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Academic Session 2022-2023

Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Topic	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
08.08.2022	Baishe Srabon	Kusume Kusume Charano Chinho Diye Jao	Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Sanskrit, New Alipore College. With Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	New Alipore College	65

Baishe Srabon (Kusume Kusume Charano Chinho Diye Jao)

Commemorating Rabindranath Tagore's Death Anniversary

A cultural program titled “Kusume Kusume Charano Chihno Diye Jao” to commemorate the death anniversary of the legendary poet and polymath Rabindranath Tagore was organized at New Alipore College on 8th August, 2022. The event aimed to pay tribute to Tagore's immense contributions to literature, music, and art and foster a deeper appreciation for his works. The program was organized jointly by the departments of Sanskrit, Bengali, Journalism and Mass Communication, and Philosophy of New Alipore College in collaboration with Hiaralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, Kolkata.

The event witnessed active participation from students and teachers of both New Alipore College and Hiaralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, creating an atmosphere of reverence and celebration.

The program showcased a range of captivating cultural performances that showcased the influence and brilliance of Rabindranath Tagore. Students from various departments showcased their talents through music, dance, recitations, and theatrical presentations. The performances included soulful renditions of Rabindra Sangeet, recitations of his poetry, and dance performances depicting the themes and emotions found in Tagore's works.

The performances not only entertained the audience but also offered a glimpse into the depth and versatility of Tagore's creative genius.

Tributes and Speeches:

Prominent faculty members and guest speakers delivered speeches highlighting the significance of Rabindranath Tagore's legacy. They shed light on his contributions to literature, music, and social reforms, as well as his enduring impact on Indian culture and beyond. The speeches emphasized the need to preserve and propagate Tagore's ideals and philosophies for future generations.

The audience, comprising students, faculty members, and invited guests, actively participated in the program. The attendees joined in singing Rabindra Sangeet, recited verses from Tagore's poetry, and expressed their admiration for his works. The event fostered a sense of unity and appreciation for the cultural heritage associated with Rabindranath Tagore.

The program commemorating Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary was a fitting tribute to one of India's most celebrated literary figures. Through an array of cultural performances, heartfelt speeches, and enthusiastic audience engagement, the event successfully conveyed the profound impact and everlasting relevance of Tagore's creations.

The collaboration between the departments of Sanskrit, Bengali, Journalism and Mass Communication, and Philosophy from New Alipore College, along with the support of Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, (an MoU activity) facilitated a memorable and engaging program that honored Rabindranath Tagore's enduring legacy.

The event served as a reminder of Tagore's profound influence on literature, music, and art, inspiring present and future generations to appreciate and uphold his values. It reinforced the importance of preserving and propagating the rich cultural heritage associated with Rabindranath Tagore.

The organizing committee would like to express their gratitude to all the participants, faculty members, and the collaborating institutions for their valuable contributions to the success of the program.

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Aṣṭāṅgayoga	07.11.2022	Students' Seminar	Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	52

Report of the Students' Seminar on Aṣṭāṅgayoga

Description :

The following program have been organized by the Department of Sanskrit and Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College with Hiralal Mazumder Memorial College For Women, under the MoU program on 7th November, 2022 at 12pm-1:30pm.

Objective:

