

**One Day National Webinar on
Conversion of Indian Theatre Performances on OTT: Challenges and Opportunities**

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Organized by Department of English, KKM College, Manwath

Department of English organized one day national webinar on Conversion of Indian Theatre Performances on OTT Opportunities and Challenges on 18/09/2021. The topic was suggested by the theatre scholar Dr. Mustajeeb Khan, Aurangabad. Renowned theatre scholar Prof. Dr Anita Singh, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi graced her presence as key note speaker. In her studious presentation she spoke in relation to the webinar topic. She argued that with changing time, Indian theatre should gear up to accept and overcome the challenges. Use of digital platforms has become essential today. The young generation has been techno savvy. They are at ease as far as use of technology. Theatre should team with these advanced modes and provide ample chances to the audience and also crew. The opportunities be also kept in mind and there should be a proper usage on various grounds. Her prudence was received and responded well by the participants

The first plenary session was engaged by a well-known theatre scholar from Pune Dr. Ajay Joshi. He spoke on the line that what would happen with conventional Indian folk performances in the midst of modern technology. There is a great deal of difficulty in converting these folk performances on OTT. After recovery from Corona; these performances shall continue to captivate but there would be more challenges before them. Only active involvement of the audience can assure their future.

In the second plenary session Dr M.A. Sami Siddiqui, MANU University, Hyderabad elaborated on growing digitalization. He also spoke on the line that there are a good number of hurdles in complete digitalization of theatre in India. First these hurdles should be overcome.

The valedictory session was conducted by Dr Vishvadhar Deshmukh, Nanded. He explained the challenges and opportunities regarding conversion of Indian Theatre Performances on OTT. His elaborations in this regard were studious and interesting.

President of PTSPM, Manwath Shri Vijaykumarji Katruwar, Secretary Shri Balkishanji Chandak, Principal Dr Bhaskar Munde Vice -Principal Dr Tukaram Munde, HoD English Dr Subhash Shinde and Coordinator Dr Durgesh Ravande were actively involved in various roles. A good number of participants from different parts of the country took active part in the webinar.