

Report of interdepartmental lecture no. 2 on 4th April, 2024 (by Smt. Basudha Biswas)

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On 4th April, 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 Smt. Basudha Biswas, Associate Professor of the department of Bengali of the college. The department's objective is enrichment of students and teachers through these interdepartmental lectures. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Antara Chowdhury, the honourable IQAC coordinator which was followed by her speech suited to the topic under discussion. Smt. Biswas spoke on *Deshbhager Prekhhite Sahityacharcha* harping on the distinctive features of Punjab and Bengal partition. She spoke extensively and passionately drawing allusions and literary examples from Manto to Shaktipada Rajguru. A selection of old newspaper reports, photos related to the communal riot and a few photos of the Partition-induced migration were also shown to the audience. Smt. PramaBhattacharjee, Assistant Professor of the department of English introduced Smt. Biswas to the audience present in a lucid yet emphatic way. She also moderated the first half of the programme. Smt. Shiuli Sarkar, Assistant Professor and HoD of the department of English hosted the question answer session and it was satisfying to see students' enthusiasm and involvement in the programme. Alfaj Mondal, a student of 6th semester English honours asked a pertinent question to supplement his reading of partition literature in his syllabus. Smt. Biswas did a lot of brushing up her wealth of knowledge before delivering the speech. She selected memoirs, stories both in Bengali and Urdu to portray various facets of the event. At least 25 students were present who were thoroughly engaged by the picturesque lecture emanating from the speaker's ripe assimilation. 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 Partition. Sri. Jayanta Rana, Associate Professor of the department of English delivered the valedictory speech.



A few selective photos from the of interdepartmental lecture, organized on 4th April, 2024