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REPORT

NATIONAL WEBINAR ON NEW EDUCATION POLICY AND THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH

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Department of English, Lanka Mahavidyalaya , Lanka, Hojai, Assam,
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Date of Webinar : 11-08-2020

Department of English in collaboration with IQAC, Lanka Mahavidyalaya organised a National Webinar on New Education Policy and The Future of English Studies in India on 11th August, 2020 in which Prof G.Baskaran from Department of English and Foreign Languages, Gandhigram University, Tamil Nadu , Prof. Moon Moon Mazumdar from Department of English, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and Dr. Vinod Kumar Singh from the Department of English, University of Delhi, Delhi were invited as honourable Resource Persons. Honourable Principal, Lanka Mahavidyalaya, Dr. Amarjit Singh Bhui inaugurated the Webinar and delivered his valuable speech. A short speech was also provided by the Co-ordinator, Dr. Lukendra Kakati. Welcome Speech was delivered by the Co-ordinator of the Webinar, Dr. Anuradha Chaudhuri.

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DATE: 11-08-2020 TIME: 11-00 AM

Dr. Amarjit Singh Bhui
Principal, Lanka Mahavidyalaya
Chairperson & Inaugurator

Professor G. Baskaran
Dept. of English and Foreign Languages,
Gandhigram University, Tamil Nadu
Will speak on : NEP and North East Writings in English and Translation

Professor Moon Moon Mazumdar
Dept. of English
North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong
Will speak on : English Studies Prospects and Challenges in the New Scenario

Dr. Vinod Kumar Singh,
Asstt. Prof., Deptt. of English
University of Delhi, Delhi
Will speak on : On Beholding a Oceanic Relative : The Relevance of Teaching English Literatures Today

Dr. Lukendra Kakati
Coordinator, IQAC,
Lanka Mahavidyalaya

Dr. Anuradha Chaudhuri
Head, Deptt. of English
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Webinar on future of English studies held

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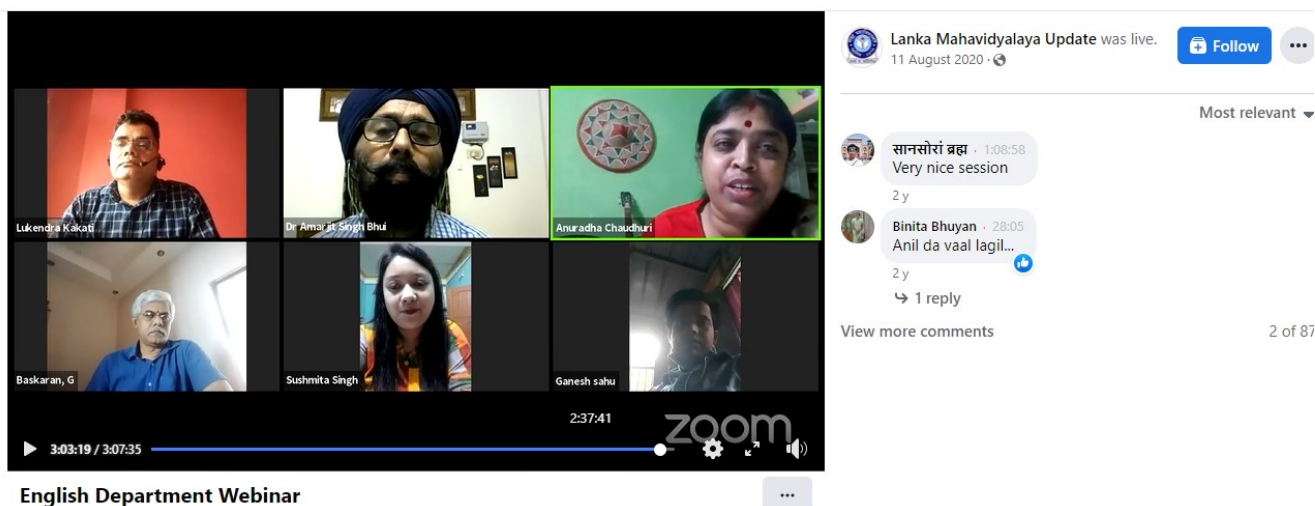
GUWAHATI, Aug 20: A National Webinar on New Education Policy and the future of English Studies in India was organized by the Department of English in collaboration with IQAC, Lanka Mahavidyalaya on August 11.

