



# Arya Kanya Degree College Prayagraj

(A Constituent College of the University of Allahabad)

## International Webinar on Novel Coronavirus & the Rewriting of the Human Imagination

11<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Organized by

**Department of English**

**Arya Kanya Degree College, Prayagraj**

**About College:** Arya Kanya Degree College is a prestigious college for women. The college was founded in 1975, the International year of women and is based on the noble principles of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, founder of Arya Samaj. It is a Constituent College of the University of Allahabad which achieved the status of Central University on 14 July, 2005. The College is located in Muthiganj, a thickly populated area of the city. The goals and objectives of the college are focused towards proper education of women to build character and make them economically empowered. Our endeavor has been to promote independent thinking among young girls so that they may not only make responsible citizens that contribute to the growth of the nation but play the role of an anchor in their own families.

### About the Webinar:

The novel coronavirus will, in all probability, leave an indelible mark on the human imagination, both at a personal and at an institutional level. Our self-conceptions, social imaginations, political ordering and even economic arrangements have been caught in the headwind of this pandemic. The global pandemic has metamorphosed marginal human contradictions into seemingly central features of human experience. For instance, it is now not uncommon for one to see a people inhabit, simultaneously, a sense of alienation and solidarity. Moreover, a concoction of fear, apprehension and a new normalcy could result into, as Raymond Williams may suggest, a peculiar 'structure of feeling' that may define a new period. We also find the novel coronavirus catalyzing the normalization of distinct vocabularies. For instance, the incessant use of war and military language informs our daily communication, with ourselves, and the society and polity at large. Could this structurally inform a new normal that significantly alters the human imagination? Moreover, will the success of public co-operation push us away from self-interested individualism towards collective well-being or will the chaos and hoarding compel us to move even further towards hyper-individualism as a society and a species? These and many other pressing questions warrant a careful, probing examination. We invite a diverse array of papers from faculty members, research scholars and students.

### Sub Themes of the Webinar:

1. Coronavirus and the evolution of human vocabulary
2. Coronavirus and humanistic assumptions
3. Coronavirus and Creativity

### Invited Speakers:

1. **Prof. Neela Bhattacharya Saxena**  
Professor of English  
Nassau Community College, New York
2. **Prof. Sonjoy Dutta Roy**  
Department of English & Modern European Languages  
University of Allahabad
3. **Prof. Smita Agarwal**  
Department of English & Modern European Languages  
University of Allahabad

### 4. Dr. P. Dalai

Associate Professor  
Department of English  
Benaras Hindu University

### 5. Mr. Arindam Roy

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Different Truths

### Call for papers

Abstract and full paper are invited on the above themes. An abstract (not exceeding 300 words) and the full paper (not exceeding 3000 words) should be submitted in English (Times New Roman, 12 Font) in soft copy to the Convener of the Seminar. The abstract as well as full paper should be mailed to [akdcenglish@gmail.com](mailto:akdcenglish@gmail.com). Selected papers will be published in the edited book with ISBN number. An e-certificate will be given to all the participants.

Last date for submission of Abstract: 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

Last date for submission of full Paper: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**Registration:** URL for the registration of webinar:

<https://forms.gle/x3wNNXB3twrW6LuW8>. Link is also available on College website <http://www.akpgc.in>. No registration fee will be taken.