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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) autonomously embarked on its journey in 2011 to conduct research on wide ranging local and governing issues with an interdisciplinary and transnational approach.

The Institute comprises of a body of eminent academicians and scholars articulating different view points on various themes and issues of national and global dimensions to encourage and facilitate constructive policy designing. In order to transpire its objectives the Institute has collaborated with Ministry Columns as well as with national and International research organizations, the primary object being facilitating a greater exchange and dissemination of ideas.

The year 2018-2019 was momentous as the Institute through workshops, round table discourses and interesting initiatives could engage distinguished policy makers, economists and developmental scientists to deliberate on intricate issues surrounding country's security, economic upliftments, settlements and governance. The Institutional Chapters especially, the Centre for Freedom Struggle Studies & Bangladesh Studies remained proactive in deliberating the ideas and concepts of national figures and reformists in terms of reaching Institute's wide reaching audiences. The task of archiving the chronicles on relentless contributions of the heros of "Muktijuddho"- The Liberation War of 1971 over confabs with eminent journalists, members from defence and over its series on "Conversazione" in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Branch Secretariat, Kolkata was carried out.

The International Conference on "State and Society in South Asia: A historical Perspective" organised by ISCS turned out to be a consortium of renown historians and social science experts from national and international corners to delineate about evolving politics and policies, health, education, trade and connectivity trends of Asia and also to flick on the issues of marginality, identity crisis and settlements in-depth.



For the art lovers of Kolkata the SudhiSangam –VI turned out to be an occasion to know about the life and mind behind the strokes of Abanindranath Tagore – who advocated the nationalistic Indian art and promoted vibrant styles of Indian painting across the Asian boundaries and beyond. The Institute marked its year end by rolling out some exciting publications and continued to remain a centre for attraction amongst the book lovers strolling through the 43rd Kolkata International Book Fair pavilion.

The documents of organizational ventures in form of the Annual Report (2018-2019) is not only reflecting Institute's initiative but also conveying Institute's approach to address areas and shape public engagements in many ways.

Arindam Mukherjee,
Secretary, ISCS, India



FREEDOM STRUGGLE STUDIES

Introduction

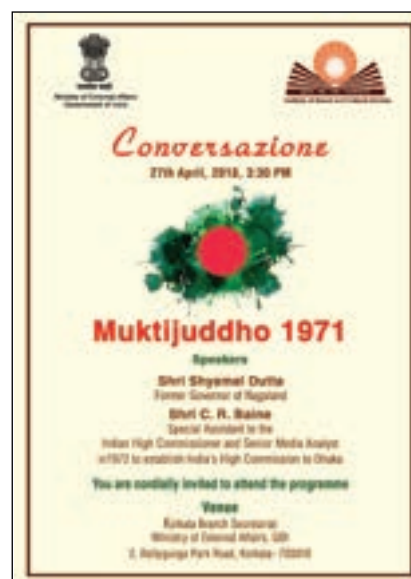
ISCS's Chapter on The Freedom Struggle Studies is an interdisciplinary unit to confer and discuss about the ideas and perceptions of eminent reformists and nation builders. The episodes during freedom struggle along with the ideographs and imperatives of nation building in solidarity with the present age by binding professionals who through their research, deliberations and desk based activities document the life histories of social contributors and peace builders. Along with publications the Institute have organised a series of Talks "Conversazione" in collaboration with The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Branch Secretariat Kolkata to discuss and mainly document the self determined movement by secular leaders and secularists of Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971.

Conversazione on Muktiyuddho 1971-I

Conversazione on Muktiyuddho 1971 was organized to mark the 50th year of Muktiyuddho of Bangladesh. It was held on 27th April, 2018 at the conference room of the office of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Kolkata.

The centre of attraction of this programme was the conversation and interaction with the people of both the countries who had the horrid experiences of suffering. Shri Shyamal Dutta, Former Governor of Nagaland and Shri C. R. Baine, Special Assistant and Senior Media Analyst, who was in Dhaka in 1972 to establish India's High Commission to Dhaka shared their experiences.

Sri Bimal Shankar Nanda, Coordinator, ISCS, introduced



these two personalities to the invited guests. Ms.Kajari Biswas, Director, Branch Secretariat, MEA appreciated the proposed topic. The event gained its true spirit during the deliberations and the interaction which managed to dredge off some interesting facts of the liberation movement.

Conversazione on Muktijuddho 1971-II

The second programme of this series was held on Friday, the 18th May, 2018 at 3.30 p.m. at the conference room of MEA office, Kolkata in presence of a galaxy of



invited guests, a conglomeration of academicians from University of Calcutta, other colleges and different fields of activity.

The speakers of this session were Retired DIG Shri Samir Mitra, BSF and Prof. Jayanta Kumar Ray, National Research Professor and Author.

Shri BimalSankar Nanda, the coordinator of ISCS, introduced these two personalities to the guests.

Prof. Roy shared his experiences of facing Muktijuddho from diplomatic angles and other perspectives. His deliberation



focussed on the role played by Government of India and coordination between centre and state in this regard. He asserted on the fact that Bangladesh could not be free ever without the allies of the Indian Government.



