# AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

## KRANTITEERTHA

2<sup>nd</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Organised by

Ministry of Culture (GoI) and the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies

at

**DURGAPUR WOMEN'S COLLEGE, Durgapur, West Bengal** 

# **REPORT**

#### Report

#### Introduction

The fight against colonial rule in India is an account of valour, bravery, commitment and dedication of commonmen and women across the country and their sacrifice. In this period of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, it is a sacredresponsibility to specially introduce our freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the cause of the nation to the present-day citizens, mainly the youths. The armed resistance of the *krantikaris* of Bengal against the atrocities and oppression of the British rulers made a great impact on the Indian freedom movement. In collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Durgapur Women's College organised a one-day seminar and parallel outreach activities under the theme "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: The Bravehearts of Bengal in India's Revolutionary Struggle for Independence."

The following report on the series of events has been chronologically arranged:

## 1. Inter-College Essay-Writing Competition

Date- 2nd August 2023

Venue: Auditorium, Durgapur Women's College, Durgapur, West Bengal

In collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Durgapur Women's College organised an inter-college essay competition. It was arranged by Dr. Amitayu Chakraborty (Convenor), Assistant Professor of English, Durgapur Women's College, and Dr. Mukta Singsarder (Jt. Convenor), Assiatant Professor of Chemistry, Durgapur Women's College, along with all the teachers, nonteaching staff members, and student-volunteers of Durgapur Women's College, under the leadership of Dr. Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College. The topics for the competition 1. 'Ideology of Subhas Chandra Bose' and 'Idea of Mother India.'Participants were instructed to write in any one of the topics for one hour in Hindi/English/ Bengali. Dr. Anup Kumar Maji, Associate Professor of Bengali, Durgapur Women's College, Prof. Raj Raj Mukherjee, Assistant Professor of English, MMM College, Durgapur, and Ms. Pianki Singh, Hindi Language Expert, Asansol were the judges for the event. The event was coordinated by Prof Sangeeta Karmakar, Assistant Professor of Sanskrit, Durgapur Women's College, Dr. Chandrima Das, Assistant Professor of English Durgapur Women's College, Prof Arundhati Sen, SACT, Deptt. of History, Durgapur Women's College, Prof. Ayan Mukherjee, SACT, Deptt. of English, Durgapur Women's College. There were total 21 participants across from different colleges of Paschim Bardhaman district.





#### 2. Inter-College Poster-Making Competition

## Date- 2nd August 2023

## Venue: Library Reading Room, Durgapur Women's College, Durgapur, West Bengal

In collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Durgapur Women's College organised an inter-college poster-making competition on the topic: 'Face of Independence.' Itwas arranged by Dr. Amitayu Chakraborty (Convenor), Assistant Professor of English, Durgapur Women's College, and Dr. Mukta Singsarder(Jt. Convenor), Assiatant Professor of Chemistry, Durgapur Women's College, along with all the teachers, non-teaching staff members, and student-volunteers of Durgapur Women's College, under the leadership of Dr. Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College.Prof. Tanushree das, MMM College Durgapur, Dr. Shyamasri Maji, Assistant Professor of English, Durgapur Women's College, Dr. Ranjini Mukherjee, Associate Professor of History, Durgapur Women's College, Dr. Lily Pal, SACT, Durgapur Women's Collegewere judges of the event. Dr Krishanu Sarkar, Assistant Professor of Economics, Durgapur Women's College, Sunanda BS Mallick, Assistant Professor of Bengali, Durgapur Women's College and Prof Riman Rakshit, SACT, Assistant Professor of Economics, Durgapur Women's College coordinated the event. There were total 11 participants across from different colleges of Paschim Bardhaman district.



## 3. Cycle Rally

Date- 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023

Route: Durgapur Women's College—via M.G. Road---NIT Durgapur---CSIR-CMRI-Durgapur---MMM College, Durgapur---Durgapur Women's College

A cycle rally was arranged by Dr.Amitayu Chakraborty (Convenor), Assistant Professor of English, Durgapur Women's College, and Dr.MuktaSingsarder(Jt. Convenor) under the leadership of Dr.Mahananda Kanjilal, Principal, Durgapur Women's College. The event was Coordinated by Prof. SamratDasgupta, Deptt. Of Commerce, Durgapur Women's College along with Prof. Mitali Ghosh Moullick, SACT, Deptt. of Sanskrit and Coordinator of NCC Unit, Durgapur Women's College and Prof. Manimala Ghosh, Associate Professor of Political Science, Durgapur Women's College. Commemorating the Bravehearts of Bengal in India's Revolutionary Struggle around 30 students of Durgapur Women's College and 15 teachers took part in the rally. The local Police Stations were duly informed about the rally, and they escorted the rally all the way as per the protocol. NCC Cadets and NSS Volunteers of Durgapur Women's College actively participated in the rally and made it a successful event.

