

Research and Development Cell
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BANWARILAL BHALOTIA COLLEGE ASANSOL-713303

**Brief Report on “Combined Methods in Literary Research:
Problems and Possibilities”**

Held on: 1st September, 2022

The Research and Development Cell, in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Banwarilal Bhalotia College, Asansol-713303, organised a Seminar on “Combined Methods in Literary Research: Problems and Possibilities” on 1st September, 2022 from 11.30 AM.

We invited **Dr. Abhijit Sadhukhan**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Bengali, Kazi Nazrul University to speak on various facets of research methodology pertaining to literary studies. Dr. Sadhukhan is a member of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata. His major research Interests are: Medieval Bangla Literature and Religion, Medieval Indian Literature, Literary Aesthetics, Caste system in Bengal. Dr. Sadhukhan is helming a prestigious project on ‘Religion and Caste in an Industrial Town: An Ethnographic Study of Asansol’ under **UGC-STRIDE** at Kazi Nazrul University

Following is the link to the Letter of Invitation and his acceptance for the same:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TpjXISo_g9iXHlhBCxIMQ1QqlZYIfH2-/view?usp=sharing

Following is the link to the Brochure and programme schedule:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IVwthzdw0luNNsk9AvoqhQ5DTM_XnwYi/view?usp=sharing

Around **65** participants comprising of academicians, professors, teachers, researchers, students, and independent educationists registered for the seminar.

Following is the link to the Registered Participants:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xLsxchOrOTd9QW0DPxuLb1fEjNtkneqErvuIJf8yFsk/edit#gid=475207398>

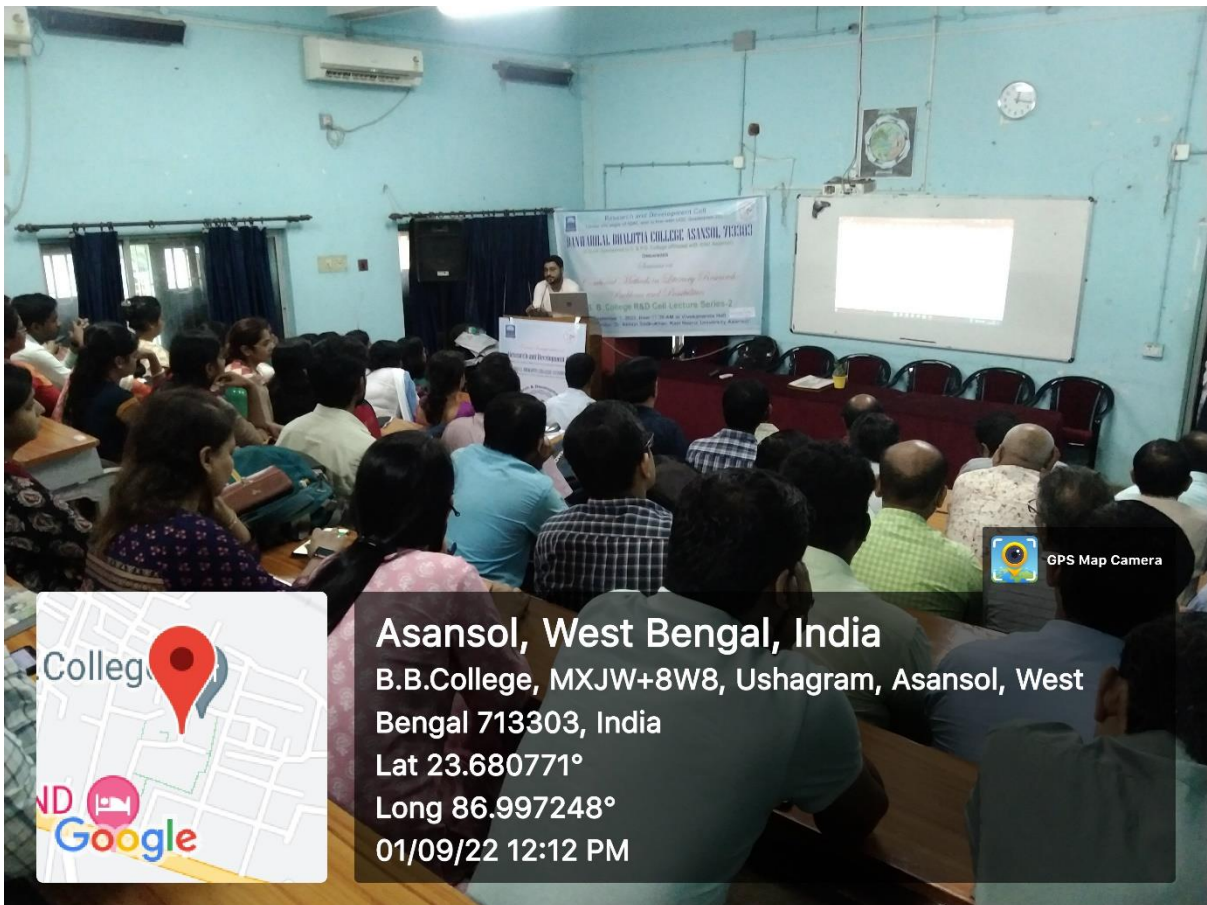
- **A summary of the events in chronological order as they happened on the day of the seminar:** There was one technical session in this Seminar followed by an interactive session. The seminar opened with the inaugural session with a welcome note from the anchor who also introduced the speaker. The speaker delivered his lecture and next the moderator as well as the convenor of the seminar made a few comments and raised a

question. Next, we had a very lively interactive session between the audience and the speaker. Thereafter, one of our joint secretaries presented the vote of thanks and formally concluded the seminar.

Around 77 people attended the seminar. The seminar was conducted with active and unconditional efforts of all our esteemed committee members (as provided in the brochure). The response of the audience was encouraging as they raised several pertinent questions and came up with interesting comments. The respected speaker responded to all the questions and queries with elan. Although the focus of the seminar was on the literary studies, it turned out to be an interdisciplinary affair as the speaker explicated the possibilities of combining archival and ethnographic methods in research. Nevertheless, Dr. Sadhukhan warned us against the pitfalls and excesses of interdisciplinary research.

Here are a few photos of the seminar:







Link to other photos of the seminar:

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