

Webinar Report:


International Webinar on "Teaching Critical Thinking and Academic Writing in Higher Academia of India and China"

Date: 1st February 2021

Time: 11:30 am to 02:00 pm



Organised by: Department of English, Birsa Munda College

The Department of English at Birsa Munda College hosted an International Webinar on "Teaching Critical Thinking and Academic Writing in Higher Academia of India and China" on the 1st of February 2021. The webinar aimed to explore and discuss strategies for teaching critical thinking and academic writing in the higher education systems of both India and China.


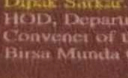
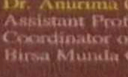

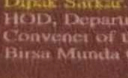
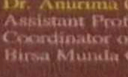

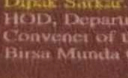
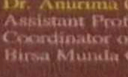



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Honourable Resource Persons:

	Dr. Kamika Singh Director of Centre for Writing and Communication Ashoka University, Delhi. Topic: Teaching 'Writing' and 'Critical Thinking' in Higher Academia. Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm.
	Dr. Vivek Mani Tripathi Professor of Foreign Studies Guangdong University, China. Topic: Importance of Critical Thinking and Academic Writing in Higher Education in China. Time: 1p.m - 2p.m.

<p>Date: 1st February, 2021. Programme Inauguration: 11.00a.m. Programme Duration: 11a.m - 2p.m. Online Platform: Google Meet</p>	<p>Registration Link: http://bmc.basicmonster.com/registration.html</p>
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<p>Interested Participants are Most Welcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Registration through following Google Form Link on or before 31st January 2021.2. Meeting ID will be shared with the registered participants only.3. E-Certificates will be issued to all the Participants on successful completion of the webinar.4. Please join us at Whatsapp Group: https://chat.whatsapp.com/jz3szHWw6OOBaCICwUEa7H5. For any further details, contact: 8116639988	<p>Organizing Committee</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"></td><td>Dr. Birendra Mridha, Principal, Chairperson of the Webinar, Birsa Munda College.</td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;"></td><td>Dipak Sarkar, HOD, Department of English, Convener of the Webinar, Birsa Munda College.</td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;"></td><td>Dr. Anurima Chanda, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Coordinator of the Webinar, Birsa Munda College.</td></tr></table> <p>Programme Assistants: Surasree Deb Barman, Dipannita Deb, Swarnab Das, Department of English, Birsa Munda College.</p>		Dr. Birendra Mridha , Principal, Chairperson of the Webinar, Birsa Munda College.		Dipak Sarkar , HOD, Department of English, Convener of the Webinar, Birsa Munda College.		Dr. Anurima Chanda , Assistant Professor, Department of English, Coordinator of the Webinar, Birsa Munda College.
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The webinar comprised two sessions, each led by distinguished speakers:

