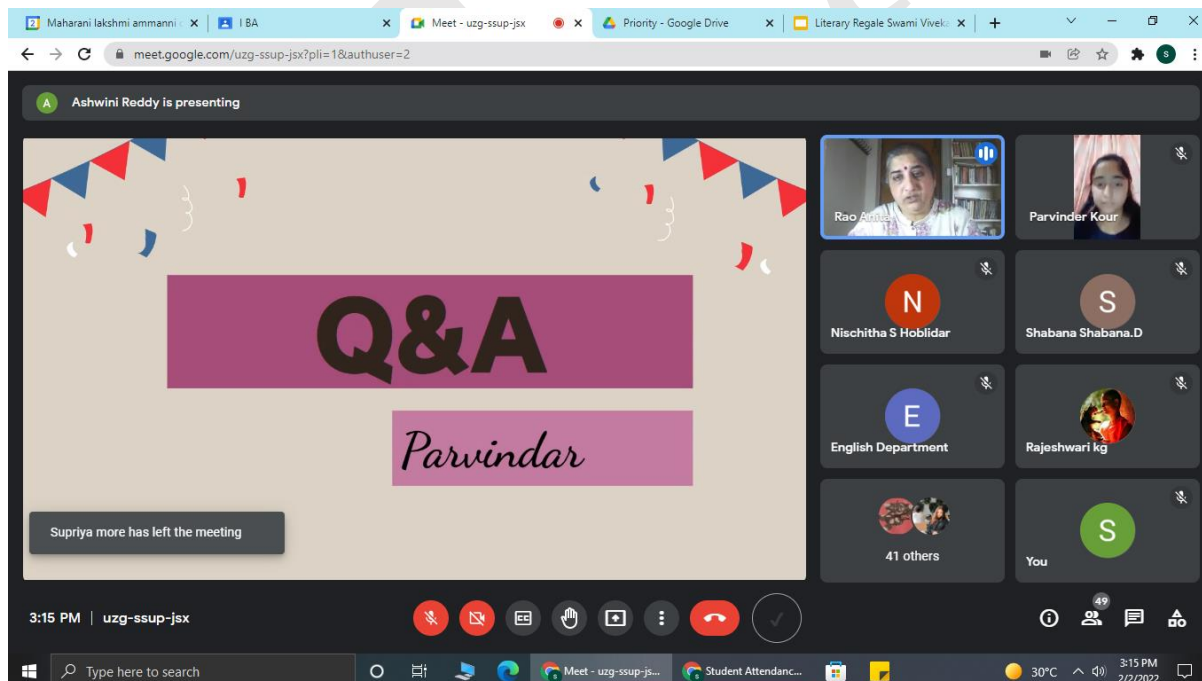
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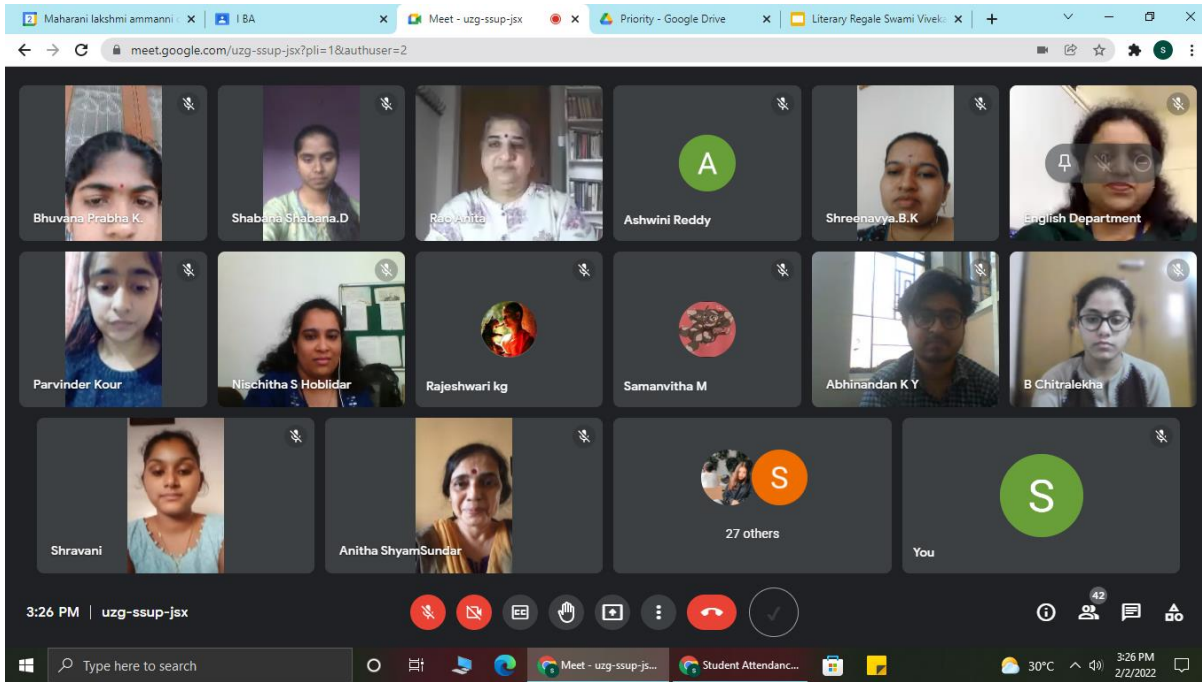
A webinar on the topic "Swami Vivekananda's Speech of 1893, Chicago" was organised by the department of English, mLAC as part of the Golden Jubilee Lecture Series - Literary Regale from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m via Google meet and YouTube Live.

