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UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Departmental Annual Report - 3

Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond

Department: Bengali

Year: 2019-20

Department Society and its Office Bearers: Bengali literary and cultural Society, 'AGRANI' organizes various seminars/webinars to extend the learning process beyond classrooms. Activities also include arranging Freshers' Welcome, Farewell party and Student Excursion.

Society President- payel Mal

Vice-President- Sreya ghosh

Staff Advisors: Dr. Saswati Ganguli
Dr. Sukanta Ghosh
Dr. Arijit Kundu



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Part B.1

Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department

The Academic year 2019-2020 for the Bengali Department of Miranda House arranged an offline seminar on language & culture. The topic was ‘Bipanna Bhasha: Sankat O Sanskritir’ along with a cultural fest on 17th & 18th March 2020. Speaker was renowned Prof. Uday Narayan Singh and Chairperson was prof. Nandita Basu. But unfortunately due to covid-19 situation and sudden lockdown we could not pursue the event.

'AGRANI' THE LITERARY AND CULTURAL SOCIETY OF BENGALI DEPARTMENT, MIRANDA HOUSE

Organizes Seminar On BIPANNO BHASHA: SANKAT SANSKRITIR & Cultural Fest 'UTSAV' 2020

Date: 17th & 18th March
Venue: Heritage Hall (Miranda House)
Time: 10 AM - 4:30 PM (17th March)
12:00 AM - 4:30 PM (18th March)

Speaker On 17th March

Uday Narayan Singh is currently the Chair-Professor and Dean, Faculty of Arts, Vidyut University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Formerly, Director of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, India, Singh is a reputed poet, playwright and essayist as well as an internationally renowned linguist. As a bilingual writer, Singh published four collections of poems and twelve plays in Marathi as well as six books of literary essays, a short story collection, and four volumes of poetry in Bengali, besides translating several books from and into many languages. With a total of 58 books, his academic papers in reputed journals and anthologies include 180 research papers. He received the coveted Sahitya Akademi Award for Poetry 2017 for his latest anthology of Marathi poems - 'Jahankar Diary'.

Until 2016, Professor Singh was in the Rabindra Bhawan, Vivek-Bharati, Santiniketan (West Bengal), and was also the Chair, Centre for Endangered Languages, at Vivek-Bharati where he also served as the first Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Earlier, he had also set up the Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies (CALTS) as well as the Study India Programme (SIP) for Linguistics and Translation Studies (CALTS) as well as the National Translation Mission (NTM) and Linguistic Data Consortium for Indian Languages (LDC-IL), and the National Testing Service (NTS) for the Government of India. He had also taught at the universities of Delhi, Baroda and Surat. At CIIL, he had designed and created 545 short documentaries on teaching of Bangla, Tamil, Kannada & Marathi under the 'Bhasha Manojan' Programme.

A poet-in-vite at the Frankfurt Book Fair - India Guest of Honour presentation (2006), and the Leader of the Cultural Delegation of Writers to China (2007), he had also visited and lectured in Andorra, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Caribbean Islands, China, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand & USA.

Singh had received several grants and honours, besides the Sahitya Akademi award (2017), which include the following: UGC Research Fellowship (1974-78), Egevan Memorial Gold Medal, University of Delhi (1974), USA Fellowship, University of Illinois (1978), UNESCO Research Associateship (1979), Visiting Lectureship, University of Delhi (1979), Visiting Professorship, IAS, Shimla (1989), PCL Fellowship, Humboldt University, Berlin (1985), Mihira Vibhuti Samman (2007), Keertimayam Mitra Award (2009), Prof. S.K. Chatterji Lectureship of *The Asiatic Society*, Kolkata (2015), Kalaganer Pookhri Award, BAPASI, Chennai (2015), Jyotibhawan Samman (2016), and Sir Gangaiah Poo Saman (2016).

Chairperson on 17th March

Professor Nandita Basu was born on 1st January, 1949 in Srolhatta of then east Pakistan. She did her graduation from Zakir Husain Delhi University of Delhi. She stood first class first in Post-Graduation and got 'Sumdandani' Dushgupta university medal. Prof. Basu also did her Ph.D from the same University. Her Ph.D topic was 'Bangla Bidyachorcha: Unish Shatak'. She has written, edited and translated several books, such as 'Bangla Bidyachorcha: Unish Shatak' (Monograph), 'Durgachandrar Durgar Bacher' (Editor), 'Jetermoyee Devi: Sahitya Jibon' (Edited), 'Dantal Hair Uyo Khucya Haeda' (Translated).

Part B.3

Any other event organized as part of students' activities (not listed above)



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The Department hosted the **Freshers' Party** for the incoming batch of 2019-2020 on 24th August.

Miss Fresher: Sreya Ghosh



The department celebrated the **Teachers' Day** on 5 September 2019 by having a cake cutting ceremony for teachers as well as for the lab staff.

The Department hosted an online **Farewell Party** for the outgoing batch of 2020-21 on 6th August, 2021



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