1. Teaching 'Writing' and 'Critical Thinking' in Higher Academia

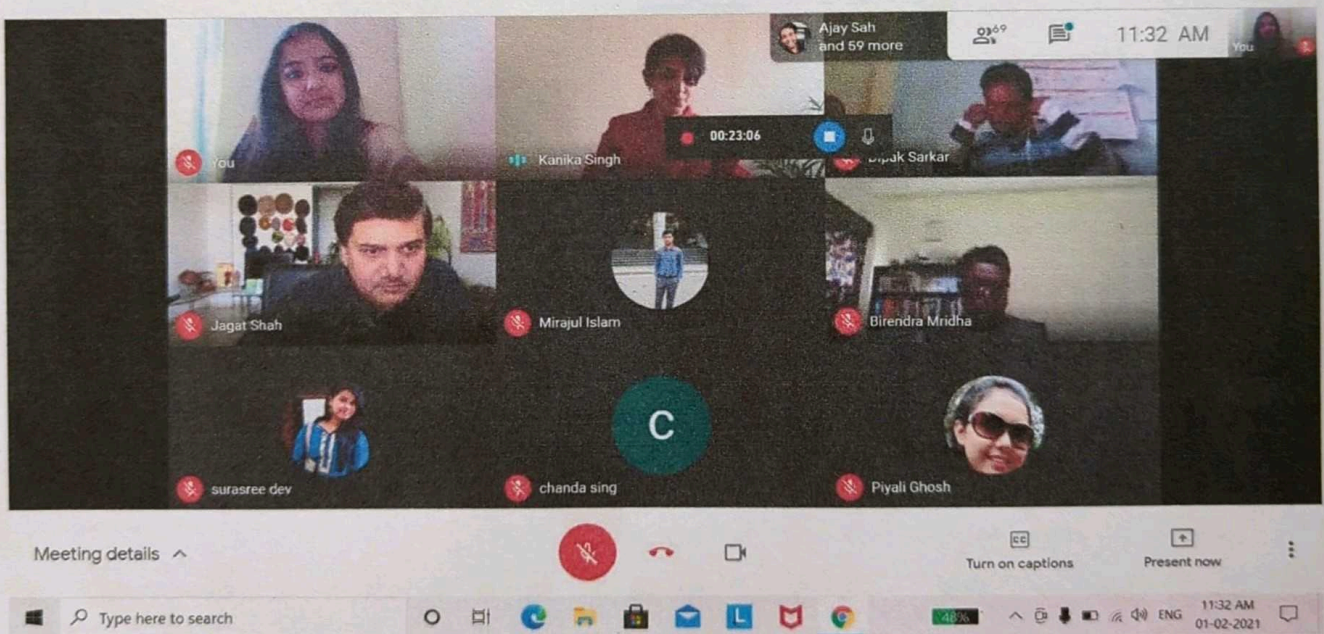
Speaker: Dr. Kanika Singh


Affiliation: Director, Centre for Writing and Communication, Ashoka University

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Moderated by Dr. Anurima Chanda.

Dr. Kanika Singh, Director of the Centre for Writing and Communication at Ashoka University, delivered an engaging session on the intricacies of teaching writing and critical thinking in higher academia. Dr. Singh discussed various pedagogical approaches and methodologies aimed at fostering critical thinking skills among students. The session highlighted the importance of cultivating analytical and argumentative skills through academic writing, emphasising the role of educators in nurturing intellectual curiosity and independent thought among students.




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2. Importance of Critical Thinking and Academic Writing in Higher Education in China

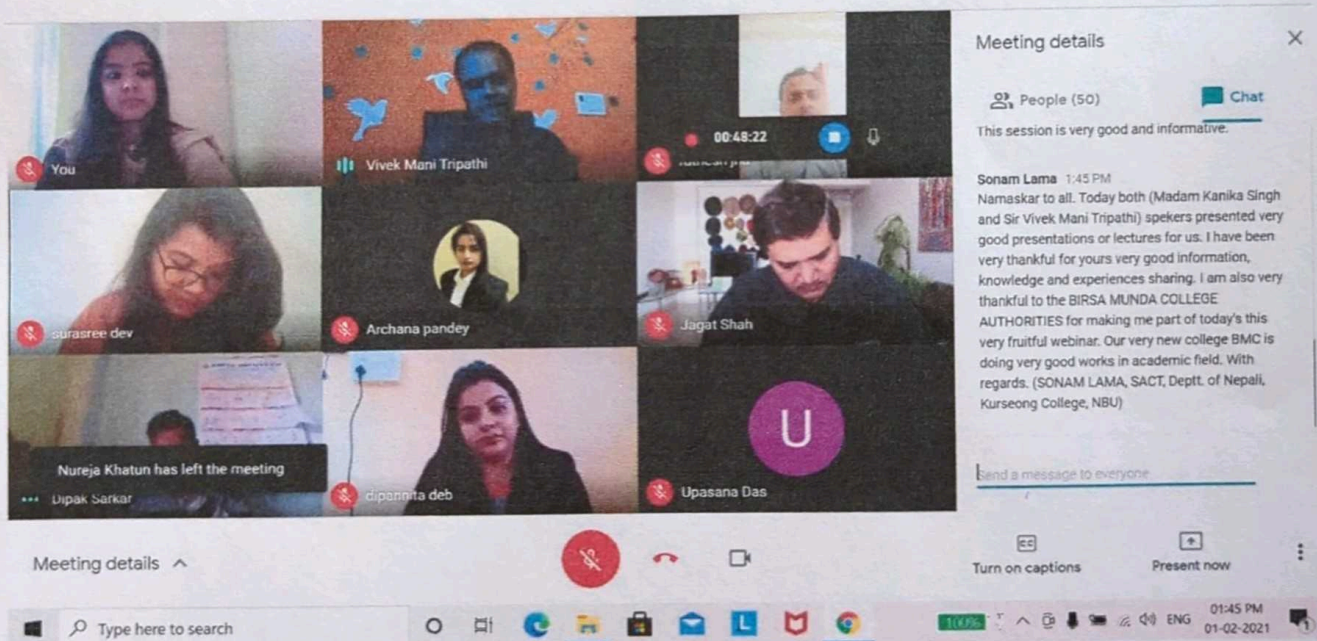
Speaker: Dr. Vivek Mani Tripathi

Time: 01:00 pm to 02:00 pm

Affiliation: Professor of Foreign Studies, Guangdong University, China

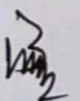
Moderated by Dipak Sarkar.

Dr. Vivek Mani Tripathi, a distinguished Professor of Foreign Studies at Guangdong University in China, delivered a compelling presentation on the significance of critical thinking and academic writing in higher education within the Chinese context. Dr. Tripathi provided insights into the educational landscape of China, highlighting the increasing emphasis on critical thinking skills and academic writing proficiency. The session shed light on the evolving pedagogical practices in Chinese universities and the strategies employed to enhance students' analytical abilities and scholarly communication.



Conclusion and Future Prospects:

The webinar attracted almost 60 participants, who actively engaged in the discussions and benefited from the valuable perspectives shared by the speakers. The event served as a platform for cross-cultural exchange and collaborative learning, fostering mutual understanding and cooperation between academia in India and China.


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