

Webinar Report

Bangla Sahitya: Bahumatrik Parjalochona

Topic: 'Upanyas Kibhabe Porbo'

Speaker: Dr. Urbi Mukhopadhyay

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Today was the eighth day of the discussion series titled 'Bengali Literature: A Multidimensional Review' organized jointly by the Bengali Department of Shahid Matangini Hazra Government General Degree College for Women and IQAC. Professor and researcher Dr. Urbi Mukhopadhyay was present among us today. The topic of her speech was : "Upanyas Kibhabe Porbo." She first tries to say what the 'novel' is exactly! And under what circumstances and how this particular literary form arose and developed in the West. She also explains in detail what the early novels were like and which writers wrote them. She then shed light on how the novel's journey began in India. She thoroughly discussed the contribution of Parichand Mitra and Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay to the Bengali novel. It is in this context that She tells us about the different forms of the novel. She explains very well how different the novels are in terms of narrative style. She then goes on to say how we can move from the level of a simple reading of a novel to an analytical discussion and understand the socio-political conditions of a particular period in which the novel contains its underlying elements. Finally, She wants to say overall how we can better prepare ourselves as readers of the novel. We believe that our students have benefited immensely from this structured discussion.