Mr. Samir Mitra shared the challenges faced while rehabilitating the refugees and building convergence between BSF and Indian Armed Forces during the movement. He also appealed that the gallantry demonstrated by Indian Armed Force during the Liberation War will remain dazzling in the pages of history.

The programme ended by a vote of thanks extended by Ms.Kajari Biswas, Directorate, Kolkata Branch Secretariat, MEA.

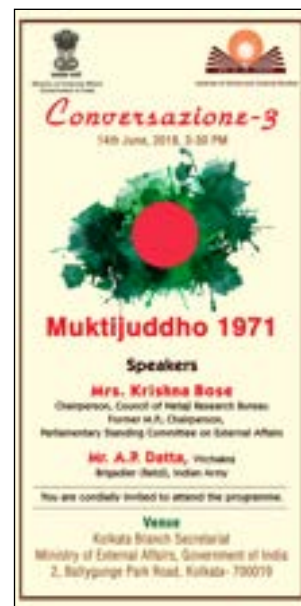
Conversazione on Muktiyuddho 1971-III

The third meeting for oral documentation of this series was held on 14th June, 2018. The distinguished speakers of this session were Retired Brigadier of Indian Army Mr. A.P. Datta, and Mrs. Krishna Bose, Former M.P.

Prof. Bimal Sankar Nanda, Coordinator, ISCS introduced the respected speakers.



The Brigadier in his long narrative shared his experience of critical situations faced in the battlefield.



Mrs. Krishna Bose

recalled her experiences and relations between ShekhMujiburRahaman , Awami League on the one hand and the Bose family on the other. Her son Mr.Sugata Bose, renowned academician and the former Parliamentarian played an audio recording of Mujibur Rahaman where he speaks about the courage and ideologies of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on nation building. The session ended with interactions amongst the guests and speakers followed by Vote of Thanks by the organizers.

Conversazione on Muktiyuddho 1971-IV

The fourth chapter of Conversazione was held on 6th July, 2018. The speakers were Retired Brigadier of Indian Army Mr.Niladri Mukherjee,and Mr.ManasGhosh, Former Editor, The Statesman.

Mr. Mukherjee having long experience in the western sector, was belted as an in-charge of the archive section at Fort William. He shared certain facts from the Liberation War documents that are being



treasured at the archives of Fort William, Kolkata.

Mr. Manas Ghosh narrated his thrilling experiences as a reporter of the different incidents on and off the field during the period of movement especially how the black and white scripts and radio transmission informing the world about the emergence of Bangladesh as an independent nation encouraged the fighters. He appreciated the initiative taken for oral documentation by ISCS and MEA (Kolkata) and congratulated them for their efforts.

Conversazione on Muktiyuddho 1971-V

The fifth meeting of the series was held on 20th July, 2018 at 3-30 PM at the conference room of the office of MEA, Kolkata.

The distinguished speakers in this session were Capt.(Ex) Avijit Dey and Sri Pranab Ranjan Roy, an art critic and son of Prof. Nihar Ranjan Roy, the eminent historian. Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, the Secretary of ISCS introduced the speakers.

Capt Dey narrated various incidents he faced starting from his journey till the time he reached Dhaka and recalled the day when Pakistan Armed Force finally surrendered facilitating Bangladesh to have the title of an Independent country.



Mr. Roy explained different mode of

activities that he had to perform from India like documentation and similar such work. The entire session was very interesting with the conglomeration of deliberation from the speakers and intermittent questions from the participating guests.

Conversazione Muktiyuddho 1971-VI

Mr. Bimal Shankar Nanda, Convenor ISCS, introduced the speakers

Shri Benugopal Ghosh narrated various incidents he faced starting from his journey till the time he reached Dhaka and witnessing the occasion of the surrender of Pakistan forces to Indian forces.

Mr. Upen Tarafdar, famous broadcaster, All India Radio, Kolkata briefed different mode of activities that he had to perform from India. He was enthused while transmitting the support of India like providing armed forces, aids, regulating refugee camps, and many more in the movement.



The club of six chapters has helped the Institute to document and archive some of the important key factors and roles deployed by Indian governance and civil society actors in the liberation of Bangladesh. The documentation with time will certainly become a rich source of information for the agencies and researchers deploying themselves in the study of Indo-Bangladesh relations from divergent perspectives.

A Report on the National Seminar on Rashbehari Bose : His Life and Time

A Day long national seminar was hosted by ISCS, in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Kolkata, to mark the contributions of the great revolutionary Sri Rashbehari Bose, on 14th July, 2018 at the auditorium of the Aurobindo Bhavan.

The event was inaugurated by (Retd) Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee who presented a short deliberation on the life of Rashbehari Bose. Swami Suparnananda, Secretary, Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata, appreciated the organizers for arranging such programme and saluted this revolutionary for the sacrifice he made for the freedom of our country. In his welcome speech, Mr.Arindam Mukherjee, Secretary, ISCS regretted the dearth of knowledge of the present young generation regarding the contributions of this great revolutionary and urged everyone to take initiative in this matter. Mr.BiswajitGanguly, Secretary, Sri AurobindoBhaban, Kolkata paid tribute to the great contributor of the freedom Struggle of our country.