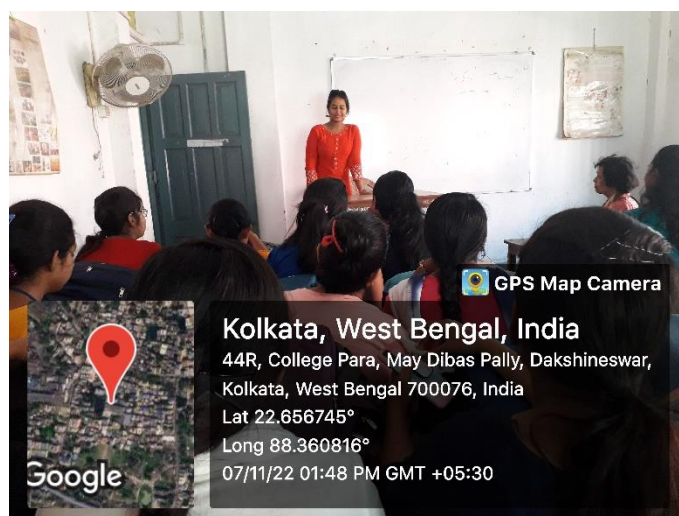
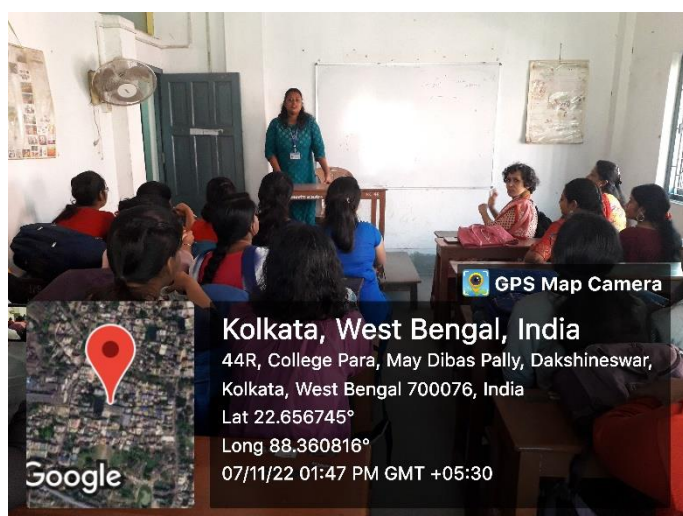
The seminar would aim to achieve the following objectives:

- To provide students with an opportunity to share their research, ideas, or perspectives on “Aṣṭamgayoga”_ To encourage students to develop and improve their communication and presentation skills.
- To foster critical thinking and analytical skills by engaging in discussion and debate with peers and experts.
- To promote collaboration and networking among students and faculty members.
- To showcase the achievements and contributions of students to the academic community.
- To inspire students to pursue further research and academic pursuits in their field of interest.
- To encourage creativity and innovation among students.
- To develop leadership skills and confidence in students by organizing and coordinating the seminar.

Outcome:

By the end of the seminar, attendees will have a clear understanding of the following:

- Students learn new information, gain new insights, and deepen their understanding of a particular subject.
- Seminars often require students to analyze and evaluate information, which help them develop their critical thinking skills.
- Increased confidence
- Improved research
- Opportunities for feedback and evaluation - Students who participate in seminars may receive feedback and evaluation from their instructors which can help them identify areas for improvement and build on their strengths.
- Exposure to different perspectives
- Increased engagement and motivation.



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“Hetvābhāsa following Tarkasamgraha”	19.11.2022	Seminar	Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women		30

Report of the Seminar on “Hetvābhāsa following Tarkasamgraha”

Description:-

The following program have been organized by the Department of Sanskrit and Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College with Hiralal Mazumder Memorial College For Women, under the MoU program on 19th November,2022 at 2pm-3:30pm.

Objective:

The objective of the seminar on Hetvabhasa following Tarkasamgraha is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the concept of Hetvabhasa and its application in logical reasoning.

Outcome:

By the end of the seminar, attendees will have a clear understanding of the following:

- The definition and types of Hetvabhasa.
- The distinction between Hetvabhasa and other types of logical fallacies.
- The methodology of identifying Hetvabhasa.
- The application of Hetvabhasa in practical scenarios.

Attendees will also learn about the historical context of Hetvabhasa and its significance in the development of Indian logic. The seminar will be conducted by Professor Sandhya Saren, an expert in Indian philosophy and logic. Overall, attendees will gain valuable insights into the application of Hetvabhasa in logical reasoning, which can be applied in various fields, including philosophy, law, and science.

