

DEPTT. OF ENGLISH: B. S. COLLEGE, NUAHAT.

Report on Seminar held on 29.09.2021.

29th September, 2021 is a significant day for the Department of English when it, in course of its academic pursuit of knowledge, organised a seminar in the college Conference Hall on a course-related topic "Death of a Salesman as a Modern Tragedy".

Prof. Dr Manoranjan Behura from the Department of English, Mahanga Puspagiri Mahavidyalay, Erakana, critic and writer, graced this autumnal occasion as the Chief Speaker-cum-Resource Person whereas Dr Ramachandra Mohapatra, Principal of the college was the Chief Guest. Prof. Bimalendu Pattnaik, Head of the Department of English, presided over the seminar.

After performance of a devotional opening song at 11am, the guests lighted the candles of wisdom and took their seats.

Dr Ambika Tripathy, Lecturer in English, introduced the guests citing their academic career and creative skills. Principal Dr Mohapatra, in his motivational address, emphasized on quality teaching and learning, a Renaissance thrust for knowledge and inquisitiveness that leads to success. Departmental Head Prof. Pattnaik introduced the topic by highlighting the main pathetic notes in Arthur Miller's play 'The Death of a Salesman' and discussed about the different angles for adjudging it as a tragedy of our time. Miss Sumitra Parida, a student of +3 3rd year Hons, presented a modest paper on the topic. After few interactions, Dr Behura threw a deep insight into the topic; discussed the salient features of Aristotlean tragedy, Shakespearean tragedy along with Miller's own conception of tragedy. In an impressively intellectual manner, he elaborated Miller's ideas about tragic hero and tragic play and creation of a play in his defence, cleverly satisfying his contemporary critics about its aptness as a tragedy.

The seminar continued with responses from the students and some lively discussions. Then it was followed by refreshment. At the end, Mrs Gitanjali Mohanty, Lecturer in English, gave the vote of thanks.

The literary session ended at about 2pm.

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