In the first academic session themed “Biplabi Rashbehari O Bharater Mukti sangram : Swadesh” (Rashbehari, the revolutionary and Freedom Movement of India: within the country), chaired by Prof. Purabi Ray, eminent researcher on NetajiSubhas Ch. Bose. Sri BiswajitGanguly, while presenting his paper on “Parasparik Samparka: Rashbehari O Aurobinda”, (Rashbehari and Aurobinda: Their Mutual Relations) narrated how this two great men were motivated by the revolutionary thoughts and were drawn to each other.

Mr.Asitava Das, Retd. Librarian of Kalyani University, as a part of his presentation on “Baiplobic Samity O Rashbehari” (The Revolutionary group and Rashbehari) brought forward the activities of the Samiti and how Rashbehari was inspired by them in his revolutionary path for freedom.

Prof. ShuklaSanyal of University of Calcutta on “Rashbehari Basur Amale Baiplobic Pustika” (Revolutionary magazines in the period of Rashbehari) , discussed the contents of revolutionary thoughts and ideas in some of the then magazines and how they inspired the young generation with revolutionary thoughts and movement.

Sri Malay Ray, Associated Professor, Political Science, Hiralal Pal College, Hooghly, in his paper on “Swadhinata Sangrame Rashbehari Abodan” (Contribution of Rashbehari in the freedom movement),



described his contribution on the formation of Azad Hind Fauj for the freedom of the country.

The session ended with a short interaction with the participating guests.

In the second academic session titled “Biplabi Rashbehari O Bharater Mukti Sangram: Videsh” (Revolutionary Rashbehari and freedom movement of India: abroad), was chaired by Dr. Supriyo Bhattacharjee, Prof. of Economics, Kalyani University. Kalyan Chakraborty, Director, Rashbehari Institute, Chandannagar; on “Japane Rashbehari Basur Padochinha” (Presence of Rashbehari in Japan), described his difficult days in Japan, how he overcame the situation etc.

Prof. Gautam Biswas, P.N. Das College, 24 Pgs (N), in his paper on “Rashbehari O I.N.A”, described the formation of INA in Japan and the courageous role played by Rashbehari for the freedom movement.

Mr. Shyamal Paul, the Research worker of “Biplabi Rashbehari Basu Welfare Trust”, Chandannagar, described on “Rashbehari O Japan” in detail- his activities in Japan, how he inspired the leaders there, his role in establishing Indian Independence League and making Subhas Chandra Bose its president. The session ended with a short interaction with the participating guests.

In the valedictory session chaired by Prof. Indrani Sanyal of Jadavpur University, Sri Amiya Kumar Samanta, IAS and Ex. D G of West Bengal in his valedictory speech, discussed on various aspects of activities of Rashbehari.

A vote of thanks at the end was given by Mr. Tapan Mitra, the Acting Director, ISCS.

The day long programme ended with screening a documentary on Rashbehari Bose, produced by Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata.

Book Release Programme- “Man and Nation” Series 2018-2019



The Book Release Programme under “Man and Nation” series was held on 8th May, 2018, at Brown Hall of Raj Bhaban, Kolkata.

Five books were released in this programme: Sarala Debi Chaudhurani (English) by Rakhi Mitra, Raja Rammohan Roy (English) by Namrata Kothari, Keshab Chandra Sen (Bengali) by Parikshit Thakur, Rajnarayan Basu (Bengali) by Arnab Nag and Asutosh Mukherjee (Bengali) by Debdutta Chakraborty.



In his introductory address, Prof. Bimal Sankar Nanda, the Editor of this series, analysed briefly the objective of ISCS behind publishing such books.

The books were formally released by the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal. ShriKeshariNathTripathi.

