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Departmental Annual Report - 3

Departmental Activities: Curriculum and Beyond

Department: Bengali

Year: 2023-24

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-Sathi Dhara

Vice-President- Barsha Adhikari

Staff Advisors: Dr. Saswati Ganguli
Dr. Sukanta Ghosh
Mr. Pappusona Gandhi

Part B.1

Seminars/conferences/workshops conducted by the Department

A seminar was organized by Agrani literary society on 23rd march 2024 on the remembrance of Najrul and Jibanananda in the seminar hall of our college from 10 AM to 1 pm. The chair person was Dr. Sharmistha Sen, Associate professor, Dept of Bengali, Zakir Husain college Delhi and the



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speakers were eminent author yashodhara Roychoudhuri and Prof. Rudrasish Chakraborty, dept of English, Kirori Mal College, Delhi.



'Agrani' The Literary and Cultural Society
Department of Bengali
Miranda House
Organising
Nazrul-Jibanananda Remembrance

Speaker 1

Yashodhara Ray Chaudhuri
Born 1965 she is a 1992 batch officer of Indian Audit and Accounts Service. She has served in different parts of India extensively. She is a noted poet hailing from Kolkata, West Bengal, India. Publishing her literary works since 1993, she has over 16 collections of poetry and short stories to her credit. She was awarded the Krittibas Puroskar in 1998 established by Sunil Gangopadhyay and Anita Sunilkumar Puraskar instituted by Bangla Akademy in 2006. She is the recipient of Barna Parichay Sharad Samman 2011. She also writes short stories novels, critical essays and articles, publishing in leading newspapers and magazines of Bengal. Yashodhara is a translator from the original French language into Bengali. She was awarded the Diplome de langue from Alliance Francaise du Calcutta in 1998 and has translated Leonardo Da Vinci by Serge Bremley in 2008, and Combat de la Vie by Dr Luc Montaignier in 2012.



Yashodhara Ray Chaudhuri

Speaker 2



Dr. Rudrasish Chakraborty
an Associate Professor of English at Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi. He did his B.A and M.A in English from Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi and his M.Phil from Department of English, University of Delhi. Currently he is pursuing his Ph.D from Department of English, University of Delhi on the topic 'Linear Time and Ruptured Histories: A Study of Time and History in Walter Benjamin's Literary Criticism'. His publications include research articles on Amitav Ghosh, Walter Benjamin, Mikhail Bakhtin and other writers and thinkers.

Dr. Rudrasish Chakraborty

Chair person



Dr. Sharmistha Sen
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Schooling from Port Blair, Andaman. Have been in mainland India since 1982. Studied Bangla for 3 years from Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Vivekananda Vidya Bhavan in Calcutta, West Bengal. Post Graduation and Ph.D from Delhi university. She has portrayed the status of widows in Bengali literature through her research work. Associate Professor of Bengali at Zakir Hussain College (Day) since 1988, University of Delhi.

Dr. Sharmistha Sen



SEMINAR HALL



13 MARCH 2024
10 A.M TO 1 P.M



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Gopa Dey memorial lecture was organized by our society on 26th September, 2023 on Language of the Rabindranath Tagore's Painting in our seminar hall. The chair person was Prof. Nandita Basu and the speaker was Prof. Uday Narayan Singha.



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"Agrani" The Literary & Cultural Society
Bengali Department, Miranda House

Organizing

**Date:**
26th September, 2023
Time:
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**2nd Gopa Dey Smarak Baktrita**

**Venue:**
Seminar Hall,
Miranda House

Speaker

**PROF.
UDAYA NARAYANA SINGH**

An expert in Linguistics and Culture, Singh is a Chair-Professor at Amity University Haryana. Formerly Director of CIIL, Mysore, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, he taught at the Universities of Hyderabad, Delhi, South Gujarat, and MSU-Baroda. With seven collections of poems, six books of essays, and twelve plays, he published 250 research papers and created 545 documentary films. A post-invitee at the Frankfurt Book Fair (2006), and Leader of Cultural Delegation of Writers to China (2007), Singh visited and lectured in numerous countries. His latest book is *The Other India: View From Below* (2022; Sahitya Akademi).



Chairperson

**PROF.
NANDITA BASU**

Professor Nandita Basu was born on 1st January, 1949 in Srihatta of then east Pakistan. She did her graduation from Zakir Husain Delhi College and Post-Graduation from Miranda House under University of Delhi. She stood first class first in Post-Graduation and got 'Surndranath Dasgupta 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), 'Durgeshnandini', 'Dersho Bochor' (Edited), 'Jotirmoyee Devi: Sahitya Jibon' (Edited), 'Dantal Hatir Uiyee Khaoya Haoda' (Translated).



Part B.3

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

Bengali Department celebrate International Mother Language Day on 21 February, 2024.



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The Department hosted a **Farewell Party** for the outgoing batch of 2022-23 on 20th April, 2024.