The host Shabana Banu from I BA, welcomed the resource person Dr. Anitha Rao, Associate Professor, Nrupathunga University, students and teachers. This was followed by a formal welcome speech by Laldin. Dr. Anitha Rao began her session giving a background on the philosophies of Swami Vivekananda. She gave in depth insight into Hinduism as a way of life. She explained the concept of religious harmony, tolerance, universal brotherhood upheld by Swami Vivekananda in his speech in Chicago. She deliberated on the six speeches of Swami Vivekananda in a detailed manner.

The last part of the session dealt with clarifying the doubts co-ordinated by Parvindar in which students were provided with the opportunity to ask questions.

The webinar ended with the vote of thanks by Shreenavya. The session ended with the college anthem.





DAY 5 - King Lear

Name of the Event: Guest lecture on the chapter "King Lear - William Shakespeare"

Date: 06-02-2022

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mode: Online (Google Meet / Youtube)

Number of students attended:

Organized by: Department of English

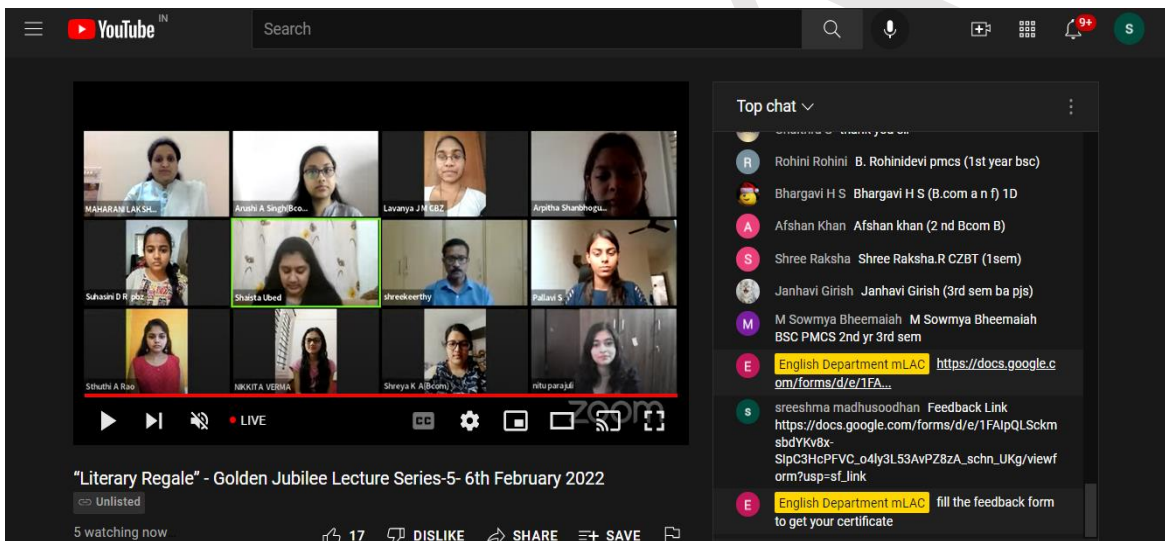
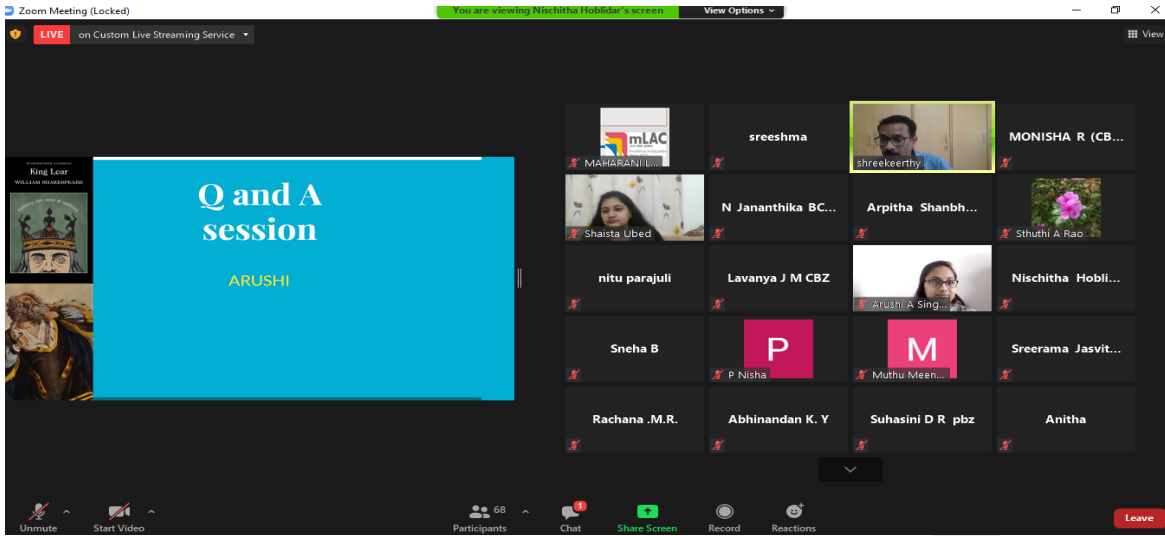
Literary regale, a literary program was organized by the English department to mark 50 years of our college from 29th January 2022 to 6th February 2022 at our college. Many eminent literary personalities were invited to talk about various subjects.