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Tarkasaṃgraha, Indian Ethics, Philosophy of Religion	06.12.2022	Faculty exchange	Department of Philosophy , New Alipore College and Women's Christian College	6 th & 7 th December: New Alipore College	30
	09.12.2022			8 th & 9 th December: Women's Christian College	

Detailed Report of the Faculty Exchange Program

The Faculty Exchange Program held during the academic session 2022-2023 brought together scholars and experts in the fields of Indian Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, and Tarkasaṃgraha. The program was a collaborative effort between the Department of Philosophy at New Alipore College and Women's Christian College. This report presents an overview of the activities conducted during the program, the names of the participating faculty members, and the themes they covered.

- **Objectives:**

The primary objective of the Faculty Exchange Program was

- to foster interdisciplinary discussions and knowledge sharing among scholars specializing in Indian Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, and Tarkasaṃgraha.
- By bringing together experts from different institutions, the program aimed to promote cross-institutional collaboration, encourage diverse perspectives, and deepen the understanding of these philosophical domains.

- **Activities:**

6th & 7th December: New Alipore College

The program commenced on the 6th of December at New Alipore College, with two engaging sessions led by prominent faculty members. Prof. Jayita Dutta presented on the topic of "Indian Ethics (Bramhabiharvabna)," exploring the intricacies of ethical principles and moral values as they are deeply rooted in Indian philosophical thought. Prof. Sonali Paul delved into the subject of "Philosophy of Religion (universal religion)," analyzing the concept of universal religion and its implications on religious diversity and harmony.

- 8th & 9th December: Women's Christian College

The program continued on the 8th and 9th of December at Women's Christian College. Prof. Sikha Mukherjee led the discussions on "Tarkasaṃgraha (perception, sannikarsha)," providing insights into the philosophical aspects of perception and its role in shaping our understanding of reality. This session deepened the participants' understanding of Tarkasaṃgraha, a significant concept within Indian philosophy.

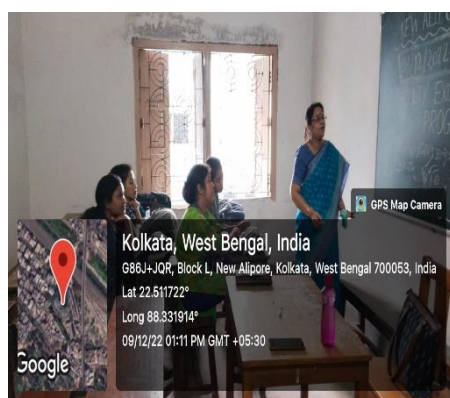
- **Participants:**

The Faculty Exchange Program witnessed the active participation of 30 scholars and experts from various academic institutions. The program's diverse participant pool added richness to the discussions and ensured a comprehensive exploration of the chosen topics.

Key Takeaways:

- **Interdisciplinary Learning:** The program successfully bridged the gap between different philosophical domains, encouraging scholars to explore intersections between Indian Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, and Tarkasangraha.
- **Cultural Exchange:** The collaboration between New Alipore College and Women's Christian College provided a platform for scholars to exchange not only academic ideas but also cultural perspectives, fostering mutual respect and understanding.
- **In-depth Exploration:** Each session provided an in-depth exploration of the chosen topic, enhancing participants' understanding of key concepts and their implications in various contexts.
- **Networking:** The program facilitated networking opportunities, allowing scholars to connect, share their research interests, and potentially lay the foundation for future collaborative projects.
- **Knowledge Dissemination:** The discussions and presentations during the program contributed to the dissemination of knowledge beyond individual institutions, reaching a wider audience interested in philosophy and related disciplines.

Geo-tagged Photos of the Programme



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“Padārtha in vaiśeṣika Philosophy”	13.12.2022	Seminar	Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women	46

Report of the Seminar on “Padārtha in vaiśeṣika Philosophy”

Objectives of the Seminar:

1. To provide an in-depth understanding of the concept of Padārtha in vaiśeṣika philosophy.
2. To examine the different categories of Padārtha and their interrelationships.
3. To discuss the significance of Padārtha in the context of other Indian philosophical traditions.
4. To encourage critical thinking and engagement with the text and ideas of vaiśeṣika philosophy.
5. To foster a deeper appreciation of the rich intellectual heritage of Indian philosophy and its relevance for contemporary issues.

