

**BENGALI LITERARY SOCIETY**  
**SOCIETY EVENT REPORTS 2023-2024**

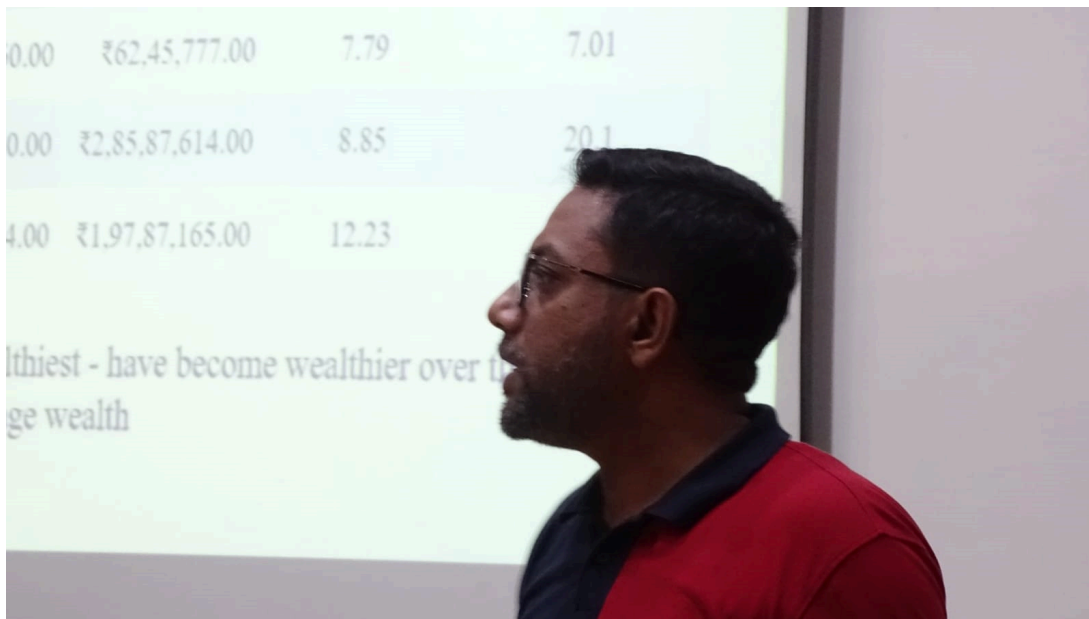
**Event I: “Political Economy of Populism: A case Study of West Bengal”**

Date: 15 September 2023

Resource person(s): Professor Zaad Mehmood, Presidency University

No. of participants : 47

Prof. Zaad Mahmud, Associate Professor of Political Science at Presidency University had delivered the aforementioned talk on the 15th of September as a part of the inaugural event for the academic year 2023-2024. The lecture was attended by at least 47 guests, both from within, and outside of the institution. Prof. Mahmud skillfully unravelled for us the silent shift that had taken place within the ‘governing class’ of West Bengal over the last half a century. His conclusion, supported by an array of technical data, was equally thought provoking— in West Bengal, we find locally influential petty business people (cutting across religious and caste lines) identifying as social workers, increasingly taking part in the electoral process, who are neither entrepreneurs nor industrialists. An engaging question-answer session followed his talk.





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## **Event II: Walk to the Partition Museum**

Date: 26 September 2023

Resource person(s): Dr. Sudipto Basu, St. Stephen's College

No. of participants : 17

A walk to the Partition Museum in the Ambedkar University Campus was organised in collaboration with the Punjabi Literary Society on the 26th of Septemeber, 2023. About 17 students from various courses signed up for the event. On the way to the Museum, the walk covered the St. James Church as well as the Kashmere Gate Campus of St. Stephen's College, currently the Chief Electoral Office of Delhi.

Themes covered in the walk include the importance of oral history, the different roles of women during partition, the role of Chittoprasad in capturing the tragedies of the partition, the Namasudra migration. The portrayal of the Partition in popular Bengali media such as Ritwik Ghatak's Partition Trilogy (*Meghe Dhaka Tara*, *Komal Gandhar*, *Subarnarekha*) was also discussed.