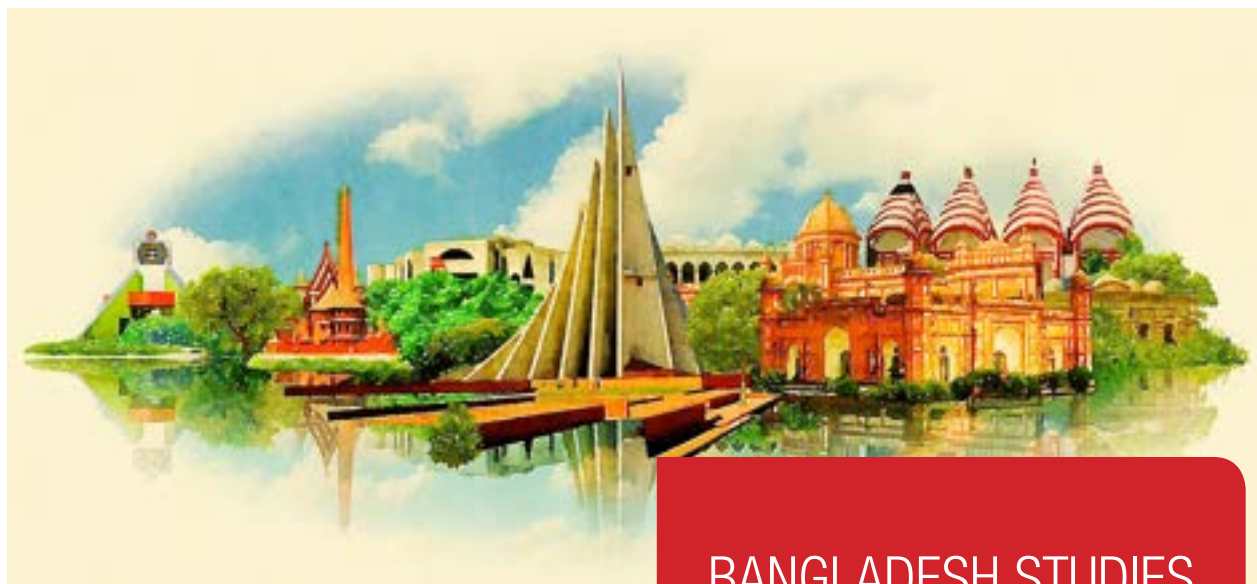
Prof. BaridBaranGhosh, the Guest of Honour of this programme, analysed lucidly the role of the nationalist leaders and thanked ISCS for taking such great initiative to help the present young generation to know the history ,the contribution of our nationalist leaders towards the development of India as a nation through these books.



Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal expressed his hope that the monographs published by the ISCS would enable us to understand our long history which was really a rich one. He also hoped that the ISCS would continue these activities in future.

The programme ended with vote of thanks given by Sri Tapan Mitra, Acting Director, ISCS, followed by National Anthem.





BANGLADESH STUDIES

Introduction

India's South Asian neighbours constitute the first circle of civilization- linkages, security and socio-economic ties, the significance of which has always been reflected through foreign policy and people to people connect. India and Bangladesh are not only neighbouring countries but both have many things in common like timber history, language, culture, border and they do bind people through shared struggle of independence, glories and sub-regional groupings of present times.

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India given its eastern working capital has reflected a keen interest in the matters of neighbouring Bangladesh right from its inception. The Institute's column on Bangladesh Studies exclusively acts as a force to engage people from both the nations to document, initiate activities, lead discourses on reflected contour of history, shared linkages and efficacy of multi-lateral engagements with the members and followers.

Following are the details of activities undertaken as a part of Bangladesh Chapter focussing on intra border trade growth along with security and contemporary challenges of the adjacent nations.

Workshop : Survey on the Areas Adjacent to the Indo- Bangladesh Border in West Bengal

The workshop was organized by Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) duly supported by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA, Branch Secretariat Kolkata, on 16th April, 2018 at the conference room of Land Port Authority of India, ICP, Petrapole, Bongaon.

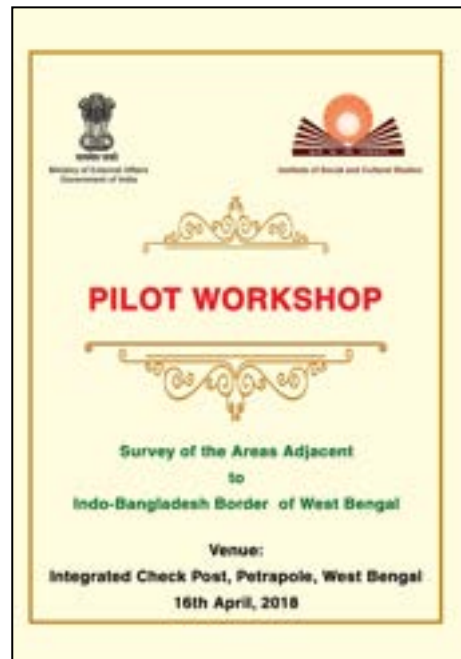


Mr. Bimal Shankar Nanda, Coordinator, ISCS, in his inaugural speech said that the workshop is the first step to understand the various factors and issues faced by the stakeholders of multi sector in the surrounding areas of Indo-Bangladesh Border while nourishing socio-economic relation amongst the people of neighbouring.

The representatives from different Trade & Transport Associations shared their experiences about standard of cooperation and inadequate support that they have been receiving from ministry and commercial forums of both the nations.

Mr. Suvajit Mondal, Manager, LPAI, Mr. Swapan K. Dafadar, AD/ICP and other Government officials discussed on different points raised by the businessmen and transport operators.

Mr. Nanda assured the house in presence Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, Secretary, ISCS and Mrs. Kajari Biswas, Director, Branch Secretariat, MEA, Kolkata of that the Institute in future would prepare a report based on this discussion and meet different business personnel, transport authorities, other NGOs separately to seek a comprehensive picture from the various sectors and develop a road map to initiate better connectivity and trade outcomes in future.



Kolkata Colloquium

The first breakfast meeting on the status of Indo-Bangladesh Relations under the series Kolkata Colloquium, was held at Room SOUK of Taj Bengal, Kolkata on 18th April, 2018, at 8a.m. It was supported by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Branch Secretariat Kolkata.

