



Society Activity Report 2020-21 Bengali Literary Society

The academic year was started off by a talk on the 9th of November 2020. The talk entitled, “Khanti Bangali Kabi: Debating Authenticity in Colonial Bengal” was delivered by Prof. Rosinka Chaudhuri, Director of the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC) and was broadcasted on the official Facebook page of the society. The talk dealt with the literary movements in 19th century Bengal.

Our next event was Agamani, The annual Durga Puja Celebration of the society. The celebration ran for four days on our official Facebook page from 18-21st October. We had participation from across various colleges in the form of art pieces, write ups, dance performances and musical presentations. The open platform invited more audience and kept alive the spirit of festivity even in an online session.

The new semester started with a talk by Prof. Sumit Chakravarty, Department of English, Presidency University, Kolkata on the 1st of February, 2021. The talk was titled, “God grant Master more long life’: The Kerani in his office in 19th century Calcutta”, which was held on The Kerani in his office in 19th century Calcutta.” and it was also broadcasted live for a wide audience. The talk was focused on the professional and the personal lives of the kerani or the colonial government clerks of Calcutta in the 19th century.

The work for Darpan, the annual journal of the society, is currently under progress. It is tentatively set to be released online in the month of May/June, featuring contributions spanning artwork, write-ups etc.

This academic year was extremely distinctive being hosted completely online. It was marked by incorporating new and innovative ideas and strategies. Despite its unprecedented nature, this year has involved participation from all quarters to the best of its potential, and has successfully set a new benchmark.