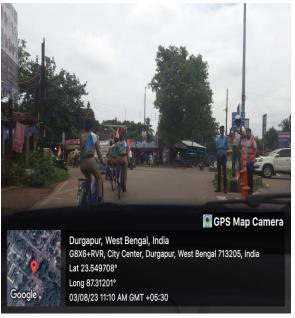


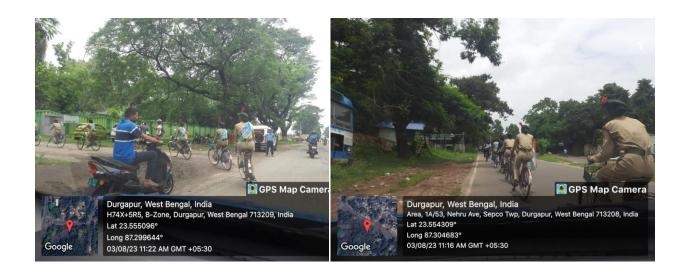


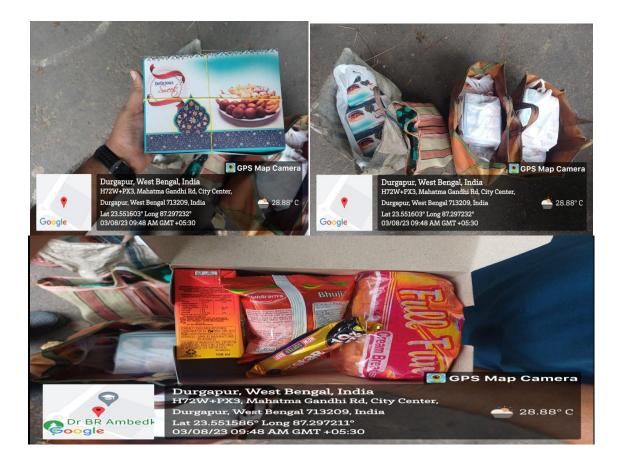












## 4. Inter-College Debate Competition

## Date-3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023

## Venue: Audio-Visual Room, Durgapur Women's College

In collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Durgapur Women's College organised an inter-college debate competition(Medium of Communication: Hindi/Bengali/English; the Motion: 'We are going to forget theimmortal history of India's freedom struggle'). It was arranged by Dr.Amitayu Chakraborty (Convenor), Assistant Professor of English, Durgapur Women's College, and Dr.Mukta Singsarder (Jt. Convenor), Assiatant Professor of Chemistry, Durgapur Women's College, along with all the teachers, non-teaching staff members, and student-volunteers of Durgapur Women's College, under the leadership of Dr.Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College. There were total eight participants across from different colleges of Paschim Bardhaman district. The event was coordinated by Prof Bijoy Prasad Das, Associate Professor of Political Science, Durgapur Women's College and Abdul Aziz Us Subhan, Assisatant Professor of Philosophy, Durgapur Women's College. Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, Assiatant Professor of Economics, NIT, Durgapur, Dr.Debdip Dhibar, Assiatant Professor of Bengali, Durgapur Women's College, and Dr. Vijay Choubey, Deptt. of Hindi, Pandaveswar College were the judges for the event.