Description of the Seminar:

On 13th December 2022, the Department of Philosophy and Sanskrit, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women organized a seminar on the topic of "Padārtha in Vaiśeṣika Philosophy." The event was held at Hiralal Mazumdar Memorial College for Women, and the speaker was Prof. Bhaswati Dutta from the Department of Sanskrit at New Alipore College.

The seminar focused on the concept of Padārtha, which is a fundamental concept in the Vaiśeṣika school. Padārtha can be translated to mean "categories" and it is used to describe the basic building blocks of the universe. According to Vaiśeṣika philosophy, there are six Padārthas: substance, quality, action, generality, particularity, and inherence.

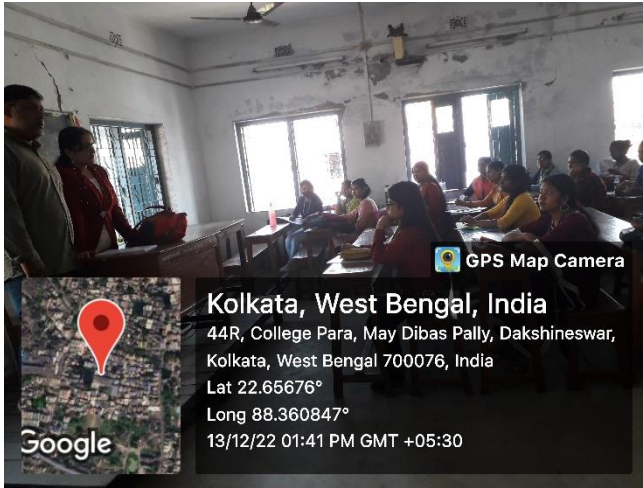
Prof. Bhaswati Dutta began her lecture by providing a brief overview of Vaiśeṣika philosophy and its key concepts. She then delved into a detailed discussion of Padārtha, exploring the meaning of each of the six categories and their interrelationships. Prof. Dutta explained how these categories help us to understand the nature of reality and the workings of the universe.

The seminar was well-attended by students and faculty. The participants engaged in lively discussions and debates, sharing their thoughts and opinions on the topic. The event provided a valuable platform for intellectual exchange and reflection, allowing attendees to gain a deeper understanding of Vaiśeṣika philosophy and its significance.

The event provided an opportunity for students to engage in a meaningful discussion about one of the fundamental concepts in Indian philosophy. Prof. Bhaswati Dutta's lecture was informative and thought-provoking, and the seminar as a whole was an enriching experience for all who attended.

Outcomes of the Seminar:

1. The seminar highlighted the importance of Padārtha, which refers to the categories of existence, in understanding the Vaiśeṣika school of thought.
2. The speakers at the seminar presented various interpretations of Padārtha and its significance in the Vaiśeṣika system.
3. They discussed the six categories of Padārtha, namely substance, quality, action, generality, particularity, and inherence, and their interrelationships.
4. The seminar also explored the relationship between Padārtha and other concepts in Vaiśeṣika philosophy, such as atomism, causality, and epistemology.
5. The discussions at the seminar highlighted the relevance of Vaiśeṣika philosophy in contemporary debates and its potential for enriching our understanding of the nature of reality.



Prof. Bhaswati Dutta, Department of Sanskrit, New Alipore College

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'Partition Literature'	04.01.2023	Special Lecture	Dept. of English, Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Economics, Dept. of Sanskrit, New Alipore College. With Muralidhar Girls' College	New Alipore College	47

Report of the Special Lecture on 'Partition Literature'

The special lecture on "Partition Literature" held at New Alipore College on the 4th of January, 2023, proved to be an insightful and thought-provoking event. The lecture aimed to explore the profound impact of the partition of India on its literary landscape and featured esteemed speakers: Prof. Baidyanath Baskey, Dr. Indrani Raha, and Prof. Mauli Sanyal.