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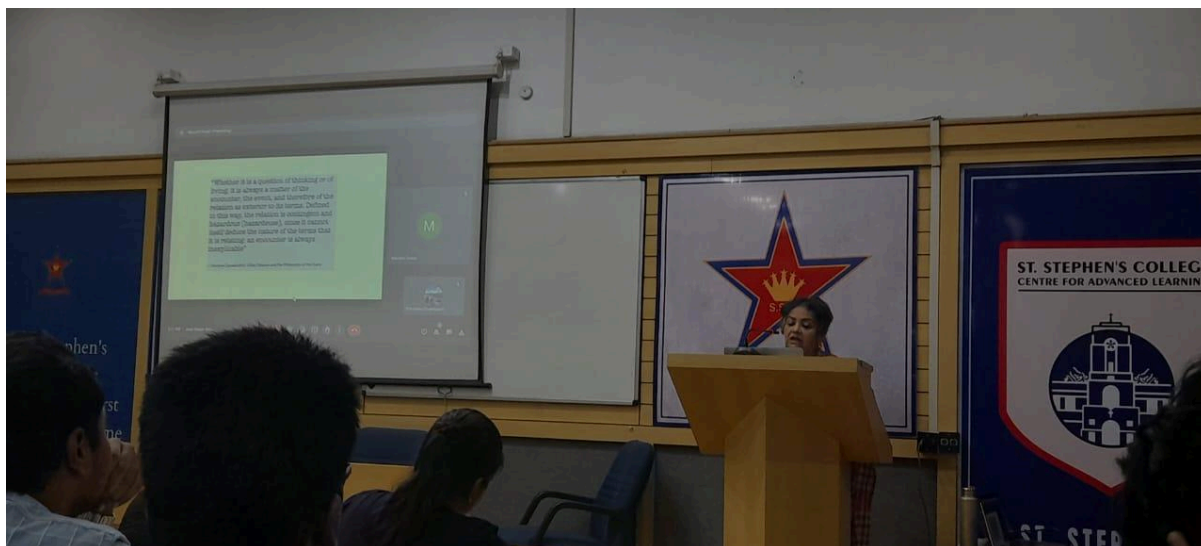


### Event III: “Bengali Modernisms: Three Encounters”

Date: 6 October 2023

Resource person(s): Dr. Brinda Bose, JNU

No. of participants : 23



Dr. Brinda Bose of the Centre for English Studies, JNU, delivered a talk on modernism, as evident in three pieces of Bengali media on the 6th of October, 2023. It was attended by 23 guests. She discussed Ashish Avikunthak’s films that draw on Samuel Beckett’s plays such as *Kalkimanthankatha* and how he saw it as a palimpsest and not a derivative of *Waiting for Godot*. The materiality of the text as the human body in *Kalkimanthankatha* or the very pages of the book in Benoy Majumdar’s *Phire Esho Chaka* assume an importance given their modernist tendencies. The third text Dr. Bose discussed was Ritwik Ghatak’s unfinished documentary on the iconic artist Ramkinkar Baij and the materiality of the same. The discussion was followed by an extended question-answer session.

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#### **Event IV: AGOMONI 2023**

Date: 16-17 October 2023

Resource person(s): Shambhunath Sarkar, Baul Singer

No. of participants : 50

The annual fest of the Society, Agomoni 2023, was conducted in mid-October 2023 with a number of different performances and events. Consisting of open events, Agomoni 2023 saw considerable footfall from within and outside the College- with registration from outside crossing over 150 for the cultural fest.

On 13th October, the Society (in collaboration with the History Society) hosted Pritha Sen to speak on the 'Untold Stories of Bengali Cuisine'- delving deep into the regional cuisine and culinary culture of Undivided Bengal. Following this, on 16th October, the Society (in collaboration with the Shakespeare Society) also enacted an adaptation of Badal Sircar's *Ballabhpurer Roopkatha*, titled 'The Ballad of Ballabhpur'. Afterwards, the Society hosted a cultural fest in the Mess Lawns on the 17th of October- involving the traditional *Dhunuchi Naach* by students and a performance of Baul folk music (by Mr. Shambhunath Sarkar). In addition, a food stall was also set up by the Society for the sale of street food to attendees. The events of Agomoni 2023 were considerably successful in exhibiting and providing an immersive experience of Bengali culture to interested participants.

Following are a few images from the events, as well as a list of attendees-

S. No.	Name	Course/Year
1	Ishan Sharma	SY BA Programme
2	Richik Chakraborty	TY BSc Programme
3	Megha Mittal	TY BA Economics
4	Chinni Singh	SY BA Philosophy
5	Pinju Sanjay	SY BA History
6	Emma Cherian	FY BA Programme
7	G Shivaramakrishnan	TY BA Economics
8	Advait	SY BA History
9	Diya Rao Jaini	SY BA History
10	Mallika Mandal	TY BA Economics

11	Muhammad Yusuf Ghazali	SY BA History
12	Riya Thomas	SY BA Economics
13	Rohit Gupta	SY BA Economics
14	Debojit Ghosh	TY BA Economics
15	Anuska Roy	TY BA History
16	Shreerup Mitra	FY BA Economics
17	Tulip Banerjee	SY BA English
18	Arpan Mandal	FY BA Economics
19	Shazia Hussain	SY BA History