# 5. National Seminar on "The Role of Bengal in India's Revolutionary Struggle for Freedom"

## Date- 4th August 2023

## Venue: Auditorium, Durgapur Women's College, Durgapur, West Bengal

In collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Durgapur Women's College organised a national seminar titled "The Role of Bengal in India's Revolutionary Struggle for Freedom" on 04.08.2023 at the Auditorium, Durgapur Women's College, Durgapur West Bengal. Around 200 people participated in the seminar including teachers, non-teaching-staff and students. The seminar was organised Dr. Amitayu Chakraborty (Convenor), Assistant Professor of English, Durgapur Women's College, and Dr. Mukta Singsarder(Jt. Convenor), Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Durgapur Women's College, along with all the teachers, non-teaching staff members, and student-volunteers of Durgapur Women's College, under the leadership of Dr. Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College. Shri Tapas Banerjee, Hon'ble MLA of the Govt. of West Bengal, and Shrimati Anindita Mukherjee, Hon'ble Mayor, Durgapur Municipal Corporation were invited as the guests of honour while Professor (Dr.) Debashis Banerjee, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KaziNazrul University, was invited as the chief guest for the event.

A Guard of Honour was arranged for the delegates for the seminar by the NCC Unit of Durgapur Women's College under the leadership of Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College, and Prof. Mitali Ghosh Moullick, Coordinator of NCC Unit, Durgapur Women's College. The seminar began at 10:30am with a welcome note byDr. Chakraborty who spoke on the purpose of the seminar as well as the entire three-day programme that included an Inter-College Essay-Writing Competition (on 02.08.2023), Inter-College Poster-making Competition (on 02.08.2023), Inter-College Debate Competition (on 03.08.2023) and Cycle Rally (on 03.08.2023) commemorating the krantikaris of Bengal who sacrificed their lives for India's revolutionary struggle for freedom.Dr. Chakraborty welcomed the dignitaries namely Dr. MahanandaKanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College, Professor (Dr.) SandipBasuSarbadhikary (Speaker/Resource Person), Department of History, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, Dr.AnirbanBandyopadhyay(Speaker/Resource Person), Associate Professor of History, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneshwar, Odissa, Shri Sachin Thakkar (Speaker/Resource Person), Director, Triple A Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, and Dr. Tista Das (Speaker/Resource Person), Assistant Professor of History, Bankura University, Bankura, Dr.Dulal Chandra Sen (Chair of the Session), Coordinator, IQAC, Durgapur Women's College, and Ms. Bidisha Halder, Research Associate, the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies. Flower bouquets and mementoes were presented to all the dignitaries for their felicitation. A seminar kit (executive folder with writing pad and pen)was presented to all the resource persons.

The session commenced after a vedic chant "sangachchadhyamsanvadadhyam" presented by the students of Durgapur Women's College and lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries as per traditional Indian protocol. After that the opening song "O Amar DesherMati" was sung by students of Durgapur Women's College. Then there was an enlightening opening speech by Dr. Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College who outlined the vision of the entire event and the relevance of the seminar for the youth of today's generation. Then the session of the seminar began with an introduction to the resources persons by the chair, Dr. Sen.Dr. Sandip Basu Sarbadhikary, Professor, Department of History, Visva-Bharati elaborated on the contribution of the unsung heroes of the Revolutionary Movement in Bengal, especially focusing upon the contribution of women to the said movement. He also emphasized upon the necessity of looking at the history of this movement not from an elitist point of view, but from the bottom up.Dr. Tista Das. Assistant Professor in History, Bankura University, delivered an insightful lecture on the turbulent days of the Revolutionary movement, carefully mapping the ideological similarities as well as differences, between the different groups of revolutionaries. She also shed light on the literary and scriptural sources which inspired the revolutionary fervour amongst the fighters. After her speech there was a 10-minute question answer session which was vibrant with insightful conversations and deliberations between the speakers and the audience. Lunch break was announced after that. There lunch packets for all the attendees, and special lunch packets for the esteemed speakers.

In the post lunch session, Ms. Bidisha Halder, Research Associate, the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies spoke on the vision and mission of the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies. She informed that the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) was founded in 2010 with a commitment to study the social and cultural issues at right context on the basis of their historical and geographical position thereby promoting social and national integration with an approach to international understanding. She stressed on the ways in which the ISCS has been promoting social and national integration through positive action for integration of all sections of people including the deprived sections; preserving and arranging for documentation of heritage that devolves by right of inheritance both tangible and intangible irrespective of country or race; preserving and developing geocultural areassuch as the Himalayas, Far South, South-East Asia, Central Asia; promoting research and academic activities across India and so on since its commencement.