Distinguished speakers were Professor G. Baskaran from School of English and Foreign Languages, Gandhigram University, Tamilnadu, Professor Moon Mazumdar from Department of English, NEHU, Shillong and Dr Vinod Kumar Singh from the Department of English, University of Delhi. The welcome address was given by Dr Anuradha Chaudhuri, Head, Department of English and Coordinator of the Webinar.

Principal, Lanka Mahavidyalaya, Dr Amarjit Singh Bhui inaugurated the event. Dr Anil Kumar Saikia from the Department of Economics and Convenor, Cultural Development Cell, IQAC of the College performed a Borgeet as the inaugural song. The programme was anchored by Sushmita Singh and review of the session was delivered by Gobinda Dey, both being Assistant Professors of the Department of English. IQAC Coordinator, Dr Lukendra Kakati also spoke on the occasion. All the three resource persons made a threadbare analysis of the topic from their own perspectives and on its various aspects. They left a hopeful note on the future of English Studies in India at the end.

The organizing committee expressed their thankfulness to all the renowned speakers, participants joining from across the country and representing various disciplines especially Dr Dwijen Sharma, Associate Professor of English from NEHU, Turu Campus for all his help and goodwill to make the Webinar a success. Hemant Bora from the IT department and Joyshree Boruah technical staff of the college extended technical support to the webinar.

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A good number of participants representing both teaching, non-teaching and student communities have participated in the Webinar and have interacted with the Resource Persons rather enthusiastically

Prof Moon Moon Mazumdar has spoken on *English Studies: Prospects & Challenges in a New Scenario* in her audio lecture. In the present scenario a lot of changes have taken place and with these changes one has to change his/her mind in adjusting with current situation and in adopting new and creative ideas to meet the challenges. With much stress on the study of native languages in these days, there have been definitely been apprehensions in the minds of the people about the future of English Studies and it is also true that it will be too early to comment on the issue in detail at the present juncture when NEP has just been released and implementation part is yet to take place, but Prof. Mazumdar has touched upon the prospects and challenges that may lie in the implementation of the policy of giving priority to learning mother tongue or native language. But she looks at the issue positively and is hopeful about the future of English Studies in India. We, the students of English literature and language have at least got some definite direction to move forward and pursue our studies with renewed enthusiasm, keeping in mind the transformation and reform that is taking place specifically in higher learning with each passing day.

Moving onto the next what G. Baskaran Sir has spoken on *New Education Policy and North East Writings & Translation*. Well, after the recent implementation of NEP, India will go through a massive transformation in education starting from pre-primary to higher education & during the pandemic, the traditional mode of teaching and learning has already been transformed into digitalized & computerized mode of the same. Sir has dealt with all the diverse aspects of the topic under consideration in his lecture with special reference to NEP and Higher Learning Programmes, taking into consideration four year programme with multiple exits. Sir has also discussed substantially the future of English Studies in India, whether it is going to be replaced or retained. Apart from those Sir has taken many significant North East texts for analysis. On the top of this, Sir has also focused on translation of texts from regional languages and how it is going to connect the

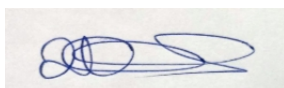
lesser known community to the mainstream etc. TSir has made extensive and elaborate discussion on the given topic.

Next moving on to what Dr. Vinod kr Singh Sir has pondered upon in his lecture entitled *On Beholding a Distant Relative: The Relevance of Teaching English Literature Today*. In his talk, he has begun with a quick critical account of our engagement with English Literature hitherto and then has proceeded further towards the promises it might offer in future. He has also focused on specific articulations about English Literature in our Education Policies in a very distinct manner. Sir has negotiated with the given topic very well indeed!

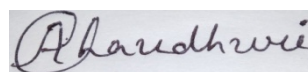
Thanks are due to all the honourable panelists for throwing much light on the subject matter of today's National Webinar. The participants from across the country are highly benefited and by this time have been able to overcome much of their doubts about the future of English Studies in the light of New Education Policy. The Webinar ended successfully with hopes for future.



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