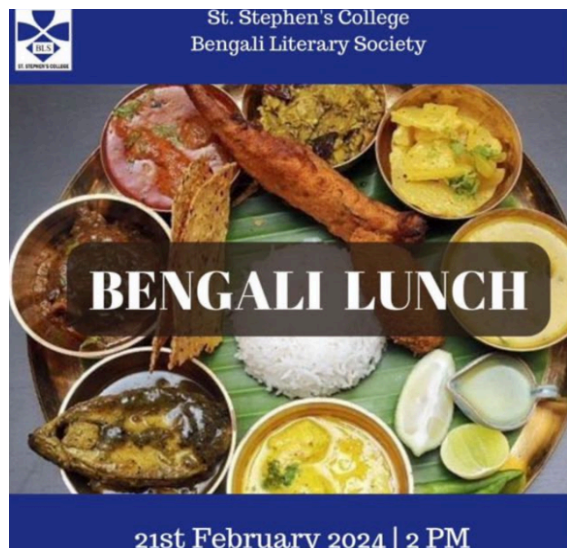


## Event V: Bangla Lunch 2023-2024

Date: 21 February 2024

Resource person(s): N/A

No. of participants : 100



The Bengali Literary Society hosted its highly anticipated annual lunch, attracting over 100 participants, including faculty members. The menu featured an array of authentic Bengali dishes, including *Chicken Kosha*, *Aloo Jhuri Bhaaja*, *Chhanar Dalna*, *Musurer Dal*, *Beguni*, *Fish Chop*, and the celebrated *Gurer Rosogolla* from Chittaranjan Park. Attendees enjoyed the flavorful cuisine amidst a lively atmosphere of camaraderie and cultural appreciation. The event showcased the Society's dedication to promoting Bengali culture and fostering community spirit.

S NO.	NAME	COURSE, YEAR
1	AMRITA TULIKA	FACULTY
2	LAVANYA SENTHIL	BA HISTORY FY

3	ISHAN S	BAP SY
4	MEGHA MITTAL	BA ECO TY
5	ALICE	BA ECO FY
6	VANSH GUPTA	BSC PROGRAM WITH CHEMISTRY
7	CHINNI SINGH	BA PHILOSOPHY SY
8	PINJU SANJAY	BA HISTORY SY
9	EMMA CHERIAN	BAP
10	DR. SUDIPTO BASU	FACULTY
11	SOURABH KUMAR	BA HISTORY TY
12	ANJAL SUSAN	BA HISTORY FY
13	G SHIVARAMAKRISHNAN	BA ECO TY
14	ADVAIT	BA HISTORY SY
15	ALEESHA	BA ENGLISH FY

16	DIYA RAO	BA HISTORY SY
17	RACHEL ELSA	BA ECONOMICS TY
18	MALLIKA MANDAL	BA ECONOMICS TY
19	YUSUF	BA HISTORY SY

20	RIYA THOMAS	RIYA THOMAS
21	DEBOJIT GHOSH	DEBOJIT GHOSH
22	ABHIRAT CAROL	ABHIRAT CAROL
23	GOWHAR MUBARAK	GOWHAR MUBARAK
24	DR. JYOTIRMOY MAITY	DR. JYOTIRMOY MAITY
25	JUSTIN SANTOSH	JUSTIN SANTOSH
26	ARISH ISA	ARISH ISA

27	EVA TIWARI	EVA TIWARI
28	ANNETTE	ANNETTE
29	SIDDHANT DASS	SIDDHANT DASS
30	DEBARSHI	DEBARSHI
31	SAMYAKBRATA BISWAS	SAMYAKBRATA BISWAS
32	LEANNE SUNEETH	LEANNE SUNEETH
33	MEHVAISH QADRI	MEHVAISH QADRI
34	LHEA LHOUEM	LHEA LHOUEM
35	TANIMA OJASWINI	TANIMA OJASWINI
36	RAJNIEESH VIRDI	RAJNIEESH VIRDI
37	CELESTIA SANGMA	CELESTIA SANGMA
38	SOPHIA	SOPHIA
39	DIXITA BASAVA	DIXITA BASAVA

40	ANUSHKA ROY	BA HISTORY
41	SHREERUP MITRA	BA ECO FY
42	ANIRUDH SINGH	BA HISTORY FY
43	SAUMAR	BA HISTORY TY
44	YIMYATETLA LONGKUMER	BSC MATHS FY
45	MANSI	BA HISTORY FY
46	VISHAN KIRAN	BA PROG FY
47	TULIP	BA ENGLISH SY
48	SHARMITA RAY	FACULTY
49	MERAJ AKHTAR	BA HISTORY SY
50	HOPESON	BA HISTORY FY
51	ARPAN MANDAL	BA ECO FY
52	NIYA ANN	BA ECO SY

53	SHARBADITYA	BA ENGLISH TY
54	SHAZIA HUSSAIN	BA HISTORY SY
55	DANIEL	BA ECO SY
56	SABINA KAZMI	FACULTY
57	AAKANSHA	BA HISTORY SY
58	ROHIT ALEXANDER	BA ECO SY
59	PRATYUSHA CHAKRABARTI	BA HISTORY TY