

Imbibing Tagore | 9th May, 2022
A Distinguished Talk by Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta *on*
“A Patriot: Not a Nationalist? Rabindranath Tagore and the Idea of India”
Organised by Department of English, Guru Nanak College, Dhanbad

A special talk on “Imbibing Tagore” was organized by the Department of English, Guru Nanak College, Dhanbad on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore’s birth anniversary. The theme of the lecture was “A Patriot: Not a Nationalist? Rabindranath Tagore and the Idea of India”, in which Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta was addressing the audience as the distinguished speaker. Dr Dasgupta is a well-known litterateur, critic, translator and poet of the country, besides being a distinguished member of the General Council and Advisory Board of the Sahitya Akademi.

Beginning her address, Prof. Sanjukta referred to Rabindranath's poem "The Sunset of the Century" which was published in 1899. She subtly established Tagore as a poet, as a noted intellectual and as a writer, and then discussed the difference between nationalism and patriotism. Presenting the nationalism and patriotism views of German philosopher Herder, Jürgen Habermas and K A Appiah, Prof. Dasgupta reached out to Tagore's point of view and pointed out the ill effects displayed by him. Rabindranath Tagore had an unwavering belief in universalism, due to which he also returned the knighthood. Prof Dasgupta said that Tagore always opposed the political concepts of nationalism and patriotism, due to which his ideas kept clashing with Gandhi. Referring many of Tagore's works, Prof Sanjukta finally established that Tagore was neither a nationalist nor a patriot – but a poet, pioneer of humanity and a warrior fighting all kinds of fear.

After the formal commencement of the program, the Principal of the College, Dr. Sanjay Prasad, while offering the welcome address, introduced the distinguished speaker. Prof Debjani Biswas, Dean Students Welfare of BBMK University also discussed Tagore's life and writings while addressing the speakers. During the program an interactive session was also conducted in which students asked some questions to the speaker. The event ended with the vote of thanks by the Head of the department, Prof. Amarjit Singh. The program was conceptualized and coordinated by Dr. Varsha Singh.

During the talk, Secretary of the Governing Body of the College Sardar Diljaun Singh Grewal and Prof. Purnendu Shekhar, Dr. Basudhara Roy from Jamshedpur and Dr. Himanshu Shekhar Choudhary from the Post Graduate Department of the University were also present. Prof. Deepak Kumar, Prof. Ranjana Das, Prof. Santosh Kumar, Dr. Meena Malkhandi, Dr. Nita Ojha, Prof. Daljit Singh, Prof. Chiranjit Adhikari, Prof. Piyush Aggarwal, Prof. Sonu Prasad, Prof. Sadhna Singh, Prof. Anuradha, Prof. Snehal Goswami, Ms. Ghanishtha Verma, Ms. Surabhi Kashyap along with all the teachers, non-teaching staff and students participated. Sadhan Mishra made a major contribution in the successful technical operation of the program.

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/N737lsJIu_4

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Dr. Varsha Singh

12:35-12:40pm
Welcome Address by the Principal
Dr. Sanjay Prasad

12:40-12:45pm
Introductory statements regarding the works of Tagore
by Dean, Students' Welfare (BBMKU),
Dr. Debjani Biswas

12:45-01:30pm
Talk by Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta
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01:30-01:45pm
Interactive Session

01:45-01:55pm
Concluding Remarks

01:55-02:00pm
End of program with a Vote of Thanks
Prof. Amarjit Singh

Painting Courtesy:
A painting of Rabindranath Tagore by Abanindranath Tagore
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Author of 23 books, Dr. Sanjukta Dasgupta, Professor and Former Head, Dept of English and Former Dean, Faculty of Arts, Calcutta University, is a poet, critic and translator. She is a member of the General Council of Sahitya Akademi New Delhi and Convenor, English Advisory Board, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. She received the WEI Kamala Das Poetry Award in 2020.

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