The event saw an enthusiastic participation of 47 attendees, including students, faculty members, and literature enthusiasts from both within and outside the college. The lecture hall buzzed with anticipation as participants eagerly awaited the insights that the speakers would share.

Prof. Baidyanath Baskey commenced the session by delving into the historical context and shared how the partition had influenced the narratives of many writers. He highlighted how literature often becomes a medium for processing complex historical events and emotions.

Dr. Indrani Raha took the stage next, discussing the varying perspectives of partition in literature. She brought to light how different authors had portrayed the socio-political turmoil of that time, showcasing the diverse ways in which writers had responded to the event.

The final speaker, Prof. Mauli Sanyal, offered an analysis of the thematic motifs that emerged in partition literature. She explored themes of displacement, identity crisis, and human resilience, drawing connections between fictional stories and the real-life experiences of individuals affected by the partition.

The audience was highly engaged throughout the lecture, posing insightful questions and engaging in lively discussions during the interactive session that followed the talks. The speakers' erudition and the depth of their analysis kept the participants engrossed. In conclusion, the special lecture on "Partition Literature" was a resounding success, providing attendees with a deeper understanding of how literature serves as a means of processing historical events and emotions. The

event's success was not only due to the esteemed speakers but also the active participation of the 47 attendees who demonstrated a keen interest in the topic. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Baidyanath Baskey, Dr. Indrani Raha, and Prof. Mauli Sanyal for sharing their knowledge and insights. The event proved to be an enriching experience for all, underscoring the significance of exploring literature's role in shaping our understanding of history.

Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
08.02.2023	Educational Excursions	Dept.of Philosophy, Sanskrit, Journalism, New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar College	Visit International Kolkata Book Fair 2023	50

Detailed Report of Collaborative Excursion at International Kolkata Book Fair 2023

Introduction:

The Department of Philosophy, Sanskrit, Journalism from New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar College jointly organized an educational excursion to the International Kolkata Book Fair 2023. The excursion took place on February 8, 2023, and aimed to provide students with a unique opportunity to explore the diverse literary landscape showcased at the event. A total of 50 participants, including students and faculty members, participated in the excursion.

Objectives:

The primary objectives of the educational excursion were as follows:

- **Cultural Enrichment:** To expose students to the literary and cultural diversity represented at the International Kolkata Book Fair.
- **Educational Engagement:** To engage students in intellectual discussions and interactions related to various genres of literature, philosophy, and journalism.
- **Exploration of Publishing Trends:** To help students understand current trends in publishing, digital media, and journalism through interactions with industry professionals.
- **Networking Opportunities:** To provide students with opportunities to network with authors, publishers, and experts in various fields.
- **Promotion of Reading Habits:** To encourage a love for reading and promote the habit of reading among students.

Activities:

The educational excursion was a full-day event that included a range of activities designed to meet the objectives mentioned above:

- **Inaugural Session:** The participants attended the inaugural session of the International Kolkata Book Fair, where eminent personalities from the literary world and publishing industry delivered speeches on the importance of literature and the impact of books on society.
- **Author Interactions:** Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to attend interactive sessions with renowned authors, poets, and scholars from different fields. These sessions provided insights into the creative process, inspiration behind their works, and the role of literature in shaping society.
- **Publisher Exhibits:** The participants explored various publisher stalls showcasing a diverse collection of books, including fiction, non-fiction, academic literature, and magazines. Students engaged with publishers and gained insight into the publishing industry's dynamics and trends.
- **Literary Discussions:** Faculty members organized small-group discussions on specific topics related to philosophy, Sanskrit literature, and journalism. These discussions encouraged students to critically analyze and express their thoughts on the subjects.
- **Media and Journalism Workshops:** Journalism students participated in workshops conducted by media professionals, gaining practical insights into reporting, editing, and digital journalism. These workshops bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.
- **Cultural Performances:** The fair also hosted cultural performances, including poetry readings, musical performances, and storytelling sessions. These performances added a vibrant cultural dimension to the event and showcased the fusion of literature and the arts.

