

Report of interdepartmental lecture

On 20th January, 2024, the department of English of Netaji Satabarshiki Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with the IQAC of the college organised an interdepartmental lecture where the invited speaker was Dr. Pradip Kumar Mandal, Assistant Professor of the department of History of the college. The department had this long awaited plan of hosting an interdepartmental lecture from which students and teachers would be enriched. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Antara Chowdhury, the honourable IQAC coordinator which was followed by her speech suited to the topic under discussion. It was only befitting that Dr. Mandal would speak on *Environment and Folk Society of the Indian Sundarbans (1947-2017)* as he is a proud son of the soil and has done extensive research on the topic which was enlivened by his lived experience. Sri. Jayanta Rana, Associate professor of the department of English introduced Dr. Mandal to the audience present in a lucid yet emphatic way. The programme was moderated by Smt. Shiuli Sarkar, Assistant Professor and HoD of the department of English. Dr. Mandal did a lot of brushing up his wealth of knowledge before delivering the speech. He selected portions of his study, videos and anecdotes to enlighten the audience on various socio-cultural, political and quite naturally, historical and environmental realities of the one of the most complex and sensitive ecosystems of the world. At least 20 students were present who were thoroughly engaged by the picturesque lecture emanating from the speaker' ripe assimilatuo. Their interest was sparked and they engaged in a spontaneous interactive session. The thought provoking and lively session came to an end with a promise of further studies and work on the Sundarbans, presently a site of global attention. Ranit Ray, SACT 1 of the department delivered the valedictory speech.