

## **REPORT ON A HALF-DAY LECTURE SESSION**

*Organized by*

**Department of Political Science and Department of Economics, Khudiram Bose Central College**

**With Internal Quality Assurance Cell**

**In Collaboration with**

**Bengal Institute of Political Studies (BIPS)**

**On**

**POLITICAL ECONOMY IN SOUTH ASIA**

**17<sup>TH</sup> December 2022, 2 pm Onwards**

The Half Day Lecture Session was preceded by two events in the College. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Khudiram Bose Central College and Bengal Institute of Political Studies on the same day. The MoU has enabled the holding of joint events in the future by both institutions. Bengal Institute of Political Studies is an academic organization, with brilliant scholars and eminent professors of social sciences. Dr. Shilpa Nandy, HoD of the Department of Political Science, is also a Trustee of BIPS and has played a significant part in the fruition of this endeavor.

Students of the Department of Political Science presented their annual Departmental Wall Magazine on this day. The students created two projects. Keeping the occasion of "Azadi ka Mahaotsav" in mind, students created the Indian Geographical Map along with pictures of freedom fighters from every state and union territory. The second project by the students involved a representation of the evolution of the Indian flag. Representatives from BIPS visited the Department along with Departmental teachers and other faculty of the College to view the Wall Magazine. After the reveal of the projects, students took the responsibility to explain the idea behind each concept of the Wall Magazine, how they created it, and its importance today. Faculty of the department and students were actively involved in the creation of these projects.

The Half-Day lecture session was on the topic of, "Political Economy in South Asia". The session began with a short speech by the Principal, KBCC, welcoming the speakers and the students to the lecture. Dr. Shilpa Nandy then introduced the speakers and felicitations of the guests was done. The lecture itself was divided into two sessions. Eminent speakers of the lecture session included Professor Rajkumar Kothari, Professor Biswanath Chakraborty, Professor Dipankar Sinha, Professor Raja Gopal Dhar Chakraborty, and Dr. Abhishek Karmakar. The first session was chaired by Professor Biswanath Chakraborty (Department of Political Science, RBU) and the speakers were Professor Dipankar Sinha (Department of Political Science, CU), Professor Raja Gopal Dhar Chakraborti (Southeast Asian Studies, CU) and Professor Raj Kumar Kothari (Department of Political Science, Diamond Harbour Women's University). The second session was chaired by Professor Raj Kumar Kothari and the speaker was Professor Kausik Gupta (Department of Economics, CU). Dr. Abhishek Karmakar (Galsi Mahavidyalaya) acted as the Discussant of this session. After an energetic Q and A session with the students, the Vote of Thanks was delivered by Supreeta Mehta, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, KBCC.

The half-day lecture was completed successfully with the hope that such engaging academic collaborations become more frequent in the near future.

**Pictures of the Day**

