



Report on

One Day Seminar on "Eco-feminism and the Epics"


The Vidya Vistar Scheme (V2Scheme) is an initiative of the University of Delhi to establish academic linkages between its Colleges and Departments with the corresponding institutes in remote areas of the country. With an intention to fulfill the objective Hindu College under Delhi University has partnered with 03 colleges of North-East India; Nar Bahadur Government College, Tadong, Sikkim; Dorjee Khandu Government College Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh and North Kamrup College, Baghmara, Assam. The main purpose of Vidya Vistar Scheme is to establish academic, cultural, social and interpersonal exchanges in the remote areas with the upcoming educational institutions across the country.

North Kamrup College, Baghmara has started off with its maiden blended/hybrid venture of organising a one day seminar on “Eco-feminism and the Epics” on 21-12-2022. Dr. Ananya Barua, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Nodal Officer of V2S Scheme was the resource person for the event. Prof. Archana Barua, retired professor, Department of HSS, IIT Guwahati was the Guest of Honour in the occasion. The event was started at 11.00 am with the recitation of Saraswati Vandana by Kukumoni Sarmah, Assistant Professor, Department of Assamese, North Kamrup College. Dr. Minakshi Das, Nodal Officer, V2S North Kamrup College started the programme by welcoming all. Prof. Reena Jain, Vice Principal, Hindu College opened the session with her welcome address along with the team of the core committee of V2S and other esteemed colleagues and students across and from the other partnering colleges joined online. The program was followed by the lecture of Dr. Ananya Barua who spoke on “Eco-feminism and the Epics”. In her lecture she described mainly about the role of ecofeminism in the great epic Ramayana. By refereing Mahapurush Sankardeva; she said human being cannot survive alone on earth.

Along with human being all other elements of nature are equally important. She highlighted the concept of Prakriti of Samkhya Philosophy and drew parallel lines between women and nature. Highlighting the character of Urmila, Sita and Ahalya she through her lecture revisited the victimization of these female characters and reminded us of the brutal consequences nature has to undergo due to the atrocities of human. She emphasized upon the translated versions of the Ramayana rooted in the North-eastern states of India. Dr. Barua explained the role of Sita in all these versions of Ramayana. She thus highlighted the role of Sita in the Ramayana translated by Mahapurush Sankardeva where Sita is depicted as a strong lady. This lecture programme encouraged the students as well as the teachers to rethink our attitude towards nature and women, and make necessary revisions in it towards both of them, for better future and existence. Prof. Archana Barua, retd. Professor, Department of HSS, IIT Guwahati was invited as the Guest of Honour in this prestigious programme. Prof. Barua talked about the globalization and the alienation of youth from the mother earth resulting in a chaotic society. Her brief yet highly intellectual speech on the above theme made the deliberation highly successful. The Principal, North Kamrup College forwarded his presidential remark and thanked Hindu College for the opportunity. The programme was received with admiration by the students and faculty members of the College. The event was ended with an interactive session and vote of thanks by Dr. Gutimali Goswami, Assistant Professor, Department of English, North Kamrup College, Baghmara, Bajali, Assam.



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Hybrid

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