## **National Webinar – Poetry of Our Times**

The Post Graduate and Research Department of English conducted a national webinar on "Poetry of Our Times" combined with customary Poets day celebrations on 4/11/2020. The resource person was Dr. Ipshita Chanda, Professor, Department of Comparative Studies, from IFLU, Hyderabad. She analysed the select poems of our budding poets on the theme 'hope' and conducted an active interaction with the students about the process of writing. She rendered multitude of poems on hope and survival to showcase the different point of views. Her discourse on poetry was thought provoking and relishing the spirit of young poets.

Survival is an inevitable theme in the contemporary poetry since the world suffers an unparalleled chaos. It becomes more intense when even the scientific community cannot give us an answer about the end of this catastrophic virus attack. The seminar gave a unique platform for the young brilliant writers to express their hope through their writing. The resource person Dr. Ipshita Chanda has shown immense pleasure to go through each poem. She appreciated the budding writers from the college to write relentlessly to recapture a peaceful and optimistic world.

Dr. Ipshita Chanda deliberated upon the energy of creative writing and the process of writing poetry. She nostalgically recollected her earlier writing style and the thematic concerns of her poetry, which ignited the minds of the students. Dr. Chanda mentioned a few renowned poets who became the torch bearers in the tough times afflicted by the unpredicted calamites. They became the beacons of hope before the heartbroken people. She reminded the responsibility of the students to spread the message of positivity.

