



One-Day International Seminar

On

**Literature and its Catalytic Role: A Search for
Sustainable Tomorrow**

Organized by

**Department of English, Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya, Amtala, Nowda,
Murshidabad, West Bengal, India**

in collaboration with

**IQAC, Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya, Amtala, Nowda, Murshidabad, West Bengal,
India**

Date: January 28, 2025

Venue: Seminar Hall, Annex Building



Respected Sir / Madam,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the Department of English, Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya, Amtala, Nowda, Murshidabad, West Bengal, India, is going to conduct a one-day international level seminar in collaboration with IQAC, Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya on “**Literature and its Catalytic Role: A Search for Sustainable Tomorrow**” on 28th January, 2025, Tuesday at **Seminar Hall, New Annex Building, J. R. Mahavidyalaya.**

We cordially invite you, your colleagues and students of your institution to attend the seminar and solicit your cordial cooperation in making it a grand success.

**Prof. Amal Sarkar, HoD,
Department of English, J. R. M.**

Yours sincerely,
**Prof. Abdul Halim Shaikh
(Convenor)
Prof. Rimpi Sarkar
(Joint Convenor)**

About The College

Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya, established on Dec. 6, 1986, is a general degree college in Murshidabad district. It offers undergraduate courses in Humanities and Social Science subjects. Formerly the college was affiliated to the University of Calcutta and presently the college is affiliated to the University of Kalyani. The college is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under 2(f) and 12 (B). The college is situated within a small but beautiful campus of 1.87 acres in a small village called Amtala which is in the Nowda Assembly segment of the Berhampore parliamentary constituency in Murshidabad District. The railway station nearest to the college is Beldanga at a distance of 23 kms from the college campus. The college offers courses under humanities and social science faculty comprising eight departments. A variety of teaching and learning techniques are employed to impart knowledge and skills to students. In 2024 the college was awarded "B" grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

About the Department of English

Jatindra Rajendra Mahavidyalaya was established in 1986 at Amtala village in Nowda Block of Murshidabad district, West Bengal with view to contribute to educational, social, economic and cultural development of the underprivileged rural people among whom the majority belong to the minority community. The college is affiliated to The University of Kalyani. It has successfully qualified in the first three cycles of NAAC Accreditation and was awarded grade 'B' in 2024. The department of English of the college has been functioning promisingly since its establishment as the department was blessed with two veteran professors in English. Prof. Sanjay Hazra, an associate professor in English and the first T.I.C. of the college and Nur Muhammad Khalilullah, the first principal of the college did laudable job in extending and popularizing English subject in the entire locality. Initially the department offered pass course to the learners. With the growing demands, the department was entitled to offer English Honours course to the students in 2007. Apart from general and honours courses, the department organizes a variety of co and extra-curricular activities to shape the students talents for making them competent for the global job market. The department diligently imparts lessons in English to promote love for the language and literature, spirit of enquiry and originality of thought and expression among the learners.

CONCEPT NOTE

In the face of escalating environmental degradation, chasmic social and economic inequality, (when the rich are insanely becoming richer and the poor haplessly poorer), colossal resource depletion, raging violence and cruelty against women, forceful extinction of local language and culture and global geopolitical conflicts, the world is increasingly recognizing the transformative and reflective force of literature in shaping a sustainable tomorrow in the world. As we seek to create a more equitable, inclusive and environmentally conscious future, here literature can play a catalytic role in mirroring our maladies and critiquing them for the sake of promoting sustainability. This seminar seeks to explore the dynamic interplay between literature and the concept of sustainability emphasizing how literature inspire, critique and advocate for sustainable future.

Objectives:

1. To examine the representation of sustainability, environmentalism, and social justice in various literary genres and traditions.
2. To explore the ways in which literature can inspire personal and collective action towards sustainable development.
3. To discuss the role of literature in shaping cultural narratives and influencing public perceptions of sustainability and environmental issues.
4. To foster a dialogue between scholars, writers, activists, and policymakers on the potential of literature to drive sustainable change.

Target Groups: Academicians, Administrators, Research Scholars, Students, Policy Makers.

SUB-THEME

The Seminar will focus on the following sub-themes but are not limited to –

1. Eco-Criticism and climate narratives
2. Ecofeminist perspectives in Literature
3. Hunger, hope and revolution
4. Literature, responsibility and sustainability.
5. Literature and environmental consciousness
6. The narratives of healing
7. Social Justice and sustainability
8. Economic, gender and social inequality and literature.

RESOURCE PERSONS

- ✚ **Dr. Iqbal Hussain Biswas**, MBBS, FRCP (Canada), DABA (USA), Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct), McMaster University, Consultant Anesthesiologist, Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.



Topic: **“Sustainable Development Goals: 17 Goals to transform the World” (United Nations)**

- ✚ **Nilofar Yasmin**, HoD and Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sripat Singh College, Jiaganj, Azimganj, Murshidabad.



Topic: **Ecofeminist perspectives in Literature**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Original papers relevant to the theme and sub-themes of the seminar are invited from teachers, scholars, and students as per the following specifications:

- Abstract should not be more than 200- 250 words. The full paper should not be less than 3500 – 5000 words.
- Paper must include Abstract, Key Words (5/6), Objectives, Methodology, Interpretation, In-text citations and References.
- Follow MLA Referencing and In-Text Citations Style (7th Edition)
- Authors should mention Name, Academic affiliation, E-mail & Contact Number
- Paper should be 1.5 Points (Font size) in MS Word format and English only. Font should be ‘**Times New Roman**’ only.

All are requested to send the **Abstract on or before 24.01.2025** at seminar.jrm@gmail.com

Abstract acceptance confirmation on 26.01.2025

Last date for submission of Full papers is 28.01.2025

REGISTRATION FEES

	Online
Academicians	Rs 500
Research Scholars	Rs 300
Students (within India)	Rs 100
Participants and Paper Presenters from outside India could join without Registration fees	

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Only selected papers will be published in the book, Academic Wisdom with an ISBN from New Delhi. Each author will receive a copy at a nominal cost.

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