

A Report on International Seminar and exhibition on RabindraNath Tagore :Society,Culture and Education

The Department of Education of Plassey College in collaboration with The Department of Education of University of Kalyani has organized a one day International Seminar and exhibition on *RabindraNath Tagore: Society, Culture and Education* at Plassey College. It has been sponsored by Plassey College.

Dr. Dola Sarkar, Assistant Professor of Plassey College and DrBijan Sarkar, Associate Professor of University of Kalyani were joint convener of the seminar. Nasiruddin



Ahmed, President, Governing Body of Plassey College, hailed the chair of Chief Patron. Our honorable invitees were DrRatan Lal Chakraborty, Former Professor, Department of History, Dhaka University, Dhaka; Dr. AbulAhasan Choudhury, Professor, Department of Bengali, Islamic University, Kushtia, Banglades ; DrSumit Mukherjee, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, Dr.

DebjaniGuha, Associate Professor, Department of Education, University of Kalyani; Dr. Tarini Halder , Associate Professor, Department of Education, University of Kalyani, Dr. Ashis Pathak , Deputy Manager (Production) Visva-bharatiGranthaBibhaga, Publishnng Department, VisvaVarati.

Objective of the Seminar and Exhibition was:

1. Promotion of cultural, social and moral values.
2. Interchange of hermeneutic ideas amongst myriad academic disciplines and faculties.
3. To avail valuable roadmaps for students and teachers to move deep into motivations and inspirations.
4. Discourse analysis of Tagore's relevance even in modern and postmodern age.
5. Prioritizing of Tagore's Exhibition in terms of both theoretical and cultural practice.



The seminar aimed at discursive celebration of Tagore’s literature, film, song, theatre, art, craft, folklore, philosophical ideology, colonial, and postcolonial concerns, religious harmony eco-criticism, rural development – any other orientation intimately or remotely associated with his works.

10:30 a.m.	Opening of the Seminar
10:35 a.m.	Inaugural Song(Dr. Dola Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Plassey College)
10:40 a.m.	Felicitation of guests
10:45 a.m.	Lighting the lamp
10:50 a.m.	Welcome address by Shri Probir Kumar Baidya, Teacher-in-Charge, Plassey College
10:55 a.m.	Talk about the seminar by DrBijan Sarkar, Head, Department of Education, University of Kalyani
11:00 a.m.	Speech by the President, Shri Nasiruddin Ahmed , Honorable President, Plassey College
11:05 a.m.	Keynote address by Prof. (Dr.) Ratan Lal Chakraborty, former professor in History, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
11:20 a.m. -11:50a.m. <u>Technical Session:1</u>	
11:20 a.m.-11:50 a.m.	Speaker : 1) Dr. AbulAhasan Choudhury, (Professor, Department of Bengali, Islamic University, Kushtia, Bangladesh)
	Chairperson: Dr. Sukhen Biswas
11:55 a.m. -12:15 p.m <u>Technical Session:2</u>	
11:55 a.m. - 12:20p.m.	Speaker : 2) Dr. Sumit Mukherjee(Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani)
	Chairperson: Dr. DebjaniGuha, Associate Professor, Department of Education, University of Kalyani, Director -in- Charge, Centre for Women’s Studies.
12:25 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. <u>Technical Session:3</u>	
12:25 p.m.- 12:50 p.m.	Speaker : Dr. Ashis Pathak, Deputy Manager(Production), Visva-bharatiGranthaBibhaga, Publishing Department, Visva-bharati
	Chairperson : Dr. Tarini Halder, Assistant Professor,Department of Education, University of Kalyani.
1: 00 p.m. -1:45 p.m. <u>Lunch Break</u>	

1:45 p.m.-3:45p.m. Technical Session:4 (Paper Presentation)	
1:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.	Paper Presentation: 3 Academic Sessions Chairpersons:
3:45 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Validictory Session Speaker: Dr. Bijan Sarkar, Head, Dept. of Education, University of Kalyani
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Dola Sarkar, Convener of the Seminar
4:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	Distribution of certificates



There was also a facility of spot registration apart from online registration. However the seminar was duly started at 10.30 a.m. with an auspicious song “AgunerParashmoni” sung by all the teachers of the college along with our respected Principal. It was really an excellent event. Following the inaugural song all the dignitaries and academicians then inaugurated the conference by traditional lighting the lamp. After that a cordial felicitation was given to dignitaries in a traditional way.

Academic Session

The inaugural ceremony was followed by the Academic Session which was framed with two plenary talks. Dr. Abul Hasan Choudhury, Professor of Islamic University of Bangladesh, delivered his valuable speech on Rabindranath and his relation with Bangladesh and pointed out how the then undivided Bengal has found her place in his writing, and his influence on the present culture, life and education of Bangladesh.



Paper Presentation: However the session of paper presentation gained much attention. Papers were presented at 3 halls parallelly. Each of the halls were chaired by two resource persons.



In the valedictory session Dr. Debjani Guha summed up all the incidents of the programme. Baby Bag, 1ST Year student of Bengali Department sang *Babla Gachhe Kos Legechhe*

folk song and turned the hall into melodious heaven. The seminar ended with vote of thanks by convener Dr. Dola Sarkar and a promise that Plassey College will organize further state level, national and international seminar in the future.

EXHIBITION

Tagore's correction on his manuscripts had taken shape of paintings which are of great artistic value. Apart from some of those there was a rich display of his illustration on books. Viewers got to witness Tagore's facile and superb skill of his painting. The rare cache of paintings showcased life on psychological perspectives. The exhibition created an extraordinary impression when one passed through the galleries. The people with aesthetic sensibility considered it a must attend after they had a view of the rare paintings. The seminar and exhibition was thus a massive event- both in terms of content and and the scale of participants .

