

Milli Al Ameen College (For Girls), a Government-aided Minority Institute, affiliated to the Calcutta University organised a one-day national level seminar on "Reimagining Modernism: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Beyond" on the 20th of December, 2023. Attended by more than 350 students from various departments, the impact that this seminar held was seminal. With a conscious intent to cater to students who have only recently been initiated into the discourse of Modernism, the seminar conveners (Jemima Nasrin, Trina Maitra, and Dr. Tasnima Yasmin) tried aligning the topics as closely as possible with the undergraduate syllabus. Under the patronage of the honourable Principal, Dr. Sunanda Haldar, and in collaboration with the IQAC, the English Department arranged for the lectures, where three distinguished speakers came together to share their invaluable insights on Modernism. The programme started at 12 noon with a welcome address by the respected Principal (Dr. Sunanda Haldar), followed by another brief speech by the esteemed Secretary (Mr. Md. Jahangir) of the college. The invited dignitaries included Dr. Subhadeep Ray, Associate Professor of Bidhan Chandra College, Asansol, Dr. Hasina Wahida, Assistant Professor from the Aliah University, Kolkata and Dr. Asijit Datta, Assistant Professor from the SRM University, Andhra Pradesh.

While Dr. Ray enlightened the audience on modernity and its mimetic spaces, Dr. Wahida, looked at Modernism beyond its temporal framework and correlated it with the development and experimentation taking place in South Asian literature. Dr. Datta, on the other hand, focused on how the public eye in this age of digitisation has completely encroached upon the private domain and how our private lives are becoming a fodder for public consumption.

The lectures were not only engaging but also compelled the audience to reassess, revise and reframe the contours of Modernism. The seminar managed to look at Modernism from a new lens, to reimagine it, and in Ezra Pound's terms, managed to "make it new".

The programme was wrapped up around 3 p.m. with a vote of thanks by Jemima Nasrin, HoD, English Department, Milli Al- Ameen College (For Girls).

Some of the glimpses of the seminar:



The Beginning of the Seminar



Prof. Subhadeep Ray in the interactive session

Prof. Hasina Wahida delivering her talk



Dr. Asijit Dutta addressing the listeners.



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