



S.S. Khanna Girls' Degree College, Allahabad

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Awarded 'A' Grade by NAAC with 3.46 CGPA

College with Potential for Excellence (CPE, PHASE-II): UGC

Department of English Cordially invites you to join International Webinar

On

"Humanities in Crisis"

Date: 04th August, 2020, From: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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About the College

Sadanlal Sanwaldas Khanna Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Prayagraj, was established in the International year for Women, 1975, by the joint efforts of late S.N. Kakkar (Ex- Union Minister, of India), Prof. D.D. Khanna (Ex-Head of Department of Defence Studies, University of Allahabad) and Sri Shyam Narain Kapoor, members of the Khattri Pathshala Society with the motto "आनोभद्रा क्रतवोयन्तु विश्वतः" (Let noble thoughts come to us from every side.)". The college has grown from a single faculty to composite institution where in education is being imparted in the faculty of Arts, Science, Commerce, Teacher- Education and Law at the under-graduate and post-graduate level. The college is exclusively for women and aims to cater the needs of students belonging to diverse socio economic backgrounds, with the objective of cultivating moral, intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional values for all round development of the students. Alongwith academics it regularly organises co-curricular activities and events at the national level to make the students emotionally resilient, take active participation in decision making, learn social responsibility and develop as leaders of change.

The Institution is a Constituent College of the Central University of Allahabad. It has been Accredited with CGPA of 3.46 on four point scale at 'A' Grade in 2014 and has been awarded the status of "College with Potential for Excellence".

About the Webinar

Humanities is the sanctum sanctorum of the temple of learning and higher education. And yet this sacred space of education has in the last couple of decades faced unceasing sacrilege. The humanities have already been witnessing a condescending attitude at the hands of people who are choosing the STEM subjects for study, as that provides them with knowledge that makes a visible and pre-defined impact on the society. The current pandemic has thrown the situation of the humanities into a sharper relief. The crisis has exacerbated the decline in the popularity of humanities as a subject of study. Now, more than ever the question would arise about the necessity of opting for a subject which does not make the wheel turn. What would anybody do with what Horace or Aristotle had to state about poetry or literature in general in such a time as this? Perhaps it is the most pressing question on our minds now. The most chilling answer to this question can be found in in the essays of Jean Améry, an Austrian Jew, born Hanns Mayer, who wrote movingly about how his own humanistic learning failed him during the Second World War when he witnessed the horrors of the concentration camps, and yet he was ready to grant that the humanistic intellectuals with a practical mission and moral purpose could be an asset to the society. The pandemic has challenged our social reality and forced us to turn inward, for a more philosophical understanding of our lives. Is this not the most opportune moment for the humanities to redefine its importance as the sanctum sanctorum of the temple of education?

Conveners



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