Mr. Bimal Sankar Nanda, Coordinator, ISCS started the proceedings with a brief note on the purpose behind the frequent meets. The event was attended by Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan, Joint Secretary (BM), MEA, Government of India who in her address featured factors like social, economic, security, Rohingya problem and the role played by the Government of both the countries to suppress the challenges for better end of Indo-Bangladesh ties in future.



During the interaction session Ms.Ranganathan had a go at a volley of questions from the participants of various categories like academicians, Government officials, media persons, who all raised issues of connectivity, health tourism, educational exchanges, trade and security.

This programme was organised with the support of Mr.AdarshSwaika, DHC, Bangladesh.





Various national and International events with the support of national and international academic forums and agencies were conducted. An international conference was organized to reflect on the South Asian matters with the support of Jagannath University Dhaka and other Research Forums. The event extended a chance for national and international participants to discuss about the role of region in the global transformation.

International Conference on State and Society in South Asia: A Historical Perspective

International Conference on "State and Society in South Asia: A Historical Perspective" was held at the Central Auditorium, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh between 15-16 March, 2019. ISCS was the knowledge partner of this event while it was organized by the Department of History, Jagannath University, Dhaka and supported by HCI, MAKAIAS and other organizations.

The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Mijanur Rahman, the Vice Chancellor of Jagannath University. The Chief Guest was Prof. Abdul Mannan, Chairman, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh. The Key-note speakers of this session were Prof. Muchkund Dubey, Ex. Foreign Secretary, Govt. of India and Prof. Dr. Harun-or-Rashid, Vice Chancellor, National University, Gazipur, Bangladesh. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Salim, Coordinator of the International Conference and Professor of Dept. of History, Jagannath University delivered the welcome address. Prof. Dr. Most. Khodeja Khatun, Dept. of History, Jagannath University was there for Vote of Thanks.

The Plenary Session -1 was chaired by Prof. Dr.AbulBarkat, Dept. of Economics, University of Dhaka. The speakers were Prof. Dr.SuchetaMahajan, Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U., New Delhi, India, Prof. AfsanChowdhury, Brac University, Dhaka, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Bhardwaj, Chairperson, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, J.N.U., India and Mr.ShyamalDutta, Editor, BhorerKagoj, Dhaka.

Technical Session I

Theme- Colonial South Asia: Rise of Nationalism, Anti-Colonial Movements and Independence.

The session was chaired by Prof. Dr.AshfaqueHossain, Treasurer, Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur and co-chaired by Mr.Pratim Ranjan Bose, Deputy Editor, The Hindu Business Line, India.

The Speakers who presented papers were Prof. Dr. AHM ZehadulKarim, Dept. of Anthropology, Jagannath University, Prof. Dr.Mortuza Khaled, Chairperson, Dept. of History, University of Rajshahi, Mr.DebashisDatta Research Scholar of University of Rajshahi. Prof. Anil Kumar Sarkar, Dept. of History, Kalyani University, India, Prof. Dr.ParveenAkterJemy Department of Bangla, Jagannath University, Dr. S.M. MasumBillah, Dept. of Law, Jagannath University. Dr.Monalisa Das, Dept. of Bengal, Kazi Nazrul University, Asansol, India, Dr.Murshida Bintey Rahman, Dept. of History, Jagannath University, Mr.SuhailAhmin Mir, Research Scholar, Centre of Advance Study, AMU, India, Ms. Anamika Mistra, Research Scholar, Dept of History, Rajshahi University and Dr. Anil Kumar Biswas, Dept. of Political Science, University of Burdwan.



Technical Session II

Theme- Post-Colonial South Asian States and Society: Problems and Prospects

The session was chaired by Prof. Dr.Sharifuddin Ahmed, Dept. of History and Philosophy, North South University, Dhaka and co-chaired by Mr.Arindam Mukherjee, Secretary, ISCS.

A number of papers were presented by the speakers like Prof. Dr. Syed Anwar Hussain, Bangabandhu Chair Professor, Bangladesh University of Professional, Dhaka, Mr. Mustafa Chowdhury, Retired Federal Public Servant, Govt, of Canada, Prof. Dr.Mohammad Salim, Dept. of History, Jagannath University. Prof. Buddhadev Bhattacharya, Head, Dept. of Philosophy, Nava Mahavihara, Bihar, Ms.Nivedita Roy, Dept. of Political Science, Jagannath University, Mr. Md. HasanMofizurRahman, Dept. of History, Jagannath University, Mr.RameezMohdBhat, Research Scholar, Dept of Pol. Science, AMU and Ms.MandikiniHalder, Research Scholar, JNU.

Technical Session III

Theme: Modern South Asia: Politics and Development

The session was chaired by Dr. Rup Kumar Barman, HOD of History, Jadavpur University and co-chaired by Prof. Dr.Projit Kr. Palit, Dept of History, Assam University.