Collaborative Efforts:

The excursion was a collaborative effort between the Department of Philosophy, Sanskrit, Journalism from both New Alipore College and Hiralal Mazumdar College. The joint efforts ensured a comprehensive and diverse experience for the participants, as they were able to engage with a wider range of literary genres and perspectives.

Impact and Benefits:

The educational excursion to the International Kolkata Book Fair 2023 had several positive impacts on the participants:

- **Enhanced Cultural Awareness:** Students were exposed to the cultural diversity represented in literature and gained a deeper understanding of different perspectives through interactions with authors and scholars.
- **Broadened Horizons:** The excursion broadened students' horizons by introducing them to genres and topics they might not have explored otherwise. It encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones and engage with new ideas.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Students had the chance to network with authors, publishers, and professionals in the field of journalism. These connections could potentially benefit their future careers.
- **Practical Insights:** Journalism students gained practical insights into the world of media through workshops and interactions with industry experts. This hands-on experience complemented their academic knowledge.
- **Promotion of Reading Culture:** The excursion fostered a love for reading among students by exposing them to a wide range of books. It encouraged them to embrace reading as a lifelong habit.
- **Interdisciplinary Learning:** The collaboration between departments enabled interdisciplinary learning, as students from different academic backgrounds engaged in meaningful discussions and shared their unique perspectives.

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Topic	Year of Activities	Name of Activities	Collaborative Institution	Venue	Number of Participants
'Literature That Inspire Us To Fight The Odds'	23.02.2023	Special Lecture	Dept. of English, Dept. of Bengali, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Economics, Dept. of Sanskrit, New Alipore College. With Muralidhar Girls' College	New Alipore College	49

Report of the Special Lecture on ‘Literature That Inspire Us To Fight The Odds’

The special lecture on "Literature that Inspires Us to Fight The Odds" held at New Alipore College on the 23rd of February, 2023, was a resounding success, drawing a diverse audience of 49 participants including students, faculty members, and literature enthusiasts.

The lecture aimed to explore the transformative power of literature in motivating individuals to overcome challenges and adversities. The three distinguished speakers - Dr. Aniruddha Kar, Prof. Sumanta Bandopadhyay, and Prof. Victor Mukherjee - brought their unique insights to the theme.

Dr. Aniruddha Kar began the session by emphasizing the importance of stories that depict resilience and determination in the face of adversity. He shared examples from classic and contemporary literature, highlighting characters who have inspired readers with their ability to rise above life's challenges.

Prof. Sumanta Bandopadhyay followed, shedding light on how literature often mirrors real-life struggles, providing readers with relatable narratives. He discussed the ways in which such literature serves as a source of courage, instilling the belief that challenges can indeed be overcome.

The final speaker, Prof. Victor Mukherjee, discussed the cultural and social impact of literature that focuses on overcoming odds. He presented a selection of literary works that exemplify the strength of the human spirit, fostering a sense of empowerment among readers.

The interactive session that followed the talks was particularly engaging, with participants asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own experiences of finding inspiration in literature during difficult times. The event truly encapsulated the essence of resilience and unity.

In conclusion, the special lecture on "Literature that Inspires Us to Fight The Odds" was a testament to the profound influence of literature in shaping our attitudes towards challenges. The participation of 49 individuals from diverse backgrounds showcased the universal appeal of literature's motivational potential.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed speakers - Dr. Aniruddha Kar, Prof. Sumanta Bandopadhyay, and Prof. Victor Mukherjee - for their enlightening insights.

This event highlighted the importance of literature in fostering a sense of hope and determination, enriching the lives of those who engage with it.