

## **Bengali Literary Society 2022-23**

### **Convenor: Sharmistha Sen**

On the 23rd of April, 2022, the students and teachers of the Bengali Literary Society held the 9th Gopa Dey Memorial (online) on a very interesting topic, Terracotta Temples of Bengal and India. The Speakers invited were Prof. Shreela Basu, Visva-Bharati and the Chair was Prof. Gopa Datta, the Ex-Vice-chancellor of GourBanga University. Rabindra Divas' was celebrated on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's 161st Birth Anniversary on this same day. An essay writing competition was held on the 11th of August 2022, by the students of the Bengali Literary Society and the theme was 'Svadhinatar Pachattar Bachhor' (75 years of Independence). In the month of May, the students of the previous two Final years (2019-20, 2020-21) and Final year students of 2021-22 were invited to a farewell function by the Department, and a very colourful cultural program was organized by the junior students. This year the Bengali Literary Society organised its Fresher's Welcome on the 9th of February where songs, recitations, dances and speeches were performed by and for the incoming students. The 10th Gopa Dey Memorial Lecture was held on 28th April 2023 on the topic: Agni Puja in Indus-valley Civilization. Slides were presented of the Puja seats from excavation sites and relics were shown physically to show the difference between the Agni-worship cult of the Vedic period and the Harappan people. The Speaker invited was Mr. Sandipani Bhattacharya who is the Deputy Director of Amity Group of Institutions. Prof. Amitava Chakraborty, Dean, of Art's Faculty and Head of the MIL&LS Department chaired the session. The farewell function was held on 1st May 2023 with colourful festivities.