After that Dr. Anirban Bandopadhyay, Associate Professor of History, School of Tribal Culture, Philosophy and Eco-spiritualism, Kalimga Institute of Social Science, Bhubaneswar, spoke in-depth on the Indian Revolutionary Ananta Lal Singh who participated in the Chittagong armoury raid and later founded a far-left radical communist group, the Revolutionary Communist Council of India. Shri Sachin Thakkar, Ditector, Triple A Solutions Private Ltd. spoke about the nationalistic strain so often overlooked in the works and ideologies of Swami Vivekananda. He analysed Swami Ji's speeches and writings to foreground his intense commitment to the spirit of the nationalist movement ,while at the same time charting a different path away from that of the mainstream revolutionary figures. After his speech there was a 15-minute question answer session which was vibrant with

insightful conversations and deliberations between the speakers and the audience. Tea and biscuits were served during this time.

The session ended with a vote of thanks given by Dr. AmitayuChakraborty (Convenor) who duly expressed his gratitude to Dr. Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College, Professor (Dr.) Sandip Basu Sarbadhikary (Speaker/Resource History, Person), Department Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, Dr.Anirban Bandyopadhyay(Speaker/Resource Person), Associate Professor of History, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneshwar, Odissa, Shri Sachin Thakkar (Speaker/Resource Person), Director, Triple A Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, and Dr. Tista Das (Speaker/Resource Person), Assistant Professor of History, Bankura University, Bankura, Dr. Dulal Chandra Sen (Chair of the Session), Coordinator, IQAC, Durgapur Women's College. Besides, Dr. Chakraborty thanked all the teachers, non-teaching staff and students of Durgapur Women's College for their relentless efforts for the programmes. Furthermore, Dr. Chakraborty thanked Shri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, and Dr. Pradipta Roy (Coordinator), for extending their guidance and support for all the events. The seminar was followed by prize distribution ceremony in which the rank-holders of Inter-College Essay-Writing Competition, Inter-College Poster-Making Competition and Inter-College Debate Competition were awarded prizes and certificates by the dignitaries present.

## **Highlights:**

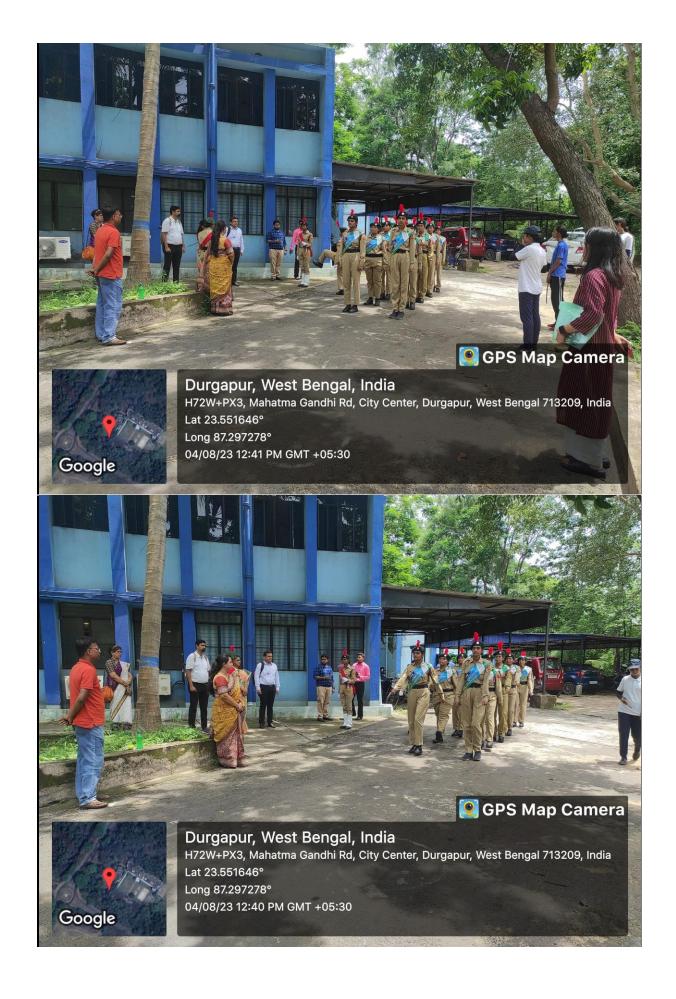
Total No. of Participants: 196

Total No. of Food Packets Distributed: 220 (Lunch Packets-190, Special Lunch Packets-10; Tiffin Packets for Media and Student Volunteers: 20)



