Papers were presented by Prof. Dr. Md. Abdul Hossain, Dept. of Social Work, Jagannath University, Prof. Dr. Siddhartha Sankar Joardar, Dept. of Philosophy, Jagannath University, Prof. Dr. Brij Mohan Pandey, HOD of Law, Tripura University, Prof. Dr. AKM Jasim Uddin, Dept of History, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Mr. Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Dept of Islamic History and Culture, University of Dhaka, Dr. Sittul Muna Hasan,

Dept of Philosophy, Jagannath University, Mr. Tapan Kumar Palit, Dept. of History, Jagannath University, Dr. Gyanendra Fulzalkhe, Dept of Law, Shivaji Law College, Maharashtra, Ms. Noorana, Dept of Pol Science, Jagannath University, Ms. Masuda Parvin, Dept of History, Jahangirnagar University and Md. Moynul Haque, Dept of Pol Science, Jagannath University.

Technical Session IV

Theme- Modern South Asia: Health and Education

The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. K.M. Mohsin, VC, Dhaka International University and co- chaired by Prof. Dr. Mortuza Khaled, Dept of History, University of Rajshahi.

The Speakers who presented papers were Prof. Dr. Kazi Saifuddin, Dept of Psychology, Jagannath University, Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman, Senior Counselor, International Organization for Migration, UN, Prof. Dr. Most. Khodeja Khatun, Dept of History, Jagannath University, Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad, Dept of Psychology, Jagannath University, Mr. Sayed Abu Touab Shakir, Dept of History, Jahangirnagar University, Dr. Shaik Ameer, Dept of Economics, Acharya Nagarjuna University, A.P., Mr. Nasir Ahmed, Dept of History, Jagannath University, Mr. Mohammad Bilal Hossain, Dept of History, Jagannath University and Ms. Zinat Afrin, Dept of History, Govt Titumir College, Dhaka.

Day 2

Plenary Session II

It was chaired by Prof. Dr. Syed Anwar Hussain of Bangladesh University of Professional (BUP). The speakers were Amb. Sarvajit Chakravarti, IFS (Retd), Prof. Dr. Khurshida Begam, Dept of Govt and Politics, Jahangirnagar University, Prof. Bodh Prakash, Faculty of English, Ambedkar University, Delhi, Mr. Swadesh Roy, Exe. Editor Daily Janakantha, New Eskaton, Dhaka and Prof. Dr. Delwar Hossain, Dept of International Relations, University of Dhaka.

Technical Session V

Theme- Modern South Asia: Society Media and Environment

It was chaired by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Abdullah Jamal, Dept of History, University of Dhaka and co-chaired by Prof. Satyadeo Poddar, HOD of History, Central University, Tripura .

The Speakers who presented papers were Mr. Tareq Muhammad Shamsul Arefin and Mr. Md. Mamunur Rashid, Dept of Economics, Jagannath University, Mr. Sajib Kumar Banik, Dept of History, University of Dhaka, Dr. Syed Rabbe Subhani, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Telangana, Ms. Taniya Banerjee, JNU, Mr. Syed Faruk Hossain, Dy. Registrar and Md. Zakaria Khan, Dept of Mass Communication and Journalism, Jagannath University.



Technical Session VI

Theme- Marginality and Subaltern Studies

It was chaired by Prof. Dr. Siddhartha Sankar Joardar, Dept of Philosophy, Jagannath University, Dhaka and co-chaired by Prof. Anil Kumar Sarkar, Dept. of History, Kalyani University.



The Speakers who presented papers were Dr. Jyotiraj Pathak, Dept of Pol Science, Bodoland University, Assam, Dr. Mohammad Moniruzzaman Khan, Dept of Sociology, Ms. Zelina Sultana, Dept of Law, Mr. K.M. Sujaddin, Dept of Sociology, all from Jagannath University, Dr. Zerina Shabnaz Akkas, Dept of History and Philosophy, North South University, Dhaka, Dr. Ramani Hettiarchchi, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, Mr. Saurav Chettri and Mr. Anisul Haque, Dept of History, Jadavpur University.

Technical Session VII

Theme- Identity and Culture

It was chaired by Prof Dr. Abdul Momin Choudhury, Fellow of Asiatic Society, Bangladesh and co-chaired by Prof Dr. A.H.M. Zehadul Karim, Dept of Anthropology, Jagannath University.

The Papers were presented by Prof. ProjitkrPalit, Dept of History, Assam University, Mr. TareqHossain Khan, Dept of Pol Science and Ms. RuksanaKarim, Dept of Music, JagannathUniversity, Mr. Md. MarufUAlam, Dept of English, University of Chittagong, Ms. Shahabanu Eva, Dept of Pol Science, Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur, Mr. AlokSubba, Royal University of Bhutan, Mr. Ankan Roy, Dept of History, Jadavpur University and Ms. Jasmine of JNU.

Technical Session VIII

Theme- Trade, Commerce, Connectivity and Migration

It was chaired by Prof. Dr. Asha Islam Nayeem, Dept. of History, University of Dhaka and co-chaired by Prof. Dr. LeemaHoque, Dept of Sociology, Jagannath University.