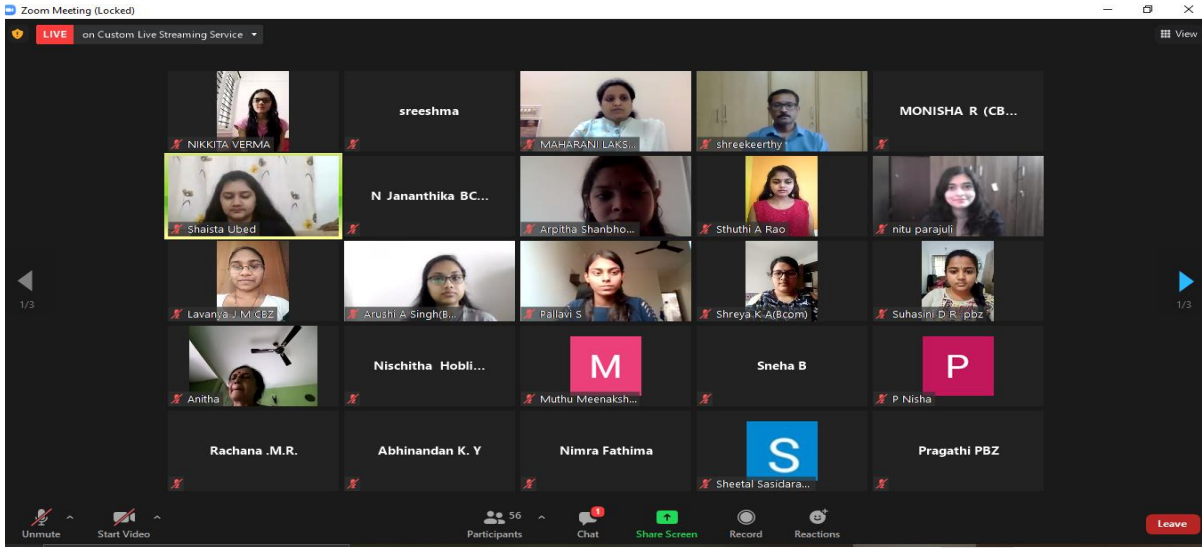
On 6th February 2022, a lecture was conducted on Shakespeare's 'King Lear' abridged by Charles and Mary Lamb. The speaker was Dr. B.N Shreekeerthy, an assistant professor at Bangalore University. Prof. Sowmya. P, HOD of the English department, and Dr. Shashikala. A principal was also a part of the meet.

The lecture began at 11:00 am on Sunday, 6th February. The program was presented by Ms. Shaista Ubed. It started with the invocation by Ms. Arpitha Shanbhogue which was then followed by Ms. Sthuthi A Rao with a welcome speech. And finally, Ms. Nitu Parajuli welcomed the guest of honor, Dr. B.N Shreekeerty. He has many literary accolades to his name, including a book.

The guest of honor spoke next. He started with an introduction to Shakespeare and his style of writing. He went on to say "Reading Shakespeare is a power" which struck a chord. As he went on to describe the writing style he highlighted how Shakespeare's works emphasized every aspect of human life through the psychology of human minds. He also analyzed how Shakespeare had a sarcastic view of humans. Dr. B.N Shreekeerthy also explained how Charles and Mary Lamb came to retell Shakespeare's, King Lear. He then went on to explain many aspects of the themes of King Lear. He did not just vocalize his thoughts and advice to this text but expanded on how texts must be read and emphasized reading and developing a style of reading.

This was continued with a Question-Answer session led by Ms. Arushi. The session was engaging and a lot of questions were asked and answered by Dr. B.N Shreekeerthy. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Pallavi S. The session ended with the college anthem and a photograph. Overall, it was an insightful event and a great learning experience to broaden our horizons.





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