

Report on the Special Talk on “Character Building and Man Making Education”

The Cell for Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS Cell), in collaboration with the Department of Sanskrit and the Department of Philosophy, New Alipore College, organized a special talk on “Character Building and Man Making Education” on 28th December 2025 at 4:00 PM.

The session was delivered by Swami Hitakamananda Ji Maharaj, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Siliguri. The speaker emphasized the importance of education not merely as a means of acquiring information, but as a process of shaping human character and developing moral strength. Drawing inspiration from the ideals of Swami Vivekananda, he discussed the role of discipline, self-confidence, ethical values, and spiritual awareness in building responsible individuals and a healthy society.

Students and faculty members attended the programme with keen interest and actively engaged with the ideas presented during the session. The lecture provided meaningful insights into value-based education and the relevance of Indian philosophical traditions in contemporary life.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks extended to the speaker and all participants for making the event successful.

Special Lecture on “Heritage and Forest Management”

The Heritage Study Centre and IKS Cell of New Alipore College, in collaboration with the Department of Bengali and the Department of Sanskrit, organized a special lecture on “Heritage and Forest Management” on 12th February 2026 at Room No. 309.

The lecture was delivered by Prof. Shiv Pratap Singh, Faculty of Environment and Developmental Economics, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Kurseong Campus, Darjeeling, West Bengal. Dr. Jaydeep Sarengi, Principal of New Alipore College, graced the occasion as the Chief Patron.

In his lecture, Prof. Singh highlighted the interconnectedness between cultural heritage and environmental conservation. He discussed the significance of forests in sustaining ecological balance and preserving indigenous knowledge systems and traditional practices. The speaker also addressed contemporary environmental challenges and stressed the need for sustainable forest management policies rooted in both scientific understanding and traditional wisdom.

Faculty members, students, and participants from different departments attended the lecture enthusiastically. The interactive session encouraged thoughtful discussions on environmental ethics, conservation practices, and the role of heritage in ecological awareness.

The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks to the speaker and organizers for conducting an enriching academic session.

Special Lecture on “Contemporaneous Benefaction of Jainism Towards Indian Knowledge System”

The SC/ST/OBC Minority Cell, in collaboration with the Cell for Indian Knowledge Systems, Heritage Study Centre, Women’s Cell, and IQAC of New Alipore College, organized a special

lecture on “Contemporaneous Benefaction of Jainism Towards Indian Knowledge System” on 30th April 2025 at 12:30 PM in Conference Room 309.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. Namrata Kothari, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, South Calcutta Girls’ College, Kolkata.

Dr. Kothari elaborated on the philosophical foundations of Jainism and its enduring contribution to the Indian Knowledge System. She discussed the relevance of Jain principles such as ahimsa, aparigraha, and anekantavada in contemporary society. The lecture further explored the influence of Jain thought on ethics, social harmony, environmental consciousness, and intellectual traditions in India.

The event witnessed active participation from students and faculty members across departments. The audience appreciated the scholarly yet accessible presentation, which opened up meaningful discussions on the continuing relevance of Jain philosophy in modern times.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks acknowledging the valuable contribution of the speaker and the efforts of all organizing bodies.

Special Lecture and Poetry Reading Session “Writing Poetry in Keralascapes”

The IKS Cell and Heritage Study Centre of New Alipore College, in collaboration with the Departments of Bengali, Philosophy, History, and Sanskrit, organized a special lecture and poetry reading session titled “Writing Poetry in Keralascapes” on 4th February at 3:00 PM in Room No. 309.

The session was conducted by noted poet Gopikrishnan Kottoor. The speaker shared his literary experiences and reflected on the cultural, ecological, and emotional landscapes of Kerala that inspire his poetry. Through readings from his works, he introduced the audience to themes of nature, memory, identity, and regional sensibility.

The lecture also explored the relationship between landscape and literary imagination, emphasizing how local culture and lived experiences shape poetic expression. Students and faculty members participated enthusiastically and interacted with the poet during the discussion session.

The programme created a vibrant literary atmosphere and offered participants an opportunity to engage directly with contemporary Indian English poetry and creative expression.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks to the poet and all attendees for their enthusiastic participation.