The papers were presented by Prof. Dr. Rup kumar Barman, HOD of History, Jadavpur University, Prof. SatyadeoPoddar, HOD of History and Mr. BiswenduBhattacharjee of Central University, Tripura,



Dr. PranjalPratimBuragohain, Dept of Economics, Dibrugarh University, Assam, Mr. PratimRanjan Bose, Deputy Editor, The Hindu Business Line, India, Dr. AnjanChakraborty, University of Burdwan, Ms. Ajmira Sultana, Dept of Pol Science, Dr. AbdusSamad, Dept. of History, both from Jagannath University, Mr. PinkeSaha, Dept. of History, Jahangirnagore University and Mr. Pradipta Mukherjee, Dept of Pol Science, HMM College for Women, Kolkata.

Valedictory Session

It was chaired by Prof. Md. SalimBhuiyan, Treasurer, Jagannath University. The speakers were Prof. Dr. SD Muni, Prof. Emeritus, School of International Studies, JNU and Prof. MesbahKamal, Jana ItihasCharcha Kendra, University of Dhaka.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Mohammad Salim, Dept of History, Jagannath University, Dhaka.



SUDHI SANGAM

The Institute over past two years have initiated series on “SudhiSangam” -lectures by eminent personalities from different fields. They discuss about their experiences, share their knowledge ,point of views on the prospect of growth and initiatives in convergence of tradition with global trends to fortify growth and nations glory.

Sudhi Sangam- VI

ISCS invited the distinguished speaker Prof. Amitendranath Tagore,



grandson of Silpaguru Abanindranath

Tagore, an academician by profession and eminent researcher on Chinese language, literature and culture to share his cherished moments with Kabiguru and Abanindranath in the JorasankoThakurbari .The programme was held at the Jamini Roy Gallery,Rabindranath Tagore Centre of ICCR on 16th June, 2018.

He traversed the art ideologies of Ababindranath Tagore who was a principal artist and an creator of “Indian Society of Oriental Art”, as also a major exponent of Swadeshi Values in Indian art demonstrating the richness of Indian painting across the boundaries of Asia and West World. The enthusiastic audience were enthralled and expressed interest to know about his relation with his grandfather, his childhood , learning and days of yesteryears. The speaker depicted wittily his memoirs and

emphasised on the mending of common efforts to orient the present generation with the Indian cultural legacy in order to keep the cult of rich Indian tradition alive.





The 43rd Kolkata International Book Fair, 2019 was started at Central Park, Salt Lake on 31st January, 2019 and continued till 11th February, 2019.

The Book stall was inaugurated on 1st of February, 2019 by Mr. Rajesh Purohit, Director, Indian Museum, Kolkata. Many other distinguished personalities were present there.

1. Mrs.Kajari Biswas, Director, Kolkata Branch Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs, Kolkata
2. Mr. Anish Rajan, Consul General of India (Designate) to Durban, South Africa
3. Dr.Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Librarian (Academic), the Bose Institute
4. Mr.BratinDey, Regional Manager (East), National Book Trust, India
5. Dr.AsimPadaChakraborty.

The guests, visitors and onlookers lauded Institute's publications.

Books, namely, Letters on Hinduism by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Biplabi Purna Chandra Das by PanchananChakravorty were released on the day of the inauguration. Three other books namely Swami Vivekananda by MahendranathDutt (English version), Muslim Politics in Bengal: Legislative Perspective, edited by Snehangshu Bhattacharjee and Nirbachito Rajnaitik Cartoon (in Bengali) edited by Snehangshu Bhattacharjee, released lately were also displayed in the stall.





SARALA DEVI CHAUDHURANI – Rakhi Mitra

ISBN: 978-93-84566-10-4

Price: Rs. 150/-

This monograph focused on the role and contribution of Sarala Devi Chaudhurani during pre-independence period amidst the backdrop of colonial rule when the issues of nationalism were considered to be a gendered one. The author shows that being a member of Tagore family, Sarala Devi Chaudhurani could not resist her from coming in contact with the eminent nationalist leaders and working on the ushering of the nationalism among masses, especially among the women.



RAJA RAMMOHUN ROY – Namrata Kothari

ISBN : 978-93-84566-09-8

Price: Rs. 300/-

Reviewing the literature on Raja Rammohun Roy, Namrata Kothari has tried to unearth the insight

of Rammohun and also his in-depth knowledge about the social, political and economic conditions of the then India and his attempts towards the upliftment of the nation as a whole. This monograph will definitely be a valuable source of information and knowledge for the students and scholars who are studying Indian political thought and movement.

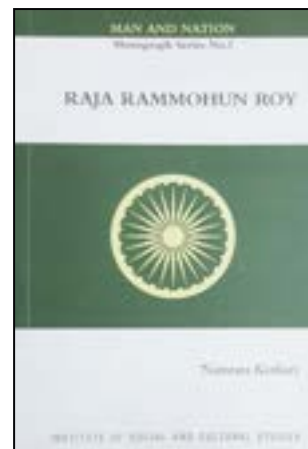
RAJNARAYAN BOSE – Arnab Nag

ISBN: 978-93-84566-01-2.