## 6. Cultural Programme

## Date- 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## Venue: Auditorium, Durgapur Women's College, Durgapur, West Bengal

A cultural programme was enthusiastically put up by the students of Durgapur Women's College. It was organised by Dr. Amitayu Chakraborty (Convenor), Assistant Professor of English, Durgapur Women's College, and Dr.Mukta Singsarder(Jt. Convenor), Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Durgapur Women's College, along with all the teachers, non-teaching staff members, and student-volunteers of Durgapur Women's College, under the leadership of Dr.Mahananda Kanjilal (Patron), Principal, Durgapur Women's College. Prof. Manimala Ghosh, Associate Professor of Political Science, Durgapur Women's College, was the Coordinator of the programme. The programme comprised singing and dancing performances complemented by recitations. Students wholeheartedly took part in the programme with a robust patriotic zeal that resonated with the theme of the programme AzadiKaAmritMahotsav-Krantiteertha. The following is the detail of the programme:

Serial No.	Performance	Participants
1	DhonoDhanney(Song)	ShreyaGanguly, SuparnaGhosh, Sneha Roy, ArpitaKewra, Sagarika Das, SangitaMondal, Doeldan, AminaKhatun
2	BandeMataram (Dance)	Shailayee Bhattacharya, ShyamaJha, RitikaModak
3	Freedom (Recitation)	Anjali Barnwal
4	MuktiroMandiro (Song)	SuparnaGhosh, ShreyaGanguly, Sneha Roy, ArpitaKewra, Sagarika Das, SangitaMondal, Doeldan, AminaKhatun
5	Sei Sob Swapno (Recitation)	SoumoritaKundu
6	KararOiLouhoKopat (Dance)	Reshmi Banerjee, AnushikhaGhatak,AnanyaBanerjee,DivyaChakrabo rty, Piyali Paul
7	SarthokJanam (Recitation)	SupaliMondal
8	AeWatan,BharatHumkoJansePyaraHai, Teri Mitti, Lehra Do (Hindi Song_Mashup)	AminaKhatun, AnkitaKumari, SwetaThapa, SoumyaBharti
9	Bidrohi (Recitation)	SupaliMondal and SomwritaKundu
10	BhaggaBidhata (Dance)	Shailayee Bhattacharya, RitikaModak, ShyamaJha, Pradipta Das, PayelSadhukhan









## **Publicity of the Events**

## **Media Coverage of the Events:**

Doordarshan Kendra Santiniketan: https://fb.watch/mNBgXATme3/

Express News: <a href="https://fb.watch/mNBqYhlySp/">https://fb.watch/mNBqYhlySp/</a>

TVNews10: <a href="https://fb.watch/mNDajgQIJw/?mibextid=Nif5oz">https://fb.watch/mNDajgQIJw/?mibextid=Nif5oz</a>

SamajHitaishiDigital: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atKZLxiiDJI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atKZLxiiDJI</a>

*KarnaphulirDhaare* (Newspaper):

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LCW India: <a href="https://fb.watch/mNCAjvABKq/?mibextid=Nif5oz">https://fb.watch/mNCAjvABKq/?mibextid=Nif5oz</a>

## Videos posted on Youtube Channel of Durgapur Women's College

AzadiKaAmritMahotsav---Krantiteertha Promotional Video:https://youtu.be/hw44n8J\_7Zc?si=NfalgHC8XwhC9P-9

Seminar and Cultural Programme:

https://youtube.com/shorts/7jYTv\_pQxB4?si=eEo\_SPU1ZC5ITzXG

Cycle Rally: <a href="https://youtube.com/shorts/VJneRZWoMz8?si=yOGaXhQiVyf\_LqHk">https://youtube.com/shorts/VJneRZWoMz8?si=yOGaXhQiVyf\_LqHk</a>

Cultural Programme: https://youtube.com/shorts/ED6wLrsyuig?si=bR8jzJFXA4pll-rx

Inter-College Debate Competition:

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Inter-College Essay-Writing Competition:

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Inter-College Poster-Making Competition:

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Stage Decoration and Rehearsal for the Cultural Programme:

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Inter-College Poster-Making Competition:

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Inter-College Debate

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Memento Presented to Professor (Dr.) Debashis Banerjee, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KaziNazrul University:

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