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WEBINAR ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

ON

REVISITING HISTORY FROM DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS: BENGAL IN NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURY

17TH AND 18TH OCTOBER 2020



Two-Days International Webinar on

"Revisiting History from Different Dimensions: Bengal in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century"

Programme Schedule:

Day One: 17.10.2020, Saturday.

5p.m.: Inauguration

5.05 p.m to 5.10 p.m..: Welcome address by Dr. Ramswarup Gangopadhyay, Principal, VMC.

5.10p.m. to 5.15 p.m.: Welcome address by Prof. Arunabha Misra, IQAC Coordinator, VMC.

5.15 p.m to 5.17 p.m.: Introduction of the First Resource Person Prof. Amit Dev.

5.17 p.m. to 6.10p.m.: "Interpreting the Folk Songs of Colonial Bengal", by Prof. Amit Dey.

6.10 p.m. to 6.20 p.m. Question Answer Session

6.20 p.m. to 6.22 p.m. Introduction of the Second Resource Person Prof Dibyadyuti Sarkar

6.22 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.: "Internationalization of Bengali Culture: Yogananda, Bhaktivedanta and Chinmoy", by Prof. Dibyadyuti Sarkar

7.15 p.m. to 7.25 p.m.: Question Answer Session.

7.25 to 7.30 p.m.: Vote of Thanks

Day Two: 18.10.2020, Sunday.

5p.m.: Inauguration

5.05 p.m to 5.15 p.m..: Welcome address by Prof. Arghadip Pal, IQAC Coordinator, BHKM

5.15 p.m to 5.17 p.m..: Introduction of the First Resource Person Prof. Abul Kashem

5.17 p.m. to 6.10p.m.: "বাংলাদেশের মুক্তি সংগ্রাম ও ৬ দফা কর্মসূচী: ছাত্রদের ভুমিকা", by Prof. Abul Kashem

6.10 p.m. to 6.12 p.m. Introduction of the Second Resource Person Prof. Shankar Biswas

6.12 p.m. to 7p.m.: "Bengali Muslims: From Awam to Ummah", by Prof. Shankar Biswas.

7 p.m. to 7.20 p.m.: Question Answer Session.

7.20 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.: Vote of Thanks.

Name of the Department: Department of History

Collaboration- Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya

Title of the activity: Revisiting History from Different Dimensions: Bengal in Nineteenth and

Twentieth Century

Date: 17th and 18th October 2020

Participants: 356 delegates

Description: The two day International webinar entitled 'Revisiting History from Different Dimensions: Bengal in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century' was organized by the Department of History Vidyasagar Metropolitan College in collaboration wit IQACs and Bamanpukur Humayun Kabir Mahavidyalaya on 17th and 18th of October,2020. The Convenor of this programme was Dr. Srinwanti Mukhopdhyay of VMC and Co-convenor was Smt. Prajna Paromita Podder of BHKM. DAY1:

Dr Pranati Sinha Mullick introduced the speakers. The first speaker was distinguished historian Dr Amit Dey. Dr Dey's study explored folk music in the nineteenth century in colonial Bengal. He stressed the multidisciplinary potential inherent in folk music. His study mapped the creativity of the folk musicians by using examples from baul and zaari traditions and showed the ability of the folk artists to create an imagined community. Dr Dibyodyuti Sarkar was the second speaker. Dr Sarkar examined Internationalization and Bengali culture through the lens of Yogananda, Bhaktivedanta and Chinmaya, making his study a confluence of culture studies as well as philosophy and history. Dr Sarkar critiqued the nineteenth century cultural discourse and offered insights on how certain components of Bengali culture found a global acceptance and visibility paving the path for more extensive cultural assimilation in the subsequent centuries.

Both the speakers answered questions from the participants and made the sessions intellectually absorbing.

DAY 2:

The speakers were introduced by Dr Madhu Srivastav. The first speaker was Dr. Abul Kashem who spoke about the Bangladesh Muktijuddho and the role of students in their 6 point plan of action. Dr Kashem highlighted the aspects of the 6 point plan of action and observed the role of the erstwhile student unions in implementing the plan. The reservations voiced by the Leftist –inclined students union were also observed by Dr Kashem in his lecture. Dr Sankar Kumar Biswas was the last speaker for the day. He spoke on the evolution of Muslim identity in Bangladesh while focusing on their transformation from AWAM to UMMAH, signifying their growing presence in the

political sphere. To emphasize the contextuality of his topic he stressed on major historical highlights of the period following the formation of the Muslim League (1906) and continuing right up to 1946.

The speakers fielded questions from the participants and their expertise further enlightened the participants.

The webinar ended with a formal vote of thanks.

Speaker's profile:

Speaker 1: Amit Dey

Topic: Interpreting the Folk Songs of Colonial Bengal

Speaker 2: Prof. Dibyadyuti Sarkar

Topic: 'Internationalization of Bengali Culture: Bhaktivedanta, Yogananda and Chinmoy'.

Speaker 3: Prof. Abul Kashem

Topic: 'Bangladesher Mukti Samgram O Choy Dofa Karmasuchi: Chatroder Bhumika'

Speaker 4: speaker Prof. Sankar Kumar Biswas

Topic: 'Bengali Muslims: From Awam to Ummah'

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