Price: Rs. 275/-



This monograph underscores the leading role played by Rajnarayan Bose in nineteenth century to give a formal shape to the modern concept of nationalism in India. On the one hand we are acquainted with his efficient capacity to organize various movements through a number of associations dedicated for the development of the society and country as a whole, on the other hand, come across his idea of nationalism through his enriched publications on development of nations. This well developed concept of nationalism of Rajnarayan ultimately helped to ignite the freedom movement of our country. Because of such a great role played by him, Rajnarayan was honoured with the title “Grandfather of Indian Nationalism”. This monograph, a Bengali version, presents lucid descriptions on the contributions of this great man.

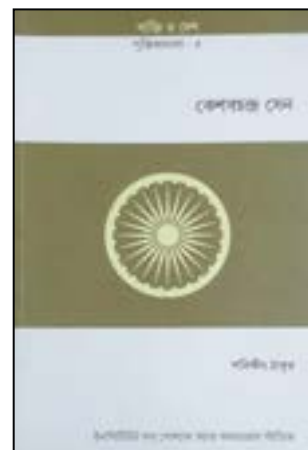


KESHAB CHANDRA SEN – Parikhit Thakur

ISBN: 978-93-84566-06-7.

Price: Rs. 250/-

Keshab Chandra Sen is termed as one of the chief architects of renaissance of India in nineteenth century. A great sense of affinity and dedication is observed in his thoughts, starting from his religious consciousness to his dictum on nationalism. He never feared to inspire the people of the country to fight against social prejudices, injustices and also to fight against British rule. He passionately felt the sufferings of downtrodden people of the society. This monograph, a Bengali version, entails a vivid picture of his love and affection for his own country and his great sense of nationalism.



Sister Nivedita and Her Bharat by Arindam Mukherjee

ISBN: 978-93-84566-15-9.

Price: Rs. 600/-

Sister Nivedita is the brightest jewel among Swamiji's foreign disciples. Inspired by his ideas, she came to Bharat to serve Bharatmata and her daughters and sons through her activities, the gamut of which is truly astounding. Her active participation in revolutionary movement in Bharat, her well-judged inspiration behind Bharatiya art movement, her deep involvement in female education, her promotion of Jagadish Chandra Bose's scientific works bear testimony of her multi-dimensional personality.



Biplabi Purna Chandra Das by Panchanan Chakravorty

ISBN: 978-93-84566-18-0

Price: Rs. 150/-

This book is, in fact, BiplabiPanchananChakravorty's tribute to his master. This can also be treated as a valid document of the Revolutionary Movement of India. As a member of Madaripur section of Yugantar party, Panchanan happened to come in close contact with young revolutionist Purna Chandra.

Actually the old and frail manuscript on Purna Chandra is now published in book format.



Letters on Hinduism by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee

ISBN: 978-93-84566-19-7

Price: Rs. 150/-

Bankim Chandra's Dharmatatwa or Anusilan is the deliberation of his own idea on religion. He had a plan to establish his idea about religion in the world but failed to do so because of the short span of his life. Letters on Hinduism, the incomplete manuscript of Bankim Chandra was published 44 years after his demise and took a place in the history.

BrajendraNath Banerjee and SajaniKanta Das edited and published this book in 1940. After a long gap this is again published now to meet the hour of the need, to assess and review the idea of Bankim Chandra in the present day context.

**Muslim Politics in Bengal: Legislative Perspective (Vol. 1):
– edited by Snehangshu Bhattacharjee**

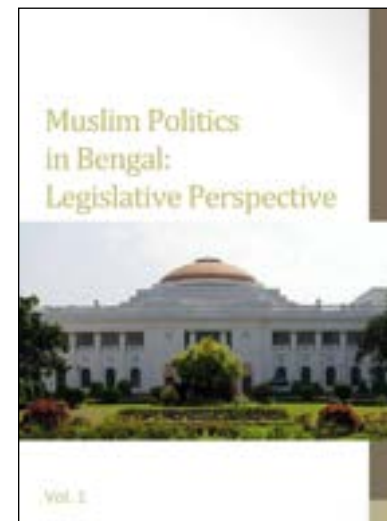
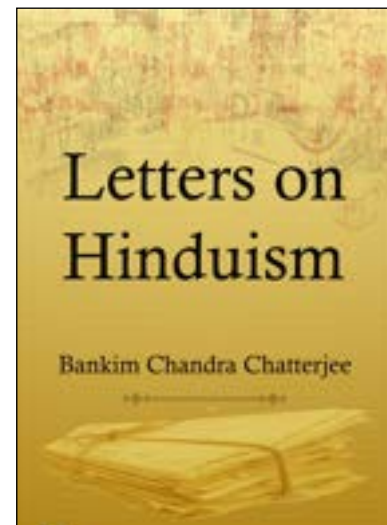
ISBN: 978-93-84566-23-4

Price: Rs. 1500/-

This book evaluates the Muslim politics of undivided Bengal during 1937-1947 from a Legislative perspective. The methodical estimation of Muslim politics in Bengal during ten years preceding partition of India is important, since it has been a pivotal in shaping the politics of the entire subcontinent.

This book is a compilation of a major portion of the debates and discussions recorded in the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

This is the First one of the five volumes in the series under this title.





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