

### **Bengali Literary Society**

We, the Bengali Literary Society is organizing Gopa Dey Memorial Lectures every year. Dr. Gopa Dey had been teaching in the department of Bengali, this college from 1998-2012 unless she met with her sudden demise. The Bengali Department and the Bengali Literary Society initiated an Annual Lecture on her name from 2012 itself. Later this Lecture got a patronage from her family and now along with Gopa Dey Memorial Lecture, Gopa Dey Awards are being given as a token to encourage the bright students of the department and students with extra-curricular Activities. Prof. Nirmal Kanti Bhattacharya, Prof. Tanika Sarkar, Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, Prof. Jayanti Chattopadhyay, Prof. Nandita Basu, Prof. Amitava Chakraborty, Dr. Debjani Sengupta and some others.

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This year, the 9th Gopa Dey Memorial Lecture had been delivered on **24th February, 2022** by eminent scholar from Shantiniketan, Vishva-Bharati, Prof. Shreela Basu( Dept. of Bengali). It was a rich and highly exuberant lecture throughout with detailed research work on 'The Narratives on the Terracotta Temples of Bengal' (Banglar Terracotta Mandire Akhyan) and this lecture covered other parts of India too. The speaker had shown some very special narratives (Slides) which depict the social relations, political ups and downs, day- to-day activities etc which are peculiarly secular in character. The session was chaired by Prof. Gopa Datta Bhaumik(ex-VC of Gour Banga University). Eighteen Students from 2nd and 3rd year won Gopa Dey Memorial Awards.

The e-version of the Bengali-magazine 'VARNAMALA' (2021-22) was also published on this occasion.

The department celebrated 161st Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, the first Nobel Laureate (Literature) from India(and the whole of Asia) on **23rd April, 2022** with participations of students of different departments such as Botany, Zoology, Mathematics, English and Bengali. Students performed well in speeches, songs, dances, recitations etc. with complete zeal. There were participants from other colleges too. Teachers from Miranda House( the only college other than us which has Bengali in Hons course) and some retired teachers from the University also came. Prof. Narendra Singh, Principal of the college graced the occasion with his erudite presence. He encouraged all the students with his kind and soft words and mingled with them easily. Students were very happy to receive him.

Prof. Sangeeta Pandita from the department of Chemistry who had been an inspiration throughout to celebrate such occasions for the intellectual development of the students– was also present. She encouraged the students to know and internalize Rabindranath's philosophy of life and to live with it. The teachers of the department — specially the junior teachers participated actively. All students enjoyed and worked hard to make the occasion a great success.

The department bid an offline farewell to the students of 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22– three batches together. All the outgoing students spoke high about the college and the department. The department wishes them the Best for their future life.