

Topic of the Webinar: *Deliberation on Akshay Kumar Dutta & Vidyasagar: Their Contemporary Relevance*

Date of the Webinar: 3rd-4th September 2020

Organizer: **Department of Bengali, Vidyasagar College for Women**

The links for the International Webinar are enclosed below:

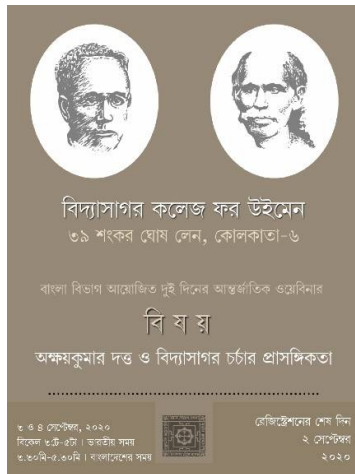
1. September 3, 2020: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ttgf3Zm70yQ>
2. September 4, 2020: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i0rqrUQkD8

On the auspicious occasion of the bicentenary of the two Bengali legends, Shri Akshay Kumar Dutta and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, the Department of Bengali under Vidyasagar College for Women, organized a two-day International Webinar (3-4 September 2020). The webinar began with opening remarks from the Principal of the college, Dr Rupali Chaudhuri, followed by welcome address from IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Tapan Roy. The first day of the webinar commenced with the speech delivered by renowned oncologist and researcher Dr. Shankar Nath, whose subject of deliberation was “Scientific Thinking of Akshay Kumar Dutta”. The second speaker, Shri Ashish Lahiri spoke on “Evolution of Philosophical Thinking of Akshay Kumar Dutta”. The last speaker on the first day of the webinar was Prof. Mohammed Saiful Islam from the Folklore Department of Kazi Nazrul Islam University at Mymensingh, Bangladesh. He spoke on “The role of Akshay Kumar Dutta in constructing the theoretical context of India’s freedom struggle against the British Rule.”

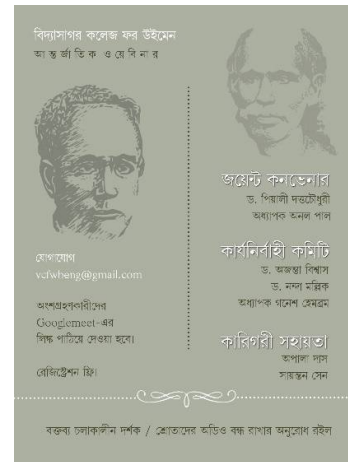
The second day of the two-day webinar was dedicated to the discussion on Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. The day began with the speech by Prof. Malini Bhattacharya, retired Professor of English Department and School of Women Studies, Jadavpur University, on the theme of “Public Awareness and Vidyasagar.” Thereafter, the discussion was taken forward by Prof. Santanu

Sarkar, Faculty of Bengali Department, Assam University. He deliberated on the topic entitled “Politics of Idol Worship and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.” The last speaker of the webinar, Prof Shakti Sadhan Mukhopadhyay, ex-secretary of Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, spoke on “19th century Humanitarianism and Vidyasagar.” The webinar ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof Piyali Dutta Chowdhury, Head of the Department of Bengali.

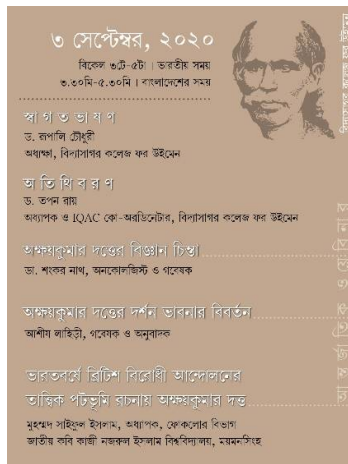
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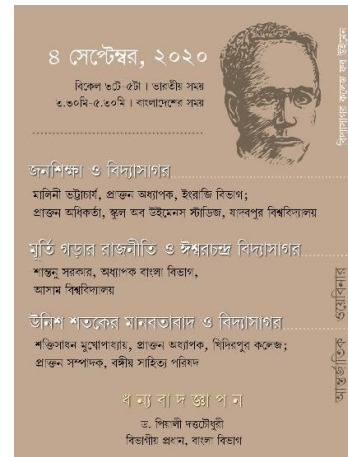
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Day 1: List of Speaker & Topics



Day 2- List of Speaker & Topics

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