



**BAMANPUKUR HUMAYUN KABIR MAHAVIDYALAYA**

**Minakhan, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal**

**Webinar on ‘Shakespeare in the time of Pandemic’  
to celebrate the 456th Birth Anniversary of William Shakespeare**

**Organized by:**

**Dept. of English,**

**Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya,**

**Date: 23.04.2020**

**Time: 11.30 a.m**

**Venue: ZOOM platform**

**Organizing Secretary:**

**Smt. Madhu Sriwastav, Asst. prof and Head of the Department of  
English**

## Report of the Webinar on Shakespeare.

A Webinar on 'Shakespeare in the time of Pandemic' was organized by the Dept. of English, Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalya, to observe the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare on 23.04.2020 on ZOOM platform at 11.30 a.m

Dept. of English celebrated the 456<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of William Shakespeare. The chief speaker was Dr. Sharmistha Chatterjee Sriwastav, from Alia University, Dept. of English. All teachers of the dept., Prof. Ashis Biswas, Prof. Rejaul Molla, Prof. Shiv Narayan Verma and Head, Prof Madhu Sriwastav along with IQAC coordinator, Prof. Arghodip Paul and Principal Dr. Subhash Biswas were present. About 12 students were present.

The session was conducted by Prof Madhu Sriwastav, the Webinar was formally inaugurated by Principal Dr. Subhash Biswas by his words of encouragement and appreciation as this was the first Webinar of the department. The webinar began by a song on William Shakespeare composed by Prof Madhu Sriwastav, and sung by all as flowers were placed on the painting of the Bard in one screen and the rest did it virtually. This was followed by a poem on Shakespeare being read by Juhi Suhana Tarafdar, student of Sem 4. This was followed by a paper presentation on Shakespeare by Prof. Ashis Biswas entitled 'Histories of Uncertainties in Shakespeare's plays'.

This was followed by a power point presentation by Prof. Shiv Narayan Verma entitled 'Some Interesting Facts about Shakespeare'. This was followed by a presentation by Prof. Rejaul Molla entitled 'Negative Capability and Shakespeare in Pandemic'. All the papers presented fresh perspectives on the life, works and times of Shakespeare and kept the audience enthralled.

Dr. Sharmistha Chatterjee Sriwastav spoke on 'Epidemics in the plays of Shakespeare' elaborating from different texts as in *Macbeth* how Shakespeare refers to the plagues that broke out in London, devastated people's lives and provided the bard the opportunity to escape to the country side to sit and write a few plays as the theatres were closed in the city.

Vote of thanks was given by Prof. Ashis Biswas. It was an interesting session as everyone was excited and intrigued by the novel experience. About 25 people participated in the Webinar.

Screenshots of the Webinar:



