

A Report

Film Screening for 6th Semester Students of English Department

Friday, 29/ 04/ 2022
New Conference Hall
BBK College, Nagaon, Barpeta

Today, the 29th of April, 2022 (Friday), a film adaptation of the play “The Cherry Orchard” written by the Russian playwright Anton Chekhov is screened at 12 pm in New Conference Hall as part of the department’s initiative to make teaching learning process more interesting and effective through the use of ICT, followed by discussions among the students guided by the faculty members. The tragi-comedy play that presents “a picture of the Russian land-owning class in decline, portraying characters that remain comic despite their very poignancy” is part of **Modern European Drama** (ENG-HC-6016) Paper (13) of 6th Semester. The 1981 television adaption featured Judi Dench and Anton Lesser. At the start of the film, Dr. Bhupen Rabha, the faculty assigned with the topic gave an introduction to the play. Prior to the use of ICT, Dr. Rabha delivered two lectures about the understanding of the emergence of avant garde movements and trends during the period of modernism which eventually influenced theatrical practices in other nations of the world and also about Anton Chekhov as a playwright and the synopsis, themes and characters in the play “The Cherry Orchard.”

Dr. Kishor Kumar Deka, the head of the department also gave an insight into the plot of the play. There were students not only of the 6th semester but students of 4th semester also joined in to enjoy the play. Tea was served in between to refresh and to create more enthusiasm among the students.

There were discussions and interactions in between the screening and this helped in better understanding of the underlying theme and plot. The students were also asked to have a glance at the text of the play in order not to deviate from the original play as there were bound to be changes and modifications in film adaptations. However, this version of the play followed the text strictly though there was change in vocabulary.

After the screening, detailed discussions were made on the symbols, underlying theme, characters, plot, possible questions, etc. The closing remarks were given by the Dr. Deka, the head of the department. The session came to a close at 3.00 pm.



Snapshot:
Screening of
“The Cherry
Orchard”

Moderator:
Dr. Bhupen
Rabha



Snapshot:
Students
Semester
engrossed in
watching
“The Cherry
Orchard.”